

JANUARY 1, 2012
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

*“And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.”*

THE READINGS:

Numbers 6:22-27. *The Lord bless you and keep you.*
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. *May God bless us in his mercy.*
Galatians 4:4-7. *The Son, born of a woman, that we
might receive adoption.*
Luke 2:16-21. *He was named Jesus.*

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	Dec. 31	4PM	Georgina Ferreira-Birthday Remem. Joao Corvelo
Sun.	Jan. 1	8:30	Jesse Costa – 3 rd Anniversary
		10:30	Margaret Hague & Maryann Rooney
Mon.	Jan. 2	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Tue.	Jan. 3	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Wed.	Jan. 4	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Thu.	Jan. 5	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Sat.	Jan. 7	4PM	Dorothy Dias, Joseph Dias Jr. & Maria Celeste Nunes – 28 th Anniversary Leonel Santos – 2 nd Anniversary
Sun.	Jan. 8	8:30	Luis Tavares
		10:30	Manuel Silva & Family

	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>LECTORS:</u>
4PM	Denise Branco Judy Norman Jeannine Conroy	Dennis Read
8:30	Walter Buote Bob Adams Julia Morris	Carolyn Reilly
10:30	Shirley Carvalho Carol Levesque Susan Plonka	Michael Patrick

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE COMMITTEE needs 4 or 5 additional chaperones to add to their teams. Each team chaperones every other month. All volunteers must be CORI screened. For more info on all Knights related events, call **BILL MORIN** at 617-835-2590.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on Monday and Wednesday from 9AM-Noon in the Prayer Chapel.

DINNER FOR TWO COUPON BOOKLETS are available again this year for \$30 each, buy 3 and get the 4th free. A great gift for that special couple even after Christmas. Contact **CAROL LEVESQUE** at 508-965-9832—or email her at carol.levesque@comcast.net. They are available after 10:30 Mass each week. They can also be purchased in the Church Office.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is lit for the month of January for **PAUL A. PELLETIER**.

THE MARY CANDLE is lit for the month of January in memory of **DORIS ST. PIERRE**. Please remember them in your prayers.

LAST CALL FOR TICKETS!!!
OUR CHURCH MORTGAGE HAS BEEN PAID
AND IT IS TIME TO CELEBRATE!

You are cordially invited to join in the celebration next Saturday, January 7th 2012. Bishop George Coleman has graciously accepted our invitation to be the celebrant at 4:00PM Mass for this very special occasion. Following Mass our celebration continues at White's of Westport. Guests will be welcomed with cheese & crackers at 6:00PM and witness the official retiring of the mortgage. A full course family style dinner will be served featuring: Soup, salad, top round of beef, Portuguese stuffed chicken breast with potatoes, vegetables du jour, rolls and butter, Dessert & coffee is the planned menu! A beautiful memento of this occasion will be given to each family. To help defray the cost of the evening, we will be selling tickets at a reduced rate of \$25 per person...Quite a deal to be honest! **Tickets are on sale after ALL Masses THIS WEEKEND ... this is the last chance to Purchase tickets. The official "count" goes to Whites Monday morning! No tickets will be available after this date.**

Reserved tables for groups of 8 or 10 are available. Dancing, presentations and door prizes will be part of the evening. Any questions, please call Sue Nordeste 508-644-5867.

Because of the significance of this occasion Volunteer Appreciation Night for 2012 will not take place.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES – If you are 18 years or older and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to, classes will be starting after the 1st of the year. Classes are held in different locations of the diocese at various times including a Saturday morning class in East Taunton. Although there is no fee, pre-registration is required and must be done through Fr. Mike in advance. Please call the rectory for info. Confirmation is required to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation.

PLEASE USE THE NEW ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REFERRAL BOXES if you or someone you know needs assistance from our parish SVDP organization.

Family's Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____
Type of Assistance _____

ST. BERNARD BOWLING LEAGUE – Earlier this week, the bowling league celebrated the end of the Fall Season with a yummy Pot Luck Dinner in the Church hall. Awards were presented to the top three teams: First Place went to the ZIPPITY DO DA'S with Jackie St. Onge, Larry St. Onge, Jerry Nordeste & Sue Nordeste finishing first for the first time ever with 28 wins and 17 losses...they are not used to finishing at the top of the list. Tied with 26 wins and 19 losses, a strong finish on the last evening of bowling sent the ALLEY KATZ into second place; Lorraine Silvia, Lenny Nicolan, Brian Rapoza and Marie St. Pierre squeaking by the BELFRY BATS by a matter of pins, Paulette Lemay, Wendy Lemay, Bruce Martel and Bernie Lemay finishing third. Position week was an exciting night with a lot of close matches.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

MEN: **WOMEN:**

High Average - John M. Zeb 206 Marie St. Pierre 159
 Scratch Series - Bruce Martel 681 Sue Nordeste 516
 Scratch Game - Larry St. Onge 255 Diane Desmond 199
 HCP Series - John T. Zeb 765 Joanne Thomas 704
 HCP Game - Jeff St. Michel 286 Crystal Collette 263
 Awarded Most Improved male bowler - Al Wilson +16 pins
 Most Improved female bowler – Monica Pearson +11 pins
 Team Spirit awarded to: Philip J. Joncas and Judi Morin
 We also had additional prizes drawn if you scored turkeys during the season...John M. Zeb scored 32 turkeys being top overall and Marie St. Pierre scored 12 being top for the women–You could say they had a very good season, and capped it off by both having their names drawn to win one of the \$25 turkey prizes. Other winners were Art Bendinelli, Bob Martel, Al Wilson and Lorraine Silvia. Most importantly, a good time was had by all! Our thanks to Wendy Lemay for creating the turkey idea! If you are interested in joining the bowling league, give Sue Nordeste a call at the Church Office 508-644-5585, and she will do her best to make room for you! We bowl on Friday evenings at the Holiday Lanes in Somerset at 7PM sharp! We start the Winter Season on January 6th...stop by and cheer on your favorite team if you are not a bowler.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP DINNER/DANCE AND AUCTION will be held Saturday, March 24 (not the 10th as previously reported) at White's of Westport. They are soliciting gift cards, baskets, services, scratch tickets and so forth for their Auction. Sports tickets are always a huge hit as an auction item.

THE 2012 OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL CALENDARS are now on sale. Full of color photos of the students and their activities throughout the year, the calendar also features Churches in the greater Taunton area. For only \$10, each calendar purchased comes with a raffle ticket for a chance at two monthly drawings of \$50 each. For more information please contact Lisa Borges @ 508-880-0365 or Sr. Margretta @ 508-822-0357 or 508-822-3746.

THE 2012 CATHOLIC CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED!

Please take one home with you when you leave Mass today. They are located at all church exits.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME THIS WEEK

with classes being held on Tuesday, JAN. 3RD and Wednesday, JAN. 4TH. Sunday classes start January 8th.

IMPORTANT DATES TO ADD TO YOUR NEW CALENDARS!

Dates for Confirmation for 2012 are: Monday, April 30th and Wednesday, May 2 - both ceremonies will be at 7PM with Msgr. Steve Avila confirming students. Mandatory 9th Grade Retreat will be Saturday, February 4th. Post retreat dinner will be held after the 4PM Mass the same day.

First Holy Communion Dates are: Sundays, April 29, May 6th, and May 20th, 2012. Mandatory Penance retreat day is Saturday, Jan. 28 from 9AM-2PM. Banner Day will be March 24th, at least one parent or guardian must attend also.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The first collection on Christmas was \$6,491.07 with 389 budget envelopes used. It would be wonderful if every week was Christmas, financially speaking and attendance wise. \$70 was given towards the Mortgage...which was included in our last payment to the Chancery this week!!! Yippee! \$85 was donated towards Building & Maintenance and \$26 for Utilities. \$1,062 was given in the second collection for the Parish Emergency Fund. Thank you ever so much for your generosity and continued support!

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the work of our parish St. Vincent DePaul Society.

2012 Welcome!!!

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to all who made our Christmas celebrations very beautiful; to all who so generously gave to our Giving Tree organizations and helped those less fortunate have a brighter Christmas. To the many volunteers who helped decorate the church so beautifully and to Denise Weaver and the music ministry with the children's choir, adult choir and Paul Levesque for leading us in song. Thank you to Barret Castro, our altar servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers who faithfully serve in their ministries and to our parishioners who do so much for our parish by your presence at the Eucharist and support the parish in so many ways. Finally I sincerely thank the many who sent cards, gifts and goodies...your thoughtfulness are appreciated very much. May the New Year be filled with many good things to all of you; we are truly blessed as a parish community. Next week I will share the annual sacramental report of the parish for the past year. We have some very impressive numbers! Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Fr. Mike