

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Robert McMinn
 Sunday 8:00 Sr. Marie Christel Scholl,
 Dolores O'Keefe, John Crowley
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Pierre Laberge
 Monday 8:00 Sean Kelly
 5:00 Rita Skarin
 Tuesday 8:00 Mark Dundas
 Noon Sean Gavigan
 Wed 8:00 Mark Dundas
 Thurs 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Mary Cacciola

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 McMahan Family
 Sunday 8:00 Harry & Maureen Kammerer, Katherine
 Kane, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Pierre Laberge

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 Kascsak, Walter Paroby, Bill Grant, Bill Martin, Lolita Previd

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 - Cecilia Griffin, John Ward, Mark Lowell

COLLECTION RESULTS THANK YOU

October 16 Regular	\$ 7,993.00
October 16 Harvest	\$ 5,545.50
October 23 Regular	\$ 7,097.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 3,214.00
Annual Appeal to Date	\$58,830.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The USCCB and Bishop da Cunha have authorized a second collection this weekend to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid such as water, food, shelter, and medical care to victims of Hurricane Matthew. Donation will also help fund long term efforts to restore communities in the Caribbean and U.S. which experienced widespread destruction.

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day will be observed with a 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Monday, October 31, and Masses at 8 and noon on November 1.

FIRST FRIDAY THIS WEEK

In observance of First Friday, November 4, 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.

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 this weekend and next.

BABY BOTTLE RETURN THIS WEEKEND

All baby bottles are due back this weekend. Your support of the Baby Bottle Campaign helps make a positive impact on young families in our community. Whether or not you were able to fill your baby bottle, please return all bottles this weekend in the baskets provided in the church foyers. Thank you for providing the support that will save and change lives.


PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

All knitters and crocheters are welcome at our meeting 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, in the Chapel.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated next 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.

SVDP FOOD PACKING THIS MONTH

 St. Vincent de Paul, in conjunction with Lower Cape Outreach Council, will be providing two-day packs and Thanksgiving turkeys to many in our community. Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. to help pack food for distribution. Also, we need volunteers that morning from 10:30-12:30 to set up tables. Refreshments provided to the set-up team!

THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE FOR THE HEALING OF OUR NATION

The annual Nauset Interfaith Thanksgiving service this year will take its theme from President Abraham Lincoln's proclamation making Thanksgiving a national holiday towards healing our nation. The service, at Orleans United Methodist Church, Sunday, November 20, at 2 p.m., will include Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Wampanoag readers and a short talk by our two newest clergy, (The Rev. Kai Qu and The Rev Xia Jiao Chur) who are new Americans from China. We will also hear from an immigrant family from North Africa and our interfaith choir will sing a beautiful anthem. Our offering will be to support Nauset Interfaith outreach to new Americans and 'at risk,' youth on the lower and outer Cape. For more information: Fr. Ken Campbell at kbcampbell@verizon.net or Rev. Wesley Williams at wesleyd.williams@comcast.net.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our parish has been asked to help at the Chatham houses on Saturday, Dec. 3. If you have helped before or want to try for the first time or even to just get more info, please leave name and email at the Habitat box in the front foyer of the church. Building experience is not necessary, willingness to help is the requirement. Enjoy a day of some work, good food, and great company.

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. For more info, visit the Diocesan website at www.fallriverfaithformation.org.

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.**

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S & MEN'S CONFERENCE

Save the Date! Bishop Edgar da Cunha has announced a Diocesan Women's and Men's Conference on March 11, 2017 at Stonehill College, featuring Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, OFM Cap. and Sr. Terry Rickard, OP as keynote speakers. The cost for the event is \$45, and includes lunch. Registration forms will be available on the Diocesan website in December.

NEED HELP?

**We can assist with
food, shelter, medical, utilities.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

HELPLINE 508-255-8080



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

Due to the celebration of All Hallows Eve, Faith Formation is closed this Monday, October 31. We hope you all have a safe and fun evening. Classes for Grades K—10 return to their regular schedule on Monday, November 7. We look forward to seeing you then.

DIOCESAN MOVIE UPDATE

As part of the Diocesan Safe Child Curriculum, Grades 1-5 students viewed the Catholic Social Services movies reminding them about personal safety. The movies provided opportunities to remember various points of personal safety, including the following:

- Make sure a parent/trusted adult knows where you are going.
- Do not take rides from others without checking with your folks.
- Stay together when you are with your friends or on a class trip.
- If a situation makes you feel uncomfortable or a warning “flag” goes up inside you — always talk it over with a parent or trusted adult.

These are simply reminders, but are of utmost importance in our effort to keep kids safe.

CALLED BY NAME—TO BE A STAR

What do you have in common with the Saints? Come and take some time to discover your true star quality. The Fall River Diocese Vocation Ministry is hosting a retreat for girls ages 14-18 on Friday, November 11, through Saturday, November 12, at the Dominican Sisters Convent in Dighton, MA. For additional information or to register, please contact Sr. Paulina Hurtado, 508-675-1311 or Sr.Paulina@dioc-fr.org.

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.

COME DOWN FROM THE TREE

Dr. Karl Menninger, a famed American psychiatrist, was asked to visit a widow who had been depressed for many years. When he arrived at her home, he found her slumped in a chair; her house silent and dark. She admitted that she had been depressed since her husband's death many years before. As she explained her plight, Dr. Menninger noticed pots of pink, blue and purple African violets blooming in the dimly lit house. So Dr. Menninger wrote an unusual prescription: The woman was to read her local newspaper every day and send one of her violets to someone in her community who had experienced a significant event in life: the birth of a baby, a marriage, a graduation, a death in the family.

Within a month, the widow called the doctor and told him that her life had changed dramatically. Excitedly, she said that every time she sent a violet, the receiver responded. Those who received her violets were deeply touched by her kindness. They sent her notes, cookies, small gifts, or even came to visit. The widow soon became known as "the violet lady", and lived her life happily surrounded by many new friends.

We might call Dr. Menninger's visit to this depressed woman an interlude of mercy—a kindly invitation to the woman to awaken to what she might have to contribute to her community. Through his gentle persuasion, she "climbed out of her tree" of isolation and separation and began reaching out to others with the simple, but beautiful gift of her violets.

Dr. Menninger upheld the same inherent potential in the woman that Jesus saw in Zacchaeus—the recognition of a gift of goodness that could bridge the gap between the self-created isolation of this man in the sycamore tree and his neighbors. "*Come down from the tree, Zacchaeus*", proved to be a transforming invitation.

We are called by Christ in the same way: invited to recognize our own gifts and abilities, and to willingly use them to bring peace and consolation to others. We are asked to let the "light" of our faith in the goodness of God shatter the darkness of hopelessness and alienation around us—to make God's presence known in our simple generousities and our small gestures of thoughtfulness. In this way the soothing balm of kindness and compassion brings healing to ourselves and to others.