

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

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
Monday	8:00	Margaret Murphy
Tuesday	8:00	Cora Langone Craven
Wed	8:00	Alice McKinley
	5:00	George Brescia
Thursday	8:00	Thomas Harrison
	Noon	John Tingos & Louis McGarry
Friday	8:00	Charlie Wolff

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Alan Bowden
Sunday	8:00	Barbara Russo, Anne Weinberg Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Charlie Wolff

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, Paul Hendrickson

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 Pruffer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

April 29 Regular	\$7,040.00
Catholic Charities Appeal	\$5,960.00



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The Catholic Charities Appeal began May 1. You are encouraged to mail in your pledge or donation to support the Appeal as generously as you can. Programs supported by the Appeal help young children, youth, parents, and the elderly by providing food, shelter and education, as well as meeting other physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

ST. JOAN OF ARC GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to attend our annual Mass for deceased members of the Guild and Thrift Shop this 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.

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. this Wednesday, May 9, for a period of prayerful reflection and stillness, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ascension Thursday will be observed with a 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 9, and 8 a.m. and Noon Mass on Thursday, May 10.

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.

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.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Holocaust Memorial Service sponsored by the Nauset Interfaith Association will be held at Nauset Middle School this 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.

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.

CHAMP HOMES FUNDRAISER

Go Light the World is the theme for a gala fundraiser on behalf of CHAMP Homes to be held at Wequassett Resort & Golf Club, 2173 Route 28, Harwich, MA, on Wednesday, May 16, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. The evening features cocktails and a silent auction on the terrace overlooking Pleasant Bay, followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner and life auction. Tickets cost \$125 per person and can be ordered online at www.champhomes.org or call Elise at 508-771-0885. RSVP by May 7.

NEED HELP?

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

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

CLARIFICATION ON E2 SOLAR OFFER

Apparently there has been some confusion about E2 Solar's offer to St. Joan of Arc Parish which was announced at Masses the weekend of the solar panel blessing.

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.

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.



COMING TO A CLOSE

The last class for kindergarten through Grade 5 students is this Monday, May 7. We hope you are able to participate in this gathering before we depart for the summer. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 to let us know.

MAY CROWNING FAMILY MASS!

In honor of Mary, our First Communion students will participate in a May Crowning at this weekend's 10 a.m. family mass. Thank you to all our Faith Formation students, catechists, and volunteers who are attending this special mass. Afterwards, all are invited to join us in the Parish Center for donuts, juice, and coffee.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION

We celebrate First Communion next Sunday, May 13, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All First Communion students are to gather in the Parish Center at 9:30 a.m. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this Blessed Sacrament.

ANNUAL CATECHIST MAY MEETING

Our annual end-of-the-year dinner meeting for Catechists and Faith Formation Volunteers is Monday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. We plan to recap this past year's program and to share the upcoming calendar of events. We hope you are able to join us for an evening of reconnecting, celebrating, and sharing our thoughts with each other before the summer season is upon us.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

It seems that we cannot get enough of love stories. There is a certain kind of magic about them that draws us in and touches the heart. Dr. Seuss explains why love stories are so compelling when he says: *'You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams!'* St. Paul deepens this understanding of love when he says: *'Love believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...the greatest of these is love'* (1Cor.13:7-13). Yes, it seems we cannot get enough of love stories, but can we *'live'* love in the challenges of daily life – can we *'live'* love when those close to us suffer; can we *live* love with those whose opinions may not be ours; can we *'live'* love in the demanding ways in which Jesus calls us to love in today's Gospel?

Perhaps the following story from *Maryknoll Magazine* can give love some practical perspective, and help us see past the romanticism that often surrounds the concept of love:

An American visitor stopped by the home of a friend in Tanzania. The friend and three neighbors were engrossed in a game of Scrabble. The visitor asked who was winning. They replied that they didn't know and weren't keeping score. In fact, they were helping each other come up with higher-scoring words – and even using a dictionary! "What about the rules?" the visitor asked.

The players explained that they weren't interested in beating each other – only in beating the combined total scores of their previous games. They were playing for community gain, not individual honors. Playing this way, they explained, helped them all to learn new words in English, which was their third and fourth language.

This *'everyone-wins'* Scrabble game is the ideal of Jesus' message to his friends gathered at the table with him the night before he died. The love that Christ asks of us finds its source in the heart and spirit, not in whatever rules we establish; not in our own need to win – especially when our winning means that someone else loses.

Loving as Christ has loved us begins by putting aside our own hopes and wants to realize, instead, the hopes and wants of others. This understanding of love calls for humility and the willingness to sacrifice for the good of the whole. The Gospel calls us to realize the power of resurrection which springs from making the first move to forgive and to heal; from embracing Christ's spirit of love in our attitudes and relationships. This kind of love is not only compelling but transformative