

## MASS INTENTIONS

## THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Thomas Harrison
Sunday	8:00	Dave Bessom, Clark Booth, Charles P. Goslee, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	9:30	George Brescia
	11:00	Dawn Monkiewicz
Monday	8:00	Jim Filliman
Tuesday	8:00	Joseph & Florence Moran
Wednesday	8:00	Joseph DiBrigida
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Sheila Kay Russo

## NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Wayde Mason & Morris Fuller
Sunday	8:00	Mark Dundas, Louis DiGiovanni, Jacqueline Heimlich Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Jim Filliman

## 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 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, 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 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, Beth Nixon, Maureen Hall, Anne O'Brien, Ben McMahon, Mark Dance, Gerry Moynihan, Bill Strakele

## 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 Prufer, Christian Goodman, John Reuland

## COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

August 26 Regular \$12,430.00

## FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday, September 7, will be observed with anointing of the sick after the 8 a.m. Mass.

## SEASONAL MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

As Labor Day weekend marks the traditional end to summer and the tourist season, next Sunday we return to our schedule of Sunday masses at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The Vigil Mass remains at 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION THIS WEEK

The 2nd collection benefits our Faith Formation ministries. Your generosity enables us to assist our students and their families during the religious education school year; offer adult education in the form of speakers, parish missions, and special Advent and Lenten programs, as well as the formation of adults in RCIA. Thank you for supporting parish Faith Formation.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are collecting for the annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" after all Masses this weekend. The campaign is also known as *The Campaign for People with Intellectual and Physical Disabilities*. The "Tootsie Roll Drive" nickname is due to the fact that Knights distribute specially marked Tootsie Rolls in exchange for donations used to support programs geared to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. The "Tootsie Roll Drive" last year resulted in a state Knights of Columbus grant of \$20,000 to CapeAbilities for their new Orleans rehabilitation facility. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## BE STILL

All are invited to join us in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. this Wednesday, September 5, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

All interested parishioners are welcome to join us at our meeting at 9:30 a.m. this Friday, September 7, in the Parish Center classroom.

## NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

The St. Joan of Arc Bereavement Ministry is offering *A New Day*, a nine-week bereavement program designed to help you work through the natural process of grieving in a small group atmosphere of care and understanding. The program will be held in the SJA Parish Center from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. each Wednesday from September 19 to November 14. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call 508-240-1119.

## SJA GUILD NEWS

**Calling All Women!!** The St. Joan of Arc Guild invites all women of the parish to join us for our kick-off event on Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The evening will begin with a brief overview of the exciting events that have been planned for the year, and will include refreshments and fellowship. The highlight of the evening will be an enlightening presentation by parishioner, Sue Koch, physical therapist. Sue's presentation *Fit and Feisty at Any Age* is one you won't want to miss! We look forward to welcoming all women of the Parish to the Guild's kick-off event.

**Hot Off the Press!** The 2018-19 brochure highlighting the upcoming activities of the Guild will be available in the church foyers beginning this weekend. We invite all women of the parish to pick up a brochure, see what the Guild has to offer, and return the completed membership form as soon as possible. There is no fee to join and no dues are charged — but membership will enable you to be part of a dedicated, vibrant group of faith-filled women whose service to the Parish is invaluable. If you're interested in meeting new friends, reconnecting with "old" friends, serving the Parish, and having fun, the Guild looks forward to welcoming you!

## SEASON OF CREATION, *September 1 to October 4*

Again this year, our St. Joan of Arc faith community, as well as Catholics throughout the world, have been called by Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si* to pray and take action for Creation during the Season of Creation, September 1—October 4.

"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all . . . Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production, and consumption to combat global warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it." (#23 *Laudato Si*)

## SEASON OF CREATION PRESENTATION

Join us in the church on Friday, September 28, at 7 p.m. to hear Matthew T. Eggemeier, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the College of the Holy Cross, address how we as Catholic are called to care for, in the Pope's words, *the poorest of the poorest of the poor: Mother Earth*. Dr. Eggemeier's essays on Christian spirituality, ecological theology, and political theology have appeared in *Modern Theology*, *Horizons*, and other publications. His most recent book is entitled, *A Sacramental-Prophetic Vision: Christian Spirituality in a Suffering World*.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., will celebrate a Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2018. The celebration will take place on Sunday, October 14, at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River. If you would like an invitation, please call the Rectory 508-255-1257 by Friday, October 5.

## CURSILLO OPEN HOUSE

Past Cursillistas, Ultreya members and persons interested in pursuing Cursillo are invited to an open house picnic at the home of Rainie Brooks, 15 Locust Grove Road, E. Harwich on Sunday, September 9, from 1 to 3. Call 914-907-9549. Pat Cole will be the guest speaker. Attendees are asked to bring a hot or cold dish or dessert to share. Join us and bring an interested friend.

## RETREAT WITH PEGGY PATENAUDE

**"Spirituality for Everyday Living"** monthly mini-retreat series, led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, begins its 9<sup>th</sup> season at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. **"Taming the Monster,"** on the topic of courage, is from 10:00AM to 12:30PM with coffee and pastry at 9:30. Pre-registration is required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net). For more information, visit [www.timeoutretreats.com](http://www.timeoutretreats.com).

## RETREAT WITH FR. RONALD ROLHEISER

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, bestselling author of *The Holy Longing*, will be offering a public day-long retreat at the Community of Jesus in Orleans on Saturday, September 22. Session topics are "Wrestling with God: Finding Hope and Meaning in our Struggles to be Human" and "Rising Up to the Adult Challenge Within the Gospels." The day also includes lunch, book signing and Evening Prayer at the Church of the Transfiguration for a fee of \$65. For more information or reservations, please call 508-240-2400 or visit [www.communityofjesus.org](http://www.communityofjesus.org).



### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS FLASH**

The 2018-2019 Faith Formation classes begin on Monday, September 24. Mark your calendars and register today!

### **FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS**

Faith Formation registration packets were mailed to all registered families. Please review the information and return the forms as soon as possible. If your child is registered and you did not receive a packet, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257. If you have a child planning to attend Kindergarten, First Grade, or are new to the area, call us at the above number to schedule a time to register your child. We are happy to assist you.

### **CATECHIST NEWS**

Our fall planning meeting for Faith Formation Teachers and Volunteers will be Monday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This offers us an opportunity to gather together for dinner and share the upcoming Faith Formation schedule. We look forward to reconnecting with all of you.



### **NEED HELP?**

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

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

## FEEDING THE GOODNESS

Nelson Mandela, the first president of democratic South Africa, was imprisoned for more than 20 years for his opposition to the brutally racist system of apartheid. Upon his release, as president, he did not preach hatred and revenge; but rather, deep listening, mercy, even forgiveness. During his long imprisonment, he was able to survive by purposely finding the spark of humanity in his jailors:

*“I always knew that deep down in every human heart, there was the possibility of mercy and generosity. No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than hate. Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to the limits, I would try to see a glimmer of humanity in one of our guards – perhaps just for a second – but it was enough for me to keep going. Man’s goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.”*

Jesus makes it clear in today’s Gospel that the kind of human beings we *are* is dependent not so much on the food we eat; or on thoughtless, obsessive, observance of rules – as it is upon the values of the heart. If outward practices, however worthy, result in arrogance, self-absorption, and separation from the needs of others, they are obviously not ‘fanning that innate flame of goodness’ – the flame Mandela struggled to find. The oft-told parable of the two wolves says it well: *At war in each of us are two wolves – one wolf hungers for beauty, truth, goodness, and love – the other feeds on jealousy, selfishness, deceit, and hate.* Which wolf wins? It all depends on which one we feed. As Jesus reminds us – the values of the heart – the feeding of the ‘good’ wolf, directly affects the kind of person we become.

Pope Francis has said that the Church itself; and we, as church, must feed the good wolf – that we must tend to *“that which cries out in every human soul for forgiveness, acknowledgement, and mercy.”* Quoting Pope John XXIII, Francis reinforces the need to *“renounce the arms of severity” and opt for the “medicine of mercy.”*

This week we are asked to evaluate our spiritual health by *‘what comes out’* – by our expression of the values of humility, mercy, and compassion rather than vengeance, judgment, greed, and division. We are reminded that to keep that inextinguishable flame of human goodness burning brightly, we must feed the wolf that hungers for beauty; truth; and kindness