

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Joe DiBrigida
 Sunday 8:00 Patricia Moffat, Patricia O’Keefe
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Pierre Laberge
 Monday 8:00 Catherine Power
 Tuesday 8:00 Leonard O’Hara
 Wed 8:00 Victoria Gardella
 Thurs 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Henry Fischer

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Mary Iozzio
 Sunday 8:00 Pierre & Anita Larose
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Lucille Cunnane

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 Kasczak, Bill Martin, Lolita Previd, Abbott Brayton, Judy Chamberlain

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

Norma Goodhue, Elizabeth Norton, Sally Termyn

COLLECTION RESULTS — THANK YOU

January 15 Regular \$ 8,050.00
 Catholic Communications \$ 2,299.00
 Annual Appeal \$90,000.00

ROSES FOR LIFE

This weekend a red and white rose, representing the conception to natural death continuum of life, is 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 27

The 44th annual March for Life, with the theme *The Power of One*, takes place in Washington, D.C. this Friday, January 27—the somber anniversary of 1973’s Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion. Please join us, in solidarity with the walkers, this Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass, to pray the Rosary for Life, that the sanctity of ALL human life be restored to our nation.

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.

FROM THE MCENANEYS

We would like to extend our deep gratitude to the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc for your overwhelming support to our family during our son Dan’s illness and death — To Art, Denise and the choir for the wonderful music at Dan’s funeral; to the Bereavement Hospitality Ministry who set up and served the food after the funeral; for all the cards, masses offered, and donations to SVDP and other organizations in Dan’s memory. It has brought us so much comfort and peace.

Deacon Norm & Nancy

ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

The St. Joan of Arc Conference of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you, the parishioners, for your generous support of our Conference throughout the year. You are invited to pick up a copy of our Annual Report, which outlines the services provided to those in need, as you leave church today.

SVDP needs volunteers especially in the area of Emergency Assistance and Food Preparation. If you are interested in becoming involved, you can call the Helpline at 508-255-8080 to leave your contact information, or call Carmella at 508-255-4448.

BLOOD DRIVE THIS FRIDAY

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Blood Drive this Friday, January 27, from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. \$5 Dunkin' Donuts cards, clam chowder, snacks and soft drinks for all donors. Schedule an appointment at 1-800 RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org. Walk-Ins are welcome.

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.**

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.

DIOCESAN WOMEN & MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men and women of the Diocese are invited to attend a diocesan event at Stonehill College on Saturday, March 11, 2017 to prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. The theme for the Conference is *Thirsting for Hope — Can You Drink the Cup I Drink?*

Cardinal Sean O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap, Sr. Terry Richard, O.P., ValLimar Jansen, and Michael Cumbie will be speakers. During the lunch break there will be an opportunity for reconciliation and time to visit the many vendors exhibits. Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. The cost for the event is \$45 per person, including lunch and the option for CEU's.

Registration can be completed online at www.fallriverdiocese.org.





FAITH FORMATION

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

CLASSES RESUME

Our Faith Formation program resumes its regular schedule this Monday, January 23. We look forward to seeing all of our students in kindergarten - Grade 10.

CONFIRMATION DATE SCHEDULED

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

JANUARY FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass is next Sunday, January 29, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us in celebrating the liturgy with our students and their families. After Mass, all are welcome to enjoy juice, coffee and donuts in the Parish Center.

CONFIRMATION ANGEL CARDS

As our Confirmation students prepare for their retreat in early February, we ask that you support them and remember them in your prayers. One way to provide support is in the form of notes and letters. Baskets of "Angel Cards" with the names of our Confirmation students are available in the church foyers. Please select one or more Angel Cards and send a note of encouragement and prayers for that student to St Joan of Arc Faith Formation, 61 Canal Rd., Orleans, MA 02653 no later than Monday, February 6.

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.

ALL IN

Did you ever play poker? The game, “*Texas Hold-‘em*” has something in common with today’s Gospel. The game begins with two cards face down in the center of the table. The players evaluate the strength of their own cards with this limitation and place a first bet. Next, three more ‘common’ cards are dealt face up...more evaluation; more betting. A fourth ‘common’ card is placed face up on the table. It’s here that a confident player can bet everything by declaring: “*All in*”. If someone goes “all in”, the other players are confronted with the choice of ‘matching the bet’, or ‘folding’—and losing what they have wagered.

As Jesus walked the shores of the Sea of Galilee he invited the fishermen to go “all in.” None of them ‘hedged their bets’. Their response was immediate. They went “all in,” abandoning their boats and their life as they knew it.

Jesus invites us to go “all in.” His urgent message: “*Repent! The kingdom of heaven is at hand*”, is a message of ‘*metanoia*’—the Greek word implying a total turn-around. (‘*Meta*’ means beyond, and ‘*noeo*’ refers to understanding—a complete change of perception, attitude, and action!) The *metanoia* proclaimed by Jesus is more than a turning away from a self-centered lifestyle. It has a quality of passion—an awakening of the heart. This awakening does not spring from the intellect, but from a personal experience of Jesus and the Christ Spirit he embodies.

When one encounters Jesus, awareness shifts from the limited understanding of what I see as ‘me and mine’, to a broader awareness—a “kingdom consciousness”. This is the perception of which Pope Francis speaks when he says: “Jesus lived in full harmony with all creation, and others were amazed!” The Pope goes on to describe a kingdom of healing, compassion, and mercy—a kingdom that speaks of a quality of relationships rather than a particular geography.

It is only this kind of attraction that can explain the “all in” response of the fishermen to Jesus’ invitation on the shores of Galilee. Jesus awakened something in them, something that caused *metanoia*; something that led them to say, “There’s nothing else that makes sense any longer if this is true.” So they followed him. What happened in Galilee continues to happen in our own lives. When Christ’s call strikes a chord with us, it’s an invitation to play our part in God’s new world symphony—his kingdom. Let’s declare, “*all in*”!