

MASS INTENTIONS**THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00	Trudy Murry & Doris Silbernagel
Sunday	8:00	Michael Dora, Sr. Lillian Scanlon, Robert Dahlke, John Crowley Cecily Reohr, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Albano Quadros
Monday	8:00	Enzo LaVecchia
Tuesday	8:00	John Patrick Devlin
Wed	8:00	Teddy & Irene Michaud
Thurs	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Jeanne Leonard

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Alice Behakjian
Sunday	8:00	Thomas Mess, Jeanne Leonard, Pedro Conte, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Donald Dolan

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, Tim McEnaney, Dan McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Ruth Kantorski, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Thomas Murphy, Paul Kasczak, Walter Paroby, Bill Grant

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 - Walter Burke**COLLECTION RESULTS THANK YOU**

October 9 Regular will be reported next week
Annual Appeal to Date \$48,455.00

THIS WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection this weekend is the Harvest Sunday Collection, which supports the efforts of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference to help those in need with necessities – food, medicine, rent, utilities. Thanks for giving.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS THIS SUNDAY

BEEF STEW (24 oz), BAKED BEANS (16 oz) JELLY (8-16 oz) CANNED FRUIT (16 oz), CANNED VEGETABLES (14.5 oz) TUNA FISH (6 oz) , SPAGHETTI (1 lb box) MACARONI & CHEESE (6 oz box), PEANUT BUTTER (18 oz) SPAGHETTI SAUCE (28 oz), JELLO (3 oz) and CANNED SOUP (11 oz), HOT CEREAL (10 env. Pack), COLD CEREAL. Thanks for sharing.

K/C PANCAKES THIS WEEKEND

Bring the family to breakfast in the Parish Center following the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus are serving blueberry and plain pancakes, sausage, coffee and OJ — all for \$6 per adult; \$2.50 each for kids under 12, and those under 7 eat free, with a family limit of \$15. We look forward to serving you right after Mass.

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. Next 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.

MERCY IN ACTION—GIFT CARD COLLECTION

In an effort to welcome Refugee Families, we invite you to donate gift cards in any amount for stores such as Stop & Shop, Star/Shaws, Walmart or Mastercard/Visa gift cards. Collection baskets will be available at the doors of the Church the weekends of October 29-30 and November 5-6.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **THIS** Sunday, October 16, at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Judy Burt Walker will be our guest speaker. These year-round meetings offer presentations, occasional speakers, and roundtable discussion that provide information to assist the bereaved as they move forward with their new life. For further information, please call Barbara, 508-240-1090, or Liz, 508-896-4916,

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Saturday, November 5, at 9:00 a.m., followed by a collation in the Parish Center. This Memorial Mass is celebrated especially for those parishioners who have died during the past year. Parishioners who have lost a loved one during this year whose funeral was not celebrated at St. Joan of Arc can call Barbara Strakele, 508-255-4331, to add the names of their loved ones to the list to be remembered. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass to honor their loved ones.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY CONVENTION

The Diocese of Fall River's Office of Faith Formation is hosting the annual Ministry Convention on **Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm.** This year's convention, themed "***Building the Domestic Church,***" will be held at the **Resort & Conference Center of Hyannis, MA** and is open to anyone in parish ministry and adults who will benefit from the topics regarding family life. **This year's convention will feature Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, not only as presider for the Mass, but also as the provider of our keynote address.** Workshops will be offered on various topics, along with offerings in Spanish as well. The fee is \$35 per person (\$30 for groups of 5 or more) which includes lunch. Register by calling Judy Burt Walker at 508-255-1257. To see a complete description of workshops and presenters, visit the Diocesan website at www.fallriverfaithformation.org

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 businesses that you think might be interested in advertising in our bulletin.

SEASONAL REMINDERS

Due to the flu season, the cup will not be offered at Mass until Holy Thursday. The Sign of Peace may be offered with words and a smile rather than a handshake, if you like.

As winter approaches, bringing unpredictable weather and health conditions, keep in mind these guidelines: If you suspect you are ill, or weather conditions are hazardous, you are **not bound to attend Mass. Remain at home**, possibly participating in the Mass on TV, radio or Internet. **If schools are closed or delayed due to snow, THERE IS NO DAILY MASS. Please observe this policy for your safety, as well as to expedite the snow removal in our parking lots.**

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

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 will present 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.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

A Journey to Peace, a mini-retreat on loss and grief, led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held on Wednesday, November 9, at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 and pre-registration is required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net.



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-5 Mondays 2:20—4:00 p.m.
Grades 6-10 Monday 6:00---7:30 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Classes resume this Monday, October 17, for all students. We look forward to seeing Kindergarten through grade 10 on Monday.

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!

GRADE 9 AND 10 PARENT MEETING

There is an important Grade 9 & 10 Parent Meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 24, to review the expectations for the Confirmation program. We look forward to meeting with all of you.

AN INVITATION

A community service organization, *Kids Helping Kids*, from Our Lady of the Cape, is sponsoring a "Kids-in-the Kitchen" Bake-off Challenge. The bake-off is being held at Our Lady of the Cape Parish Center on Saturday, October 29, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Participants from ages 8-17 are welcome. For further information about the event and ways to participate, please call the SJA Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257.

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.

ECHO RETREAT FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

Hello 11th and 12th Graders — we're looking for you! Are you SOOOO busy all the time? Time to retreat to Craigville!

ECHO for Girls—October 28—30, 2016

ECHO for Boys—November 11—13, 2016

To apply go to www.echoofcapecod.org.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LITTLE QUETZAL

An old Aztec fable tells of a small fire that quickly grew out of control and began to consume the forest. As the flames spread, the animals began to flee. An owl making its own escape noticed a small bird, a quetzal, constantly flying back and forth between the river and a section of the burning forest. “Are you crazy? You must leave at once,” hooted the owl. But the little bird continued to fly to the river, pick up a few drops of water, and return to release the droplets on the fire.

Inspired by the little bird’s courage and determination, the owl began to help the quetzal. Soon, other animals—and even humans—joined them, and the great fire was conquered.

The little quetzal bird possessed the spirit of hope and optimism that Jesus asks of his followers. Today we see in the image of the persistent widow a reflection of God—as one who against all odds, keeps resisting injustice, keeps renouncing discrimination, keeps opposing bigotry in all its dimensions— one who persists in faithfulness to the creative energy of a just and merciful love.

Jesus praises the widow and assures us that when we act out of love, the Spirit of God will be with us in our struggle to find the words and courage to confront hurtful circumstances and those who threaten harm. All of us have seen this kind of perseverance: in parents who continue to love sons and daughters entrapped in the messiness of addictions; in couples who don’t easily quit on each other but work together to mend marriages; in those who raise their voices for the voiceless, the helpless, the homeless—the ‘little ones’ whose cries are not heard.

The few drops of water carried in the little’s quetzal’s beak seemed futile in the face of the overwhelming threat of a destructive fire. But persistent effort, right-mindedness, and grace created the spark of another kind of contagion: the communal effort to work together for good. This week we are reminded that no effort is too small when it comes to building God’s kingdom—that persistent effort, prayer, and grace will bring a little more justice and mercy and peace into our homes; our neighborhoods; our world. We cannot afford to delay, but must persevere with the conviction of a powerful faith— a faith that empowers us to act with hope and with courage