

## MASS INTENTIONS

## THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Ann Dowdy
Sunday	8:00	Pat Twerago, Barrie Richardson, Tony Leite, Tom Masterson, Jr. Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Pierre Laberge
Monday	8:00	Blanche Rolek
Tuesday	8:00	Ryan McDonald
Wed	8:00	Walter Paroby
Thurs	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Dominic Balestra

## NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Ben & Mary McMahan
Sunday	8:00	John & Helen Grace, Ralph Jerome Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	David Patrick DeSaulnier

## 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 Cruickshank, Bill Hannon, Peter Gill, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lenczewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Helen Stempsey, Regina Collyer, Tyler Bencoter, 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, Judy Chamberlain, Joe Conlan, Dusty Fahey, Patty Camarra

## 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, Edward Pruffer, Christian P. Goodman

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Rosemary Neuert

## IN LOVING MEMORY

The tabernacle candle has been donated in loving memory of Pat Twerago.

## COLLECTION RESULTS — THANK YOU

January 29 Regular \$6,778.00

## 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Currently, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs—such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training—to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## FREE PANCAKES THIS WEEKEND!

The Knights are sponsoring a **free** pancake breakfast this weekend as a thank you to our parishioners for their support of our work and charities this past year. Join us after the Sunday Masses for coffee, OJ, and pancakes!

## 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.**

## MOVIE TIME

Join us in the Parish Center at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 26, for the movie *Radical Grace*, an award winning film about three American Sisters and their unwavering commitment to the poor, and to social justice. The film also chronicles the sisters' conflict with Church hierarchy as they seek to live the Gospel, both within the church, AND in the modern world. Come and enjoy!

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

### ***Diocesan Women and Men's Conference***

For Lent this year, the Fall River Diocese is offering something new! The 2017 Women & Men's Conference is a one-day program with enriching talks, reflection, prayer, and fellowship for a deeper faith-filled journey towards Easter. It will take place on Saturday, March 11, at Stonehill College. Speakers will be Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap.; RENEW International Director Sr. Terry Rickard, O.P.; Christian music artist ValLimar Jansen; and lay evangelist and humorist Michael Cumbie. To register or obtain more information, visit [www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org) or pick up a flyer in the church foyers. Registration deadline is March 1.

### ***Weekend Retreat for Adults In Theirs 20s and 30s***

*The What Next? Finding Answers with Faith Retreat* is designed for men and women in their 20s and 30s who are interested in taking time to prayerfully reflect on the transitions they have faced, or are currently facing — and how their experiences of transition influence their faith, as well as how their faith can guide, comfort, and support their journey of transition. The weekend incorporates conversations in small groups, and personal time to reflect and pray. Join us for this Charis Retreat weekend from 5 p.m. Friday, March 3, through 1 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Cost is \$50/person for college students, or \$100/person for non-college students in their 20s and 30s, if registered by February 14. Add \$25 after February 14. Sponsored by the Diocese of Fall River Office for Campus Ministry. For more information, visit [www.fallrivercampusministry.com](http://www.fallrivercampusministry.com) or contact Fr. David Frederici at [Fr.David@fallrivercampusministry.com](mailto:Fr.David@fallrivercampusministry.com).

### ***Priesthood Discernment Retreat***

The Diocesan Vocations Office is sponsoring a retreat for men ages 19-45 who are open to praying about a Vocation to the Priesthood. This retreat will be held March 3-5 at the Betania II Retreat Center in Medway. For more info or to register, contact Fr. Chris Peschel at [discernmentretreat@yahoo.com](mailto:discernmentretreat@yahoo.com) or at 508-398-2248.

## RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

**"Seasons of Our Lives,"** a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat, led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, (originally scheduled for January 11) has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, February 8 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am - 12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or at [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net).

**Ash Wednesday Retreat:** *Here for a Purpose* also led by Peggy and held at Sacred Hearts in Wareham, is scheduled from 9:00am to 3:30pm on March 1. Mass, distribution of ashes and lunch are included. Fee: \$55. Pre-registration is required by Monday, February 27. Visit [www.timeoutretreats.com](http://www.timeoutretreats.com) for more information on either program and for a registration form for the Ash Wednesday retreat.

## RETROUVAILLE OF NEW ENGLAND

Retrouvaille is a worldwide program sponsored by the Catholic Church for married couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase, often followed by deep disillusionment before finally finding resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. The next weekend is March 31—April 2 in Tewksbury. To register, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Let the light of your love shine upon your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI and Apr 22-23, 2017 at **Our Lady of the Cape in Brewster**. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at [www.WWEMA.org](http://www.WWEMA.org).





### **FAITH FORMATION**

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

### **GRADE 2 PARENT MEETING**

A meeting for Grade 2 Parents will be held in the **Parish Center** this Monday, February 6, at **3:15 p.m.** to review the calendar of events and the expectations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March.

### **CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

The Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat is next Sunday, February 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We're looking forward to seeing all of our Grade 10 Confirmation students at 2:00 p.m. sharp.

### **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 this Monday, February 6.

### ***MOVED BY MERCY* PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST**

The Pro-Life Apostolate is sponsoring its Annual Essay Contest. The theme this year is *Moved by Mercy* which calls us to reflect on the value of every human life. Any student in Grades 6—12 is invited to submit an essay. Submission deadline is Friday, February 10. If you are interested, please contact Judy Burt Walker in the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257.

### **RCIA**

Please pray for our RCIA candidate, Olive Murphy, as she discerns this new journey of faith. If you wish to explore what it means to be a member of a Catholic Christian community. Call Judy Burt Walker at 255-1257 or Fr. John at 255-0170.

## SALT AND LIGHT

Has anyone ever said to you, “You are worth your *salt*”? In the times of Jesus, salt—translated from the Latin word “*salarium*”—became the salary of the Roman soldiers because of its preciousness both as a means of preserving and of seasoning food. Jesus invites his disciples *to be* salt: to realize their preciousness and value in God’s sight and to use their “*saltiness*” to help preserve humanity and to model a more palatable way of living and loving on this earth. In being *salt*, the disciples were instructed to bring new life and healing to the world.

And again, for whom have you been *light*? The Jewish people were not allowed to shine under Roman occupation. But the disciples of Jesus are challenged to stand tall—to put what may seem like small, insignificant lights on elevated lampstands so that hope might shine in the darkness of injustice, and suffering.

In our ordinary lives there are countless opportunities to be salt and light—such as this situation experienced by a young hospital chaplain trainee:

Sara found herself sitting with the mother of Leon—a teenager who lay unconscious from a bullet wound to the back of the head. The mother asked Sara if she had any children of her own. Sara acknowledged that she didn’t, and there was silence for what seemed like eternity. Sara wondered really what she could do for this suffering mother. She wanted to leave the room, but she couldn’t. Something held her there in the uncomfortable silence amidst the tubes, breathing machines, and the heavy sadness.

Sitting with her own fears and inadequacy, Sara finally whispered: “This has to be so hard.” The mother looked to her son and began to weep. In that unadorned space in which there were no words of cheerfulness or reassurance, something more valuable, more illuminating was given. Sara gave the simple gift of her presence. She became both salt and light.

Being salt and light often means just being there for someone else—despite a sense of inadequacy. Quiet presence can help to bridge the gap of aloneness. It can bring the soft light and the sweet flavor of kindness to another human heart. May we come to realize, as Sara realized, that God is present in our simplest, quietest, most “unadorned” efforts to be the *salt* and *light* of the Gospel