

***Fifteenth Sunday In
Ordinary Time***

Saturday, July 15, 2017
4:00 PM Margaret P. Mandeville

Sunday, July 16, 2017
8:30 AM Sr. Mary Assumpta, R.S.M.
11:00 AM Sara Matos – 3rd Anniversary

Daily Mass this week will be held on
Monday through Thursday at 8:00 AM

Monday, July 17, 2017
8:00 AM Rev. Kenneth J. Delano

Tuesday, July 18, 2017
8:00 AM Msgr. Thomas J. Harrington

Wednesday, July 19, 2017
8:00 AM Rev. Francis Coady

Thursday, July 20, 2017
8:00 AM

Friday, July 21, 2017
NO MASS

***Sixteenth Sunday In
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Saturday, July 22, 2017
4:00 PM George G. McMullen, Sr.

Sunday, July 23, 2017
8:30 AM Rita & Roger Lamontagne
11:00 AM People of the Parish

ALTAR BREADS FOR JULY

Is in memory of

Dr. Eduardo Leonardo

ALTAR WINE FOR JULY

Is in memory of

Robert Sr. & Aurora Duarte

The ***Sanctuary, Marian and Sacred Heart Candles*** are available. If you would like to reserve one in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-673-7831.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #585 For the Beauty of the Earth
Preparation: #587 All Good Gifts
Communion: #774 How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place
Meditation #591 Your Words Are Spirit and Life
Recessional: #419 For the Fruits of This Creation



76th ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Our Final Total Contribution at the close of this year's Catholic Charities Appeal is \$46,010. This is a fantastic total amount of contributions that will help the agencies and apostolates that assist the many individuals and families throughout the diocese. Thank you for your generosity and contributions in helping our neighbors.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

If we accept the challenge of putting God first in our time and treasure, our attitudes, priorities, and spiritual lives will definitely change.

Weekend Collection w/e 7/2/17	\$2,451.00
Weekend Collection w/e 7/9/17	\$2,122.00
Renovation Fund w/e 7/2/17	\$1,221.40
Renovation Fund w/e 7/9/17	\$1,289.00
E-Giving – month of June 2017	\$1,851.00

Catholic Charities final total **\$46,010.00**

Organ to date w/e 7/2/17 **\$15,970.00**

Organ to date w/e 7/9/17 **\$16,175.00**

The second collection this weekend is for the **Renovation Fund**. *Thank you for your continued support.*

Missionary Cooperative Weekend

July 29 & 30, 2017

The Mission Cooperative Weekend has been scheduled for the weekend of **July 29 & 30th**. Our guest Missionary will be Fr. Emeka Okwuosa, SDV, a priest of the Society of Divine Vocations (SDV) and a missionary from Nigeria. He will be the Celebrant at all the masses that weekend and will speak about his mission.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

Remember attending mass regularly is part of your Religious Education!

2017-2018 Religious Education Registration Forms were sent. If you have not returned them please consider returning them as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact Michael Fitzpatrick, Director of Religious Education, at the Religious Education Office at 508-679-1236 or at the Rectory Office at 508-673-7831.

CHURCH ORGAN

To date we have collected **\$16,175.00** toward our organ fund. The cost for the organ, complete installation and the removal of the old organ was **\$32,000**. Anyone willing to make a donation of any size as a gift or as a memorial in memory of a loved one is asked to do so and will be most welcomed and appreciated. The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. Thank you to those who have donated. **Envelopes marked Church Organ Fund are available at the entrance of the church.** If there are any questions please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

Funeral Ministry Volunteers Needed

Please consider joining this wonderful ministry to greet and serve those families who have lost a loved one. We are looking for adults who would be able to serve at funerals or be greeters at funeral masses. If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831.

NOVENA TO ST. ANNE

St. Anne's parish in Fall River will be praying the annual novena to St. Anne, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and grandmother to the Savior. She is a powerful intercessor for those who go to her for help. Beginning on **Monday, July 17 at 7pm, and continuing until Tuesday, July 25**, at St. Anne's in the shrine church, there will be a period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a meditation on the Christian life. The topic this year is Encountering Christ. The evening will conclude with Benediction and light refreshments. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

STM DINNER CLUB Congratulations 2017 Winners!

April

#24A	Patricia Stubbs	\$25.00
#662	Joseph Reidy	\$25.00
#1465	Thomas Chippendale	\$25.00

May

#401	Jeanne Kozak	\$25.00
#2153	Martha McVey	\$25.00
#157A	Gloria Bessette	\$25.00

June

#86A	Kathleen Saraiva	\$25.00
#570	Jean O'Brien	\$25.00
#716	Stanley Sieczkowski	\$25.00

ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FEAST

The St. John of God annual feast is being held beginning this Friday July 21 – 23. Saturday hours will be from 5-11 PM. Sunday hours are 12 Noon until 10PM with the procession at 3PM. The kitchen will offer Portuguese, American, Polish and BBQ food with Malassadas served every day.

10th Annual Golf Classic

Diocesan Health Facilities
Monday, August 21, 2017
LeBaron Hills Country Club

The Diocesan Health Facilities Tenth Annual Golf Classic will be held **Monday, August 21, 2017** at LeBaron Hills Country Club, Lakeville, MA. All proceeds will benefit the over 900 individuals we serve in our skilled nursing & rehabilitation centers and community programs. For details on levels of participation available, please contact the Diocesan Health Facilities Office at 508-679-8154. Printable registration forms are available at www.dhfo.org forms are also available at the entrances of the Church or speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are "as nothing," Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- "the man who hears the message and takes it in" ... "bears a yield of a hundred-fold."

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

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"Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows, and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void...achieving the end for which I sent it."

As our own gardens are bursting with colorful flowers and the vegetable plants continue to grow, the image of the seed, fertility and fruitfulness are so appropriate.

The prophet Isaiah, writing six centuries before the Christian era, used the same example as the parable of the seed, but also the need for water, warmth and care for the word to achieve its purpose.

We listen to the Word of God, we open the text and reflect upon it, we are so familiar with what is written and read. A more important step must be taken. The rain and snow must penetrate the earth to provide the necessary support for growth. The water cannot just run off as often happens with the sudden summer downpour.

A soft, penetrating shower offers the condition necessary to accomplish its end. So too, does reflection upon the word, weighing and pondering its meaning for me today. May my listening heart allow that growth to take place today.