

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 9, 2017

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

Sat., Apr 8,	4:00 P.M.	David Knowles by mother & family (4 th anniversary)
Sun., Apr 9,	8:30 A.M.	Alice M. Couture by daughter, Rona Mingola
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: David Silva, David Maguire, Frank & Lois Giambo, Susan Darling, Ronald Lamarre, Clotilde St. Pierre, Lazaro Rosa, Angelo Teixeira, Julia Macaluso For parishioners of St. Mary
	7:00 P.M.	Eleanor Gauthier by husband, Joe & son, Wally
Mon., Apr 10,	12:00 P.M.	Joseph Janik by daughter, Joyce & son, Phillip (37 th anniversary)
Tues., Apr 11,	12:00 P.M.	Celina Oliveira by Peggy Lenihan & family
Wed., Apr 12,	12:00 P.M.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Thurs., Apr 13,	7:00 P.M.	Stations of the Cross
Fri., Apr 14,	3:00 P.M.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Liturgy of the Word – Communion
	7:00 P.M.	Easter Vigil Community Mass for those recommended to our prayers
Sat., Apr 15,	7:00 P.M.	Easter Community Mass for those recommended to our prayers
Sun., Apr 16,	8:30 A.M.	Easter Community Mass for those recommended to our prayers
	10:30 A.M.	Easter Community Mass for those recommended to our prayers
	7:00 P.M.	Easter Community Mass for those recommended to our prayers



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Lazaro Rosa by wife, Maria & family
In Memory of Fr. Richard Beaulieu by family (10th anniversary)

Icon Candle: In Memory of Mark Richard by family (5th anniversary)

Hosts for April: In Memory of Mark Richard by parents

Paschal Candle: In Memory of Normand J. Bergeron by wife & son

Matching Altar Candles: In Memory of Alice M. Couture by daughter, Rona F. Mingola

Easter Dedication Candles: (4) In Memory of Celina C. Oliveira by Jim & Terry Gaffney

Budget: \$5380.



Religious Education Classes This Sunday will be our last class for this year. At this time we thank the volunteers of St. Mary's Parish who shared their time, talent and knowledge of our Catholic faith each week:

Sue Richard, Coordinator of Religious Education; David Beaulieu and Grace Fidalgo - Confirmation Instructors; Erin Rezendes, Sydney Teixeira - Grade 1; Kris Flood, Rena Dugas, Amy Rodgers, Susan Garman - Grade 2 (First Communion); Courtney Ferreira, Ann Marie Briand, Vanessa Briand - Grade 3; Megan DaCosta, Matthew Aviza - Grade 4; Peggy Lenihan, Manuela Fernandes - Grade 5; Emma Braga, Walter Pires - Grade 6; Carmen Teixeira - Grade 7; Rosemary Noonan, Karen Tavares, Chelsea Gomes, Erica Gomes - Grade 8. We also thank Cathy LaCroix, Religious Education Director, for her service and her assistance this year.

All Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and volunteers your **CORI renewals** are available in the priest's sacristy. Any questions, please call Cathy LaCroix. **Please complete all forms fully and return by April 30.**

Rice Bowls and Holy Childhood Mite Boxes may be returned at receptacles provided at the entrance to the church.

Parish Offices will be closed Good Friday, April 14th and Patriot's Day, April 17th



This week is Holy Week. It is a time of to celebrate the events of Christ's life from the Last Supper through his death to the Resurrection. This is a special time of grace for each of us and our parish faith community. It is my fervent hope that you will be able to attend some of the ceremonies of this week. The schedule is:

Palm Sunday – April 9, usual weekend mass schedule and Palms will be distributed at all masses.

Holy Thursday – April 13, Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7: 00 PM** with adoration in the Memorial Chapel until 11PM.

Good Friday – April 14, Stations of the Cross at **3:00 PM** and the Liturgy with Holy Communion at **7: 00PM**.

Easter Vigil – April 15, will begin at **7:00 PM** with the blessing of the New Fire.

Easter Sunday – April 16, we will have our regular Mass schedule at **8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM**.

Service of Shadows Wednesday, April 12th at 7:30PM: A special prayer service called Tenebrae which has its roots in monastic tradition is held each year on the Wednesday evening of Holy Week at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Fall River. This service of readings, psalms and hymns at which the bishop presides begins in the light which eventually fades into darkness as the candles in the sanctuary are gradually extinguished. Christians of all denominations and their ministers are also invited to participate as a means of sharing in worship during these holy days when we are encouraged to forget our differences and focus together on the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Please mark your calendars to experience the beauty of this special service and perhaps it will become an annual tradition during Holy Week.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support. **The Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. The Good Friday collection will also be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach. *Thank you for your generosity.*

The Catholic movement **Communion and Liberation** will sponsor a Way of the Cross beginning at St. Joseph-St. Therese Church, 1960 Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford, and processing through Brooklawn Park to Ashley Boulevard and Tarkiln Hill Road, on Good Friday, April 14, beginning at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to join this procession. The Way of the Cross will include prayers, readings, and hymns, and will be accompanied by Fr. Luca Brancolini, FSCB, who will provide brief meditations at various stops during the procession. The Way of the Cross will conclude at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church on Tarkiln Hill Road. For more information, contact Amanda Samson at 508-817-7268 or clnewengland2@gmail.com.

Lenten Regulations 2017 Law of Fast – All adults, 18 and older, bound by law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year are limited to a single full meal. This meal is meatless. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal. **Good Friday is a prescribed days of fast.** **Law of Abstinence** - Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence; those bound by the law abstain from meat. **Abstinence is prescribed on Good Friday.**

A Prayer For Lent

Lord, Holy Father, Show us what kind of man it is
Who is hanging for our sakes on the cross,
whose suffering causes the rocks themselves
to crack and crumble with compassion,
whose death brings the dead back to life.

Let my heart crack and crumble at the sight of him.
Let my soul break apart with compassion for his suffering.
Let it be shattered with grief at my sins for which he dies.
And finally let it be softened with devoted love for him.

-St. Bonaventure

