

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Bertha & Charles Meads
 Blanche & Herb Landwehr
 Sunday 8:00 Frederick Aldrich, Danielle Consalvo
 Michael Day, Fr. Bob Kemmery,
 Parish Family
 10:00 Lucille Cunnane
 Monday 8:00 Sherry Edmonds
 Tuesday 8:00 Lucille Cunnane
 Wed 8:00 Libby Griffin
 Thurs 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 John Crowley

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Joe DiBrigida
 Sunday 8:00 Patricia Moffat, Patricia O'Keefe
 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, Eileen Metterville, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Paul Conte, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, 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, 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, Peggy Carson, Ed Daly, James Roberts, Addie Priess, Pat Hastings, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Ruth Kantorski, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Thomas Murphy, Paul Kascsak, Bill Martin, Lolita Previd, Abbott Brayton,

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, Nicholas McGahey

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED William E. Silvio

COLLECTION RESULTS — THANK YOU

2016 Annual Appeal	\$89,768.63
January 8 Regular	\$ 1,676.00

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Your donation to this week's second collection supports Catholic Communications.

ANNUAL APPRECIATION RECEPTION

*We are grateful for all of our parishioners who are involved in one or more of our many ministries. All those who are regularly involved in ministry or service in the parish are invited to the Four Points Sheraton for spirits and hors d' oeuvres on **Friday, January 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** We look forward to celebrating together our ministries and our parish!*

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **THIS** Sunday, January 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. These year-round monthly group meetings focus on the various aspects of grieving. The presentations and round-table discussions provide information to assist the bereaved as they move forward with their new life. For further information, please call Barbara at 508-240-1090, or Liz at 508-896-4916.

RESISTING HAPPINESS BY MATTHEW KELLY

Copies of *Resisting Happiness*, Fr. John's Christmas gift to the Parish, are available in the Rectory.

BE STILL AND KNOW I AM HERE

All are welcome to join us in the Parish Center on Wednesday, January 18 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass for coffee followed by a period of centering prayer and meditation, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

ROSES FOR LIFE

Next weekend a red and white rose, representing the conception to natural death continuum, will be placed by the Blessed Sacrament to remind us to pray for the unborn, for the end of euthanasia, and for respect for ALL human life.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United of Cape Cod invite you to attend their Human Rights Celebration on Tuesday, January 17, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall in Centerville. This year's theme is *Kindling New Fires for Hope*. Call Bev Hammel at 508-833-8942, or email mmachh@verizon.net. Cost is \$10

FACE WINTER BRUNCH FUNDRAISER

The Diocese of Fall River Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE) invites all to a winter brunch hosted by Bishop Edgar da Cunha, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 5, at the Coonamessett Inn of Falmouth. The proceeds will benefit FACE, which provides need-based scholarships to children attending Catholic schools on Cape Cod and throughout southeastern Massachusetts. For ticket information, contact Jane Robin at 508-759-3566.

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. If you suspect you are ill, or weather conditions are hazardous, you are **not obligated 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.**

FAITH FORMATION



CALENDAR REMINDER

No classes for Grades K through 10 until Monday, January 23.

CONFIRMATION DATE SCHEDULED

Confirmation will be Saturday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m. Additional details and updates are expected soon.

ACING THE COLLEGE TRANSITION

The Office of Faith Formation and the Office for Campus Ministry for the Fall River Diocese welcomes high school seniors to attend a weekend gathering at the LaSalette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA from February 3-5, 2017. The focus of the weekend is to explore and learn about an array of college skills and tools to help deepen your faith during the transition from high school to college. For more information or to register contact Claire McManus at 508-678-2828, Ext. 19, or cmcmanus@dfrcs.org.

RCIA

Please pray for our RCIA candidates as they embark on their journey. There is still time to join us if you wish to explore what it means to be a member of this Catholic Christian Community. Call Judy Burt Walker at 255-1257 or Father John at 255-0170.

YOU ARE MY BELOVED

Robert K. Cooper's essay, "*The Other Ninety Percent*", presents the following scenario:

Two friends are having lunch at a local restaurant when one woman is distracted by a scene two tables over. Her friend looks at her quizzically and asks what is going on.

"Our waiter seems to be having difficulty with a couple behind you. They are so demanding that he barely has time for anyone else. They are turning up their noses at everything he brings them. I know what it is like to be that young man—I waitressed all through college!"

Just then, the manager walks over and stands beside the waiter. The couple complains loudly about the service and the food so that everyone can hear. The manager takes the check from the waiter and sends him off to tend to other customers. Embarrassed and upset, the waiter comes over to the women's table and asks if he can get them anything more as he places their check on the table.

The former waitress snatches the check and pulls out several bills from her purse. "Keep the change," she says to him.

"But, I can't, that's..."

She takes the young man's hand, squeezes it and looks him in the eye: "You are a terrific waiter," she tells him. "And you have earned every penny of this. So don't argue with an old lady who's been there!" It was her way of helping the young man to get back on track after encountering a difficult situation.

God takes on our humanity in all its complexities—God does everything possible to get us "back on track" amidst life's challenges and our own short-sightedness. God knows what it is like. In Jesus, God takes on our fragmented humanity and makes it whole—holy. The miracle of Jesus' baptism is not what he gives up in order to begin his public life, but rather what he takes on—*us*. Jesus shows us that we are not just the subject of his work, we *are* his work; that we will not be merely witnesses of his glory, we *are* his glory; that we, too, have been chosen and ordained through baptism as beloved sons and daughters of the Holy One. Jesus' Baptism helps us to realize the miracle of incarnation—that we and our world are holy and sacred in God's sight—the God whose infinite love has lifted us up and proclaimed us "beloved". May we respond to the generosity of such love with whole-hearted gratitude and loving service!