

**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 30 4:00 PM  
Sunday Oct 1 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

Emily Tiago by Lima family  
Manuel Medeiros by family

**Community Mass:** Rene Davignon, Leda Comeau Savaria, Claire Tremblay

Priests who have served at St. Mary's

### Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday Oct 2 8:00 AM  
Tuesday Oct 3 8:00 AM  
Thursday Oct 5 8:00 AM  
Friday Oct 6 8:00 AM

For parishioners of St. Mary  
Diane Lachance Gustafson by Aunt Norma  
Birthday Remembrance  
John & Adelaide Quintal by daughter

### Next Weekend

Saturday Oct 7 4:00 PM  
Sunday Oct 8 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

Edward Soares by wife, Mary Lou & family  
Abilio Carreiro by daughter

**Community Mass:** David Silva, Frank & Lois Giambo, Rosario Savaria, Leda Comeau Savaria, Cynthia A. Cardin  
Claire Tremblay

7:00 PM Jeannette Bobrowiecki by children & grandchildren



### 14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of **Lazaro Rosa** by wife, Maria & family  
In Memory of **William C. Thompson** by daughter, Sandra

### Icon Candle:

In Memory of **Napoleon & Georgiana Ouellette** by granddaughter

### Hosts for September:

In Memory of **Hilda R. Figueira** by Edward & family

## Parish Financial

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

**September 24h Collection**  
\$5866.00

This weekend's second collection is for the **Building Maintenance Fund**

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!!

**First Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, will open with prayers after the 8:00 A.M. Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:00 P.M.

A sign-up sheet is available at the entrance of the church. Please remember all the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.

### CHILDREN'S MASS

On every first Sunday on the Month, (October–April) at the 10:30AM Mass, we will be celebrating a Children's Mass with a special emphasis on our parish youth. Music for these children's Masses will highlight our Youth choir. The music will be more of a contemporary genre. Children up to the 7th grade will be invited to sit on the steps of the sanctuary after the Gospel and the homily will be especially adapted for them.

### Faith Formation

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

Last Sunday, we celebrated the opening of our Faith Formation Program by welcoming 100 students from grades 1 through 7. This weekend, October 1st, we will begin our journey of Faith with 36 candidates in our Confirmation I and Confirmation II Classes. Please continue to pray for all our Faith Formation Students, as well as their parents and catechists.

**Reminder:** Students in **Confirmation I and II** are expected to "sign in" when they come to Mass. The book is located in the Memorial Chapel near the door closest to the Tarkiln Hill Rd. entrance.

**What We Are Learning**—Last week our First Penance/First Communion Class read about God's many gifts. They learned that God's greatest gift was sending His Son, Jesus, to be with us.

**October 8<sup>th</sup> No classes...**Columbus Day Weekend!

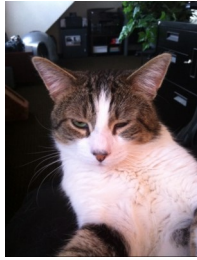
**October 22<sup>nd</sup> Class for ALL 1<sup>st</sup> Penance/1<sup>st</sup> Communion students.** Meet in the gym of ASCS

**October 28<sup>th</sup> MANDATORY Retreat for ALL Confirmation I candidates** including those who attend Catholic Schools.

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

On Sunday **October 8** at 12 NOON

There will be a blessing of any and all animals within the Parish. The blessing will be held in front of the church near the main entrance. This is honoring the tradition of being good stewards of creation on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th. This blessing of course is outdoors and barring inclement weather.



## Holiday Fair

**CRAFTERS WANTED:** St. Mary's Holiday Fair is scheduled for **November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## Meet and Greet Biblical Characters Club

In response to the majority of the surveys, **the club will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, in the morning and evening, beginning Tuesday, October 10th.** We will meet for morning Mass and then gather in the Parish Hall. We will also meet in the evening at 7PM in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there. The surveys can be seen at our first gathering. Peace, Barbara

## 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](mailto:smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org) for more information or to arrange a visit.



**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 info and for Candidate Application forms please contact the parish office.

## FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PASTORAL PLAN

The members of our Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and have been tasked with specific subcommittees to draft a pastoral plan. Those subcommittees are Community, Evangelization, Faith Formation, Families, Pastoral Care, Prayer & Worship, Temporalities, Youth and Young Adults. In the next few weeks, those PPC members will be asking some parishioners to assist them in the subcommittee work or will be asking some parishioners to answer a few questions about what goals we should be establishing with these nine outcomes. For example, in Faith Formation: Would you like to see a pre-school program of some kind? Do you know what Children's Liturgy of the Word is? Would you like to know some more information about CLOW? If CLOW was offered here at St. Mary's, would your children participate? Would you be willing to be a Catechist? Etc. We are asking your cooperation and assistance in this process to continue making St. Mary's a vibrant center of faith and family.

**PARISH WEB SITE** All information from ministries, commitment forms, bulletins, funeral guidelines & readings, wedding guidelines, faith formation information, schedules, etc. all can be found on our Parish Website: **STMARYSNB.COM**. Take a look and see what is happening behind the scenes of our Parish.

## ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS

St. Mary's Parish is partnering up with St. George, Westport and UMD to present "Dinner and Discussion" We will meet Wednesday, October 25th at the 99 Restaurant in Dartmouth. Our facilitator will be the Very Rev. Greg Mathias, Pastor of St. John Neuman. Fr. Mathias' background is in the sciences, and the discussion will be "The Relationship between Faith and Reason". If interested, please contact Fr. Dan at the office or by emailing him at [RevDLacroix@aol.com](mailto:RevDLacroix@aol.com).

## St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

will be Wednesday, October 4, at **5:45 PM**. Please note time change. Presidents' meeting to follow.

AN AFTERNOON ON THE CAPE WITH TOM BOOTH: Join composer Tom Booth and keyboardist Carl Herrgesell for an afternoon of Praise and Worship on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm at St. Anthony's Church, 167 East Falmouth Hwy., East Falmouth, MA. A free will offering will be taken. Tom and Carl will also offer a 2-night parish mission at St. Anthony's on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All are welcome.