

## MASS INTENTIONS

## THIS WEEK

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
Monday	8:00	Kathleen & Edward McCormick
Tuesday	8:00	Omer Chartrand
Wednesday	8:00	Lew Ouellette
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	George Weimer

## NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Mary & George Mess
Sunday	8:00	Lucy Hillis, Jim Filliman, Eileen Keough Scott, Joel & Dr. Joseph Kelly Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Lewis Carrington

## 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 Bencoter, 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 Kascsak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., 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, Martha Moynihan

## PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MID-EAST

Brandy Nelson, Timothy Horgan, 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 Prufer, Christian Goodman, John Reuland

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Barbara Gasco

## COLLECTION RESULTS!

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, collection results will appear next week.

## 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 this 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 is available in the church foyers. 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!

## BE STILL

We'll be taking a short "breather" from our weekly reflection and stillness this Wednesday. We look forward to returning to our regular schedule next Wednesday, September 19, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, September 16, at 4 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 info, please call John at 508-240-0904, or Liz at 508-896-4916.

## 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.

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

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si* reflects on the cry of the earth, cry of the poor: "Each year the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right." #33 *Laudato Si*

### SEASON OF CREATION PRESENTATION

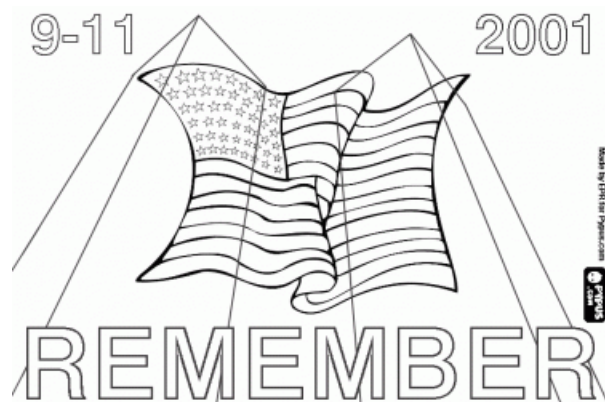
Join us in the church on Friday, September 28, at 7 p.m. to hear Matthew T. Eggemeier, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the College of the Holy Cross, address how we as Catholic are called to care for, in the Pope's words, *the poorest of the poorest of the poor: Mother Earth.* Dr. 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.*

### KNIGHTS FUNDRAISER FOR JPII HIGH SCHOOL

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast following the Masses on Sunday, September 23, as a fundraiser for the JPII High School Scholarship Fund. We will be serving cranberry, blueberry, and plain pancakes, with sausage, OJ and coffee. The price is \$6/ adults, \$2.50/children under 12/, free for children under 7, with a family limit of \$15. This year we provided scholarship assistance for a Chatham student to attend JPII. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are always welcome.

### POLAND-BUDAPEST PILGRIMAGE 7/30-8/10/2019

Journey as pilgrims with **Fr. George Bellenoit** and **Fr. Marcel Bouchard**, retired pastors of the Diocese of Fall River, MA to the holy sites connected with our beloved St. John Paul II, St. Sr. Faustina & the Divine Mercy, and St. Maximilian Kolbe. Our journey will take us on a timeline of their lives in Poland. We will celebrate the lives of these three saints in Warsaw and Krakow, in the places where they lived, worshipped and died. We will be praying with them as we travel and develop an even closer relationship with these holy servants of God. While in Poland, we will also visit the site of the Black Madonna in Czestochowa, and holy sites in Budapest, Hungary, home of the Irish Madonna. If you are interested in participating in this exciting adventure of these modern day saints, and to request a brochure, please contact Randy Pinto at [randypinto1@gmail.com](mailto:randypinto1@gmail.com) or call 321 987 8173. **An early registration discount is offered to those who register by September 15, 2018.**



### 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

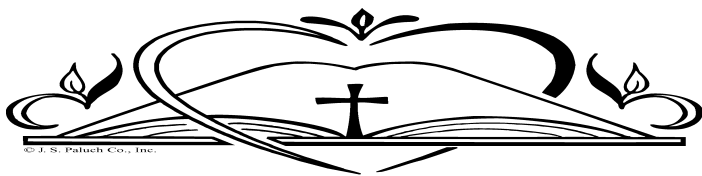
Past Cursillistas, Ultreya members and persons interested in pursuing Cursillo are invited to an open house picnic at the home of Rainie Brooks, 15 Locust Grove Road, E. Harwich this Sunday, September 9, from 1 to 3. Call 914-907-9549. Pat Cole will be the guest speaker. Attendees are asked to bring 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 17, 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.

### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

Are you interested in deepening your spirituality? Has life gotten in the way of serious participation in your spiritual growth? Are you inspired to renew and review your knowledge of Jesus' teachings and the rich treasure of our Catholic Faith traditions? Then the intimate faith-sharing format of RCIA might be for you.

Even though the primary purpose of RCIA is to discern and prepare one to become Catholic, it also offers an opportunity for Catholic seekers to share their faith and support one another within a small community framework.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are already Catholic and simply want to reconnect with the church in a small and hospitable forum, please call Judy Burt Walker in the Faith Formation Office of Father Bill at the Rectory.

### ***Ephphatha!*- Be Open**

A couple of years ago the *Huffington Post* printed the report of a car bomb that had exploded in Baghdad, killing ten people and injuring many more. Unfortunately such a report was not unusual in the Iraqi capital. But the article went on to describe something very unusual that did happen in the wake of that blast.

As the area was secured, a man appeared wearing black suit, his long hair combed back. He unfolded a small chair, sat down, and amid the rubble began to play his cello. The musician, Karim Wasfi, was the renowned conductor of the Iraqi National Symphony Orchestra. An explosion in his own neighborhood had inspired Wasfi to take his cello to the streets where he played his original composition: *Baghdad Mourning Melancholy*. The sounds of explosion and destruction were quietly and movingly replaced by the haunting sounds of the cello.

Soldiers, shop owners, and residents of destroyed neighborhoods listened – some in thoughtful silence, others in tears; all in remembrance of a kinder, gentler way to live – a way called forth through the inspiration of music that spoke to the soul.

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus calls us to remain open – *Ephphatha!* – open to the possibilities for transformation through a selfless love and an artful generosity of our creative resources. Especially in times when the sounds of grief, fear, despair and spitefulness seem to drown out the presence of God’s compassion and hope, we are called to seek ways to lift each other up. In our own unique ways we are asked to invite one another to a deeper faith – to “*play the life-giving music of the soul*” for one another through our willingness to listen deeply, share a smile; be present in tender, gentle and healing ways.

Karim Wasfi, in the gift of music, attempted to bring hope and possibility for life in the midst of death to his neighbors and countrymen. The spirit of *Ephphatha* is not to withdraw when darkness threatens, but to recognize the possibilities for transforming the lives of the broken and isolated in the completeness and joy of God’s living presence in our midst. This week God is reminding us to remain open to all that is life-giving – to allow ourselves to be moved to the depths of the soul by the wonder, beauty, truth; and goodness that continually call us forth and inspire us to use our gifts to enrich the lives of those around us