

## MASS INTENTIONS

## THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Gene Gisselbrecht
Sunday	8:00	Mark Dundas, Louis DiGiovanni Heather Gerber Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Norie Leonard
Monday	8:00	Theresa & Urban Hughes
Tuesday	8:00	Christopher Thomas
Wed	8:00	Daniel McEnaney
	5:00	Jeanne Sullivan
Thursday	8:00	Christopher Thomas
	Noon	Claire Roy
Friday	8:00	Dan McEnaney

## NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Carroll Johnson
Sunday	8:00	Jack Jakubek Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Richard Valicenti

## 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, 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, 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, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Ruth Kantorski, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kasczak, Lolita Previd, Judy Chamberlain, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley

## 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 Tamaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Matthew Blair, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer, Christian P. Goodman

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED** Bernard T. Brannigan, Sr.

## COLLECTION RESULTS

May 14 Regular	\$8,136
Trinity Dome Special Collection	\$1,859

## ASCENSION THURSDAY

Ascension Thursday on May 25 will be observed with a Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, and 8 a.m. and noon masses on Thursday.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



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Thank you to all parishioners who have already responded to the 2017 appeal. A total of \$19,724 has been donated or pledged to date. ***Whatever You Do*** to support the Catholic Charities Appeal will help to heal lives by sheltering the homeless right here on Cape Cod at St. Joseph's House, the former NOAH Shelter, which is now overseen by Catholic Social Services.

## 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.

## RESPECT LIFE BAKE SALE NEXT WEEK

The St. Joan of Arc Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a fundraising bake sale after all masses next weekend. A variety of homemade delights will be offered for your Memorial Day weekend gatherings. If you wish to support our ministry by donating a baked good, please bring it when you come to Mass.

### **FULLY ALIVE IN GOD'S GLORY**

A brief reflection and centering prayer based on five people who have given glory to God by being fully alive — Francis of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, Julian of Norwich, Teilhard de Chardin, and Dorothy Day — is being presented Wednesday mornings in May. Join Judy Burt Walker this Wednesday, May 24, in the Parish Center following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **this** Sunday, May 21, at 4:00 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 508-898-4916.



### **SEPARATED-DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP**

June through December 2017 meeting dates have been announced for a Support Group for the Separated and Divorced. Meetings will be held every two weeks in the lounge at **La Salette Retreat and Conference Center in Attleboro** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., commencing on Tuesday, June 6. For more information, contact Dottie at 508-642-1928. or [dojale@icloud.com](mailto:dojale@icloud.com).

### **CAPE CATHOLIC CONNECTION**

Check out the Cape Cod Deanery's new website for the Catholic Community on Cape Cod: [www.capecatholicconnection.org](http://www.capecatholicconnection.org). Here you will find a one-stop source of information for all aspects of our life of faith here on the Cape, from Mass times to hospital and social ministries, to an events calendar of happenings in our local parishes. Please be sure to let all your friends visiting for the summer know about it as well.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS**

If you've ever considered Catholic Education for your student, but have thought it was out of your reach financially, now is the time to reconsider. The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE) has financial aid available for K-8 students in all Catholic elementary schools. Contact your local school or, if you need help finding your local school, contact Sarah Heaton at 508-678-2828 or [sheaton@dfrcs.org](mailto:sheaton@dfrcs.org).

### **NEED HELP?**

**We can assist with  
food, shelter, medical, utilities.**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
HELPLINE 508-255-8080**



### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

The Faith Formation Ministry wishes to thank the following for supporting us and our students throughout the year: Joan Valicenti and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for their beautiful rosary bead pouches for our First Communion students and the red prayer cloths for Confirmation Class; the Knights of Columbus for donating the rosary beads for all students who received sacraments this year; Carolyn Sullivan for the delicate and creative treat boxes for these students; and our St. Joan of Arc Parish community for supporting our efforts with our young people and their families. We are grateful for you all.

### **CREATED BY GOD—BUILT FOR A PURPOSE**

Our Maker Fun Factory Summer Bible Camp will be here before you know it! If you are between the ages of 5 –10 and want to see why God’s world is so amazing, then come and join us this summer. The fun begins Tuesday, August 1 and continues through Friday, August 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. To join the Fun Factory, call our Plant Supervisor, J. Walker, at 508-255-1257.

Applications for Factory Crew and Junior Crew Leaders are now being accepted! Ages 11 and older are welcome to apply. Call now at 508-255-1257.

### **INVITATION TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER**

Any student who has received their First Communion is invited to join the Altar Server Ministry. If you are interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257.

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Bishop da Cunha has invited parishioners in the Fall River Diocese to consider having their children attend Catholic schools. If you wish to learn more about the opportunities for Catholic education in our area, please contact Judy Burt Walker at 508-255-1257.

## BEARING THE BEAMS OF LOVE

Recently the *Connections Resource Magazine* paraphrased an article by Catherine O'Connell-Cahill taken from the publication: *At Home with Our Faith*. Catherine, the aunt-godmother of the newest little member of the family, recalls the sweet memory of greeting baby Claire Cecelia in the hospital accompanied by her elderly mother. The great-grandmother's kiss upon the newborn's forehead spoke of a gentle and all-embracing commitment.

It was also Great-Grandma's birthday. So the entire clan gathered that evening for a celebration. A nephew arrived, sporting the neck-brace he had been wearing since his near-fatal auto accident—an accident caused by a car which had crossed the center-line. A walking miracle! Then, came a family friend, who had started chemo for lung cancer just the day before. Hard times might lie ahead, but for this evening, she chose to party.

Candles lit, cake served, gifts given, memories shared—and of course, the main topic of conversation—the baby. It was an extraordinarily beautiful day in the life of this family. Catherine writes:

*“Every now and then—maybe a handful of times over the course of a lifetime, maybe more, if you are lucky—you have a day like this. The bones of life poke through the fluff that otherwise preoccupies you year in, year out. You hold someone's hand as they approach death. You pick up a newborn babe. You fall in love. You are truly forgiven. Someone you love is saved from death. You marvel at the goodness of God. Claire Cecelia's first day of life was such a day. Poet William Blake put it this way: 'And we are put on earth a little space / That we may learn to bear the beams of love.' ”*

In the simplest, everyday celebrations and expressions of love, God is present. The “Advocate” that Jesus promises is the Spirit of God—the Spirit of Love—that opens our hearts in gratitude for the extraordinarily beautiful days; and to the more ordinary, and often challenging days. God is in our midst in the love of a spouse holding the hand of a dying partner; in the love of a mom feeding her baby, or driving her teen to the next ‘event’; in the love of friends walking the beach. In the joy of the Easter season, may the Advocate enable us to “*bear the beams of love*” and mirror that love in our compassion and care for one another.