

**MASS INTENTIONS****THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00	Jack Bradley
Sunday	8:00	Ray Newman, Mary E. O'Connor Lewis Ward, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	9:30	Matthew & Michael Kane
	11:00	Ronald Kulig
Monday	8:00	Graham Brady
Tuesday	8:00	Richard Valicenti
Wed	8:00	Lois Bayard
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Barbara Lamy

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday	5:00	Harriet Royal, Ann/Pat Patterson
Sunday	8:00	Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni Maureen Burke, Bob Martin Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	9:30	Ted Heuchling
	11:00	Charles Kozlowski

**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 Lenczewski, 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, Chad Larivee, Patrick McNulty, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Carter Mock, Nancy Hurley, Gerry Csaposs, Peggy Carson, Ed Daly, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascasak, 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, Beth Nixon, Maureen Hall, Anne O'Brien, Ben McMahon, Mark Dance

**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, Christian Goodman

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED****COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

July 15 Regular	\$10,834.00
Harvest Sunday	\$ 7,067.00

**BE STILL**

There is a short break for the reflection and stillness prayer group during the month of July. We will return to our regular Wednesday morning ritual on Wednesday, August 1. In the meantime, practice patience and breathe.

**KENYA DOOR COLLECTION THIS WEEK**

The parishioners of St. Joan of Arc have supported our sister parish, Holy Cross, in Dandora, Kenya, for over 10 years! Your donations last summer provided four elementary and two high school students with scholarships. In addition, your support provided medical assistance to prevent HIV and tuberculosis transmission as well as screenings for cervical cancer, the leading cause of death among women in Kenya. Your support of our door collection will help provide ongoing assistance to members of our sister parish.. Checks may be made out to St. Joan of Arc Church, noting Kenya in the memo section.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE**

If you are in need of a special host because of wheat/gluten intolerance, please alert the priest or deacon **before** Mass.

**CAPE COD WEEKENDS FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES**

The Refugee Committee of the Nauset Interfaith Association (NIA) is sponsoring a July and August weekend for refugee families from Worcester, MA> Several of our St. Joan of Arc families are joining families from other churches in welcoming these new American families to the Cape. We wish them happy times and good weather and thank them for their hearts of hospitality.

**WELCOME SUMMER VISITORS!**

We are happy to see have visitors and annual vacationers join our congregation in the summer. Welcome to you all. If some of your little ones become restless, the following alternatives are available. We have a small "cry room" in the rear of the church... Also, you are welcome to sit in the area around our Baptismal font and the small chapel beyond it, both of which provide a bit of extra room for restless children and are equipped with speakers so adults can hear the Mass.



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### **“ROME-ING” FOR TREASURE!**

#### **Haven’t Got a Club ’Bout the “One-Day Fun-Day”?**

According to the “Rome-ing for Treasure” map, clue #5 marks a “magnetic attraction” that’s drawing all the treasure hunters from ages 5-10 to the Parish Center for this one-day event. Hope you can join us for scouting for the other clues on the map — such as “measuring up” and “hearty imprints” — as you meet new friends along the way. The journey begins on Friday, August 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Afterwards, join us for the Family BBQ and water activities from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. For more details or to register, contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257.

P.S. We’ll also need Junior Crew Leaders. Treasure Hunter Training is scheduled for Thursday, August 9, from 9 to 11:00 a.m. Call today!

### **ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP COLLECTION**

Next weekend is our Annual Summer Camp Advertisement and Appeal. We are grateful to our junior treasure hunters for representing this totally awesome “one-Day Fun-Day” Treasure Hunt at each of the Masses. You’ll see our assistants at the doors of the church to receive your donations which help to support the event, especially the “Share the Wealth” outreach project which is an integral part of the treasure hunt. Thank you for your donations and your prayers! See you next week.

### **CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY INVITATION**

In conjunction with Pope Francis’ *Share the Journey*, which promotes awareness of the plight of migrants and refugees, the Diocese of Fall River is hosting a 3-mile pilgrimage for Grade 9—12 high school students at St. Augustine Church in Vineyard Haven on Tuesday, August 7, from 9:30 a.m. until 7:15 p.m. After walking the 3-mile route from Oak Bluff to Vineyard Haven, the students will participate in various activities with Bishop da Cunha as well as a special presentation by Chris Muglia. For additional information on this day-long event, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257.

### **LET’S ANSWER THE BELL!**

The young monk had been saving up for some time to journey to a remote monastery. Legend had it that miracles of enlightenment occurred there with regularity. In the rarified atmosphere of silence and contemplation, the eager monk thought he would finally find that for which he yearned – the illumined face of God. Upon arrival, he was escorted to his solitary room and told that he would not be disturbed—even his meals would be brought to him. Also, no sound should disrupt his peace, save the rare ringing of the bell at the back entrance. It was explained that once in a great while a beggar rang the bell and asked for food.

So the monk settled in and began his planned program of spiritual reading, journaling, recited prayers, and ever-increasing amounts of time in meditation. After a couple of days of adjustment he was really getting into it – his mind was quieter, his body more relaxed, and his times of meditation longer. By the third day he found he could settle into a profound state of contemplation and there he sought to empty himself – in the hope that God might reveal God’s Self to him. But still, the illumined face of God eluded him. He vowed to pray all the more.

This time he sank deeper into prayer than ever before – until he heard the bell ring – and not just once, but repeatedly. *Would no one answer it?* The monk was reluctant to leave his prayer but the bell was insistent. Resentfully, he found his way to the door where stood a poor beggar – just as he had been told. The day was cold and the beggar was shivering. Hesitantly the monk invited him to step inside while he rummaged in the kitchen. Well, one thing led to another and the monk found himself serving the intruder some hot soup, listening to his story, and sending him off with his own warm coat and a supply of food from the pantry.

When the monk went back to resume his prayer, he found the whole room flooded with light – the presence of God – a palpable force. He fell to his knees and asked humbly how this had come to be. It was in this way that the monk came to understand that in serving the needs of others – especially the needs of those on the margins – he was looking directly into the face of God.

In the Gospel we understand how Jesus might want to “get away” for a moment of solitude – but the crowd’s hunger revealed an immediacy which required a response. He chose to reveal the illumined Face of God – the face of compassion, presence, and mercy. How could Jesus turn away from the need that cried out to him? How can we?