

**MASS INTENTIONS  
THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00	Charles Tunis
Sunday	8:00	Gerry Crowell, Joseph Coll, Jim Filliman, Maggie Colquhoun, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Lew Carrington
Monday	8:00	Edward Fraga
Tuesday	8:00	John Patrick Croke
Wed	8:00	Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Antoinette Carbone

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday	5:00	Richard Olson
Sunday	8:00	Nicholas S. Amatangelo, Valmore Plantier Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Tom Mahoney

**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, 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, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Paul Branden, Claire Surprenant, Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Peter Wall, Fran McDonagh, Jean Collins

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

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

April 8 Regular \$7,034.00

**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.

**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.

**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.

**FLOWERS FOR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

Spring flowering plants for our homebound parishioners will be available at Masses this weekend, April 14-15. Fr. John will give a blessing and call on visiting Eucharistic Ministers and others who visit the homebound to take this symbol of our love and care to our fellow parishioners.

**BE STILL**

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel following the 8 a.m. Mass this Wednesday, April 18, for a period of reflection and stillness, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet THIS Sunday, April 15, at 4:00 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.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE**

The St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus Council will hold a Blood Drive in the Parish center this Friday, April 20, from noon to 6:00 p.m. The drive is administered by the American Red Cross. All donors will receive a cinema pass and, of course, the Knights' traditional clam chowder.

### **SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM BLESSING**

Everyone is invited to a Blessing of the Solar Energy System immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass next Sunday, April 22. This is the 48th anniversary of Earth Day, an appropriate day for us to celebrate our new solar energy system. A reception will be held after the Blessing in the Parish Center with a representative of SunPower/E2Solar present to explain the system. All are welcome.

### **MEMORIAL MASS FOR MAGGIE COLQUHOUN**

Several St. Joan of Arc parishioners, friends, and neighbors of Maggie Colquhoun have arranged for a Memorial Mass for Maggie, a former choir member and Thrift Shop volunteer, which will be held here at St. Joan of Arc on Tuesday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m.

### **SJA MINISTRY DIRECTORY**

As a result of an initiative by the Pastoral Council, a Ministry Directory has been developed and is available on our website. Anyone who is interested in learning more about or becoming involved in Parish ministry is invited to go to [www.joanarc.org](http://www.joanarc.org). On the home page, double-click on "Ministry Volunteer Opportunities" in the column on the left hand side of the page. The Directory provides a description of the mission, as well as contact information and meeting times for each ministry. A printed directory is available in the Rectory for those who do not have access to a computer.

### **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

Bishop daCunha will lead a holy hour for vocations in our Diocese at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River next Sunday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m. Deacon Dan Nunes, one of the transitional deacons for our Diocese, who is to be ordained a priest this June 9, will be preaching. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful time of prayer.

### **LISTENING SESSION WITH BISHOP da CUNHA**

**Come and share your hopes and dreams for our Church!** Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., is hosting a series of Listening Sessions at different parish locations as part of the strategic planning process in the Fall River Diocese. Members of diocesan parishes are invited to attend one of them to offer their thoughts into that process. **St. Joan of Arc Church will be the host for the Listening Session for Outer Cape parishes THIS Wednesday, April 18, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Additional Listening Sessions are also scheduled as follows: April 20, St. Julie Billiard Parish, Dartmouth, and April 23, Our Lady of Victory Parish Centerville. All sessions will take place from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with the exception of the final one in Centerville, which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

### **DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS**

Perhaps you remember the parish evaluation process which Bishop da Cunha instructed ALL parishes in the Diocese to participate in last year. Parishioners were given the opportunity to evaluate their parish in five difference areas (Sacraments and Worship, Ministry and Service, Faith Formation, Community and Finances and Administration). Evaluation teams were also formed in each parish to complete a more in-depth evaluation of these areas. All of this information, from each parish, was submitted to the Diocese.

Once all of the evaluation data was collected by the Diocese, all pastors were given a large binder, containing a very detailed compilation of the results for his parish. Due to the volume of information contained in the binder, simple communication of the results of the evaluation process would be impossible. However, the binder containing the results of our St. Joan of Arc Parish Evaluation is available in the Rectory for anyone who would like to review it.

Bishop da Cunha is still working hard on the Pastoral Planning Process. The Parish Evaluations are but one piece of the puzzle as we consider the future of the Diocese. More information will be forthcoming about this process in the near future.

### **CAPE CATHOLIC CONNECTION**

Check out the Cape Cod Deanery's website for the Catholic Community on Cape Cod: [www.capecatholicconnection.org](http://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



### **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 SPRING BREAK**

A friendly reminder that there are no classes this Monday, April 16. We wish all our students and their families a safe and relaxing spring vacation week. See you on Monday, April 23, when classes resume for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

### **OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION REMINDER**

The Office for Child Protection (OCP) has a website with links to many useful and informative resources for parents and caretakers. Please visit [www.cssdioc.org/child-protection-resources](http://www.cssdioc.org/child-protection-resources). For more information, please contact Debora Berg at 508-997-7337.

### **NEED HELP?**

**We can assist with  
food, shelter, medical, utilities.**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
HELPLINE 508-255-8080**

## **BECOME A LAKE**

*Once there was a small monastery led by a very wise abbot. A young novice was having a very hard time adjusting to monastic life. His constant complaining and criticism caused so much irritation among the older monks that they went to the abbot to voice their concerns. One morning the abbot sent the novice to fetch some salt. Instructed to put a handful in a glass of water and drink it, the novice hesitantly took a big gulp, gasped, and spit it out – Bitter! – he winced.*

*Then the abbot picked up the remainder of the salt and led the novice to a small lake near the monastery. The young novice was instructed to throw the salt into the lake. Again the young man did as the abbot instructed. “Now”, Father Abbot said, “drink from the lake.”*

*As the water dripped from the young man’s chin, the abbot asked how it tasted. “Sweet and clean” was the immediate response.*

*“Do you taste the salt?” asked the abbot. The novice wiped his lips and shook his head. Then the kindly abbot explained that the pain of life is pure salt – no more, no less. The amount of pain remains exactly the same. But the bitterness we taste depends on the container we put the pain in. So when you are in pain – when you hurt, when you feel broken – the only thing you can do is enlarge your sense of things. Stop being a glass. Become a lake.*

The Jesus of the Gospel enables us to transform the pessimism of being a *glass* into the optimism of becoming a *lake* – a much larger container that can absorb the hard and difficult *salt* of our lives in order to taste the clear, sweet *water* of love, reconciliation, peace and mercy that are part of every one of our lives.

It might be relatively easy to recognize the Risen One walking among us in the love of family and friends – and who readily receive the love we yearn to give. But to see the ‘flesh and bones’ of the Risen One in the homeless veteran who inhabits the street corners of any city; the struggling immigrant seeking some small modicum of safety for her children; the single parent living in a car because a minimum wage job cannot pay the rent; the irritating neighbor who doesn’t want our help – these ask that we be the larger container.

Authentic Easter faith invites us to become the larger container capable of holding the sweet waters of the Risen One’s peace, compassion, and mercy. We are invited in the ‘flesh and bones’ of our own human experience to become the ‘flesh and bone’ witnesses of the hope and grace of Easter – we must stop being a *glass* and become a *lake*!