

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Ann & Pat Patterson, Harriet Royal  
 Sunday 8:00 Frank Dwyer, Thomas C. Graham,  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 9:30 Thomas Reid  
 11:00 Frank O'Neil  
 Monday 8:00 Peg Deegan  
 Tuesday 8:00 James Mullen, Sr.  
 Wed 8:00 Gerald Power  
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service  
 Friday 8:00 Frank Paladino

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 James & Marion Lawson  
 Sunday 8:00 Mark Dundas, Louis DiGiovanni,  
 Barbara Guisto, Fr. Bob Kemmery,  
 Parish Family  
 9:30 Cecilia, Frank, & Paul Davis  
 11:00 Charles Kozlowski

**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, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy

**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 Prufer, Christian P. Goodman

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED** Ray Newman


**IN LOVING MEMORY**

The tabernacle candle has been donated in loving memory of John Dowman.

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU.**

July 23 Regular \$11,356.00

**KENYA COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND**

**Kenya**  Thanks to all of you who donated so generously last weekend to the collection for the children and women of Dandora, Kenya! Your contributions enable life-saving and life-changing assistance to members of our sister parish, Holy Cross. If you were away last weekend and wish to contribute, please write a check to St. Joan of Arc Church, indicating *Kenya* in the memo section, or make a cash contribution in an envelope marked *Kenya*. The results of the collection will be published in an upcoming bulletin.

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

The 2nd collection next weekend will be for Peter's Pence which provides Pope Francis with the funds needed to carry out charitable works around the world, benefiting those on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

We welcome anyone interested in learning more about our ministry to our meeting this Friday, August 4, from 9:30—10:30 a.m. in the **chapel**.

**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.

**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, or you may 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.

**PLEASE DON'T TREAD ON ME!!**

Please do not park on the grass lawns which have sprinkler heads in them. There is additional parking available behind the Thrift Shop. Many thanks!

## SUMMER BIBLE CAMP BEGINS

It's been a long wait, but the Maker Fun Factory Bible Camp has finally arrived. Decker, Tina, Bubba, and Abbee, the Factory Workers and Production Managers are so ready to meet our campers and share this fun and creative week which begins this Tuesday, August 1, at 9:00 a.m. **If you have not already done so, please bring your registration packet when you drop off your camper.**

## ATTN JUNIOR FACTORY WORKERS

Bible Camp **training** is this Monday morning, July 31, from 9-11:30. Bring your hard hats, your creativity and your team-building skills, so we can "manufacture" another exciting week with all of you. If you haven't sent in your registration form, please bring it with you.

## SYNOD ON YOUNG PEOPLE SURVEY

In preparation for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the Vatican is asking those between the ages of 16-29 to respond to a Vatican survey through this link: <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>. The link is available on our website ([www.joanarc.org](http://www.joanarc.org)). When you initially access the site, the survey will come up in Italian, but a drop-down box to the right allows you to select English.

## SIGNATURE DRIVE POLICY

Recently Archbishop Sean O'Malley, Bishop Edgar M da Cunha, as well as Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski, and Robert J. McManus, of Springfield, and Worcester, published a Policy Regarding Signature Drive Campaigns on Church Property. While the Bishops encourage civil engagement by Catholics in the public square, often agree with many of the proposals advocated for in the petitions, and support signature drives on public property, they write:

*. . . church functions are a place to experience the fullness of community and parish life. In particular, Holy Mass is a place to encounter God through the reception of the Eucharist.. The celebration of Holy Mass is a place for prayer, reflection, reconciliation, and hope. .*

*We also believe in the democratic process in this great Commonwealth . . . We agree that certain laws should be enacted while others should be repealed. In many cases the voice of the church must be heard.*

*Accordingly, we issue the following policy:*

*We hereby direct that what has commonly been referred to as "signature drives" to enact or repeal a law or amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts not take place on church property.*

## THE "KEY-JAR"

Erin Waters, writing for "*mommastery.com*", relates an anecdote by mother-of-two and U.S. Army volunteer, Ashley Allen. Ashley, when on deployment, does her best to stay in touch with her family through e-mail, Skype, and cards. Still, she realized that she was missing out on the little day-to-day moments parents have with their kids: the funny things you find out about them, the way they think about stuff, the small discoveries that lead to profound wisdom.

It was then that the concept of the "*key jar*" came to her attention. Created by a teacher, the questions in the jar were designed to 'jump start' the students' thinking and to 'unlock' the values of their hearts—hence the name, *key jar*.

So this Army mom created a "*key jar*" for her family. The questions and answers made for interesting and revealing conversations around their dinner table: *If you were an inventor, what would you invent, and why? What do you want to accomplish by your next birthday? Who in your class makes you smile? What would a visitor from another planet to Earth, think of our world?*

Many of the boys' answers were funny, but many others were thoughtful and sweet. This wise mom had a glimpse inside her sons' hearts and was proud and moved by what she saw and heard. The *key jar* enabled Ashley Allen and her boys to discover the "pearls" they seek—the "treasures" within themselves and one another—the many discoveries and lessons they collect in the "nets" they cast out every day.

Once again, the good news of the Gospel directs us to seek the *kingdom of heaven* in the ordinary moments of daily life—to rediscover and appreciate the 'treasure' we take for granted—the 'pearl in our midst' that we overlook or undervalue. We might also discover that what we once thought was so valuable and so worth our effort was really not enduring or life-giving after all.

As this family comes to understand in their taking on the questions in their *key jar*, the real 'treasures and 'pearls' of lasting value are the things of God: the love of family and friends; the support found in participating in community; the joy of a wise and understanding heart that finds fulfillment in serving and giving for the sake of one another.