

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for Jeannette Pepin whose funeral mass was celebrated here; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

Sat., Nov 26,	4:00 P.M.	Henry Provencal by Annette
Sun., Nov 27,	8:30 A.M.	Irene A. Lacroix by husband, Norman
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Eugene Boucher, Baltazar Marmelo, Elvira Martin, Jeanne Chausse, Jeannette Pepin, Rita Blanchette, All Souls recommended to our prayers
	7:00 P.M.	Frank & Lois Giambo by family
Mon., Nov 28,	8:00 A.M.	Peter Dumont by mother & family
Tues., Nov 29,	8:00 A.M.	William Butler, Sr. by Ann Tremblay
Thurs., Dec 1,	8:00 A.M.	John L. Hogan by family
Fri., Dec 2,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Sat., Dec 3,	4:00 P.M.	Normand Bergeron by wife, Shirley & son
Sun., Dec 4,	8:30 A.M.	Isabelle Boucher by Frank & Carolyn
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: David Silva, Michael G. Soares, Nick Rogers, Therese Pawelczyk, Maria Teresa Viveiros, Eduardo Costa. Jeannette Pepin
	7:00 P.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Rita Thompson by daughter, Sandra
In Memory of Louis Sylvia by brother, Jim (4th anniversary)

Icon Candle: In Honor of Robert & Maria Wilkinson (29th Wedding Anniversary)

Hosts for November: In Memory of Edward & Annie Fernandes by Susan & David Whitney

Flowers on the Altar for Christ the King Weekend were In Memory of Rita Blanchette by her family

On the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church there is a priest prayer request calendar for November. Please take one and say a prayer for the priest on that day. Thank you.

Budget: \$5957. Expenses: Water: \$139. Liturgical Supplies: \$240.

~ No CCD classes this Sunday, November 27th for Thanksgiving break. ~

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers A sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to serve the Christmas and New Year masses will be available in the priest's sacristy.

First Friday, December 2nd, will open with prayers after the 8:00 A.M. Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until before Benediction at 1:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet is available at the entrance of the church.

Vincent de Paul Meeting will be **Wednesday, November 30, at 6:45 PM.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank St. Mary's parishioners for their generosity this Thanksgiving season. With the generous donations, they were able to help feed families for Thanksgiving and also help other parishes.

SVDP is requesting non-perishable, unexpired food items for the holiday season to restock the parish food pantry. These items will be used to fill Christmas boxes for families in our area. Thank you to all and God bless you this holiday season.



Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patroness of the United States)

Thursday, December 8, 2015 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM, 12 Noon and 7:00PM.

The Giving Tree: Once again we are having the **Giving Tree** here at St. Mary's. It is a wonderful way to respond to the needs of others at Christmas. Starting this first week of Advent, you are asked to take a gift tag from the tree in the Memorial Chapel, buy the gift, wrap it and attach the tag to the gift, which makes sorting the gifts easier. **Please return wrapped gifts by Dec. 19th** if you are able to make someone's Christmas brighter. Thank you!

Our **Grand Annual Collection** continues. Please make your contribution at your convenience. This collection, which remains in our parish, is used to cover expenses our ordinary collection cannot cover. If you have not received a card for your donation, they are available at the main entrance to the church. Our total this week is **\$38,850**, representing the giving of **41%** of our parishioners.

Once again we will be decorating our altar for Christmas with two beautiful poinsettia trees. These trees are made up of individual plants. A plant may be purchased in memory of or in honor of someone for \$10.00/plant. The names of those remembered will be displayed on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church during the Christmas Season. Please fill out the form and return with your payment in an envelope marked "poinsettia plant".



Christmas Decorating We will be decorating our church for Christmas on December 21, 2016 at 6:00PM and your assistance is sincerely appreciated. Flower arrangement will take place on December 22, 2016. If you can assist, please call the office.

Calendars - Once again we are grateful to Rock Funeral Home and Partners Insurance for providing Christian calendars for our use. We express our gratitude for their generosity to our parish.

Bishop Stang & Bishop Connolly High Schools will administer the **Scholastic HSPT (entrance exam) on Saturdays, December 3 & 10 at 8:00 am**. Results of a placement exam (HSPT or SSAT) are a Grade 9 application requirement. Students take this exam only once and should choose the day that best fits their schedule. Pre-registration is available online, however walk-ins are always welcome. For details visit www.bishopstang.org or www.bishopconnolly.com.

Marriage Encounter Weekend – Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA, December 2-4, 2016. When was the last time you had a weekend alone together? Consider planning a weekend away, just the two of you, to renew your marriage relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage and want to make it even better! Call 1-800-710-WWME or visit www.WWME.org for more information.

Envelopes and Sponsor Certificates: One important reason that I encourage all parishioners to use budget envelopes is that it greatly simplifies my task when a parishioner asks for a sponsor certificate to be a Godparent for Baptism or Confirmation. In this certificate, a priest gives his word to priests at other parishes that the proposed sponsor is a practicing Catholic who comes to Mass each Sunday (in addition to being confirmed and, by external observation, living according to moral teachings of Jesus; and married in a Catholic church, if married). When a parishioner uses budget envelopes, it makes it easier for me to be able to affirm that the person comes to Mass regularly and allows me to be confident in giving my word that a person is a practicing Catholic when approving him or her to be a sponsor. Budget envelopes are also one way, among others, to show a level of commitment to the parish. However, if some registered parishioners are inactive for 2 years, they are put on a secondary list and, if we do not hear from them for 3 or 4 years, they are removed as parishioners of St. Mary.

