

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

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

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| 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 |
| Mon., Dec 5, | 8:00 A.M. | Gloria Oliveira Lima by brother |
| Tues., Dec 6, | 8:00 A.M. | For parishioners of St. Mary |
| Thurs., Dec 8, | 8:00 A.M. | Rita & Norman Sasseville by Paul & Doris Richard |
| Holy Day | 12:00 P.M. | Claire Moniz by Paul & Doris Richard |
| | 7:00 P.M. | For parishioners of St. Mary |
| Fri., Dec 9, | 8:00 A.M. | Ernest Castonguay by Paul & Doris Richard |
| Sat., Dec 10, | 4:00 P.M. | William Arruda by wife, Gloria |
| Sun., Dec 11, | 8:30 A.M. | Simone & Randall Villeneuve by family |
| | 10:30 A.M. | Community Mass: Walter Jaworski, Jr., Walter Gonet, Joseph & Helen Gonet, Walter & Stella Jaworski, Philippo Tanzi, Marcel Lareau |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Celina C. Oliveira by Roberge family |



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 Maria Wilkinson

Hosts for December: In Memory of Roger Grenon by Jeannette & family

Flowers for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Resendes Family

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

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.

Budget: \$5166. Expenses: Gas: \$832 Electric: \$1481. Electrical repairs: \$209.

End of the month Budget (collections) for November

\$31,600 (\$7900 x 4 weeks) needed for the month (includes \$5370. monthly tax assessment) **\$31,400** was collected.
You will note a shortfall of **\$200.** in last month's budget needs. Our parish has requested a \$5.00 increase in giving weekly to meet all our expenses. Should you prefer a monthly extra donation of \$20.00 please deposit it in the Building or Education Fund envelope since these collections are not taxable for our assessment fee. **Thank you for your continued support.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society 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 may God bless you this holiday season.

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.



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.

Continuing in the Thanksgiving mentality, I thank all of you for your support and assistance throughout the year. In particular I would like to thank those who brought items for and prepared the Thanksgiving baskets. Thanks to the All Saints Catholic School students who changed the Missalettes for the New Church Year. Thanks to the person who washed all the altar server surplices and lector robes. Thanks to the gentlemen who prepared the Christmas lights and manger for our church. We appreciate all you do and ask God to bless you.

Advent Penance Evening I encourage you all to make a good confession in preparation for Christmas. In addition to the regular confession hours here at St. Mary's, I am, as customary, providing an evening dedicated for this purpose. Confession will be from **7:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Monday, December 19**. There will be three priests available to hear confessions. All are welcome, but in a particular manner I encourage our parents to bring our religious education students. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to make their yearly confession. Perhaps some of them have not come to confession since first Penance. Only the main door will be open and there is no ceremony, just come at your convenience.

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95% of donations to the Retirement Fund for the Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donation to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the ***Retirement Fund for the Religious***, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

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.

The Giving Tree: Once again we have the **Giving Tree** here at St. Mary's. It is a wonderful way to respond to the needs of others at Christmas. 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. 18th** if you are able to make someone's Christmas brighter. Thank you!

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".



The Diocesan Marriage Preparation program **needs more team couples** – both newly married and veterans (age is not a consideration). The program meets in three locations: Mansfield, Dartmouth and Harwich on Cape Cod. In each location there is a team of volunteers that facilitate three to five sessions per year. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please email or call Claire McManus at cmcmanus@dfrcs.org or 508-678-2828, Ext.1.

Mass Count for November – 4,508 attended Mass at St. Mary's during November.
4PM Mass - 1246; 8:30AM Mass – 1170; 10:30AM Mass – 1234; 7PM Mass – 858
Week 1 – 1183, Week 2 – 1168, Week 3 – 1051, Week 4 – 1106

