

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Wayde Mason & Morris Fuller
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Katherine Power
Monday	8:00	Scott, Joel & Dr. Joseph Kelly
Tuesday	8:00	Robert Slain
Wed	8:00	Edward & Kathleen McCormick
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Bill Martin

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Ann Zdanis
Sunday	8:00	Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni
		Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Ron Hanson

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 Lenczewski, 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, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Vittoria Hillis

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 Pruffer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Douglas DeBoer, Richard Farragher, Eileen Johnsmeyer

IN LOVING MEMORY

The tabernacle candle has been donated in loving memory of Ray Newman.

HURRICANE RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops has approved a special national second collection today to support hurricane relief efforts. Donations will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

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.

ST. JOAN OF ARC GUILD

Kick-off Event! The St. Joan of Arc Guild invites **all** women of the parish to join us for our kick-off event this Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The evening will begin with a brief overview of the exciting events that have been planned for the year and will include refreshments and fellowship. The highlight of the evening will be an inspiring presentation by local psychologist Dr. Susana O'Hara, whose program *Leaving a Legacy*, is one you won't want to miss! We look forward to welcoming all women of the parish to the Guild's kick-off event!

Hot Off the Press! The 2017-18 brochure highlighting the upcoming activities of the St. Joan of Arc Guild is available in the church foyers this weekend. We invite all women of the parish to pick up a brochure, see what the Guild has to offer, and return the completed membership form as soon as possible. There is no fee to join and no dues are charged — but membership will enable you to be part of a dedicated, vibrant group of faith-filled women whose service to the parish is invaluable. If you're interested in meeting new friends, reconnecting with "old" friends, serving the parish, and having fun, the Guild looks forward to welcoming you!

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

In observance of the September 9 National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, prayer cards of SJA's Memorial to the Unborn are available in the church foyers this weekend. Pro-life Americans gather at gravesites or memorials of aborted babies nationwide to mourn them and to honor their graves. A list of all gravesites and memorials is at <http://AbortionMemorials.com/sites>.

"BE STILL"

All are invited to join us in the Chapel this Wednesday, September 13, at 8:45 a.m. for a period of centering prayer and meditation, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING

Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel of the church. The shawls we make are gifts of prayer from our parish given to those who are newly baptized, those who are ill, grieving or in need of comfort. Anyone who is interested in knitting or crocheting these shawls is very welcome to join us. Call Joan Valicenti with questions at 508-240-1392.

SEASON OF CREATION ~ SEPT 1 to OCT 4

Pope Francis (in his encyclical *Laudato Si*) reflects on the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor:

"Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right." (#33 *Laudato Si*)

All are invited for reflection and prayer at an Evening Prayer Service for the Environment in the church this Friday, September 14, at 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Four houses in Chatham were dedicated and presented to new owners last month. SJA volunteers who helped with the wall shingling were named in the Dedication Booklet. A bookcase, built and painted by members of our 10th Grade Confirmation Class and filled with books donated by parishioners, was donated to a young girl moving into one of the houses. Soon SJA will be asked to help on five houses in Brewster. Details to come.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ULTREYA GATHERING

There will be an Ultreya gathering on Sunday, September 10, in the Holy Trinity Parish Center, across the street from the church, in West Harwich. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, call Alice Doherty at 508-432-0540.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) in 2017 will take place on Sunday, September 24, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River. If you would like an invitation, please call or email the Rectory by Friday, September 15.

OUR LADY OF THE CAPE GOLF OUTING

Calling all golfers! Our Lady of the Cape will be hosting their First Annual *Giving Back* golf outing on Monday, October 2, at Ocean Edge Golf Resort in Brewster as a fundraiser to support the mission of the parish, their St. Vincent de Paul Society and CHAMP homes. After golf events include dinner and a silent and live auction. Visit the OLC parish website, www.ourladyofthecape.org, for more info and to register.

CAPE CATHOLIC CONNECTION

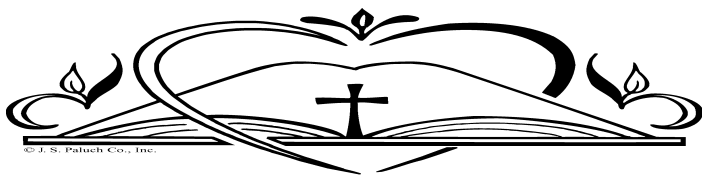
Check out the Cape Cod Deanery's new website for the Catholic Community on Cape Cod: www.capecatholicconnection.org. Here you will find a one-stop source of information for all aspects of our life of faith here on the Cape, from Mass times to hospital and social ministries, to an events calendar of happenings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

CAPE COD HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

There is a priest on call at all times at Cape Cod Hospital. If someone you love is ill and in need of a priest, ask the patient's nurse to page the priest on call — or call the CCH switchboard and ask to have the Catholic Chaplain paged. If it is not an emergency, you may also call our office at 508-862-5287. Please do not call your local parish as this is likely to lead to confusion and delay. Remember: Sacraments can only be given to the living, so call the Chaplain as soon as possible.

NEED HELP?

**We can assist with
food, shelter, medical, utilities.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
HELPLINE 508-255-8080**



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Grades 1-5 Mondays 2:20—4:00 p.m.
Grades 6-10 Monday 6:00---7:30 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS FLASH

Attention Faith Formation Students and Families: The 2017-18 Faith Formation classes begin on **Monday, September 25**. Mark your calendars and register today!

FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS

Faith Formation registration packets were mailed to all registered families. Please review the information and return the forms as soon as possible. If your child is registered and you did not receive a packet, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Also, if you have a child planning to attend Kindergarten, First Grade, or are new to the area, you may contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 to schedule a time to register your child.

CATECHIST NEWS

Our Fall planning meeting for Faith Formation Teachers and Volunteers is scheduled for Monday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. We look forward to reconnecting with you as we gather for dinner and share the upcoming Faith Formation schedule,

RCIA —

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Have you or anyone close to you ever given thought to becoming a Catholic Christian? Perhaps now is a good time for inquiry. RCIA is a small, faith-sharing community that helps answer such questions and provides a vehicle for either becoming a baptized Catholic adult or being confirmed in the Church. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 for further information.

EFFECTIVE TRUTH TELLERS

A mother whose son had an insatiable desire for sweets brought him a long distance to talk to Gandhi. Gandhi told the mother to bring her son back in two weeks. In two weeks, the mother again made the long journey. This time Gandhi spoke simply and directly to the boy: “Stop eating so much sugar.” And the boy agreed. Relieved, but somewhat annoyed, the mother asked Gandhi why he did you not just say this to the boy two weeks ago and save her the hardship of traveling all the way back?”

Gandhi replied, “Two weeks ago *I* ate too many sweets. I needed to see if I could stop before I counseled the boy.”

We cannot be effective truth-tellers if we don't live the message: We cannot 'rage' for peace. We cannot protest injustice *and* act unjustly in the process. We cannot sing “*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*”, and spread malicious gossip. It is not enough to bluntly tell the truth. St. Paul writes to his community in Rome— “*our first duty is to love.*” To be an effective truth-teller, then, is to come from a place of genuine love and that is not easy! As Paul says elsewhere: love takes no delight in another's wrong-doing and bears no sense of self-righteousness in the face of another's failure. The Gandhi story illustrates that the humble acknowledgment of one's own faults, followed by the willingness to change, are powerful prerequisites to guiding others. In this way destructive behavior is never ignored; but neither is it attacked by the equally destructive tools of shame and condemnation.

In today's Gospel, Jesus outlines a practical application of our common calling to be loving truth-tellers. His blueprint for loving, effective confrontation looks very much like the classic intervention described in Twelve-Step programs. Each step involves caring, prayerful presence with no other goal than the well-being of the person and the community to which we all belong.

As we look back upon our lives, it is often the teacher, parent, spouse, friend—the person who cared enough to tell us kindly when we were out of line—that are invaluable to us. They are the ones that helped us to get our bearings when we were headed off-course. They are the ones who stood by us as we painfully re-charted our course. May we form our relationships on true friendship, on prayerful discernment, and courageous integrity as we all “limp” imperfectly together toward the building up of one another and God's Kingdom in our homes, churches and communities!