

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 25**

05:30PM Manuel V. Cardoza; Irene Quintanilha (2nd aniv.); Margaret Amaral (aniv.); Emilia de Souza (aniv.); Bertha Voas (B. Remb.); Maria A. Martins (3th aniv.); Mary Lopes (B. Remb.); Deceased Members of Uniao Portuguesa Beneficente

Sunday, February 26

08:00AM Amelia T. Guerra (aniv.), parents & family; Evaristo Antunes (aniv.), parents & brothers; M. Luz Correia, son & son-in-law; Manuel Moniz (aniv.); Honorina Pimentel; Gil Pereira (1st aniv.)

09:30AM Tadeia Andrade, parents & in-laws; Maria Rodrigues; Maria Quaresma & family; Marcelino Martins (aniv.); Etelvina Pereira & spouse; Encarnacao de Jesus & spouse; Manuel Mateus & family; Joao Pimentel & family; Augusta Oliveira (aniv.) & spouse; Jaime Carreiro, spouse & grandson; Luis Saraiva; Margarida Costa; Joao M. Ormonde, spouse & sons; Elio, Mario & Albertina Jacques

11:00AM Delfina Sales; Abilio Da Silva; Reinaldo Rogerio; Antonio Costa & family; Adilia DeJesus; Adriano Freire; Irene, Joao Quintanilha & son; Sergio Nunes (aniv.); Maria Pereira (4th aniv.)

Monday, February 27

07:00PM Arlindo Dos Santos

Tuesday, February 28

07:00PM Deceased of the Parish

Wednesday, February 29

07:00PM Lourdes Tiago, Alice Ferreira; Manuel & Mercedes Bartolo

Thursday, March 1

08:00AM Boleslaw Bolko; Gienia Sadej

Friday, March 2 (1st Friday)

07:00PM Lourenco Sales; Manuel M. Lemos; Jose C. Sales; Matilde de Carvalho (aniv.); Valdemar Lopes; Alvaro Boleto (aniv.) & spouse; Francisco Pinto & spouse; Antonio & Olivia Cruz

Saturday, March 3 (1st Saturday)

05:30PM M. Graca Marques, parents, in-laws & brothers; Lidia Fonseca; Luis Fonseca; Beatriz Fonseca; Manuel V. Cardoza; Manuel Rodrigues, parents & in-laws; Casimiro M. Silverio; Geronimo Lopes; Arlindo Dos Santos

Sunday, March 4

08:00AM Delfina Sales; Jose M. Amaral; Etelvina De Jesus; Jose Pereira; Acacio Manuel; Belmira Boleto & spouse; Emilia Rebelo; Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

09:30AM Manuel de Amaral; Eduardo & Carolina Pinhancos; Laurinda Saraiva; Gracinda Fonseca, parents & in-laws; Jose E. Cabral, parents, in-laws & brothers; Albina Da Silva, spouse, & sons; Antonio Dias; Bento Pires & family; Jose, Ana Simao & sons

11:00AM Angelo V. Lopes & spouse; Jose P. Gouveia & spouse; Ella S. DaSilva

SPECIAL INTENTION**Sunday, February 26**

08:00am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 2

12:00 Noon – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

06:15PM: Rosary and Benediction

07:00PM: Mass

FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 3

08:00AM: Mass

Note: No Stations of the Cross due to First Friday

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting and Abstinence are required on ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY for all between the ages of 18 and 59. On days of Fasting, you only have one complete meal and no solid food between meals. The law of the church regarding Abstinence by not eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and every Friday during the Lenten season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be on Friday, March 9, 2012 and will continue each Friday during Lent at 6:15pm except on Good Friday.

25-WEEK CLUB WINNER

Week #19 Manuel De Rosa (208)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR STATUS

Please call the Rectory at 723-6719 with any name change, marital change, change of address, or phone number especially anyone who has recently married, please register with your married name, address, and phone number.

RCIA CLASSES

The next class is scheduled for March 1, 2012 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will meet on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. All members are invited.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

FILHOSES SALE

There will be a filhoses sale following all masses on Sunday, March 18, 2012.

**THIS WEEKEND
CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL
“IN-PEW COLLECTION WEEKENDS”
Begins February 26, 2012
“Live with faith – Give with heart”**

The Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal supports the work of the Catholic Church by responding to the abundance of human needs in our diocese. Please take a moment to consider the many blessings that God has bestowed upon you and prayerfully consider what you are able to share in support of our diocesan church in Rhode Island.

**Checks are to be made payable to:
CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND**

DISCERNMENT EVENING

The Office of Vocations will host a Discernment Evening with Bishop Evans on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence. All high school and college age men interested in learning more about the priesthood are welcome to join Bishop Evans for Evening Prayer, a talk on the priesthood and pizza and fellowship with others who are discerning a call to the priesthood. If interested or for more information, please call Fr. Carl Fiset at 331-1316.

**MOUNT ST. CHARLES ACADEMY
ENTRANCE EXAM**

Saturday, March 3, 2012 8:15am \$25 application fee
Pre-registration suggested, but walk-ins welcome
MSC is co-ed, college preparatory, junior-senior high school
800 Logee Street. Woonsocket / 401-769-0310

BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold Open House on Sunday, March 11th, from noon – 3:00PM. For more information please call 739-3450 ext. 162.

Catholic TV Program
On the Portuguese Channel
Wednesday, March 7 and 21 at 9:30PM
“Good News for Life” (“Boa Nova da Vida”)
“Education – Discovering the Future”

**Table of the Word
Lent**

Lent is the time when God invites us to enter into the journey of prayer, fasting and alms giving. These are the three pillars on which we strengthen our love and belief in a loving and saving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Prayer offers us a quiet time with God. If we enter into prayer with the intention of encountering God or to know and trust him more, we find ourselves patiently waiting quietly in faith. God for the most part does not appear to us the way we expect. I have found that his presence is felt in the peace I experience when in prayer. One can pour out ones fears, needs, or intercede for a loved one who is suffering. Prayer forces us out of ourselves and into the world where so many people are in need of prayers, food, drinking water and health care. Closer to home prayer can make us aware of God’s poor people who are living on the edge of life. They are just a paycheck away from loosing their homes. Some have and are struggling to keep their families together. Prayer makes us aware of the poorest among us who live out in the cold in our streets and rely on our generosity to find food and shelter. The Lenten journey in prayer can be quite an eye-opener.

When we fast we physically experience the plight of millions and millions of our brothers and sisters through out the world that fast every day because they just do not have food or water. We come to grips of how a mother or father must feel because they cannot feed their children. Fasting from food also can open for us an opportunity of contemplating our need for the spiritual food God offers us at every mass. Our physical bodies may reflect how well we are nourished by food yet we fail to see the spiritual starvation our soul is experiencing. Giving up two meals a day during lent on Fridays invites us to enter into the journey of fasting.

Alms giving provides us with an opportunity to take an inventory of what we have. To give thanks to God for what we have and not to complain of what we do not have. To give a dollar here and there helps. In this day and age it does not go far. Catholic Charities offers us an opportunity to give alms that will be used to feed the poor, care for the elderly and shelter the homeless. I have often wondered if a family counted up all the money they spent on junk food, soda and soft drinks, ice cream and cookies for a month would that add-up to more than fifty dollars? Now if that family decided to donate that money to the Catholic Charities so that the Diocese could continue the good work it does, that would be a true journey of Alms giving. The more we have the more we should contribute. It has always been my experience that the more I give the more I receive not only money wise but the reward of seeing how people were aided by my gift.

We journey together in this Lenten Season. Let us pray for each other and journey together.