

**MASS INTENTIONS
THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Bill Dunning & The Ozon Family
 Sunday 8:00 Charles Cacciola, Lindsay B. Crosby,
 Ryan Colleran
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Deirdre Josephine Carr
 Monday 8:00 John Moran
 Tuesday 8:00 Jack Deegan
 Wednesday 8:00 Tom Hawko
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Ruth Kantorski
 Sunday 8:00 Vincent Zdanowicz, Bob Leite
 Francis Joseph Doherty, Eileen Turano,
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Joseph DiBrigida

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 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

Jay Kennedy, David White

COLLECTION RESULTS — THANK YOU!

September 23 Regular \$ 8,910.00

2ND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend supports The Cardinal Medeiros Residence, a retirement home for many of our Diocesan priests.

KNIGHTS' ROSARY DISTRIBUTION

Our Knights of Columbus are distributing free men's and women's rosaries after all Masses this weekend to anyone who wants one. Praying Mary's rosary as often as possible is a devotion important and dear to the Knights, and we wish to encourage everyone to implore Mary's help and intercession by praying the rosary often.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



St. Francis

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. **This Monday, October 1st, 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, October 3, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

**HOLY HOUR FOR REPARATION & HEALING
IN THE CHURCH**

A Holy Hour for Reparation and Healing in the Church will be held at Christ the King Church, (5 Job's Fishing Rd., Mashpee) at **7 p.m. on Friday, October 5**. Each Deanery in the Fall River Diocese will be holding a Holy Hour at the same date and time. Bishop da Cunha will be leading the Holy Hour at St. Mary's Cathedral for the Fall River Deanery. The hope is that many faithful of the Diocese of Fall River will join together in prayer at the same time in the presence of our Lord. The Holy Hour will also be livestreamed at www.christthekingparish.com for those unable to attend. Let's unite in prayer for healing, reparation and mercy. All are welcome.

ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN BEGINS

In observation of Respect Life Month in October, next weekend our Respect Life Ministry begins its annual Baby Bottle Campaign with the distribution of baby bottles after all Masses. Take an empty bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it to the baskets in the foyers by the end of the month. Your generosity helps provide no-cost services such as ultrasound exams, medical consultations, parenting and adoption preparation, as well as on-going friendship and long-term practical support. **All are welcome to attend our Ministry meeting this Friday, October 5, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center classroom**

PARISH POTLUCK SUPPER



Our Parish Potluck will be on Tuesday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This year's potluck will have an **international theme**, so dust off your favorite international recipes, bring the family, and join fellow parishioners for an evening of fun, fellowship, and lots of delicious food. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Ann Brescia at 774-330-3033 with the number of guests in your party and whether you'll be bringing a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert.

This year's potluck provides an opportunity to lend support to Nicole O'Leary, a lifelong parishioner and recent graduate of Notre Dame University who, having accepted God's call to religious life, will be entering the Little Sisters of the Poor later this Fall. Prior to entering the order, Nicole is required to minimize her outstanding college loans as much as possible. Although the Potluck will remain a cost-free event, there will be an opportunity for attendees to make a free-will offering and/or participate in the a basket raffle and 50/50/ drawing. All proceeds from the event will go directly to reducing Nicole's student loan obligation. If you would like to assist Nicole, but are unable to attend the Potluck, checks made payable to **The Jeanne Jugan Residence**, indicating **Nicole O'Leary** in the memo line, can be sent to Kathy Culik, 505 South Orleans Road, Orleans 02653.

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 508-255-0170 by **this Friday, October 5.**

ANNUAL APPRECIATION RECEPTION

We are grateful for all of our parishioners who are involved in one or more of our many ministries.

*All those who are regularly involved in ministry or service in the parish are invited to the Four Points Sheraton for spirits and hors d' oeuvres on **Sunday, October 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** We look forward to celebrating our ministries and our parish!*

MLK STUDY GROUP

Most Americans are familiar with Dr. Martin Luther King's *I Have A Dream* but, 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**, **this Sunday, September 30 at 4 p.m.** and subsequently use the NIA materials to study the *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, at 4 p.m. on Sundays 10/7, 10/21, 10/28 and 11/4. We will meet in the Parish Center for all sessions, except for October 21, which will be in the Chapel. Visit www.nausetinterfaith.org and click on LFBJ for details and to download study group materials. Questions? Contact Jane MacAfee at 508-432-9480, or Madalyn Hillis-Dineen at 508-896-8829.

SEASON OF CREATION ~ SEPT 1 to OCT 4

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, reflects on the cry of the earth, cry of the poor: "On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. It is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others, and with the world. Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor. (#237 *Laudato Si*)

LIVE MUSIC FOR LIFE CONCERT

Our Lady of the Cape Church, 468 Stony Brook Road, Brewster, will host The Black Whydah Trio on Saturday, October 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. in their Parish Center. The evening will include a delicious spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Admission is \$10/adults; \$5/children. Sponsored by Mass Citizens for Life, the proceeds will benefit youth scholarships to the Cape Cod Bus for Life. For more information, call 508-362-5891.



AND SO IT BEGINS . . . !

Faith Formation is underway and we are so grateful to our students, families, catechists and volunteers for the wonderful start to our school year. A few reminders:

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- * If you have not returned your registration fee and form, please stop by the Faith Formation Office on Monday, October 1. It is important to verify we have the correct info on file for each child.
- * For afternoon session dismissal, the catechists instruct the students to wait in the classrooms for their parents or guardians to come in and get them. This is not only for safety purposes, but also offers an opportunity for the teachers to meet the parents or guardians.
- * Even though Faith Formation is in session, it's **not too late** for your child to join us. If you are new to the parish or have a kindergartener or first grader who you wish to attend religious education, please stop by the Faith Formation Office located in the Parish Center to complete an application — or call the office at 508-255-1257. We are happy to assist 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.

SMALL CUPS OF KINDNESS

Some time ago the *Connections Resource Publication* carried a story that had appeared in the *Readers' Digest* entitled: "*Gather by the River*". It is a simple story of a poor Christian farmer who, unfortunately, escaped the hardships of life through his habit of binge-drinking. Whenever he went on a bender (which was fairly often), he'd become abusive – to such an extreme that his family would flee into their cornfield – the man frequently shooting after them with his .22 rifle.

One day a perceptive neighbor, an elderly Amish gentleman, came by. He explained to the farmer that rats had been in his corncrib and asked if his neighbor knew anyone who could sell him a .22 rifle. Soon, a bargain was struck and the Amish man set off for home with the rifle and the ammunition.

One of the poor farmer's children followed this strange-looking Amish man from a safe distance. From his hiding place, he was surprised to see the man stop in the middle of the bridge that crossed a nearby river. There he tossed the rifle and the ammunition into the swiftly moving current. He then continued home.

The Amish gentleman's perceptiveness and humility had inspired him to heed the inspiration to buy and destroy the rifle. In a sense he had generously offered the "*cup of water*" spoken of in today's Gospel. His intervention did not humiliate the poor farmer, but simply offered him and his family a respite from a highly destructive way of being – a chance for new life. This simple open-hearted encounter is a reflection of the compassion to which Jesus invites all his would-be followers. Jesus promises that even the simplest acts of love and kindness performed with a caring and merciful heart will be honored by God – a God whose kindness and generosity cannot be out done.

The Amish man is a kind of prophet in this simple story. In a very emphatic move he paved the way for God's Spirit of truth to enter a struggling family. We don't know the end of the story, but we do know that this act of love is honored by God – by the Holy One who is always bigger than we can imagine. God is free to extravagantly pour out grace and the power of transformation on anyone and everyone – no strings attached! This is the exact kind of compassionate action – this 'grace-full' awareness of our neighbors and their needs – that must become central to our way of living if we are to bring about a kinder, more peaceful world. One small "cup of kindness" offered in Jesus' name can be life-giving!