

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 9:30 John & Jacqui Fitzpatrick
 11:00 Helen Stempsey
 Monday 8:00 Dan McEnaney
 Tuesday 8:00 Patrick Reynolds
 Wed 8:00 Dawn Monkiewicz
 Thursday 8:00 No Intentions
 Friday 8:00 Clare Roy

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Kenneth Coen
 Sunday 8:00 Mark Dundas, Louis DiGiovanni
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Edward McHugh

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 Lenczewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Regina Collyer, Tyler Benscoter, 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, Paul Kascsak, Lolita Previd, Judy Chamberlain, Joe Conlan, Dusty Fahey, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh

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 Prufer, Christian P. Goodman

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS

April 2 Regular \$7,003.00

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION


The second collection this Easter weekend is in support of Retired/Infirm Priests.

NEXT WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection next 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 NEXT 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.

<p>Kenya Korner</p> 	<p>Through your continuing support of the Holy Cross Parish in Dandora, Kenya, five elementary school students have been supported this year. Fahad, Bridget, and Michael are in 8th grade, Beryl is in 7th grade, and Roseanne is in 3rd grade. In addition, the Brother Andre Dispensary, which our parish supports and which provides outpatient care for women and infants, has merged with a new inpatient maternity hospital built under the oversight of the Holy Cross Congregation. The inpatient hospital delivered their first babies recently, twenty-two births! Those infants and mothers will receive continuing outpatient care through our parish donations. Your support is changing lives in Kenya!</p>
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ST. JOAN OF ARC GUILD

All Guild members are invited to attend our annual Spring Tea and Fashion Show on Tuesday, April 18, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Attendees are asked to bring a small plate of finger foods to share at a table for eight.

Anyone who would like to model an outfit chosen from the Thrift Shop or Boutique, please call Rita Boyle at 774-368-8778. The more models, the merrier!



RCIA

Congratulations to our RCIA Candidate, Olive Murphy, who was fully received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please welcome her into our St. Joan of Arc family and hold her in your hearts and prayers as she continues her journey of faith.

With grateful hearts, we wish to thank our volunteers who shared their time and faith with Olive — Pat and Norm Michaud, Michelle Costa, and Dianne Wentworth. A sincere thank you to all of you from the Parish.

EASTER BLESSINGS

All of us in the Faith Formation Ministry wish our students and their families a most blessed and beautiful Easter. May the Risen Christ surround you with love and joy this season. We look forward to seeing our K-8 students on Monday, April 24.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Good communication and trust between parents and children are two of the strongest tools available to keep children safe. Remember to take time to engage your child in conversation and to let them know that any topic is open to discuss. Being present for your child builds a bond of openness and communication that helps them know they are supported. If you wish to learn more Parenting Tips, visit the Fall River Diocese website and select Catholic Social Services.

LOOK FOR LOVE!

"He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." We, much like the women at the tomb, are astonished. Yet one wonders why we should be so amazed, or even doubtful of this possibility. Is it not perfectly reasonable that the Creator of all Life should also hold sway over death? Yet, the nature of resurrection and its ultimate meaning eludes us. How are we—finite beings—to grasp this awesome Mystery? How are we to live its promise in our daily lives?

In her essay *"Here If You Need Me"*, Kate Braestrup, chaplain to the Maine Warden Service, writes about a search and rescue mission for a little girl:

Frank, one of the wardens, had found the child under the ice of a small pond. Acting quickly he pulled her out of the cutting water. Cradling her as he would one of his two granddaughters, Frank tried to resuscitate her—but to no avail.

"I pulled her out just like this", Frank tells Kate later—he made a cradle with his wet arms—"God, she must have been so cold! She must have been so scared!" "How is this part of God's plan," Frank mused painfully, "where is God in all of this?"

It was the same question Kate had heard her own children ask when her husband—their dad—had died a few years earlier: "Why did Dad die?"

Kate tells Frank and her children and all of us this Easter: *"If you want to know where God is in this or in anything, look for love.*

"Look for love—here is my answer in a nutshell: Frank took the child from the ice with his own hands, tried to give her his own breath, and his heart broke when he could not save her life. Frank is the answer."

Easter calls us out of our tombs of darkness—out of the icy grasp of fear; out of the lethargy of depressive thinking; out of suffocating isolation; out of numbing behaviors. The Jesus who rose from the dead now lives in us—in our love, our compassion, our willingness to forgive. We become the answer to *"Where is God in all of this?"*

Easter is more than an empty tomb. Easter is a mindset, a belief in the living presence of Christ in our midst—a sense of his breath constantly breathing new life and light into our minds and spirits. Let us then rejoice, be glad, and *"be love"* for Christ has risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia