

Mass Schedule and Intentions

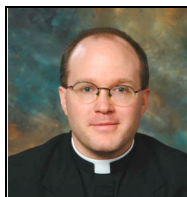
Saturday,	January 23
4:00 pm	Teresa, Adriano & Miguel Carvalho
Sunday,	January 24
6:30 am	Louis DaSilva
8:30 am	Theresa Jarvis
10:15 am	Margaret Lavoie
Monday,	January 25
7:00 am	Jean Baptiste Mainville
Tuesday,	January 26
7:00 am	Gloria de Fatima Silva
Wednesday,	January 27
7:00 am	For Parishioners, Living & Dead
Thursday,	January 28
7:00 am	Germaine Giroux
Friday,	January 29
5:15 pm	Deceased members of the Felix & Silvestre Family
Saturday,	January 30
8:00 am	Jorge Barbas (2 nd Anniversary)
4:00 pm	Teresa, Adriano & Miguel Carvalho
Sunday,	January 31
6:30 am	Muriel Denault
8:30 am	Theresa Jarvis
10:15 am	Mary G. Furtado

Financial Report

Income:	
Parish Collection.....	\$2,997.90
Shrines.....	\$140.07
Renovation Fund.....	\$149.00
Fuel.....	\$186.00
Food Cards (Profit on sales of \$1,735).....	\$86.75
Food Pantry.....	\$20.00
Anchor Subscriptions.....	\$99.00
Catholic Relief Services for Haiti.....	\$3,373.08
Parish Pay Offertory.....	\$1,119.53
Parish Pay Renovation.....	\$146.22
Parish Pay Fuel.....	\$107.70
Parish Pay Mary, Mother of God.....	\$63.76
Parish Pay Anchor.....	\$69.58
Parish Pay Communications Collection.....	\$58.84
Parish Pay Food Pantry.....	\$455.99
Among this Week's Bills & Expenses:	
Christmas Mass Publicity with Deanery.....	\$234.78
Past School Insurance Debt.....	\$3,000.00
Hosts for Mass.....	\$483.52
Christmas Flowers.....	\$1,191.15
Monthly Dumpster Costs.....	\$562.43
Christmas Concert Advertising.....	\$100.00
Maintenance Expenses.....	\$940.49
Miscellaneous Other Costs.....	\$303.30
Parish Staff Average Weekly Salaries.....	\$2,654.00
Parish Staff Average Weekly BC/BS.....	\$672.91
Parish Staff Average Weekly Pension.....	\$207.24
<i>(Total Average Weekly Expenses = \$12,096)</i>	

BINGO — Bingo will take place this Wednesday at 6:45 pm. Food is served beginning at 4:30 pm to which the general public is invited.

HEARING IMPAIRED — We have at St. Anthony's radio units for the hearing impaired available in the sacristy. If in need, please visit the sacristy before Mass to borrow one.



From
Father Landry
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Christian Unity Octave — January 18-25 is the annual Octave of Christian Unity, in which we pray for the unity of all the baptized — Catholics, Orthodox and Protestants — as one family.. During the first Mass, on Holy Thursday, Jesus prayed to the Father that we might be one, just as the Father is in Him and He is in the Father, so that the world may believe that the Father sent Christ and that the Father loves us just as He loved Christ. If the Father loves us just like he loves Christ, then it is possible for us to love each other with the Father's eyes Jesus came from heaven to earth to found a family, and how much it doubtless pains him that his family is so splintered. During these days let us pray for all Christians, — Catholics and all our separated brothers and sisters through baptism — that we may pray and work together for the unity that God wants, so that the world may see our loving unity, recognize that Christ was sent from the Father, and that the Father loves all of us and wants us to be united in one family.

Haiti Collection Last Week — Last week's second collection took in \$3,373.08 for the people of Haiti, which I've already sent to Catholic Relief Services. It was a very generous outpouring of compassion for a people that was suffering before the earthquake and now is in devastation. Please keep praying for all involved.

Catholic Schools Week Speakers — Catholic Schools Week is January 31 through February 5. Next Sunday, at least at some of the Masses, we are going to have one of the Catholic schools students from our parish speak about the importance of Catholic education.

Session for Catholic Couples and Families — Next Saturday morning, we will have our quarterly prayer and study apostolate for those families who would like to grow as a family of faith. It starts with the 8 am Mass. Then there's a light breakfast in our hall followed by a conference on current issues facing Christian families. We finish by 10. There are also activities for, and supervision of, children provided by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate. It is open to all parishioners and to families from other parishes who would like to receive this continual formation in the Catholic faith. For more information, please see me or contact the apostolate organizers Pamela and John Martin at 774.930.9524 or jpmfti@comcast.net

2009 Contribution Sheets for your taxes— Printouts with the totals for budget envelope users' 2009 sacrificial contributions to St. Anthony's Parish are available in the sacristy for use in filing your taxes. Please stop by after

Mass to pick up your copy. They will be kept in the sacristy through January 31. For those who use the Parish Pay electronic contribution system, please just visit the Parish Pay website and print out a report of your contributions directly. If you switched to parish pay during the course of the year, you'll have a printout from us for the budget envelope portion of the year in the sacristy.

Spiritual Pamphlets — I'd encourage you to continue to grow in your knowledge of the faith by taking one of the various pamphlets know at the various entrances of the Church with you to read prayerfully over the course of the week.

Sign of Peace — In accordance with the wishes of Bishop Coleman as a precaution during against the H1N1 virus during flu season, we have suspended the exchange of peace before the Lamb of God. At that time, please pray inwardly that Christ's peace may come down upon all the other attendees at Mass.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 24, Fuel— This goes to pay off our annual heating bill, which is expected to exceed \$100,000 this year.

January 31, Parish Food Pantry— This goes directly to help the needs of the poor through our St. Anthony's Food Pantry, to buy food supplies, equipment and so many other needed items.

PRAYERS — Please keep Brittini Marshall, Janet Ouellet, Rhea Dumont, Maria da Conceição Gomes, Lucille Connolly, Antoinette Orłowski, Alice Cote, Bernadette Lapointe, Georgette Roy, Lillian Brown, Mark Rogers, Doris Quintin, Helen Bender, Claire Souza, Raymond Michaud, Lucille Moore and all the ill of our parish in your prayers. If you or a family member is ill and would like to request the prayers of your fellow parishioners, please call Pauline at the rectory or email Fr. Landry

FROM PAULA BRIDEN OF THE FOOD PANTRY —

Good news for the food pantry. The Southcoast Mobile Health Van is going to start coming to the food pantry on a regular basis. They will be doing blood pressure checks, diabetic screening and cholesterol testing. You are all welcome to stop by. The first date is Feb. 18th from 11-1:30 pm, I will post the upcoming dates when I have them, hope you will take advantage of this free service. We need used plastic containers with lids, plastic bags and cereal. We are in need of donations of canned food with flip top covers. Often someone who is homeless comes to the pantry and they need cans that can be opened without a can opener. Once inside a warm place they can eat directly out of the can. Keep those used plastic bags coming! Good used warm coats, hats and gloves are still needed. Thanks for your generosity. Paula 508-994-9907

TRIDENTINE MASS — On the first Saturday of every month, we celebrate the 8 am morning Mass in Latin according to the 1962 Roman Missal of Pope Blessed John XXIII. The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate lead everyone in singing the Gregorian Chants. Booklets and explanatory sheets are provided. All are welcome. The next first Saturday Mass is February 7.

TUESDAY NIGHT LITURGY OF THE WORD— Almost every Tuesday at 7:15 pm downstairs in the Church, there is a Liturgy on the Word of God led by those who have completed the catecheses with the Neocatechumenal Way. The night focuses on a particular theme from Sacred Scripture and traces what God has revealed to us in the Pentateuch, the Wisdom Literature, the Acts of the Apostles and Epistles and through Jesus in the Gospel. This "liturgical Bible study" is supplemented by lots of joyful music, prayers, and fraternity. Everyone is invited. Upcoming dates are: Jan 26; Feb 2, 16 and 23; March 2, 16, 23; Apr 20 and 27; May 4, 18 and 25; June 1, 15, 22, 29. There will also be Masses as celebrated within the communities of the Neocatechumenal Way at 5:30 pm on the following Saturdays: Feb 20, March 20, April 10, May 1 and June 5. All are always welcome!

SHAW'S, STOP-AND-SHOP AND TRUCCHI FOOD

CARDS — These are available in the sacristy before and after every Mass. Five percent of the proceeds from all cards bought through the parish is kept by us. Since everyone needs to buy groceries, if you were to do so via gift cards bought through the parish, you would be able to increase your weekly contribution to the parish by \$5 for every \$100 of groceries you buy, without needing to add another penny to what you put in the collection basket each week. Every parish household is asked prayerfully to consider doing this for the good of the parish

BOSTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, FEB 27

— The Boston Catholic Women's Conference will be on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston (snow date is March 6). It will be from 9am to 5:30pm and will feature as speakers Patti Mansfield, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, Leah Darrow, and Sr. Olga of the Eucharist. The BCWC will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, and a great opportunity to gather with other Catholic women of faith. Tickets will be \$20 (\$30 including lunch). The women of our parish SALT group are organizing a bus to go up. Please contact Patricia Greene at 508.985.3010 or pmagreene@comcast.net for information about tickets. For more information, please visit www.CatholicBoston.com.

BOSTON CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE, APR 17

— The Boston Catholic Men's Conference will be on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. It will be from 9am - 5:30pm and will feature the team from EWITN's Crossing the Goal as speakers (Danny Abramowicz, Curtis Martin, Peter Herbeck and Brian Patrick). The BCMC will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, and fun fellowship. Tickets will be \$20 (\$30 including lunch). The parish should be sponsoring a bus. More information on tickets and the bus will be provided in future bulletins; please save the dates.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS, MAR 9

— After the very successful night of recollection on the Curé of Ars on August 4, there will be another night of recollection featuring the wisdom of the Curé of Ars on Tuesday, March 9, from 6-8:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Acushnet. There will be four talks: Fr. Landry will speak on "The Curé of Ars on Lenten Conversion and Penance," Fr. Ron Floyd on "The Curé of Ars on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving," Fr. Andrew Johnson on "The Curé of Ars on the Power of Christ's Cross and Ours" and Fr. Jay Mello on "The Curé of Ars and God's Forgiveness." Confessions will

also be heard from 5:45-7:30 pm and the night will conclude with Mass celebrated by Msgr. Gerard O'Connor. All are welcome to attend.

BEAUTIFUL ST. ANTHONY'S CARDS — We now have five great cards featuring spectacular images of the parish. The cards are blank on the inside, so they can be used for thank you notes or for any other purpose. They are available in packets of 10 for \$10 in the sacristy or at the parish office. Individual cards are now available for \$1.50. All proceeds go to the parish's renovation fund. This is a great way to spread the beauty of the Church to all your family and friends.

BEQUEATHALS TO ST. ANTHONY'S — To maintain our parish church for the glory of God in the future requires more than the weekly collection provides. One great act of love for God and for this parish would be, after providing for one's family and loved ones, to put St. Anthony's in one's will, which would help to ensure the long-term future of the parish. Bequests are free of estate tax and can substantially reduce the amount of your assets claimed by the government. One can give needed support for this parish by simply including the following words in his or her will: "I give, devise and bequeath to St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, 1359 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02746 (insert amount being given here) to be used to support its continued renovation and maintenance." A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. One can also name St. Anthony's as a contingency beneficiary in the event someone named in his or her will is no longer living. It is recommended that a lawyer help in drafting or amending a will.

GIVING ELECTRONICALLY — Various people are signing up to support St. Anthony's electronically rather than the traditional means of budget envelopes. Copies of sheets explaining the program — as well as written enrollment forms — are now at the back of the Church, in the sacristy and on our website. To sign up for it is easy: just click on the "Electronic Giving" link on our website or fill out a sheet by hand (available in the sacristy) and allow us to do the work for you. This has many advantages for you as well as for the parish.

DAILY HOLY HOURS — Every person and family in the parish is encouraged to try to come to the afternoon holy hour in the parish at least one time a week. The holy hour is held Monday through Thursday from 5:15-6:15 pm and features the sung Liturgy of the Hours, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, confessions (whenever Fr. Landry or Fr. Nick is present) and other prayers.

ADULT ED COURSE ON THE SACRAMENTS — Deacon Leo Racine from our parish is going to be offering a brief course on the Sacraments on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Kilian's Parish Confirmation room. The mini-course begins on February 15 and runs through March 29. All are welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring a Bible and a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

PRAYERS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES — Please keep the following couples, who are preparing to get married at St. Anthony's, in your prayers, that this time of immediate preparation for marriage will be a time where they draw closer to the Lord and in the Lord closer to each other, as he prepares to join them in one flesh: David Medeiros and Jennifer Almeida (May 15); Christopher Silva and Alycia Robitaille (May 28, 2010);

Ed Ross and Rachel Golub (May 29, 2010); Justin Manning and Shawna King (June 5); Robert Amador and Stacy Rebello (Aug 6); Nathan Baptista and Anna Luiz (Aug 21); Claudio Da Costa and Amy Rodrigues (Sept 4); Michael Floyd and Karen Hathaway (Sept 18); Brian Medeiros and Stephanie Nadeau (Sept 24); Scotty Ferreira and Amanda Correia (May 21, 2011). Today, more than ever, we need to pray for those with the vocation to marriage, that they may be open to the fullness of this great gift of God for their mutual sanctification and for the raising up of the Church and all of society.

COURAGE — Courage is a group for people who are experiencing same-sex attraction and would like to live the Church's teachings of chastity. We gather for prayer and conversation, seeking to support each other with the support of Christ. For meeting time and location information, please call Fr. Richard Wilson at 508.992.9408.

STILL HURTING FROM AN ABORTION? — Has there been an abortion experience in your past? If you are hurting and would like to reach out for help, please call Project Rachel, which is a private, confidential and sensitive Catholic outreach to women and men hurting from past abortions. Call 508.997.3300 for a confidential referral to a priest near you and begin your move toward reconciliation: at peace with God, your unborn child, your family, your church and yourself. Trust in the tender embrace of God's love and mercy.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND

HOMEBOUND — If you or some parishioner you know is temporarily or permanently incapable of coming to Mass on Sunday and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call or email Fr. Landry at the rectory. Three Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been commissioned to begin taking the Lord to parishioners in these circumstances.

BULLETINS TO HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS —

If there is any homebound parishioner who normally is not able to make Mass who would like to receive a copy of the bulletin by mail, please simply call Pauline at the rectory and we'll make sure you get one each week.

PRAYER LINE — SALT has started a prayer line ministry. If you would like to join or are interested in more information, please call Patricia Greene at 508.985.3010. Information will also be available at the next SALT meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who cannot attend Mass to participate in one of the Church's ministries.

EMMAUS RETREAT WEEKEND, FEB 12-14 — Emmaus is a weekend retreat program of the Diocese of Fall River for people who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ, regardless of their present level of faith and practice. The purpose of the weekend is to give participants an opportunity to reflect upon their relationship with God and others. They will build valuable relationships through friendship, encouragement, prayer and the awesome power of God. For more information, please contact Debbie Sousa at 508.646.3902 or visit emmausretreats.com.

ECHO BOYS' RETREAT, FEB 5-7 — This retreat for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors will be held at the Craigville Conference Center and is a wonderful way for teens to deep their faith and encounter Jesus in their life. Applications may be downloaded online at echoofcapecod.org or by calling Mary at 508.759.4265.

CONCERT WITH FR. PAT OF LASALETTE — On Feb 7 at 32 pm at St. Julie Billiard Parish, Father Pat will be giving a concert entitled “Make it known.” Tickets are \$10 each. Doors open at 1:30. For more information, call Betty Ann at 508.996.5267 or Barbara at 999.7290.

ADOPTION BY CHOICE — This program of Catholic Social Services, licensed in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, will sponsor an adoption information session January 31, 2010 from 1 to 3 pm at the CSS office, 1600 Bay Street, Fall River. This session is for those who might be interested in adopting a domestic or international newborn. There is no charge for the session and handouts and refreshments will be available. Please call CSS at 508.674.4681 for information and directions

SPEECH BY MOTHER OF AUDREY SANTO — On Friday, Feb 26, Linda Santo will be speaking at St. Kilian’s Church. There will be a holy hour at 6 pm and holy Mass at 7 pm and confessions will be available throughout the night. Linda is the mother of Audrey Santo, a young Worcester girl who died in 2007 and whose cause for canonization is being advanced. Audrey fell into a family swimming pool at 3 years old and afterward fell into a coma and Akinetic Mutism, which doesn’t permit a person to speak and limits their movements to a bare minimum. She lived this way for 20 years. People began to go to her bedside and there have been various reports of genuine miracles as well as other supernatural phenomena associated with the saints. Her life is a witness to the dignity of every human life. All are most welcome to attend. For more information about Audrey, visit littleaudreysanto.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS DOWNTOWN — There is a need for some new adorers at Our Lady’s Chapel in New Bedford to pray before the Lord Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider spending a committed hour a week before Him who gave Himself for you. For more information or to commit to an hour, please call 508.866.9744.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at the Family Life Center, 500 Slocum Road, North Dartmouth from 7-8:30 pm on the second and last Wednesday of each month. There is no charge and it is open to all separated or divorced persons. For more information, please call Joanne Dupre (508.965.9296) or Bob Menard (508.673.2997).

BINGO WORKERS NEEDED — We have a crucial need for Bingo workers to help once a month for a couple of hours selling raffle and lottery tickets and the like on Wednesday nights. Please consider making a commitment one time per month for a couple of hours between 6-8 pm. Your help would make a big difference. There is also a need for volunteers to help out in the kitchen, any time between 4-8

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? Are you looking for ways to enhance your marriage? Visit www.foryourmarriage.org. It’s part of the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ efforts to promote and enhance marriages. Please email the address to other married couples you know as well.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS — Please notify the parish office when you are moving. Each month, we need to pay about \$25 to the post office for getting budget envelopes returned after parishioners have moved. You can notify us by simply writing the new address on your budget envelope about 1-2 months ahead of your move. You can also call or email the parish office. Thank you for helping us not waste this money!

RETROUVAILLE — Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication; if you are considering separation or divorce, Retrouvaille can help you. Look them up on the web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 800.470.2230

Funeral Questions and Arrangements

Many parishioners have questions about funeral and burial issues. Sometimes, because they don’t know clearly what God is asking of them through the Church, they make decisions asking for things that the Church does not allow. I would encourage all of those with such questions simply to come to ask me and I’d be happy to answer them. I can take a few of the most common ones here:

Should I be buried or cremated? The Church has always practiced full-body burial, out of desire to be buried like Jesus in hope of the resurrection of the body on the last day. In the early days of the Church, this practice was in sharp contrast to that of most pagans, who cremated their loved ones because they thought that the person was simply the soul and the body of no value. The Church reverences the body as a temple that like Jesus’ body one day will be raised. Since the 1960s, the Church has allowed cremation in the case of necessity (when extraordinary circumstances make cremation the only feasible choice), provided that it is not chosen as a denial of Christian teaching and is done in accordance with the Church’s norms for burial. Unfortunately, as sometimes happens, once something is allowed, people can begin to think that it is just as legitimate as another option. In this case, that would be false. The Church strongly asks believers to be buried full-body style.

What are examples of extraordinary circumstances allowing cremation? These can vary, but one example would be when someone dies outside of the country. To ship the body back to the U.S. for burial may be very costly, whereas, once cremation, the person’s remains could be carried back by a loved one on a plane. Another example may be when someone dies as the result of an automobile accident whose remains may already be in a state of dissolution. An extraordinary reason, though, really isn’t simply because someone prefers to be cremated, or because a family member simply chooses it because it’s cheaper than full-body burial

What are other restrictions about cremation? For a funeral Mass to be celebrated, the Church needs to know where the ashes will be interred. There are three options: burial in the ground, burial in a mausoleum, or burial in an in-tact container at sea. The intention of disposing of the sacred remains by the un-Christian practice of scattering them on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping them in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased would prevent the possibility of a funeral Mass. *Can I have a Memorial Mass instead of a Funeral Mass?* A memorial Mass — a Mass without the body or cremains — cannot be celebrated in substitution for a funeral Mass. Such a memorial Mass can be done, for example, when a loved one will have a funeral Mass in another state or country, but many of whose relatives and friends are located here. Sometimes people ask for one because they have phobias about a Mass in the presence of a dead body, but the Church has no such fear and in fact reverences the human body with holy water and incense. There are more extensive answers to these and a lot of other questions on the Funeral guideline tab on our parish website