

MASS INTENTIONS**THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00	Curt Sweeney
Sunday	8:00	Harry & Maureen Kammerer Jack Deegan, Pedro Conte Fr. Bob Kemmery Parish Family
	10:00	Eileen Yonce Burke
Monday	8:00	Eileen Yonce Burke
Tuesday	8:00	Mark Dundas
Wed	8:00	Mary Ellen & Richard Boyce
Thurs	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Gregory Sheehan

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Stephen Menchini
Sunday	8:00	Jeanne Leonard, Mark Dundas, Mary & Louis DiGiovanni Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Peter Galligan

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Flora Massa, Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Bernadette Harrod, Baby Peter O'Connor, Eileen Metterville, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Paul Conte, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Maryanne Leonhardt, Richard Smith, Anne Caruso, Natalie DiPaolo, John M. Pollard, Alexandra Burke, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Peter Gill, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Mike Day, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Helen Stempsey, Regina Collyer, Tyler Bencotter, Agnes Wolfgang, Fr. Paul Smith, Marilyn Drewes, John L. Sullivan, Kameron Hardaker, Ray Castriotta, Julianne Sullivan, Robert Grudzina, Brenda Kowalski, Marge LaGrassa, Jim Lewis, Joyce Loechner, Frank Salomone, Paul Chamberlain, Pauline Laberge, Edith Vinci, Chad Larivee, Patrick McNulty, Marirose (Mary) Lynch, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Ellen Marie Anderson, Carter Mock, Nancy Hurley, Gerry Csaposs, Kenneth Kulig, Peggy Carson, Terry Sullivan, Norie Leonard, Ed Daly, James Roberts, Addie Priess, Pat Hastings, Walter Burke, Tim McEnaney, Dan McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Ruth Kantorski, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Thomas Murphy

PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MID-EAST

Brandy Nelson, Timothy Horigan, Scott Doucette, Michael Wilson, David Lucas, Sean Lucas, Peter Civita Shayne, Peter Cabral, Gregory DeLuca, Joshua Schmitt, Joseph Long, Brad Howard, Thomas Scudder, Jeffrey Stebbins, Phillip McDonough, David Wilcox, John Amick, David McDonald, Lt. Edward J. Maloney, Andrew Kelley, William James Miller, David Orloski, Stephen Tammaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Matthew Blair, Jared Stubbs

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**COLLECTION RESULTS THANK YOU**

September 25 Regular	\$ 8,299.00
Cardinal Medeiros	\$ 3,644.00
Annual Appeal to Date	\$24,810.00

FIRST FRIDAY OBSERVANCE THIS WEEK

In observance of First Friday, October 7, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Anointing of the Sick will follow the 8 a.m. Mass. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 11:45 a.m.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Our annual Baby Bottle Campaign, *A Little Change . . . CHANGES LIVES* provides a way for all of us to support life affirming efforts on the Cape and within our Diocese. Services provided at no cost include pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams, medical consultations, parenting and adoption preparation, on-going friendship and long-term practical support. This weekend our Respect Life Ministry will distribute bottles after all masses. Please take one, fill it with your donation, and return it by the end of this month.

ROSES FOR LIFE

A red and white rose, representing the conception to natural death life continuum, will be placed in a bud vase before the Blessed Mother. The reason for the Roses for Life is to remind us to pray that all human life be respected and cherished from conception to natural death.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY MEETING

We will meet in the Parish Center classroom this Friday, October 7, at 9:30 a.m. Any interested parishioner is invited to attend.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

If you would like to advertise your business in our church bulletin, please contact fellow parishioner, Martin Culik, at 774-207-0911 or at CulikM@JSPaluch.com. You may also contact Martin to let him know of business that you think might be interested in advertising in our bulletin.

ST. JOAN OF ARC GUILD AUTUMN POT LUCK



Fall Potluck

All members of the Parish are invited to the annual St. Joan of Arc Guild Pot Luck Dinner on Tuesday, October 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. For reservations, please call 928-242-5809 or e-mail rt_byl@yahoo.com with your name, number of attendees, and the dish you plan to bring. Join us for an evening of great food and good company. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

ACTS OF MERCY—WELCOME REFUGEES!

I was a stranger and you made Me welcome (Mt 25:35) The many Christian churches in our area, as well as Am HaYam Cape Cod Havurah, have come together to try to find a way to welcome refugees. In all of our Scriptures we hear God's call to welcome the stranger. On Sunday, October 23, at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Ken Campbell and Rev. Rod MacDonald will speak about the possible ways that we, the Nauset Faith Community, can assist in the settlement of refugees. This will be a very short meeting (30-40 minutes) with refreshments following the 10 a.m. Mass. Please join us.

PARISH REPORT

Our Parish Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016 is now available online at our website, www.joanarc.org. Printed copies are available on the table in the main foyer of the church.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOLLY FAIR

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Wellfleet will hold its annual Holly Fair next Saturday, October 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and continuing after the 6 p.m. Mass, and again on Sunday, October 9, following the 10:30 Mass, featuring theme baskets quilt and teacup raffles, as well as toys, ornaments, wreaths, jewelry, baked goods and much more. Hot dogs, stuffed quahogs, sausage and peppers, clam chowder, chili, and beverages will be available.

POLAND AND EASTERN EUROPEAN TRIP

Join Fr. William Kaliyadan of Our Lady of the Cape, on a beautiful journey to Poland, Vienna and Prague, November 1-10, 2017. Visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Auschwitz Concentration Camp, and the birthplace of St. Pope John Paul II, among other places. Contact Fr. William for more info. wkaliyadan@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

A special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2016 will take place on Sunday, October 23, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Fall River. If you would like an invitation, please call the Rectory as soon as possible. 508-255-0170.

Marriage Preparation Program

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 three locations, Mansfield, Dartmouth and **Harwich**. In each location a team of volunteers facilitates three to five sessions per year. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please email or call Claire McManus at cmcmanus@dfrcs.org or 508-678-2828. ext. 19.

Year of Mercy Afternoon of Reflection

The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation presents a Year of Mercy afternoon of reflection entitled "*I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. But you are already there!*" John Polce, Ernie Collamati, and Deacon Bruce Bonneau will lead an afternoon of prayer, music and reflection on Saturday, October 22, 1– 4:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Parish, East Freetown, MA. There is no cost to attend, but RSVP by calling 508-678-2828, ext 27. Visit our website, www.fallriverfaithformation.org for more details.

NEED HELP?

**We can assist with
food, shelter, medical, utilities.**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
HELPLINE 508-255-8080**



AND SO IT BEGINS . . .

Faith Formation is underway and we are so grateful to our students, families, catechists and volunteers for the wonderful start to our school year. Below are a few friendly reminders:

If you have not returned your registration information, please stop by the Faith Formation Office on Monday, October 3. It is important to verify that the correct information is on file for your child.

For the afternoon session regarding dismissal: The catechists instruct their students to wait in the classrooms for their parents or guardians to pick them up. This is for safety purposes and also offers an opportunity for the teachers to meet the parents or guardians. Thank you.

NOT TOO LATE

Even though Faith Formation is in session, it's not too late for your child to join us for the 2016-17 school year. If you are new to the parish, or have a kindergartener or first grader who is planning to attend religious education, please stop by the Faith Formation Office located in the Parish Center to complete an application, or call the office at 508-255-1257. We are happy to assist you!

PARENT WELCOME FOR GRADES 1-5

This Monday afternoon, October 3, all parents and guardians are welcome to attend the Gathering Prayer at 3:30 p.m. Come by for a hot cup of coffee and to share in the ending prayer. We hope you are able to join us.

WHAT IS RCIA?

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. If you are a Catholic adult and have not been confirmed in the Church, or if you are considering becoming Catholic, then RCIA may be for you. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 for further information.

A SMALL BUT MIGHTY SMIDGE

The powerful potential inherent within the heart of a small seed—the little mustard seed—is the metaphor chosen by Jesus to describe the powerful resiliency of even the tiniest ‘smidge’ of faith. When stretched to the limit by intolerable suffering, unanswered prayer, or overwhelming doubt—the smallest glimmer of faith can help us endure, move forward, and eventually heal our brokenness.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel died in July of this year—the same month chosen by Pope Francis to visit Auschwitz and pray amidst the piles of rubble that had once served as death chambers for countless men, women, and children. Wiesel described how he “*lost his faith in the flames burning the bodies of dead children in the pits*” on the night he arrived in this fearsome camp. “*Never shall I forget those moments which murdered my God and my soul, and turned my dreams to dust.*”

Fifty years later Elie Wiesel wrote a prayer for the Jewish New Year. It begins: “*Master of the Universe, let us make up...it is time. How long can we go on being angry? And what about my faith in you, Master of the Universe? I realize now that I never lost it, not even during the darkest hours of my life. I don't know why I kept on whispering my daily prayers, and those reserved for Sabbath, and for the holidays, but I did recite them—often with my father and, on Rosh Hashanah eve, with hundreds of inmates at Auschwitz.*”

“*Where were you, God of kindness, in Auschwitz? At one point I began wondering whether I was not unfair with you. After all, Auschwitz was not something that came down ready-made from heaven. It was conceived by men, implemented by men, staffed by men. And their aim was to destroy not only us but you as well. Ought we not to think of your pain, too?—Watching your children suffer at the hands of your other children, haven't you also suffered?*”

Faith! Indestructible; powerful; resilient, and healing faith. Pope Francis left a short message in the guest book of Auschwitz—a cry for mercy, forgiveness and enduring faith. As Christians we see in Jesus the God who walks with us, suffers with us, and struggles with us through conflict and pain to new life. Let us then, help each other water the seed of faith especially when it seems barely visible.