

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 17th: 5th Sunday of Lent (Mary of Egypt)
 Memorial Service for Sophie Hallal (6 years)
 Outreach Meeting during Coffee Hour at the Parish Center
 5:00PM– Vespers for RIOCF – St. Mary/Mena, Hope, RI

Monday, April 18th: 7:00 P.M.–Great Compline at St. George Cathedral, Worcester
 (Bishop JOHN Presiding)

Tuesday, April 19th: 7:00 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Wednesday, April 20th: 7:00 P.M.– Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Thursday, April 21st: 7:00 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Friday, April 22nd: 7:00 P.M.– Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Saturday, April 23rd: 9:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday

Sunday, April 24th: Palm Sunday
 8:50 A.M.– Orthros
 10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy and Procession with Palms
 6:30 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Monday, April 25th: Great and Holy Monday
 6:30 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 26th: Great and Holy Tuesday (Bishop JOHN presiding)
 6:30 P.M.– Bridegroom Service

Wednesday, April 27th: Great and Holy Wednesday
 6:00 P.M.– Sacrament of Holy Unction

Thursday, April 28th: Great and Holy Thursday
 10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy
 6:30 P.M.– Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels

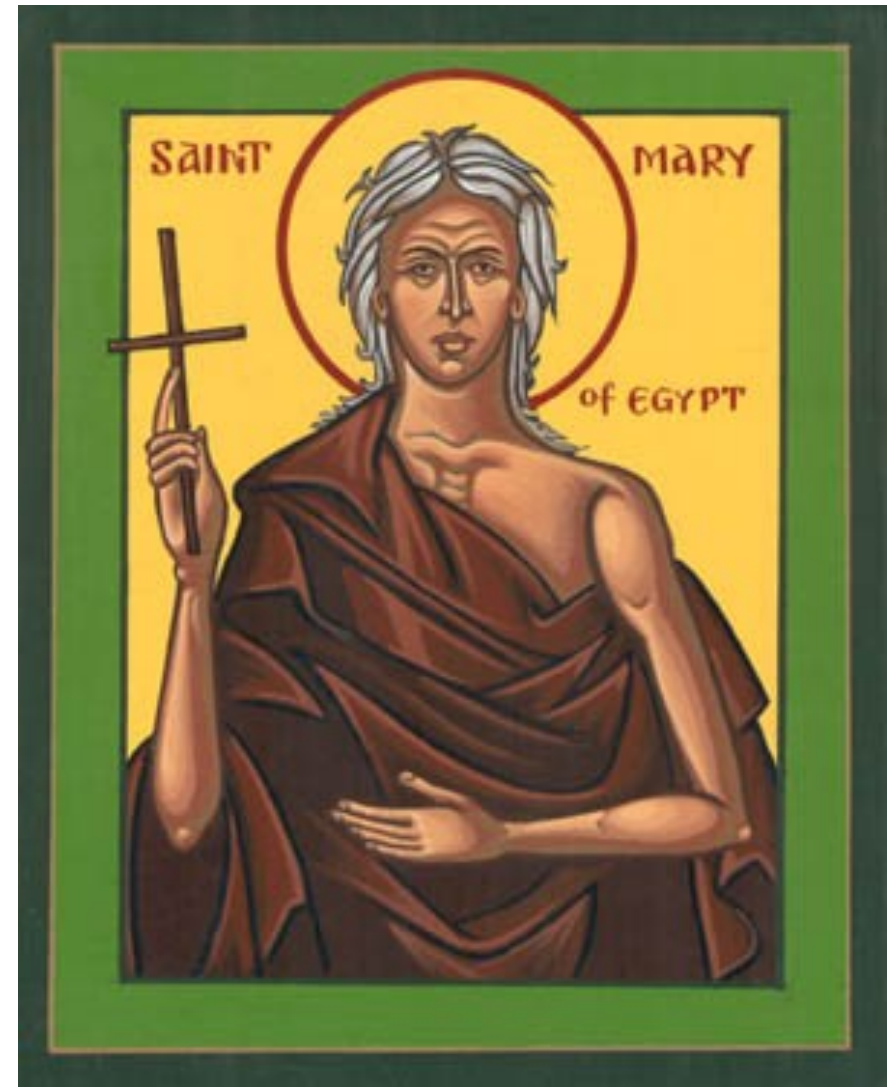
Friday, April 29th: Great and Holy Friday
 10:00 A.M.– Royal Hours
 11:00 A.M.– Great Vespers of the Taking Down of the Cross
 6:30 P.M.– Service of the Lamentations and Procession

Saturday, April 30th: Great and Holy Saturday
 10:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy
 11:00 P.M.– Rush Service
 Baptism of Adriel Reese Stanley

Sunday, May 1st: Great and Holy Pascha
 12:00A.M.– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast
 6:00 P.M.– Agape Vespers



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, April 17, 2016

**Fifth Sunday of Lent:
 The Commemoration of our Righteous
 Mother Mary of Egypt**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone (401) 726-1202 Fax: (401) 729-1203
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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703
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Schedule of Services

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>8:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School</i>	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday: Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>

*Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,
Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve*

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.

Parish Council 2016:

President: Salwa Khoury
Vice-President: Cindy Hayes
Secretary: Jamie Mitri
Treasurer: Fadia Kabak

Council Members: Joseph Samra III, Emad Amirhom, Scott Barnes,
Cory Dupont, Lorice Hallal, Steven Kilsey Jr., Holly Lazieh, Walid Nakhoul, Elmer Stanley
(Church School), Linda Dvelis, Hadeel Samaan

****Please feel free to contact Salwa Khoury at stkhoury@cox.net or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****



Orthodox Vocabulary

Kerygma

The original meaning of the term kerygma signified the proclamation of the Christian message in apologetic treatises, in contrast to 'didache' which referred to the instructional aspects of an apologetic treatise or homily. The original meaning has been retained to this day in the Orthodox Church. By the term kerygma a sermon is meant in most cases nowadays. However, a sermon which only peripherally deals with the Word of God and uses it as the starting point of a homily on morals is not a true kerygma; it is not preaching, the primary and central point of which should be the message of redemption offered gratis to man. Thus, while in moral sermonizing the speaker may legitimately appeal to man's own powers of will and action as the predominant factor of personal change, in true preaching, (kerygma) even though the will and power of the believer are not ignored, it is the complete and unconditional surrender of the individual to the redemptive Grace of God that can bring the desired spiritual fruition.

One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church

The church is called catholic because it is spread throughout the world, from one end of the earth to the other; and because it teaches universally and completely all the doctrines people need to know concerning things visible and invisible, heavenly and earthy; and because it brings to holiness all of humanity, governors and governed, learned and unlearned; and because it universally treats and heals every form of sins, which are committed by soul or body, and because it possesses in itself every expression of virtue which is known, both in deeds and words, and every kind of spiritual gifts.

~St. Cyril of Jerusalem.



Please- As a reminder, if sponsoring a Coffee Hour during lent, make sure to have only fasting food (no chicken, meat, fish or dairy foods—shrimp is allowed.)



**ST. MARY TEEN SOYO
CAN FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT
THE RI COMMUNITY FOOD BANK**

A FOOD COLLECTION STATION WILL BE LOCATED IN THE
ST. MARY PARISH CENTER
ST. MARY WAY, PAWTUCKET RI 02860

Please bring Non-Perishable foods to the Collection Station at the
Parish Center from March 27th thru May 1st

Can goods: Fruits, Vegetables. Beans, Soup, Pasta Sauce, Tuna

Peanut Butter, Jams, Cereals, Grains, Pasta, Canned juices

No one should suffer from Hunger. Help US help the 60,000
Rhode Island residents who go hungry each day.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, and I was thirsty and you gave me
drink. I was a stranger and you took me in. Matthew 25:35*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: CINDY HAYES @ 480-4306

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

Tone 5 / Eothinon 2

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt: Tone 8

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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 intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays: Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

*Make your vows to the Lord our God, and perform them.
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise.” And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, “Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire” And Jesus said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And they said to Him, “Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

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).

Reminder:

Please be sure to fill your “Food for Hungry” box that was distributed at the beginning of Lent. The children discussed in Sunday School the importance of almsgiving during the Lenten season.

Good Friday Retreat:

We are putting together our parish’s first Good Friday retreat for the Sunday School children, ages 4 years-12th grade. We are tentatively planning to begin at 9:30 in the morning and go until 1:30. Fr. Elie will provide all children who are participating in the retreat with a letter to their school with an explanation to excuse them from classes for the day. Many Orthodox churches provide Good Friday retreats for their youth, and we are very excited to have the opportunity to do this for our parish! The children will be grouped off according to ages and will learn about Holy Week, Christ’s Death, and His Resurrection through various stations set up, in addition to attending the Vespers of the Taking Down from the Cross. Lunch will be provided. Additional details will follow. If you plan for your children to attend the retreat and/or if you are willing to assist with the retreat, please email Rebecca Samra at rebsamra@gmail.com with your child’s name and grade in school. We will be asking that all children who plan to attend register in advance so that we can plan accordingly. We greatly appreciate everyone’s support and participation in this important event for our Sunday School!



- *Sunday, April 24th (Palm Sunday)- *NO CLASS*
- *Sunday, May 1st (PASCHA)- *NO CLASS*
- *Sunday, May 8th– Easter Egg Hunt during Church School
- *Sunday, May 15th– Church School Graduation

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 \$100 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

Please make check to St. Mary Church for coffee sponsorship and earmark “Coffee Hour”.

If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please call the church office and speak with Sheryl.

**** ALL Coffee hour's will now be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.****

~Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour~

Date:	Sponsored by:	Sponsored for:
April 17, 2016	Her Daughters & their Families	Sophie Hallal (6 years)
April 24, 2016	no coffee hour	Palm Sunday
May 1, 2016	no coffee hour	Great & Holy PASCHA
May 8, 2016	St. Mary Church	Honoring Bishop Nicholas
May 15, 2016	St. Mary Church	Church School Graduation
May 22, 2016	Kamal, George, Gladys, Therese Haddad & Their Families	Emile Haddad (1 year memorial)
May 29, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
June 5, 2016	Steve & Patricia Kilsey Joe & Marlene Samra	John & Esma Gorab
June 12, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
June 19, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
June 26, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
July 3, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
July 10, 2016	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of Elias Morcos
July 17, 2016	His Daughters & Their Families	Fred Hallal (1 year)
July 24, 2016	Audrey & Wayne Kilsey	Elthel Kilsey (1 year)
July 31, 2016	St. Mary Church	Family Day
August 7, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
August 14, 2016	no coffee hour	St. Mary Church Feast
August 21, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
August 28th, 2016	Open for sponsorship	

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Edward & Lillian Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra
Peter Marcotte
Laurice Zambie
William & LaVerne Ameen
Great-Granddaughters Joelle & Rose Dykstra
Newborn Great-Grandson, Daniel Thomas
Dykstra (Born 11-11-15)
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Holly Lazieh & Family
Cheryl Nassaney & Family
Nancy Sterpis & Family
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony
Chamoun

Gerry Groden
The Hallal Family
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

The Hallal Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Dr. Bassam and Pauline Khabbaz & Family
Offered by: Elias and Samar Baalbaki & Family

Holly, Paula, Cheryl, Nancy & their Families
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint
Cheryl & Anthony Nassaney & Family
Nancy & Dimitrios Sterpis & Sons
Paula Hallal
Mary Massiwer
George & Barbara Moussalli & Family
Charles & Angela Abosamra
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Mary Massiwer & Family
Holly Lazieh

Paula Hallal
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney
Nancy, Dimitrios, Stephen & Nicholas Sterpis
Dianna Hashway
Lil Massiwer
Mitchell Massiwer & Family
Dennis Minnett & Family
George & Barbara Moussalli & Family
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

Fr. Elie
Offered by: Hyam Audi

Jeanne Doephner & Family
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

George Moussalli
Offered by:
Rose Ganim, Mit, Nora, Marie & Family

Children of Sophie & Fred Hallal
Offered by: Dianna Hashway

George Moussalli
Offered by: Richard & Marie Kinslow

Holly, Jordan, & Alexander Lazieh
Paula Hallal
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney
Nancy, Dimitrios, Stephen & Nicholas Sterpis
Bob Dessaint
Offered by: Lily Massiwer



**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**



Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Sophie & Fred Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Ameen and Nayfey Sabath
Petros and Afife Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred "Fritzie and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Sophie Hallal
Fred Hallal
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary
Gurghigian

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Fred Hallal
Offered by:
Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint
Paula Hallal
Cheryl & Anthony Nassaney & Family
Nancy & Dimitrios Sterpis & Family

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Sophie & Fred Hallal
Sarah, George, Abraham & Emile Massiwer
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Mr. Bahjat Khabbaz
Offered by: Fouad & Joanne Mabardi

Sophie Hallal
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony
Chamoun

Bahjat Khabbaz
Offered by: Mr. & Mrs. Emad Khabbaz

Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Sophie Hallal
Thomas Doe phner
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

George Matook
Charlie Daghir
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook &
Family

Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Bahjat Khabbaz
Offered by: Elias and Samar Baalbaki &
Family

Sophie & Fred Hallal
Offered by: Dianna Hashway

Sophie & Fred Hallal
Sarah, George, Abraham & Emile Massiwer
John Massiwer
Moses Lazieh
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

Bishop Nicholas is visiting St. Mary Church on Sunday, May 8th and will be presiding over Liturgy. We will be having a special Coffee Hour in his honor. Please join us!

Diocese of New England: 2016 Parish Life Conference

Please reserve the dates:

June 11th & 25th for the 2016 Parish Life Conference.
This year it will be hosted by St. George Church, Lawrence, MA.

June 11th: Pre-Conference

Location: St. George Orthodox Church, Lowell, MA

June 25th: Conference

Location: Sts. Constantine & Helen Church
71 Chandler Road, Andover, MA

~More info to follow~

Volunteer Cleaners needed

Please come help us clean our church in preparation for Pascha.
We will be cleaning the church on Thursday, April 28th, following
Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.



ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

Ladies of St. Mary,

If you would like to carry the "Epitaphion" on Holy Friday, please call the Church
Office between 9am-12pm by Tuesday. April 26th. (401)726-1202.

Great Lent and Holy Pascha 2016
Easter Flowers (Holy Friday and Pascha)

Please make a donation to help decorate the Church for Holy Week and Easter.

For Good Health and Blessing of:

In Loving Memory of:

Your name:

Donation:

To all those who would like to contribute for the Easter Flowers; checks should be made out to St. Mary Orthodox Church and earmarked "Easter Flowers".

All donations should be received by April 24th.



GREAT LENT 2016

March 14th ~ May 1st (Holy Pascha)



What is Lent?

Prayer ✝ Fasting ✝ Acts of Mercy

Liturgical Supplies and Offerings for Lent

During Great Lent the Church offers an intensified schedule of Divine Services and Prayers. Donations are being sought from the faithful for the many extra Liturgical Supplies needed for the Holy Season. These offerings include candles, wine, oil, incense, bread, service books, music and printed materials. Please earmark your donations and offerings "Liturgical Supplies." Along with these offerings, bring also yourselves to pray the beautiful Lenten Services.

Food For Hungry People Collection (F.F.H.P.)

"When you see a poor person, remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He declared that it is He Himself who is fed. For through that which appears to be not Christ, yet in that person's form, it is Christ Himself who receives and begs."

~St. John Chrysostom

During the Holy Season of Lent, we collect alms to feed the hungry, as an act of Christian Mercy. Food for Hungry People collection boxes are available in the Vestibule & Church Hall. Take one home, fill it with coins during Lent and return it at Holy Pasha (Easter). Donations will also be accepted. To: St. Mary Orthodox Church earmarked "F F.H.P."

May we be generous to reach out to those who hunger and who are in need.
This "reaching out" and caring will help us to witness the resurrection.

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

249 HIGH STREET, PAWTUCKET, RI 02860

Holy Week 2016 Schedule of Services

Saturday, April 23rd Lazarus Saturday

9:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 24th Palm Sunday

8:50 a.m. — Orthros

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy and
Procession with Palms

6:30 p.m. — Bridegroom Service

Monday, April 25th Great and Holy Monday

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Unction

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Passion Gospels

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Taking Down of the Cross

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10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 1st Great and Holy Pascha

11:00 p.m. (Saturday)—Rush Service

12:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy
followed by Agape Breakfast

6:00 p.m. — Agape Vespers

Calling all Foreign Language Readers!

German, French, Spanish, Latin, Portuguese, Arabic, Russian....

I am looking for as many people as possible to declare that "Christ Is Risen" at the Agape Service on Pascha, May 1st at 6:00P.M. If you are interested in reading, please contact Beth Schillawski at (508) 399-0946 or bethschillawski@gmail.com All texts will be provided.

Parking Lot

The parking lot across the street is to be used for elderly and handicapped parking only. Please use our other parking lot to park during church services.

2016 Assessment Fee

The Parish Council wishes to kindly remind the Faithful to send in their Archdiocese Assessment of \$125 made out to St. Mary Church to help meet our obligations to the Archdiocese for 2016. Thank you to those parishioners who have already sent in their payment.

Palm Sunday Candles

Palm Sunday candles are available for purchase (\$10). Orders must be placed before Friday, April 22nd. Please contact the church office (401) 726-1202 or office@stmarypawtucket.org to place your order.