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WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday - Wednesday
Friday-Saturday
7:00 AM
In Chapel

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 3:15-3:45

Readings for the Week of November 5, 2017

Sun: Mal 1:14B-2:2B, 8 –10/Ps 131/1 Thes 2:7b-9 13/ Mt 23:1-12

Mon: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69/Lk 14:12-14

Tues Rom 12:5 16b/Ps 131/Lk 14:15-24

Wed: Rom 13:8-10/pPs 112/lk 14:25-33

Fri: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98/Lk 16:1-8

Sat: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27/Ps 145/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sun: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63/1 thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/mt 25:1-13

Novena in Honor of St. Theresa every Tuesday at 6:50 AM

Adoration on Fridays in the chapel from 7:30 AM-11:45 AM Ending with a simple benediction

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
November 4, 2017-November 11,2017
(Sat at 4 pm thru Sat at 7 AM)

SAT 4 Pm Gloria & David Fernandes Jr. (D)
SUN 8 AM Richard Moniz (D)
SUN 11 AM Helio & Francisca Sousa (D)
MON 7 AM Open Intention
TUES 7 AM Open Intention
WED 7 AM Open Intention
FRI 7 AM Open Intention
SAT 7AM Open Intention

2nd Collection will be for:
Parish Youth
Last Week's Collections
1st Collection- $2,627.00
Building Repairs:: $1,118.00
Monthly- Candles; $347.00 Stipends: $690.00

Handicapped Accessible
Kindly refrain from Cell phone use during Mass

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Faith Formation and

Religious Education

Teresa Ouellette- Director- touellette@hfhn.org

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November 12- Class Levels K-CII-First Communion Parent Meeting at 9 Am
November 19-Class Levels K-CII
November 19- Family Mass 11 AM
November 28– No Class– Happy Thanksgiving

Holy Family – Holy Name School
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Tel: 508-993-3547 **Fax:** 508-993-8277
Principal: Cecilia M. Felix **Email:** cfelix@hfhn.org
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Meat Pie Fundraiser

HFHN has teamed up again with D& D caterers to make their delicious meat pies. They will again be $15.00 each and must be pre-ordered. The deadline is November 15th and the pies will be available for pick up during our Vendor fair on November 18th. Forms are available at both church entrances. Please continue to support Catholic education!

HOLIDAY VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

November 18– from 9 Am– 3 Pm.
Come Support Our Local Vendors

Save The Date

Breakfast w/ Santa Saturday
December 2 from 8:30 Am-10:30 Am
Ticket are $8.00 for children and $10.00 for Adults

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH NEWS AND THINGS OF INTEREST

St. Joseph's Candle will be burning for the intention of

The Soul of Robert Brigham and a Get well intention to Chris Brigham from

November 5-18, 2017

Special Mass Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Missionary Sisters of Charity Arriving to New Bedford

Date: Thursday November 9th at 10 Am.
Bishop da Cunha will be celebrating the Mass
Refreshments to follow at HFHN School

Ladies Guild

The Next meeting will be held on Monday November 6th at 6 PM at HFHN School. Our Program will be a prayer service for our deceased members followed by RLC. New Members are always Welcome!

Diocesan Marriage Preparation-The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program needs more team couples—both newly married and veterans (age is not a consideration). We constantly hear from those working in the program, how much they get out of their involvement. The program meets in 3 locations– Mansfield, Dartmouth and Harwich on Cape Cod. In each location there is a team of volunteers that facilitate three to five sessions for year. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please email or call Claire McManus at cmcmanus@dfrcs.org or call 508-678-2828 ext 19.

Ode's Place 3rd Annual TURKEYPALOOZA

November 18-19, 2017

242 Robinson Road, Acushnet, MA 02743 - Come Support Local Food Banks. See fliers in Church for Wish List

Please Remember In Your Prayers the following :

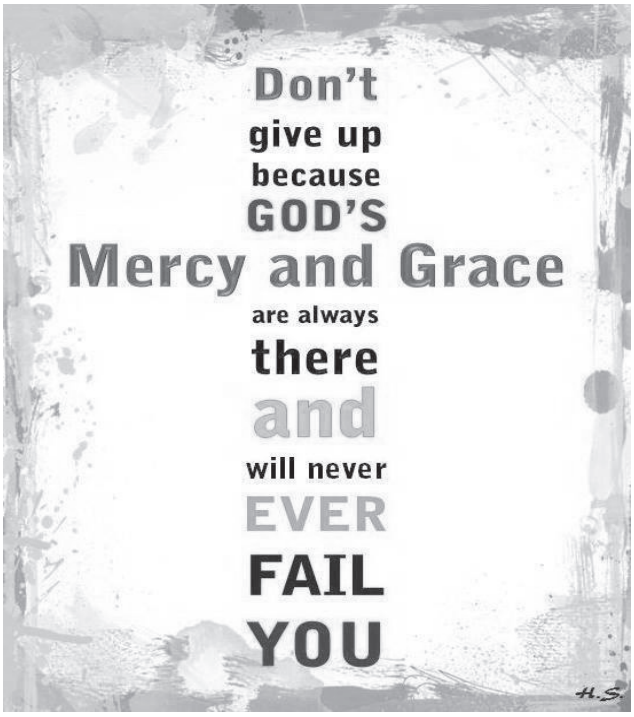
Baby Owen James Anderson, Mary-Lyn Riding Peter McCoy, L.A. Moniz, Mr.& Mrs. Gerald Riding, John Murphy, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Riley, Dorothy "Dot" Curry, Jeanne Pichette, Betty Tomko, Mr.& Mrs. Tom Wholley, Maria Ferreira, Augusta Fernandes, Steven Dacunha, Maureen Stewart, Corrine Lebeau, Nativa Hoyle, Peter Debarros, Kathy Amaral, Tom Welch, Nick LaRoca, Dorothy Cabral

From the Desk of Fr. Powell
31st Sunday -A-

There was a priest who after a number of years of faithful service was appointed by the Vatican to the position of bishop. After the elaborate ceremony there was a receiving line for all those who wished to come forward and congratulate the new bishop, receiving his blessing and kiss his new ring of office. Eventually his mother made her way up the line. Finally before her son now bishop, she congratulated him as she knelt down on a cushion provided, bent forward and kiss his ring. But then she held up her wedding ring and said to her son made bishop, "Remember son, without my wedding ring you would not have your bishop's ring!" She then stood up, bowed and quietly walked away. At that point any ideas he had about being elevated to the position of bishop evaporated as his mother reminded him of his call to humble loving service.

How easily anyone in leadership can forget who they really are as servants of the people, no better or higher or more important. **Service** should humble us not elevate us. We have to be careful not to be seduced by the power and honor that may come with leadership and office. This is true for society in general and religion in particular. Christ issues a warning to us in the Gospel for today. The way of Christ is not the way of honor, title, wealth or power. Rather it is the way of humble service, which has value in and of itself not for any rewards that it may bring. No doubt we have all heard the expression "Love is its own reward." So too with service. For Jesus the one who serves should find joy in the serving not in any reward it may bring. Those in leadership positions must be careful of the seduction of power which can corrupt and lead one to dominate others rather than serve them; lay heavy burdens upon others rather than seek to lighten their load. The power that may come with leadership should be reflected back to the people being served so as to empower them.

St. Paul in our second reading for today gives us an example of what true leadership should be as a means of serving others. Let's listen to his words again: "We did not impose ourselves on you with full weight as apostles of Christ. Instead we lived among you unassumingly. Like a mother feeding and looking after her children we felt so devoted to you that we would have been happy to share with you not only the Gospel of God but also our own lives, so dear had you become. With unsparing energy we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming the Gospel of God to you. Our treatment of you, since you believed, has been impeccably fair and upright. We have treated everyone one of you as parents treat their children, urging you, encouraging you and appealing to you to live a life worthy of God, who calls you into His kingdom and His glory!"



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Enlivened by the Holy Spirit and with appreciation for God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we, the people of St. Lawrence, Martyr Parish, dedicate ourselves to bring the gospel message of Jesus Christ to the world through worship, education, and service. We give witness to our faith by reaching out to those in need

A Big Thank you To
The parishioners of St. Lawrence for your generous support to our

A "Gallon" of Compassion

Project

We also would like to thank
Our Religious Education Families
Our Confirmation Class
Our Youth Group
Holy Family Holy Name Students & Staff