

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Rose Ingham
 Sunday 8:00 Mary & Patrick McDonagh
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 9:30 Deacon Jerry Blood
 11:00 Ann Kearns
 Monday 8:00 David Callaham
 Tuesday 8:00 Charles Cacciola
 Wed 8:00 Eugene S. McLean, III
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Joseph & Antoinette Stack

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Laura Corcoran
 Sunday 8:00 Steven Burgess, Joan Flaherty
 Ray Newman,
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 9:30 Maureen McEnaney
 11:00 Peggy Hallisey

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 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, 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, Nicholas Blair, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Prufer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Priscilla Ellis, Shirley Hall

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU.

August 6 Regular \$11,290.00
 Peter's Pence \$ 5,454.00

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKES

Come for breakfast! The Knights of Columbus are holding a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday after the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses, featuring blueberry and plain pancakes, sausage, coffee and OJ. The cost is \$6/adult; kids under 12/\$2.50 each; those under 7 eat free, with a family limit of \$15. We look forward to serving you.

KNIGHTS ANNUAL YARD SALE

The Knights of Columbus Yard Sale is next Saturday, August 26. **Knights will be outside the Parish Center from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 22, 23, 24, to receive donations.** We are not equipped to receive donations at any other time and request that nothing be left outside the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **THIS** Sunday, August 20, at 4 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 508-896-4916.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

We have special hosts available for those who are intolerant of wheat/glucose products. Please alert the priest or deacon **before** Mass if you are in need of this special host to receive communion.

PRESENTATION ON TEILHARD DE CHARDIN

Dr. Louis Savary joins us on Monday August 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church for a one-night presentation, *Love and Evolving Human Relationships*, on Teilhard de Chardin. Dr. Savary will explore Teilhard's belief that God loves us unconditionally and that the evolving universe is really God's divine love project for us to help fulfill. All are welcome.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

The St. Joan of Arc Bereavement Ministry is offering their nine-week bereavement program, *A New Day*. The program, designed to help you work through the natural process of grieving in a small group atmosphere of care and understanding, will be held on Sundays from September 10 to November 5, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call 508-240-1119.

SEASON OF CREATION ~ SEPT 1 to OCT 4

Pope Francis has asked the Catholic Faith Community to join Christians around the world in praying and taking action in our daily lives to care for God's gift of creation. A special opportunity for reflection and prayer is an Evening Prayer Service to be held here at St. Joan of Arc on Friday, September 14 from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the church. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

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). 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.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

We know your mind is not quite there yet, but just in case you are wondering, Faith Formation registration information will be posted in the bulletin within the next couple of weeks. Registration forms will be mailed in late August to all of our families whose children are presently enrolled. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Faith Formation office at 508-255-1257. Meanwhile, we hope you are staying cool and enjoying these last weeks of summer.

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!

LET'S WIDEN THE CIRCLE

Today's Gospel story of the Canaanite woman—a non-Jewish woman, and therefore, an outsider—might puzzle us. We see her being ignored and even rebuked for her daring persistence and impudence. But her faith in the ability of Jesus to heal her daughter could not be ignored—not if she had anything to do with it! It seems that the dialogue between the woman and Jesus offered the perfect opening for widening the circle of “who is in; and who is out” in the Kingdom of God. In a way she becomes a “living parable”, not only for the disciples but for ourselves as we confront our own prejudices and restricted conceptions of God's mercy. In the entire Gospel of Matthew, Jesus praised only two people for their faith, and both were non-Israelites.

We are all basically a tribal people. We belong to families, clans, communities, churches. We find a sense of security in the idea of setting limits and defining boundaries. We find it comforting to know that others think and believe as we do. But along with the security, can be found a sense of defensiveness: we believe we've got it right—which means that obviously “they” have got it wrong.

For instance, as Christians we might subtly find ourselves thinking that God is on *our* side— that “they” don't know Jesus the way we do— that “they” are in some way less than we are. Just as animal owners might lay invisibly charged wires to secure pets; we often unconsciously establish invisibly charged boundaries that divide our tribes, races, political parties, and even religions.

The Canaanite woman of the gospel bridges the gap among the various tribes from which she has been shut out. She dares to cross the boundaries between Jews and Gentiles; between women and men; between the acceptable and the marginalized. She asserts her faith in a universal “boundary-less” love—a faith in Jesus born from her personal love for her suffering daughter. This audacious woman reminds us that despite great philosophical, political, or religious differences, we are bound by our common humanity—bound by our shared struggles and joys. Even if we do not agree with one another—or even like one another—we can still open our hearts to a sick child; to an outsider; to a suffering one in need. Today's Gospel calls us to move beyond our prejudices and preconceptions—to embrace the Spirit of God's compassion, generosity, and justice—the Spirit of Love that unites us as the one human family God envisions us to become.