

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

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  
 Monday 8:00 Margaret Watras  
 Tuesday 8:00 Helen & Joseph Iskrzak  
 Wednesday 8:00 Jake Eybers  
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service  
 Friday 8:00 Alice McKinley

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Sr. Katherine Costello & Sr. Marie Brown  
 Sunday 8:00 Mary Jeannette Lathrop, Bob Leite  
 Ellen Marie Anderson, Charles Goslee  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Maddie Potts

**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 Kasczak, 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 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 Prufer, Christian Goodman, John Reuland

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

Patricia Anne Mercaitis, John Gasparini

**COLLECTION RESULTS — THANK YOU!**

September 2 Regular	\$12,164.00
Religious Ed	\$ 4,690.00
September 9 Regular	\$ 9,807.00

**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.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **THIS** 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.

**BLOOD DRIVE THIS FRIDAY**

The Knights of Columbus will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross this Friday, September 21, from noon to 5 p.m. in the Parish Center. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can make an appointment online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org>. Clam Chowder will be served to all blood donors.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**



St. Francis of Assisi was known for his gentle spirituality and love for animals. It is customary to celebrate the blessing of the animals in memory of St. Francis at this time of year. On Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a blessing of the animals here at St. Joan of Arc Church in the parking lot by the entrance to the Parish Center at 3:00 p.m.

Bring your animals and family pets: dogs, cats, birds, horses, ferrets, fish... whatever the case may be.

## BE STILL

All are invited to join us in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. this Wednesday, September 19, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

## 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: "The ecological crisis summons us to a profound spiritual conversion: Christians are called to 'an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them'" #217 *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.

## MLK STUDY GROUP

Most Americans are familiar with Dr. Martin Luther King's *I Have A Dream* moving address. However, fewer than 10% have read and studied his *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, considered by most scholars as his most important work. During this 50th year since Dr. King's assassination, the Nauset Interfaith Association seeks to establish 50 study groups on the Cape to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest this remarkable document. St. Joan of Arc will hold a study group, starting with an Academy Award nominated film, *13th*, on September 30 at 4 p.m. and subsequently use the NIA materials to study the *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, on Sundays 10/7, 10/14, 10/28. Visit [www.nausetinterfaith.org](http://www.nausetinterfaith.org) and click on LFBJ for details and to download study group materials. Feel free to bring a light supper to the October sessions. Questions? Contact Jane MacAfee at 508-432-9480, or Madalyn Hillis-Dineen at 508-896-8829.

## NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

Our Bereavement Ministry is offering *A New Day*, a 9-week bereavement program to help you work through the natural process of grieving in a small group atmosphere of care and understanding in the Parish Center from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. each Wednesday from 9/19 to 11/14. Pre-registration is required. Call 240-1119.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Route 137, Harwich, will host the annual Assembly of Church Women United of Cape Cod on Friday, September 28, with Registration and Coffee at 9 a.m., followed by the program at 10. a.m. and ending with lunch. The theme is *Stand Up For Human Dignity*. Registration is \$10 and may be sent to Marilyn Lariviere, 19 Stetson St., Hyannis 02601. For further information, contact Marilyn at [mlariv@comcast.net](mailto:mlariv@comcast.net), or 508-776-6059.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

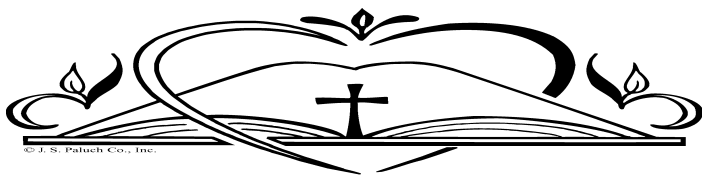
Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., will celebrate a Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2018 on Sunday, October 14, at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River. If you would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

## 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).

## 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. Maximillian 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 also visit the site of the Black Madonna in Czestochowa, and holy sites in Budapest, Hungary, home of the Irish Madonna. Contact Randy Pinto at [randypinto1@gmail.com](mailto:randypinto1@gmail.com) or call 321 987 8173. .



### **FAITH FORMATION OPENING DAY**

We look forward to meeting our Kindergarten through Grade 10 students and their families when Faith Formation classes begin on **Monday, September 24**.

### **FALL REGISTRATION CONTINUES**

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. You are invited to join us on Catechetical Sunday, September 23, at the 10 a.m. Mass to bless this year's catechists and volunteers.

### **CATECHIST NEWS**

Our fall planning meeting for Faith Formation Teachers and Volunteers will be this 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.

## LIVE THE ANSWER

A few years ago Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe was named for her work among the abducted Ugandan girls and their babies, as one of the 100 most influential people in the world. Sr. Rosemary says that God's *'first call'* had inspired her to become a Sister of the Sacred Heart of Jesus where she had worked in clinics, assisted at surgeries, and learned how to deliver babies.

Her *'second call'* came from a growing awareness of who Jesus really was and what discipleship was all about. She asked to be sent to a semi-deserted school – a school that served barely 30 students in buildings soldiers had looted and damaged. The soldiers, who were part of the resistance army that had terrorized Uganda – killing families, kidnapping children to train as soldiers; abducting girls as young as 10 into forced sexual slavery – this army had been disbanded in the year 2000. But the effects live on.

*'Child-mothers'* who had escaped the soldiers, found their families were dead or were unwilling to accept their *'bush children'*. The word soon spread to hundreds of victimized young mothers that, not only were their children welcomed at this dilapidated school, but so were they. Simple vocational skills such as sewing were taught to help rebuild their lives. As Sister Rosemary says, *"People have been broken for so many years... We need to mend these lives, literally with a needle – that is why we say we are 'sewing hope'. We are fixing lives with a needle and thread."*

Like Sr. Rosemary, Jesus asks us at different stages of our lives: *"And you – who do you say that I am?"* Authentic discipleship is more than creed and ritual. It is to continually grow in the awareness of what love is, and how the Spirit of Love is calling us to wholeness, holiness, and compassionate service. To be a follower of Jesus is to put ourselves in the humble, demanding role of being present to the sufferings and needs of others – to intentionally seek the happiness and fulfillment of those we are called to serve regardless of the cost to ourselves. This is a *'tall order'*! Authentic discipleship is anything but easy. It demands that we put aside the safe and the comfortable and take on the unpleasant and the difficult.

As we grow and mature in discipleship, we need to pause frequently and listen deeply to the query: *'Who do you say that I am?'* Our response is measured by how we forgive, how kind we are; how generous with time and talent. Like Sr. Rosemary, we must be attentive to the call of the Compassionate One, and unreservedly *'live the answer'*!