Sunday, December 14th: Twenty Ninth Sunday After Pentecost & Sunday of the Forefathers
   40 Day Memorial Service for James Karneeb
   Choir Appreciation Sunday
Tuesday, December 16th: 6:30 P.M. – Parish Council Dinner / Meeting
Wednesday, December 17th: Ladies Annual Christmas Party at The Stadium Theatre
Sunday, December 21st: The Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ
   Sunday School Pageant
Wednesday, December 24th: 4:00 P.M. – Royal Hours
   5:00 P.M. – Matins for the Feast of the Nativity
   6:00 P.M. – Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Thursday, December 25th: Christmas (Church office Closed)
Sunday, December 28th: Sunday after the Nativity of Christ
Wednesday, December 31st: 6:00 P.M. – New Year Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Thursday, January 1, 2015 (New Year’s Day – office closed)
Sunday, January 4, 2015: The Sunday before Epiphany
Monday, January 5, 2015: 7:00 P.M. – Ladies Meeting
Sunday, January 11, 2015: The Sunday after Epiphany
Monday, January 12, 2015: 7:00 P.M. – Bible Study
Tuesday, January 13, 2015: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting
A Note Regarding Holy Communion:
Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and recent confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal. Confessions are heard by special appointment. The Eucharistic fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends with the receiving of Holy Communion. Please see Fr. Elie if you have any questions or for inquiries on how to become a full member of the Church.

Prayer Requests and Bulletin News: All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by noon Wednesday otherwise the requests and articles will be published the following week. Please use the envelopes provided when requesting prayers. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church, downstairs in the Church Hall, or in the Church Office.

View our website — http://stmarypawtucket.org
Coffee Hour Sponsorships

The Parish Council has decided to implement a new system to organize our coffee hours. There are two ways to handle this: when a couple, family, or an individual decides to sponsor the coffee hour, you may do it on your own which entails purchasing the pastry & juice, making the coffee, setting up the table, and cleaning up. The second option is to donate $ 75.00 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please see Fr. Elie. Please make check to St. Mary Church for coffee sponsorship and earmark “Coffee Hour”.

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Twenty Ninth Sunday after Pentecost and Sunday of the Forefathers

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 2
When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Forefathers: Tone 2
Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

Troparion of the Dormition: Tone 1
“In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in Thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercessions from death Thou dost redeem our souls.”

Kontakion of the Preparation of Christ’s Nativity: Tone 3
(**The Original Melody**)
Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds; Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.
The Epistle
Colossians 3:4-11

Prokeimenon: O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul. The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

The Gospel
Luke 14:16-24

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married, a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'

St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Attention All Teens
(12 years and older)

*** Come and join The St. Mary Teen SOYO Youth Group ***

- Dec. 20th the SOYO will be attending a Prov. Friar game with the Annunciation GOYA. We are trying to get a group of 20 in order to get discount of ticket prices. If interested please contact Emile Sarkis, via email at esarkis@hchc.edu, or phone 401-486-1633.

Bible Study
Come join us for Bible study, held every Second Monday at 7pm in the Church Hall. Remember to bring your copy of The Orthodox Study Bible for referencing during the Bible Study session.

St. Mary Church School News

Attention All Parents: Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am).

- Sunday, December 21st: Sunday School Pageant
St. Mary Parish Bookstore

Many beautiful Orthodox religious items are available from the St. Mary Parish bookstore and display case. These include a new collection of Icons, Christmas and greeting cards, Liturgical music CD’s, prayer books, coloring books, Crosses and Orthodox Bibles. These make wonderful gifts and reflect the Tradition of our Orthodox Faith. All proceeds benefit the general fund of the Church. Please see Fr. Elie if you wish to purchase these gifts.

St. Mary Liturgical Choir

The St. Mary Liturgical Choir welcomes new members to join its Ministry of Sacred Music. Anyone interested in joining the choir (whatever their level of musical experience) are asked to contact the choir directress Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@aol.com

December is the month of The Order of St. Ignatius

During the month of December, in our Antiochian Archdiocese we commemorate the role of The Order of St. Ignatius in The Life of the Church and it’s Ministry. Members of The Order will be reading the Epistle, taking the collection, and assisting in the Vestry. May God bless all the members of our parish chapter of The Order and guide them to fulfill their Ministry.

Cemetery Plots

If you wish to purchase a cemetery plot at Walnut Hill Cemetery, the cost is $1,000. Please contact Ed Ayoub for more information or to purchase a plot.

Assessment Fee

The St. Mary Parish Council wishes to kindly remind the Faithful to send in their Archdiocese Assessment of $125 made out to St. Mary Church. Please help us to be able to

40 Day Memorial Service

A Forty Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God James Karneeb by The Karneeb Family. A Memorial Luncheon will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal.

Feast of The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ~ 2014

This year the Feast of The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ falls on Thursday, December 25th, 2014. St. Mary Church will celebrate The Nativity Season with the following Schedule of Services:

- **Sunday, December 21st**: Divine Liturgy and St. Mary Church School Christmas Pageant and Christmas Dinner.
- **Wednesday, December 24th**: 4:00pm: Royal Hours of The Nativity 5:00pm: Orthros (Matins) Service of The Feast of The Nativity 6:00pm: Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- **Wednesday, December 31st**: 6:00pm– New Year Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

PRAYER REQUESTS

Starting in December, we will have a new format for any prayer requests submitted for the bulletin. All prayers received within the month will be printed in the last bulletin of the month. Any names sent to the office, will be mentioned during Liturgy on the Sunday after it was received, but will only be in the bulletin on the last Sunday of the month. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Elie.
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Parish Christmas Poinsettia Fund

In anticipation of Christmas, we present our very important "Poinsettia Fund" Project

Please accept my donation of $_______ to be used in decorating the Church for Christmas. This donation is made with the following intentions.

For the Good Health and Blessing of:          In Loving Memory of:

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Please remember to return the form to the Parish Office by TODAY!