

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Srs. Katherine Costello & Marie Brown
Sunday	8:00	Bob Duval, F. Keats Boyd, Jr. Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Jack Burke
Monday	8:00	Tom Forbes
Tuesday	8:00	Dusty Fahey
Wed	8:00	Deceased Vincentians
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Jack & Ellen Devine

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Charles Cacciola
Sunday	8:00	Jennifer Kirk, Jessica Leigh Franz Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Theresa Franczak

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, James Roberts, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Ruth Kantorski, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kasczak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Vittoria Hillis, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Roseanne Balsavage, George Meservy, Nancy McGaughey

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 Lew Ouellette, Regina Collyer, Eileen Keough

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

September 17 Regular	\$8,805.00
Harvest Sunday	\$5,551.00

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Your donation to the second collection this weekend supports the Cardinal Medeiros Residence, a retirement home in Fall River for the priests of our Diocese.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus are holding a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday following the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses. We're serving blueberry and plain pancakes, sausage, coffee and OJ — all for \$6 per adult. Kids under 12 pay \$2.50 each and those under 7 eat free, with a family limit of \$15. Come on down to the Parish Center after Mass.

“BE STILL”

All are invited to join us in the Chapel this Wednesday, September 27, at 8:45 a.m. for a period of centering prayer and meditation, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

HOMILIES ON LINE

Sunday homilies are now available as an audio file on the home page of our St. Joan of Arc Parish website. We began attempting to record homilies with a digital voice recorder several weeks ago and have been working out the technological kinks on transferring them from the recorder to the website. Hopefully, this process will now be consistent and reliable moving forward. Special thanks to Henry Lind and Don Ouellette for all their work on this project!

ANNUAL APPRECIATION RECEPTION

We are grateful for all of our parishioners who are involved in one or more of our many ministries.

*All those who are regularly involved in ministry or service in the parish are invited to the Four Points Sheraton for spirits and hors d'oeuvres on **Sunday, October 15, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** We look forward to celebrating our ministries and our parish!*

SEASON OF CREATION ~ SEPT 1 to OCT 4

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, reflects on the cry of the earth, cry of the poor: “The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God’s hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, ‘creation is projected toward divinization, toward the holy wedding feast, toward unification with the Creator himself.’” (#236 *Laudato Si*)

ULTREYA GATHERING

There will be an Ultreya gathering at the Holy Trinity Parish Center (across the street from the church) on Sunday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a speaker, grouping, and light refreshments. For more information, call Alice Doherty, 508-432-0540.

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.

BE CAREFUL!

Some of the sidewalks around the church are uneven and have been painted in yellow to remind you to be careful as you walk along.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH EVENT

On Sunday, October 1, Christ the King Parish will host Bobby Schindler who will share the devastating story of the death of his sister, Terri Schiavo, revealing the threats of euthanasia, physician prescribed suicide and denial-of-care situations with which we are challenged today. Mr. Schindler’s presentation will begin at 11:30 a.m. and a light lunch will be provided. If planning to attend, please contact Betty Kelley at 508-477-8417, or bbkelley@comcast.net.

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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES RE DACA

There is a great deal of confusion about the DACA program. These are the most important points:

1—If a person NEVER had DACA, they will not be able to apply for DACA;

2—If a person’s DACA expires ON OR BEFORE March 5, 2018, their renewal application MUST be received by USCIS before **OCTOBER 5, 2017**.

3—If a person’s DACA expires AFTER March 5, 2018, then they will not be able to renew their DACA and their DACA WILL EXPIRE WHEN THEIR CARD EXPIRES.

4—Any person who has DACA which will expire on or before March 5, 2018 should contact Tim Paicopolos, an immigration attorney at Catholic Social Services, at 508-674-4681 ASAP. CSS represents people on DACA cases for free and has helped over 200 people with their applications. **This service is only available to those who qualify to renew their DACA. You must contact CSS before September 28, 2017.**

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Massachusetts Citizens for Life will be sponsoring their Annual March for Life on Sunday, October 1, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., beginning at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common. The Fall River Diocesan Pro-Life Apostolate is one of the many beneficiaries of this march. Should you wish to donate, we are Box #8 on the sign-in sheet. All donations will be used for our Project Rachel outreach. Further information and forms may be obtained at www.masscitizensforlife.org/2017massmarchforlife.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 100th ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to join Bishop da Cunha as he observes the 100th Anniversary of the Final Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima at Bishop Connolly High School in Fall River on Friday, October 13, from 1:00—4:00 p.m. The observance begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:00 p.m., followed by the opportunity for confessions in the Gym, rosary at the newly dedicated Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and a 4:00 closing benediction by Bishop da Cunha.

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

All are invited to an Ecumenical Worship Service at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Fall River on Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha will preside and Evangelical Lutheran Bishop James Hazelwood will preach at this service bringing Catholics and Protestants together to pray, to remember the beginning of our divisions, and to celebrate our progress on the path of reconciliation.



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 OPENING DAY

Welcome back to our students! Our first day of classes is this Monday, September 25.

- ◆ The afternoon session starts at 2:20 with dismissal at 4:00 p.m. If your child is riding the Orleans/Eastham Elementary School bus, please send a note to the principal for permission to do so.
- ◆ The evening session begins at 6:00 with dismissal at 7:30 p.m. The students report directly to their classrooms followed by a prayer assembly at the end of the evening.
- ◆ If you did not return your registration form, stop by the office to drop it off when you pick up your child. It is important to have the most current and accurate information on file.

CATECHETICAL BLESSINGS

We celebrate Catechetical Sunday this weekend with a special blessing at the 10 a.m. Mass for all Faith Formation catechists, volunteers, and student mentors. We hope our Faith Formation families will join us in this special blessing and celebration. We thank the entire Parish Community for your ongoing support and prayers.

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.

BACK OF THE LINE

Have you ever found yourself grumbling — filled with resentment at the unfairness of whatever seemed the injustice of the moment? As a child perhaps your sibling got the bigger piece of cake; as a teen, maybe your friend got to go to the party and you didn't; as an adult, despite your best efforts, the credit was given to your co-worker. Life doesn't always seem fair in these small things, so it is not surprising that when the big "injustices" arise, we might even grumble against God—against life itself— with the same envious criticism we hear in today's Gospel: *"It's just not fair! Why should those hired at the end of the day be paid the same wage as those who have toiled from the beginning?"*

There is a short story by Flannery O'Connor called "*Revelation*". In the story a very pious lady, Ruby Turpin — proud of her virtuous life — experiences a violent encounter with a young woman in the waiting room of a doctor's office. In the process, Ruby is confronted with her own smug and condescending manner in terms of the way she sees the world — and all those around her.

The story ends with Ruby gazing up into the sky while working on her farm. There she sees a vision: a long line of people dancing into heaven. What shocks her is that this group is being led by people whom she always looked down upon as less worthy. Now she sees that the last appear to be first — a *revelation!*

The landowner of the Gospel confronts the laborers, and all of us, with our own limited understanding of who God is — and how radically generous God's love is for us. Like Ruby Turpin, we are given a vision of the nature of God which can perhaps be seen best from the back of the line. From this vantage point we begin to see something that we've been missing when we're up front and blinded by our own self-righteousness. From the back, we get the opportunity to see how infinitely gracious God is — how God lavishly pours grace out on others, especially those who we might deem less worthy.

Standing up front, we smugly think of ourselves as "worthy" — as the ones who have earned the prize. But from the back of the line, we can begin to understand the words of Isaiah: *"Your ways are not my ways, says the Lord."* We begin to get a glimmer of what God's way is. The more we see how lavishly God's generosity is poured on all alike, the more our resentments soften until we begin to experience that process of replacing our smallness with the gigantic spirit of God's radical grace. A reason to dance, indeed!