

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Jack Jakubek
 Sunday 8:00 George Brescia, Leon H. Layton
 Aidan Smith, Fr. Bob Kemmery,
 Parish Family
 10:00 Nancy McGaughey
 Monday 8:00 Richard Valicenti
 Tuesday 8:00 Joseph T. Cicerchia, Jr.
 Wed 8:00 Anita Grabarits
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Eileen Johnsmeyer
 Sunday 8:00 Jim Filliman, Pauline Shanahan
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Marlis Dunn

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, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Bencotter, 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 Vincent Gulotta

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

May 20 Regular \$ 8,722.00
 Harvest Sunday \$ 4,851.00
 Catholic Charities Appeal \$29,465.00

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.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend is in support of Ecclesiastical students.

RESPECT LIFE BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND

Our Respect Life Ministry is holding a fundraising bake sale after all Masses, featuring a variety of homemade delights for Memorial Day Weekend gatherings. As always, thank you for supporting our ministry.

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. this Wednesday, May 30, for a period of prayerful reflection and stillness, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

GUILD SPRING LUNCHEON

June is right around the corner — and so is our annual Guild Spring Luncheon! All parish women are invited to attend a delicious luncheon at the new Freeman's Grill at the Captain's Golf Course in Brewster on Tuesday, June 12. Doors open at 11:30. Reservation forms are available in the church foyer. Please call Pat Michaud at 508-744-7500 with any questions.

THANKS FROM THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of the parishioners and friends who attended last weekend's Spaghetti Dinner supporting our St. John Paul II Scholarship Fundraiser. The event was a sell-out with 120 people served. Food and gift donations were received from Eastham Superette, Hyannis Honda, Montano's Restaurant, Olive Garden Restaurant, and the Orleans Stop & Shop. Over \$1,600 was raised for student scholarships to attend St. John Paul II High School in Hyannis.

HAITI DOLL MINISTRY

We will **not** be meeting on May 30 and June 6. Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, June 13.

CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF EVERY CHILD

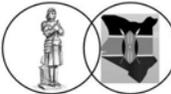
The Diocesan Pro-Life Apostolate, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Social Services, the Knights of Columbus, and Massachusetts Citizens for Life have joined forces to create a program called *Celebrate the Beauty of Every Child: Prayer and Newborn/Toddler Campaign*, from June 2—10.

St. Joan of Arc Parish has already contributed MATERIAL support to several agencies which aid families and children through our Respect Life Ministry Bake Sale and through our Baby Bottle Campaign.

We will also PRAYERFULLY support this program. On Tuesday, June 5, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, our Knights of Columbus, and our Respect Life Committee invite you to gather in prayer immediately after the 8 a.m. Mass in the chapel behind the altar. Prayer cards will be provided, and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be offered for all children. Please continue to pray this week, in unity with our Diocesan Family, for our youngest members.

PRO-LIFE BOOT CAMP

The Eighth Annual Pro-Life Boot Camp will be held on the campus of Stonehill College, July 19-22. Pro-Life Boot Camp is one of the best opportunities for young people to become involved in rebuilding a culture of life. High school students, ages 14-17, will experience inspiring speakers, prayerful witness, and the Sacraments, all with fellowship and lots of fun thrown in. Junior Staff, ages 18-20, and Chaperones, ages 21+, are also needed. Applications for each category are online at www.fallriverdiocese.org. For further information, contact pla@plrachel.com or by phone at 508-675-1311.

Kenya Korner  In addition to our parish support for elementary and high school students in Kenya, your donations also support medical outreach through the Brother Andre Medical Centre. The Comprehensive Care Clinic of the Centre continues its outreach to eliminate HIV as well as the treatment of tuberculosis. Recently the Centre has undertaken an initiative to screen women for cervical cancer, the largest cause of death for women in Kenya. In Kenya, 50% of the women diagnosed with cervical cancer die. Your contributions are paying for Pap Smears aimed at women 15-40 years of age to improve diagnosis to address this medical challenge. Your contributions are impacting the daily lives of our sisters and brothers in Kenya!

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 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.

COME AND JOIN THE DANCE

The solemnity of the Holy Trinity celebrates the many ways God makes his presence known in our lives – in the infinite manifestations of a personal, compassionate relationship with us and with the world. The dynamism of this relationship not only invites us into its circle, but inspires us to reach out to others and draw them into the Divine Dance, as well. The following true story from the *Connections Magazine* is noteworthy in conveying this compelling message:

Every day a blue bus winds its way through the streets of Kabul, Afghanistan. At every stop, excited children rush to board the bus that takes them on a journey to new worlds and imagined possibilities far beyond the war and poverty of their young lives. This blue bus, named “Walnut”, is a library on wheels that houses rows of shelves with hundreds of books for children and small stools for its young readers.

‘Walnut’ was launched recently by 25-year-old Freshta Karim. When Freshta graduated with a master’s degree in public policy, she noted the piles of rubble that were once schools, the recruiting of young people by armed forces with no option for education, the increasingly low literacy rates. She and a handful of friends wanted to make a difference – thus the birth of Walnut, the blue library on wheels that helps bring education to children. Families are asked to give ‘a little something’ to maintain the bus and to put a real ‘value’ on learning to read.

Freshta and her companion educators hope their small and sometimes very risky business of bringing the blue bus to Kabul’s children is helping to draw them into a circle of kindness. Within their own circle of caring, these young women find the desire and the energy to provide an opportunity for young people to expand their horizons – in turn these youth can be the hope of a new and brighter future.

Hope travels on a refitted blue bus in a city broken by war and violence. Compassion finds a dwelling place among little stools and picture books. Today we celebrate with wonder and gratitude the many ways we experience such love and hope in our lives – the very essence of God’s abiding presence circling ‘round us, dancing in us and in others. May we, in turn, circle round one another with that same hope and caring spirit – ‘paying it forward’ in our daily opportunities to embrace one another with a smile; with a listening ear; with generous use of time and talent. In this way we, too, join in the holy dance of the Triune God.