

**MASS INTENTIONS
THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00	Alma & John Csaposs
Sunday	8:00	Barbara Schiffert, Nathan Cain, Denise DeBaun, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Jean Halvorsen
Monday	8:00	Alice McKinley
Tuesday	8:00	Francis Pelrine
Wed	8:00	Jim Lord
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Mark Dundas & Louis DiGiovanni

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Mary Morrissey
Sunday	8:00	Steven Burgess, Jennifer M. Kirk William Martin, John Flavin Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Norie Leonard

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, Eileen Metterville, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Richard Smith, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Alexandra Burke, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lenczewski, 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 Kasczak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Roseanne Balsavage, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Paul Branden, Claire Surprenant, Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Peter Wall, Fran McDonagh

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 Tamaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

April 22 Regular \$7,270.00

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL



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DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

The Catholic Charities Appeal officially begins May 1. You are encouraged to mail in your pledge and to support the Appeal as generously as you can.

Programs supported by the Appeal help people in all phases of life – from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Numerous agencies, programs, and ministries provide food and shelter, educate children and adults, and meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. Your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to meet these needs.

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. this Wednesday, May 2, for a period of prayerful reflection and stillness, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

FIRST FRIDAY OBSERVANCE

First Friday will be observed on May 4 with anointing of the sick following the 8 a.m. Mass.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser after both masses this Sunday, April 29, offering blueberry, cranberry and plain pancakes, sausage, coffee, and OJ — for \$6 per adult, \$2.50 for kids under 12, and free for those under 7, with a family limit of \$15.

OUR SVDP CONFERENCE NEEDS YOU!

Are you waiting to be called? **THIS** is the call! Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference provides emergency assistance to our neighbors in need. We are looking for people to be advocates to reach out to our neighbors in need and for people to serve on our Board to guide our efforts. Training will be provided. If you choose to answer this call, please call Carmella or Al at 508-255-4448.

ST. JOAN OF ARC GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to attend our annual Mass for deceased member of the Guild and Thrift Shop on Tuesday, May 8, at 1:30 p.m. On this occasion we remember the many dedicated women who have given their time and service for the benefit of our parish community. After Mass please join us for refreshments in the Parish Center.

CLARIFICATION ON E2 SOLAR OFFER

It was apparent last week that there was some confusion about E2 Solar's offer to St. Joan of Arc Parish which was announced at last weekend's Masses.

The offer is: **If you use E2 Solar to install a solar panel system, E2 Solar will make a \$500 donation to St. Joan of Arc Parish, IF** you say that St. Joan of Arc Parish referred you to E2 Solar. I hope this clarifies any lingering confusion about E2 Solar's offer to our parish.

SOLAR POWER BLESSING RECEPTION

The St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus express their gratitude and appreciation to all who participated in the Earth Day blessing last Sunday and the reception that followed. We especially wish to acknowledge with immense gratitude the wonderful and exquisite culinary contributions prepared by several members of the SJA Ladies Guild. Numerous fresh baked desserts and pastries accompanied bountiful fresh fruit offerings. So, special THANKS to all who attended and to those who helped make it happen.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Holocaust Memorial Service sponsored by the Nauset Interfaith Association will be held on Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m.. Beatrice Muchman, who survived the Holocaust due to the goodness of two Catholic sisters who hid her and raised her as a Catholic, will share her story. There will also be musical performances by students, a short video on the efforts of the people of Lesbos to save Syrian refugees, and a special lobby exhibit from Yad Vashem. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner to create a scholarship fund for St. John Paul II High School. The dinner will be on Saturday, May 19, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Center. Reservations are required and flyers with ticket information are available in the church foyers. Thank you for your support.

QUO VADIS DAYS

Once again the Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office is running Quo Vadis Days from July 9-13 at Betannia II Retreat Center in Medway, MA. This retreat/camp is a great time for boys ages 14-19 (those entering high school to those entering college) to seek to grow in their faith and fraternity, learning how to discern what is one of the most important things in their life: their vocation. Throughout the week there are times of prayer and sports, talks on living the faith and understanding the different vocations, Mass and Adoration, mountain hiking, and fraternity. It is a great chance for them to build friendships with others their ages who are living their faith, as well as to get to know the seminarians of the Diocese. It is a wonderful time and the cost is only \$100. If any young man is interested, please fill out the Quo Vadis brochure available in the church or email Fr. Kevin Cook, Director of Vocations at frcook@holyfamilytaunton.org for a brochure.

SAVE THE DATES

This year the Diocese of Fall River is very blessed to have one young man being ordained to the transitional diaconate and three men to be ordained priests. Please plan on attending these great gifts of Holy Orders being given to them at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River. Ryan Healy is to be ordained a Transitional Deacon on Saturday, May 19, at 11:00 a.m. Deacons Matthew Gill, Juan Carlos Munoz, and Daniel Nunes are to be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 9, at 11:00 a.m. Please join us for these beautiful occasions, and please keep these men in your prayers.

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 CLASSES

Students in Grades 1– 5 meet at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, April 30. We look forward to seeing the afternoon students on Monday.

IMPORTANT FIRST COMMUNION INFO

Following are a few reminders for our First Communion students and their families:

A First Communion Rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m. Please gather in the Parish Center.

Our May Crowning Mass is Sunday, May 6, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All First Communion students meet in the Parish Center at 9:30 a.m.

First Communion Mass is Sunday, May 13, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All First Communion students meet in the Parish Center at 9:30 a.m.

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

Our Department of Performing Arts will be presenting the musical *Once Upon a Mattress* at 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 11, and 12 in the SJPII High School auditorium. Tickets are only \$5 for seniors and students; \$10 for adults. Please attend — and support Catholic education on Cape Cod.

CONCERT FOR CAPE YOUTH AT RISK

A benefit concert for homeless and at risk Cape Cod youth will be held at Holy Spirit Church in Orleans on Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m., featuring singer Jodi Heights and Celtic Roots, a youth musician group from Nauset and Monomoy High Schools. Order \$10 tickets at <https://yohbenefit.bpt.me>. All proceeds from the concert will go to Youth Outreach and Hospitality, an action team of the Nauset Interfaith Association to benefit youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness on the Lower and Outer Cape.

FROM ROOT TO FURTHEST SHOOT

Every gardener knows planting a few seeds can lead to a great adventure: a few squash seeds can produce a few vines that manifest a few blossoms; that produce a few more seeds; that produce still more vines that begin to blossom... and so it grows! The gardener learns that not every blossom produces a 'squash', but the vines themselves show vigorous life from root to farthest shoot. Artist Pat Owen, who spent two years in the Peace Corps in West Africa, spread concern for a woman held in detention for lack of legal documents. The woman had come to the U.S. as a fiancée. The man was so violent she refused to marry him, found a janitorial job, and began to put herself through college. The furious 'intended' husband kept her papers.

Getting new documents from her warring country was out of the question. Due to lack of proper papers, Immigration first required her to wear an ankle bracelet and then held her in detention for six months. While the woman was detained, Pat Owen, as an act of solidarity, created sets of beautiful cosmic postcards expressing deep faith in the God of infinite wonder and blessings. Each card said simply: *You are loved*. Pat produced packs of these cards and distributed them to friends to send to the distressed woman. These friends not only sent the cards but reproduced them, and gave them to their friends to send – who in turn sent them to their friends.... The postcards spread like a living vine to express solidarity. The immigrant woman set the record for the most mail ever received by any detainee!

The Gospel calls us to bear fruit in a world that is global and cosmic. We are to respond to the earth and its inhabitants as a common family. Just as all the branches of a vine share the life-force of a single root, so we share our common 'root' in the Cosmic Christ. We are all 'artisans' of the common good – our willingness to use earth's resources gratefully and mindfully; our attitudes of hospitality and graciousness, our spirit of kindness and generosity create in the present that which future generations will inherit.

As we reflect on the many facets of the well-known parable of "*The Vine and the Branches*", may we consciously choose to abide in the Living Christ and to live in such a way as to bear good fruit – fruit that will nourish our families, our communities, our world – and the generations to come