

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 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.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday Sep 9 4:00 PM
Sunday Sep 10 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Norman Fiano by wife, Dolores

Manuel Medeiros by family

Community Mass: David Silva, Dr. John & Bessie Poulos, Rosario Savaria, Maria doCarmo Raposo, Cynthia A. Cardin
Manuel & Mary Resendes by family

7:00 PM

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday Sep 11 8:00 AM
Tuesday Sep 12 8:00 AM
Thursday Sep 14 8:00 AM
Friday Sep 15 8:00 AM

For parishioners of St. Mary

Jeannette Bobrowiecki by Dennis & Elaine Koczera

Mark Richard by Paul & Doris Richard

Simone Villeneuve by family

Next Weekend

Saturday Sep 16 4:00 PM
Sunday Sep 17 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Mark Richard by family

Hugh Murray by wife, Hazel

Community Mass: Grace, Tony & Peter Colangelo, Frank & Lois Giambo, Clotilde B. & Manuel Torres, Jr., David Parkin, Leda Comeau Savaria, Lazaro Rosa

7:00 PM

Vin & Jeanne Lefevre by Bob & Deb

"Let the children come to me..." Luke 18:16.

14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of **Lazaro Rosa** by wife, Maria & family

In Memory of **M/M Norman DeBlois** by daughter

Icon Candle:

In Memory of **Lillian & Phillipp Huot** by dau., Lorraine

Hosts for September:

In Memory of **Simone Villeneuve** by family

Registration for Faith Formation will take place again this weekend in the Parish Center after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. Students registering for the first time are asked to bring a copy of their Baptismal Certificate, unless baptized at St. Mary's Church. Families **must be registered and active** (attending Mass weekly) in St. Mary's Parish before enrolling in the Religious Education Program.

Upcoming Dates to remember:

September 12th 6:30 PM Faith Formation Teacher Meeting in the Parish Center

September 17th 10:30 AM Commissioning Mass for **ALL** Catechists

September 21st 6:00 PM 1st Penance/Communion Parent Meeting in the Parish Center

September 21st 7:00 PM Confirmation I and II Parent Meeting in the Parish Center

September 24th Class begins for grades 1 through 7. Students will meet in the gym at All Saints Catholic School at 9:25. Dismissal will begin at 10:20 in order to allow students to attend the 10:30 Mass.

October 1st Class begins for Confirmation I and II. Students will meet in the Parish Center at 11:40 AM. Dismissal from the Parish Center at 1:00 PM

October 8th **No classes...**Columbus Day Weekend!

Parish Financial

THANK YOU to all who share their talent, time, presence, and support with our Parish.

September 3rd Collection
\$5512.00

This weekend's second collection is for the **Victims of Hurricane Harvey**

In lieu of the Education fund, proceeds from the second collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you are over 18 years of age, have been Baptized, received First Eucharist, are single or validly married in the Catholic Church, but have never made your Confirmation, classes will be held at Bishop Stang High School, on **Wednesdays from 7-9 PM, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18 and 25.** Retreat day 9am-2pm on October 28 at St. John Newman in East Freetown. Class Registration \$25; Retreat Day \$20. **Adult Confirmation will be Saturday, November 18 at 4PM** at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River. For more information, please contact Fr. Dan. **Deadline is September 11th.**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

will be celebrated with a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2017. This celebration will take place on Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Fall River. If you would like an invitation, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to participate in this celebration.

Looking for a **volunteer to vacuum** the church the first week of the month. This would be done at your convenience any weekday between 9:00AM-3:00PM. If you are able to help, please call the parish office or speak with Fr. Dan.

Do a good  deed today

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES I am please to announce that Barbara Bonville, now a parishioner, is going to help me with establishing a Spiritual Life Team and assist in coordinating parish ministries and training lay leaders. Barbara has had experience with this when I was assigned at St. Francis Xavier, Acushnet. She has a Masters Degree in Pastoral Theology from Notre Dame College in NH and Boston College, Boston. A teacher by profession, she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our parish. Welcome Barbara!

Holiday Fair

CRAFTERS WANTED: St. Mary's Holiday Fair is scheduled for **November 4th and 5th**. For more information please call Linda at 508-995-4166.

Craft items are needed for this year's Holiday Fair. Most wanted are quilted items, American Girl Doll clothes, placemats, baby sweaters and many other items are also needed. If you are "crafty" and can help, please call Mary Ellen at 508-998-2087.

If anyone would like to donate to this year's Holiday Fair **Chinese Auction**, gift certificates would be most appreciated. Other items are also needed. If you can help, please call Celeste at 508-998-1295.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL -

Small classes, quality Catholic education, student activities, 3 and 4 year old programs, extended day care available, 6:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Accepting Registrations for 2017-2018. Call 508-995-3696 or email smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org for more information or to arrange a visit.

You may be interested to know that qualifying parishioners can obtain parish assistance and that we have some scholarships that you could also apply for.



Eucharistic Minister & Lector schedules for September/October are available in the priest's sacristy and on our parish website.

In remembrance of Flavia Constant, a parishioner of St. Mary's for many years, who instituted our ministry of knitting baby hats and sending them to area hospitals; we have sent 838 baby hats since September 2009. Anyone interested in participating in this ministry, please call Mary Ellen at 508-998-2087



DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for those wishing to become fully initiated Catholics (receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation) or being received into the faith from another Christian denomination. We will be holding interviews for all prospective candidates during the months of July and August. Classes begin in September 2017 with Initiation at the Easter Vigil in 2018. For more information and for Candidate Application forms please contact the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank you for your continued generosity. As a result of your support, we were able to partner with a group heading to Texas to help with the efforts there. A truck load of food was sent, in addition to medical supplies, diapers, underwear and socks. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness toward our brothers and sisters in need.

COLLEGE STUDENTS and those between the ages of 18 and 25—*In the craziness of life, it doesn't hurt to pause and take a look at the big picture: What's important in my life? What am I looking for? Where does God fit in?* UMass Dartmouth Catholic Campus Ministry presents the one day **Seeker's Retreat**. Find how young adults answer these questions; learn how faith plays a role in their journeys; and take the time to reflect on your own path. Retreatants are invited to look at their lives to see where God has been, where God is present, and where God is calling them to be. The retreat will take place at St. George Church, Westport on **Saturday, Sept 23**. For more information, please contact Fr. David 508-999-8873 or Deacon Frank 508-999-8872 or visit umassdcatholics.com

Hospice Volunteer Training Learn the tools to provide compassionate care for a family facing a terminal illness. No medical background necessary. (There is a current need for male volunteers and coverage in the Fall River area.) Saturday, September 23 and Saturday, September 30—Community Nurse Home Care, 41 State Rd, Dartmouth. To register or for more information, contact Cecile Sanders, Volunteer Coordinator at csanders@communitynurse.com or 508-992-6278.