

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Eileen Keough
 Sunday 8:00 Anita & Pierre Larose, Patricia O’Keefe
 Gerry Crowell,
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Lew Carrington
 Monday 8:00 Patricia Moffat
 Tuesday 8:00 Catherine Power
 Wed 8:00 Cregg Crosby
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Victoria Gardella

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Alberta Myers
 Sunday 8:00 Kevin O’Toole, Marlis Dunn,
 Thomas J. Ficca
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Mary & Harry Mahally

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, 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, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascasak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O’Connor, Roseanne Balsavage, George Meservy, Nancy McGaughey, Mary Ellen Ackley, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Paul Branden, Claire Surprenant, Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman

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

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Gerry Crowell

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

January 14 Regular	\$ 6,578.00
Harvest	\$ 3,255.00
Annual Appeal	\$90,129.00

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This week’s second collection is for the **Catholic Communication Campaign** which connects people with Christ through the internet, TV, radio, and print media. Be part of spreading the gospel message, and support today’s collection. Fifty percent of funds collected remain in our Diocese to fund local communications efforts. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us for a period of centering prayer and meditation facilitated by Judy Burt Walker this Wednesday, January 24, at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **THIS** Sunday, January 21, at 1:30 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.

FRIENDSHIP SOCIAL UPDATE

St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to a catered Friendship Social on Saturday, February 3, in the Parish Center, following the 5 p.m. Mass. (Snow date, Sunday, February 4, at 1 p.m.) Our catered dinner menu offers a choice of chicken, vegetarian or gluten free dish. Flyers are available in the church foyers for sign-up and menu choice. RSVP by January 27. Come and share a pleasant evening with friends.

ROSES FOR LIFE

This Monday, January 22, is the somber 45th anniversary of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion. This weekend a red and white rose, representing the conception to natural death continuum, will be placed on the altar to remind us to pray for complete love and respect for **ALL** human life, from conception to natural death.

OUR LADY OF THE CAPE INVITATION

All are invited to a one-day Retreat at Our Lady of the Cape Parish Center in Brewster on Tuesday, February 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Retreat, *Here for a Purpose*, will be facilitated by Peggy Patenaude, MA, Founder of *Taking Time Out*. Peggy is a gifted retreat presenter and has worked in education, pastoral ministry and spirituality for over 45 years. The fee of \$20 includes a lunch of a sandwich wrap, chips, cookie and beverage. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, February 1. Contact Tina in the OLC Parish Office at ourladyofthecapebrewster@gmail.com, or by phone at 508-385-3252. x 10.

SEASONAL REMINDERS

Due to the flu season, the cup will not be offered at Mass. The Sign of Peace may be offered with words and a smile rather than a handshake, if you like.

During the winter time which brings unpredictable weather and health conditions, keep in mind these guidelines: If you suspect you are ill or weather conditions are hazardous, you are **not** bound to attend Mass. Remain at home, possibly participating in the Mass on TV, radio or internet. **If schools are closed or delayed due to snow, there is no daily Mass.** Please observe this policy for your safety, as well as to expedite the snow removal in our parking lots.

DIOCESAN EXECUTIVE JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Fall River is seeking to fill its newly created full-time position of **Executive Director for The Catholic Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts**. This fundraising leader will broaden, deepen and expand the relationships with current and future donors and will work closely with Bishop da Cunha and the Board of Directors to ensure appropriate strategies are developed and implemented. For a full job description, go to www.fallriverdiocese.org and click on "Employment Opportunities" or contact Peter Powers of Diocesan Human Resources at 508-985-6507 or by email at ppowers@dioc.-fr.org.

SAVE THE DATE

The Fall River Diocese 2018 Women and Men's Conference will be on Saturday, March 10, at Stonehill College in Easton. Building on last year's first-ever such conference in the Diocese, the one-day Lenten program will include keynote talks by noted speakers, prayer, music, fellowship, Mass and — new for this year — a separate track for young adults, ages 18-30. More information available in upcoming weeks.

LATE JANUARY UPDATE

As you may know, our Solar Panel Project was recently approved by the Town of Orleans' Architectural Commission. This means that E2 Solar has now been granted the permit, and work can finally begin on the project, weather permitting.

I am extremely grateful to our Solar Panel Committee for all the work they did over the past six months to bring us to this point. They certainly "did their homework" and helped us make all the decisions we had to make regarding the project.

I am also grateful to the Diocese of Fall River for their legal help with contract wording, and their financial analysis of the project, which confirmed the decisions our committee had made, including the decision to purchase the Solar Panel System, rather than lease it.

Our goal with this project is twofold. We are striving to do what is best, both for the parish, and for the environment. This is the mindset we have held throughout our planning of the Solar Panel Project.

As far as the parish is concerned, this project should stabilize our parish finances as it will save us \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year. As far as the environment is concerned, producing clean energy is a noteworthy response to Pope Francis' call to care for our environment.

Our Solar Panel System will be a 70,560 watt system and will consist of 196 panels on the south facing roof of the church. At 360 watts, the Sun Power Solar Panels are the highest performing solar panels currently on the market. The other panels we considered were either 290, 310, or 320 watts.

The Sun Power Solar Panels also have a 25-year warranty, rather than the standard 20-year warranty. Their degradation over time is also substantially less than other panels, as they are projected to be operating at 93% efficiency at the end of the 25-year warranty period. Other panels we considered were projected to be operating at 86-87% efficiency at the end of a 20-year warranty. All of this means that we are making maximum use of our available south-facing roof space, while fully benefiting from the Solar Panel System since we will own it.

The total cost of the Solar Panel Project, because we are purchasing, and not leasing, and because we are using such premium panels is expensive — \$218,619.00!

This is why I am so grateful to all who have already made their annual appeal donation, resulting in a total of \$90,129 to date. If you have not yet contributed, please know that there is still time to donate to our Annual Appeal in support of our Solar Panel Project. Thank you very much!

Peace,
Fr. John



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

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

CLASS RESUME THIS WEEK

Faith Formation classes resume this Monday, January 22, for Grade 1-10 students.

BREAKING NEWS ON CONFIRMATION

We just received word that our **Confirmation date is Friday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Cape Church in Brewster.** Also, there is only **one rehearsal** scheduled for **Sunday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m.**, also at Our Lady of the Cape. Each confirmation students and their sponsor or an adult is required to attend. Additional details and updates are expected in the upcoming weeks.

CONFIRMATION ANGEL CARDS

We ask that you support and remember in your prayers our Confirmation students who are preparing for their retreat in early February. Baskets of "Angel Cards" with the names of our Confirmation students are available in the church foyers. Please select one or more Angel Cards and send a note of encouragement and prayers for that student to St. Joan of Arc Faith Formation no later than Monday, February 5.

IMPORTANT GRADE 10 PARENT MEETING

An important Grade 10 Confirmation Parents Meeting will take place on Monday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church to review the upcoming events, especially the February 11 Retreat. Parents — please remember to bring your Parent Prayer Letters, as well as any additional retreat letters, to the meeting.

GRADES 9 & 10 TEEN NITE

Teen Nite is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, at 6:00 p.m. Teens will be working on a community service project followed by dinner. Please plan to attend since this is our last Teen Nite before Confirmation and counts towards service hours.

JANUARY FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass is next Sunday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m. Please come and share this special liturgy with our students and their families. Afterwards, all are welcome to join us in the Parish Center for refreshments.

CAST YOUR NET

Some time ago a story appeared in the *New York Times* about the frequently therapeutic relationship between hairdressers/ barbers and their clients. The article said that most often the hairstylist simply offers the gift of a listening ear, or assists in gently lifting a person's mood or self-image. But they are also in a position to witness things about their clients of a more serious nature: the interruptions precipitated by a barrage of phone messages from an angry wife/husband; the presence of cigarette burns on the back of a neck visible only when the hair is pulled up for styling; the hysterical call from a long-time customer whose husband — an enraged alcoholic who “*hated her hair*” — had taken a pair of scissors and chopped it all off.

The salon is often a place where a client feels safe and free to open up. And because of this privileged relationship, many stylists receive training through specialized programs in how to identify signs of domestic abuse. They are armed with phone numbers of safe houses, counseling services, and places that offer compassionate and practical assistance. For many, the neighborhood hair salon has provided much more than a hair style or cut — it has been a lifeline, a safety net — the net mentioned in the Gospel.

When Jesus summoned his first disciples, he did not go immediately to the ranks of the religious leaders — the Scribes, or the Pharisees. He didn't go to the professionals — the government leaders; the people of high stature. Jesus entrusted his Gospel to hard-working, ordinary fishermen — to those we might call the “*salt of the earth*”. Jesus' first followers already had an authentic personal relationship with those they were called to serve — they lived and moved in the same circles as other “*ordinary*” folk.

In summoning the “*ordinary*” to discipleship, Jesus underscores that his call is extended to every one of us, whether we are scholars, or fishermen — or hairstylists. Being a “*fisher*” of men and women begins with simple, honest caring — with deep listening, with an attitude of acceptance and non-judgment. That is the true challenge of the disciples' call: to set the compass of one's life on the example of Jesus — to use our skills, knowledge, and resources for the good of all, rather than our own personal power or status; to seek reconciliation when the world demands vengeance; to be a “*net*” of compassion and healing for those suffering from the diseases caused by a society that often looks upon the “*ordinary*” as *less than* or even invisible; to see Christ in the faces of all. “*Come follow me*”, we hear Jesus invitation in today's Gospel. May we respond with an unhesitating “*Yes*”!