

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Mary & Ben McMahon
 Sunday 8:00 Russell MacLeod, II,
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Francisco Simangan & Thomas J. Ficca
 Monday 8:00 Francis Hughes
 Tuesday 8:00 Frances Jerome
 5:00 Parish Family
 Wed 8:00 Charlie Wolff
 Noon Brendan Evasick
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Charlie Wolff

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Leonard Power
 Sunday 8:00 Waldo Szopa
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Lew Carrington

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, 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 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, 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, Mary Ellen Ackley, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Paul Branden, Claire Surprenant, Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., George Brescia, Peter Wall

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 McGahey, Edward Prufer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Casimir Norkeliunas, Nancy McGaughey, Paul Conte, Norma Buckley

IN LOVING MEMORY

The Tabernacle Candle has been donated in loving memory of Patricia Twerago.

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

February 4 Regular	\$ 6,785.00
Home Missions`	\$ 2,564.00
Annual Appeal	\$102,080.00

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Masses at 8 a.m. and 12 noon. Service with ashes at 5 p.m.

PLANNING FOR LENT

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14. Following are opportunities you might consider for your Lenten practice.

Each Wednesday of Lent at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.
The Cross as Teacher: Reflections on Forgiveness, Surrender, and Compassion, followed by a time of stillness with Judy Burt Walker.

Monday through Wednesday, February 26, 27, 28
 At 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Parish Mission — Reflection of Christ led by Rev. Melvin A. Shorter, CP

Rev. Shorter will speak at all masses the weekend of February 24-25, and will give a summary of each day's theme after the 8 a.m. weekly Masses.

Friday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Soup Supper

CURSILLO ULTREYA

There will be a Cursillo Ultreya gathering at the Holy Trinity Parish Center, across the street from the church, this Sunday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a speaker, grouping and light refreshments. For more information, call Alice Doherty, 508-432-0540.

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT WEEK

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parish family for their continued support by hosting a FREE Pancake Breakfast following the masses next Sunday, February 18. Come and enjoy blueberry, cranberry, and plain pancakes, along with sausage, coffee and OJ with friends and family. We look forward to serving you.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, February 18, 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.

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. 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.

WOMEN & MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Fall River Diocese is offering a women and Men's Conference on Saturday, March 10, at Stonehill College in Easton. Offering a great opportunity for spiritual renewal and enrichment during Lent, the program features dynamic speakers, prayer, music, reflection and Mass. This year there is a special track for young adults, ages 18—30. Speakers will be Paulist Father Dave Dwyer, host of SiriusXM Radio's *The Busted Halo Show*; Daughter of St. Paul Sister Marie Paul Curley, a writer and multi-media producer; Father Tony Ciorra of Sacred Heart University, who is a leading expert in Catholic spirituality; and Vallimar Jansen, a Christian music singer and composer. For details, pick up a registration form in the church foyers or visit www.fallriverdiocese.org.

SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

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 \$102,080 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.

FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

We look forward to seeing all students in Kindergarten through Grade 10 at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, February 12.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Cape Church in Brewster. There will be only **one rehearsal next Sunday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m.**, also at Our Lady of the Cape. Each confirmation student and their sponsor or an adult is required to attend. Additional details and updates are expected in the upcoming weeks.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our Grade 10 Confirmation students are on retreat this Sunday, February 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We are grateful to all parishioners who have kept these young people in their thoughts and prayers and supported them through the Angel Card campaign. Please continue to keep them close to your heart as they continue their journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation in March.

TEEN NIGHT RESCHEDULED

Due to the unexpected snow storm on January 30, we are scheduling Grade 9 and 10 Teen Nite during class on Monday, February 12. We will be working on our annual sewing project, which benefits Lower Cape Outreach Council.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES & DACA

Catholic Social Services of Fall River (CSS) may be able to help you with your application for free. CSS represents people on their DACA cases at no cost and has helped over 200 people with their applications. **This service is only available to those who have ever had, or currently have, DACA.** If you or someone you know has or ever had DACA, please contact Tim Paicopolos, an immigration attorney at CSS at 508-674-4681 as soon as possible. Leave a message if you do not get an answer.

LEPROSY OF THE HEART

In the weeks and months following the cataclysmic events of what has come to be known simply as “9/11”, clergy and religious took shifts at ground zero to offer support and comfort to all the workers: police, firefighters, construction workers, and many others. The recovery effort was not only physically demanding but emotionally draining as well. One moment they would be bulldozing tons of steel, and the next carefully removing human remains and personal effects. After the event, a chaplain – Sister Helena who had offered prayers for the dead, and served hot coffee and cocoa – reflected on her own trauma, and her initial judgments of the crude expressions of anger, frustration, and vindictiveness that were often vented during these “coffee breaks”:

“Sometimes the struggle to keep my mouth closed and my heart open was almost painful,”...But soon she came to put aside her judgments and instead saw the goodness and generosity of these hard-working men and women. “Many had friends, loved ones, and co-workers who died in the doomed towers. Others had entered the buildings themselves and escaped. Many had just offered help when the disaster occurred and had never left. Day after day – which turned into weeks and months – they labored on the tons of dusty rubble, facing grim conditions to bring closure for themselves and for other broken-hearted families. Their dedication personified loyalty, sacrifice, and love.”

Sr. Helena had become aware of her own narrow judgments of people whose mannerisms and viewpoints differed from her own sheltered perspectives. But in the heat and horror of disaster, she awakened to their inner beauty– *“Indeed,”* she says, *“I was fairly dazzled by them!”* She realized that tolerance begins at home – in one’s own heart.

If we are honest we may find ways that we, too, reduce others to ‘lepers’– those we fear, those who don’t fit our image of propriety, of politics, religion, race, sexual orientation – those we label as ‘less than’ or whose identities threaten our own. Through our ignorance, others can easily be labeled as too ‘unclean’ to be part of our lives and our world.

The Jesus of the Gospel – the One who heals lepers – comes to heal us in unexpected and surprising ways! When touched by Grace, we might find that a long silent breath is enough to allow our hearts to open. A space of healing is created revealing to us our common ground – the beauty of our shared humanity. We come to recognize our own “leprosy” and realize that God extends compassion and grace even to the likes of us. We must wake then, from our dream of separateness and allow our hearts to be healed. Before God, no one is an outcast –no one is outside the boundaries of mercy and infinite love – all are made in the sacred image of the God of justice, peace and reconciliation