

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Abbott, Page, Bradley Families
Sunday	8:00	Judith DeFilippo, Lewis Ward, Jr. Henry & Mary Kolakowski Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	9:30	Thomas Mess
	11:00	Barrie Richardson
Monday	8:00	Richard Valicenti
Tuesday	8:00	Michael McKeon
Wed	8:00	Helen Stempsey
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Frank O'Neil

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Ann & Pat Patterson, Harriet Royal
Sunday	8:00	Frank Dwyer, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	9:30	Thomas Reid
	11:00	Frank O'Neil

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 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, 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 Kascsak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley, Eileen Johnsmeyer, Ray Newman, Betty Babcock

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, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer, Christian P. Goodman

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU.

July 9 Regular	\$11,977.00
July 16 Regular	\$10,120.00
Harvest Sunday	\$ 6,095.00

KENYA COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Kenya Korner  The annual Kenya Konnection Collection will be conducted at the doors of the church at the end of all Masses this weekend. St. Joan of Arc parishioners have supported our sister parish, Holy Cross in Dandora, Kenya, for 10 years, providing elementary school scholarships (3 of our 5 current recipients graduate this year!). Your donations also provide medical assistance, particularly to stop the spread of HIV, to pregnant women and their children. Please be generous in your support of this worthy cause. Checks should be made to St. Joan of Arc Church, noting Kenya in the memo section.

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the **Chapel** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass this Wednesday, July 26, for a period of centering prayer and meditation, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

HOUSING WITH LOVE WALK— THANK YOU!

Your generous support has made the **2017 Housing With Love Walk** an outstanding success. Your donations, totaling over \$10,000, support **the St. Vincent de Paul District Housing Fund** that strives to help prevent homelessness. Additional donations may be sent to SVDP, 61 Canal Road, Orleans, MA 02653.

KNIGHTS ANNUAL YARD SALE

The Knights of Columbus are soliciting items for their Saturday, August 26 Yard Sale. Please do **not** contribute electronics, upholstered or heavy furniture, bedding or clothing. To arrange for pick-up call Don Ouellette at 508-240-7672, or Bob Donahoe at 508-240-1201. Your donations are tax-deductible.

WELCOME SUMMER VISITORS!

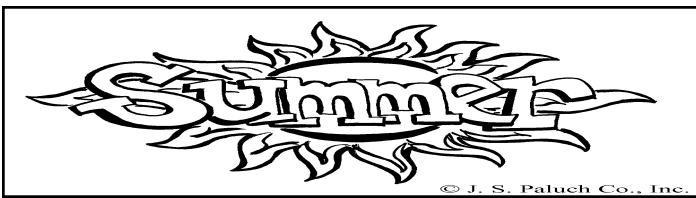
Welcome to all our summer visitors. If some of your little ones become restless, seating alternatives are available. We have a small “cry room” in the rear of the church. Also, you are welcome to sit in the area around our Baptismal font and the small chapel beyond it, both of which provide a bit of extra room for restless children and are equipped with speakers so adults can hear the Mass.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry extends a heartfelt thanks to all who made our Memorial Day Weekend Bake Sale such a success. The proceeds are being used to build the “Culture of Life” in significant ways, including: sponsorship of two high school students to our Diocesan Pro-Life Boot Camp at Stonehill College, July 27-30; Mass Citizens for Life’s anti physician-assisted suicide campaign; and Angel House, a Hyannis rehab facility for women and their young children.

PLEASE DON’T TREAD ON ME!!

Please do not park on the grass lawns. These lawns have sprinkler heads in them which can be broken if cars are driven over them. There is additional parking available behind the Thrift Shop. Many thanks!



SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Summer Adult Ed Series

Father Bob Powell concludes his program, *The Myth of Redemptive Violence As Found in Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Secularism* this Wednesday evening, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

Summer Bible Camp — Soon!

Our Maker Fun Factory Bible Camp begins on Tuesday, August 1, and continues through Friday, August 4, from 9:00 a.m. to noon for children who are 5-10 years old. There are spaces available to learn why you are special in God’s factory. To get the gears in motion, contact our Plant Supervisor at 508-255-1257 to register today.

Factory Workers Needed!

Our summer bible camp is preparing to “manufacture” another exciting and fun week — but we can’t do it without you. If you are over the age of 11 and wish to be part of the Maker Fun Factory experience as a Junior Plant Crew Leader, we can certainly use your help. Call our Plant Supervisor now at 508-255-1257 to complete an application. **(This is a great opportunity for high school service hours.)**

GOD IS LIKE . . .

Did you ever wonder about God: *Who God is* and *What God is really like*? Of course the more we ponder questions like these the more we “bump” into the immensity of Holy Mystery. And that is precisely why Jesus, the teacher and master story-teller, gives us not one, but three descriptions of God in today’s Gospel. His parables compare the invisible growth of God’s life in us to the organic miracles that occur in the field and in the kitchen—ordinary images that might help us know what God is really like.

First, we see God as the *Patient Farmer*—the one who sees beyond what we might shortsightedly label, ‘weeds’; the *Landowner* whose generous nature allows time for transformation; the *Master* whose mercy extends to the ‘good’ and the ‘bad’ alike— whose nurturance cultivates growth, ripening, and maturity. In contrast, we note our own impatience in dealing with ourselves and with others—especially those whose language, appearance, or opinions differ from our own.

God is the *Extravagant One*— the ‘*risk-taker*’ of whom Pope Francis speaks. God is the Farmer who boldly strews the ‘*smallest seeds*’ of love and blessings into the wind allowing them to flourish in the least likely places—to spread like wildflowers in the fields—to explode into life in even the hardest ground. It causes us to ask if we are a bit too cautious—too fearful in expressing our own generosity of spirit.

God is the *Transforming Presence*, the invisible one—in some cultures this might be imaged as the ‘woman in the kitchen’--the *Baker* whose pungent yeast mysteriously “comes alive” and transforms ordinary flour into something larger and wonderfully airier—something that is new, life-giving, and sustaining. We reflect on our own willingness to “*knead the dough*” of the ordinary circumstances of life—to allow God’s grace to rise up in our small daily tasks making of them something new, uplifting, and gracious.

Today Jesus paints a picture of “*who God is and what God is like*”. The Divine Mystery is revealed to us not through the literal, but through the “*Aha*” of inspiration. Simple parables image the truth of God’s exquisite patience and forbearance; God’s extravagant love; and God’s transforming presence—images that inspire us to *grow* these qualities in ourselves, to *plant* them in our world, and to share in the harvest of the Kingdom.