

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Norma Paladino  
 Sunday 8:00 Jim Filliman, Bill Mulqueen,  
 Frances Dempsey  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Lew Carrington  
 Monday 8:00 Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni  
 Tuesday 8:00 Christopher Thomas  
 Wed 8:00 Urban & Theresa Hughes  
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service  
 Friday 8:00 Alice McKinley

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Jack Jakubek  
 Sunday 8:00 George Brescia, Leon H. Layton  
 Aidan Smith, Fr. Bob Kemmery,  
 Parish Family  
 10:00 Nancy McGaughey

**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 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, 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, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Claire Surprenant, Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, Paul Hendrickson, Donna Hibbert, Margaret Royce

**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!**

May 13 Regular \$ 8,083.00  
 Ascension \$ 1,615.00  
 Catholic Charities Appeal \$20,075.00

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**



Your generous support to Catholic Charities enables our Ministries to provide help and hope to individuals throughout southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands without regard to race, creed, nationality, gender or economic status.

**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. Thanks for sharing.

**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.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **THIS** Sunday, May 20, 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.

## BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. this Wednesday, May 23, for a period of prayerful reflection and stillness, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

All are welcome to attend our next meeting this Wednesday, May 23, at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

## RESPECT LIFE BAKE SALE

Our Respect Life Ministry will be holding a fundraising bake sale after all Masses next Saturday and Sunday, featuring a variety of homemade delights for Memorial Day Weekend gatherings. We invite you to support our ministry by donating a baked good for the sale, which you may drop off when you come to Mass.

## 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.

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Nauset Interfaith Refugee Support Team will be sponsoring summer vacation weekends for refugee families the weekends of July 13-15 and August 10-12. Hosting a family from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon provides a special Cape Cod welcoming environment for these new Americans. Each host will have a partner volunteer to assist with activities and each weekend closes with a Sunday afternoon celebration meal for all guests, hosts and partners. If you would like more information, contact Ken Campbell at [ksbcampbell@verizon.net](mailto:ksbcampbell@verizon.net) or at 413-478-5719; or Rod MacDonald at [rodmac.ret@gmail.com](mailto:rodmac.ret@gmail.com) or at 774-323-3989.

## BECOME A NAUSET NEIGHBOR

Do you enjoy working with seniors? Want to make a real and important difference in a neighbor's life? Join Nauset Neighbors' team of volunteers and do just that! We help our senior neighbors remain living at home and active in their communities, and we add measurably to their quality of life. We take them to appointments and on errands, we stop by for a visit and we help with small tasks around the home. There is no fixed schedule – we go online to sign up when we have time. Check us out at [nausetneighbors.org](http://nausetneighbors.org) and start making a difference now!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your warm and kind expression of love and support when I announced my transfer to Nantucket last weekend. In this space, I would like to put in writing what I shared verbally at all the Masses last weekend.

*I'm sorry to have to share with you today some difficult news for me. Bishop da Cunha has asked me to become Pastor of our Diocesan parish on Nantucket, and I have accepted the assignment. I'd like you to know several things about my transfer:*

*First, I did not ask for a transfer. I had hoped to stay here much longer than this, and it deeply saddens me to know I will be leaving soon. These past four years here have probably been my happiest, most fulfilling in my 29 years as a priest. I've really grown to love this very special faith community, and I will certainly miss you.*

*Secondly, Bishop da Cunha did not FORCE me to leave here. He ASKED me if I would be willing to accept the assignment on Nantucket, and I accepted the assignment because that's where I'm needed now. The pastor on Nantucket is retiring, so SOMEONE HAD to be assigned there. The bishop feels that what I brought to this parish for the past four years is needed on Nantucket now. So, please don't be angry at Bishop da Cunha about this. His job is tough enough as it is.*

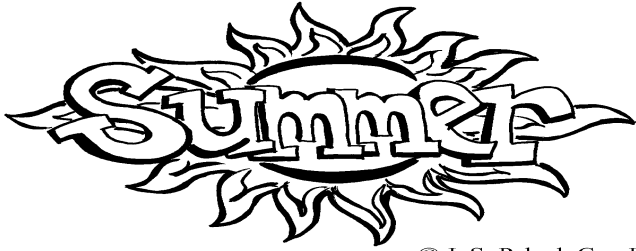
*MY PERSPECTIVE on the transfer is this: I don't believe that what I WANT is more important than what the diocese NEEDS. I know there's a bigger picture beyond just my own perspective or the perspective of any one parish. So, as I did when I came here (not wanting to leave Seekonk), I'll go forth from here, first of all, THANKING the Lord for the GIFT of these four wonderful years with you; secondly, TRUSTING in Him, that He will help me through the transition (which WILL be difficult); and thirdly, ASKING Him to use me as His instrument in my NEW setting.*

*The NEW Pastor who has been appointed here is a wonderful man named Fr. Bill Rodrigues. Fr. Bill has been Pastor of St. Anthony's Parish in Taunton for the past five years. He's a good, good man, who's probably 10-15 years YOUNGER than I am! He's got a quiet, low key personality, with a dry sense of humor, and I think you're going to really love him. I also know that Fr. Bill's mother lives in Yarmouth, so he is grateful to be moving closer to her.*

*Our transfers take effect during the last week in June, which means that my last weekend here will be the weekend of June 23-24. So, I'll still be around for another five weeks or so, which I hope gives me enough time to pack! Thank you for "listening to" my story, and for all of your love and support over the past four years. You have truly touched my heart.*

*Peace,*

*Fr. John*



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### **“ROME-ING” FOR TREASURE!**

**Come One, Come All!** Join us on Friday, August 10, for an extraordinary One Day Fun Day Treasure Hunt and Family BBQ Celebration. We'll be following St. Paul's ancient treasure map given to the Romans hundreds of years ago. But the treasure is still to be found! Each clue will lead us to an exciting adventure you won't want to miss! The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. when everyone is invited to Celebrate the Treasure of Family with BBQ and water games! Contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257.

We'll need Junior Treasure Hunt Crew Leaders. Crew Training will be on Thursday, August 9, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Call today!

### **SUMMER TIME EVENTS**

As the weather turns warmer our thoughts and attention turn to the summer month ahead and the activities planned for our Parish Community. Mark your calendars and plan to come and share the summer evenings with us:

*Awakening to Presence ~ The Mysticism of Daily Life*, presented by Father Bob Powell at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 13, and 20.

*Annual Parish BBQ* on Friday, June 22, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to this *Farewell Celebration for our Pastor, Fr. John*, as he prepares to “set sail for Nantucket.” We will miss him tremendously and will take this opportunity to express our gratitude and wish him well. Bishop Edgar da Cunha will be our special guest. Please mark your calendars now and stay tuned for further BBQ details.

**Outer Cape Chorale Chamber Singers** will present a summer concert at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 13, followed by our annual **Ice Cream Social** in the Parish Center, featuring Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream.

## SETTING SAIL

The best condition for sailing is to have the wind at your back; the worst is no wind at all. But the most common situation is a headwind coming at your craft from varying angles. Skilled sailors learn how to reach their destination in a headwind by ‘*tacking*’ into the wind – setting their sails so they can move forward indirectly in zigzag fashion, toward the final goal.

When tacking, the progress of the craft can be slow, but it is steady. It takes patience, perseverance and attunement to the elements. It goes without saying that the best sailors are those who have learned to *read* the wind – who know how to make the best forward movement against the wind’s resistance – when to ‘*come about*’ so as to navigate a turn and reset the sails. With steadfastness and ease, they are capable of getting into the flow and surrendering to it as it carries them in a seemingly effortless manner. To see a ship at sail in the hands of such a sailor is to behold a dance of graceful beauty.

The Hebrew word for Spirit is ‘*ruah*’ which means *breath* or *wind*. The early disciples experienced God’s Spirit as a *wind* propelling forward the fragile *vessel* of the newly-formed community of believers as it faced the many turbulent waters that threatened to destroy it. The Spirit of courage, peace and steadfast faith– this Holy Breath – was powerfully recognized as the animating force that at once strengthened, guided, and enabled them to surrender into the flow of divine grace.

The challenge of Pentecost is to become attuned to God’s Spirit in our midst – in our own hearts and in the communities who sail the seas of life with us. Sometimes this *ruah*, or *holy breath*, requires us to *come about* and move more slowly – more intentionally than we might like. Often the *ruah* of God is urgent and forces us to *tack* in directions that we may not choose. The *zigzags* of life threaten to throw us off course unless we can find the patient strength to reset our sails and move forward as did the early disciples.

To be a follower of the Risen One is to be attuned to the direction of God’s Spirit – to *read* the winds of inspiration and wisdom; to chart the course of justice, mercy, and compassion. But then, like good sailors, we must be ready to let go of our own agendas and surrender into the flow of God’s grace. In this way the *ruah* of God’s life and love transforms us, animate us, and dances within us. We, as individuals and community become vessels of beauty bringing life, love, and hope to a sometimes rudderless world.