

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Bertha & Charles Meads; Blanche & Herb Landwehr
Sunday	8:00	Don Dolan Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Charlie Wolff
Monday	8:00	Dr. John Marquardt
Tuesday	8:00	Dominic Calabrese
Wednesday	8:00	Paul Zimmerman
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Dolores W. Williams

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Al Schubert
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Patricia O'Keefe

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Peter Cruickshank, 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, Gerry Csaposs, Peggy Carson, Ed Daly, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kasczak, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, 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 McMahan, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Bob Flaherty, Martha Byron, Stephen Moreau, Peter Gerstberger

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 Olga Fee, Joan Masterson, Len Clifford, Irene DeBoer

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

Christmas	\$14,139.00
December 30	\$17,040.00
January 1	\$ 2,049.00
January 6	\$ 6,174.00
Annual Appeal to Date	\$40,660.00

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. this Wednesday, January 16, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

RCIA

Our next RCIA meeting is this Thursday, January 17, at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. It is not too late to join us if you are interested in becoming Catholic, or if you are already Catholic and simply want to reconnect with the church. Please contact Judy Burt Walker at 508-255-1257 or Fr. Bill at 508-255-0170 for more information.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Roses for Life A red and white rose, representing the conception to natural death life continuum, are placed in a bud vase before the Blessed Sacrament this weekend to remind us to pray for the unborn and for the end to euthanasia.

March for Life, January 18, 2019

Unique From Day One is the theme for the 2019 March for Life. Please join us, in solidarity with the walkers, this Friday, January 18, following the 8 a.m. Mass to pray the Rosary for Life that the sanctity of life be restored to our nation. Note: You can watch live coverage of the march on the EWTN television channel.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, January 20, at 1:30 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 information please call John at 508-240-0904 or Liz at 508-896-4916.

JANUARY MASS COUNT

Parishioners are reminded that during the month of January, the parishes of the Cape Cod Deanery take a count of the attendance at all weekend Masses. It is a way for the parishes and the diocese to calculate the patterns of Mass attendance, locally and regionally.

2019 WALL CALENDARS

St. Joan of Arc Parish wall calendars for the New Year are available in the foyers for all who want one. We are grateful to Chris Luciano, General Manager of Nickerson Funeral Home, for supplying these to the Parish.

RETREAT FOR MEN

Everybody Dies — but Not Everyone Lives! The retreat will be led by Mr. Ernie Collamati and Deacon Bruce Bonneau at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA, February 8—10. Many people as they approach death do not regret what they have done, but what they did not do or tried. This retreat addresses questions such as: *What fears do we have that prevent us from truly living? Can we see regrets not as failures but places for hope? Can we live while we are dying and not die while we are living?* For more information or to register, contact Deacon Bruce Bonneau at 508-678-2828, ext 13, or email bbonneau@dfrcs.org.

HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION

The Human Rights Celebration sponsored by Church Women United of Cape Cod recognizes persons and organizations in Cape Cod communities doing extraordinary work on behalf of the least among us — a national award given in a local setting. The 2019 Celebration will honor Rev. Roderick MacDonald and Natalie Ryan of Engage Falmouth, beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22 at Our Lady of Victory Parish, 230 S. Main Street, Centerville. The cost is \$10. Call Marilyn Lariviere at 508-776-6059 for further information.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office is hosting a discernment weekend for Men, ages 18-45, at the Betania II Spiritual Life and Marian Center, 154 Summer St., Medway, MA from Friday, February 22 to Sunday February 24. See posted flyers in church foyers for more info. If interested, please contact Fr. Jack Schrader at frschrader@fallrivervocations.org or 508-895-6161.



SEASONAL REMINDERS

With the flu season upon us, we are implementing certain policies and making recommendations which have arisen out of concern for the health and well-being of our parishioners and community. Firstly, we will refrain from offering the cup at Mass until



Holy Thursday. The Sign of Peace may be offered with words and a smile rather than a handshake. It is also preferable that you receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue at this time.

If you suspect you are ill, or weather conditions are hazardous, you may remain at home, possibly participating in the Mass on TV, radio or Internet. Throughout these winter months, **when school is canceled or on delayed start because of snow, the weekday Mass will be canceled as well.** The intentions will be transferred and included with the intentions of the next weekday Mass. This policy is intended for your safety as well as to expedite snow removal in our parking lots. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Consider planning a weekend away for just the two of you to renew your marriage relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples who have a good marriage and want to make it even better! Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married a short time or many years. See the poster in the foyers, call 800-710-WWME, or call Carmella and Al Alfano at 508-255-4448. Upcoming weekends are January 18-20 in South Kingston, RI; March 8—10 in Duxbury, MA; April 13—14 in Brewster, MA, June 8—9 in Medway, MA.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND/BUDAPEST

Join Fr. Marcel Bouchard and Fr. George Bellenoit July 30-August 10, 2019 on a pilgrimage to Poland and Budapest to follow the lives of the great saints John Paul II, Sr. Faustina, and Maximilian Kolbe. This exciting adventure will lift your spirits, and delight your senses! For more information, to request a brochure, please contact Randy Pinto 321-987-8173 or email randypinto1@gmail.com.



FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Grade 1—10 students meet this Monday, January 14, at their regularly scheduled time. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

BREAKING NEWS — CONFIRMATION DATE

Our Confirmation date is **Saturday, March 16, 2019**, at 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc. Additional details and updates expected in the upcoming weeks.

JANUARY FAMILY MASS

Our first Family Mass of the New Year is this Sunday, January 13, at 10 a.m. Please come and share this special liturgy with our students and their families. Afterwards, all are welcome to join us in the Parish Center for refreshments.

IMPORTANT GRADE 10 PARENT MEETING

There is an important Grade 10 Confirmation Parents Meeting this Monday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. We will review the upcoming scheduled events — especially the February 10 Retreat. Parents — please remember to bring your Parent Prayer letters as well as any additional retreat letters to the meeting.

TEEN NITE FOR GRADES 9 & 10

Teen Nite is scheduled for this Tuesday, January 15, at 6 p.m. Teens will be working on a community service project, followed by dinner. Please plan to attend since these evenings count towards service hours for Confirmation.

PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

As our parishioner Nicole O'Leary continues her vocation discernment with the Little Sisters of the Poor, let us offer her our support and encouragement. Let us remember Nicole and all those discerning a vocation in the Church, in our prayers.

Lord God, the Provider of all our needs. Manifest in your Church, the Holy Spirit whom you so abundantly bestowed on Our Lady and the apostles at Pentecost. Bless St. Joan of Arc Parish with an increase of men and women to minister in the Church. Form our parish in your image to be the sacred environment for listening to the Spirit that these young men and women may hear your call and respond with generous hearts. May they give themselves, their time, and their talents to serve your Son, Jesus Christ and the Church. Amen.

SACRED WELLS — LIVING WATERS

For the ancient Celtic tribes of Ireland and Britain, God was first to be found in nature. In creation, the Celts realized a God present in all of life's complexities and mysteries. Wells were especially sacred places for all ancient peoples because of the life-sustaining qualities of the waters they contained, but for the Irish, wells were particularly sacred places. Margaret Silf beautifully describes this mystique in her book *"Sacred Spaces: Stations on a Celtic Way"*:

"I have come to recognize that joy and sorrow are two sides of the same coin, and my angels and demons walk hand in hand. A well, which the Celts revered as sacred space, expresses something of this paradox. It is sacred because it is the source of water; the cradle and assurance of life itself. Yet that source of life is only reached by descending into the depths of a deep, dark shaft..."

"Not all of our memories are charged with the energy of joy. Some carry energy that feels destructive and negative. Yet these 'wells' of our lives may be the very place from which we draw living water...To risk the journey to the bottom of the well demands courage. For many of us, that journey into darkness only happens when circumstances force us into an encounter with 'rock bottom'. Must such an encounter be negative? Or might the dark shaft of the well truly bring us to 'sacred space'?"

At his baptism by John, Jesus begins his public life as teacher and healer. He begins his work of revealing to humankind the hope of the kingdom of God. In the waters of this *"baptismal well"*, Jesus willingly takes on what he knows will be a difficult life – but his very willingness and courage to embrace this baptism reveals the Spirit of God in the midst of every human experience. We know with certainty that Jesus' life would plunge him into the *deep, dark shaft* of suffering and death, but from that depth pours forth the living waters that continue to give us life.

Today we recall our own baptisms – perhaps pondering the name by which we were anointed; the candle marking the light we were given; the oil identifying us as God's own; the white garment of purification and newness of life. Like Jesus, we journey daily – sometimes savoring the sweetness of the living waters of love and friendship and joy – sometimes plunging into the dark and terrifying depths of life's dark spaces knowing that here, too, we find the living waters of God's sustaining grace. In the sacred space of the *'baptismal well'*, may we find renewed strength – and the grace and compassion to become *'holy wells'* for each other



Diocese of Fall River
Office of the Bishop
Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

January 3, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin this New Year, I write to inform you of recent, important steps taken in the Fall River Diocese in our ongoing efforts to foster healing in the wake of the clergy sexual abuse crisis and to provide greater transparency in our response to it.

Last fall an internal review and reorganization of all priestly personnel files in the Diocese was done to ensure all documents were assembled together and in proper order. With input from advisors, I then determined that, in the interest of accountability and transparency, the services of an outside independent consultant were needed for a comprehensive evaluation of these files with regard to abuse. I am pleased to inform you that Mr. William Gavin, an experienced compliance auditor and former Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Assistant Director, has recently begun an in-depth review of all records of the Diocese pertaining to the abuse or allegations of abuse of a minor by any cleric in the Diocese. Mr. Gavin brings much experience and expertise in this work having completed numerous similar reviews for other dioceses. It is anticipated that this review will be completed in the spring.

Upon its completion, the Fall River Diocese will publish a list of clergy against whom a credible allegation of abuse of a minor has been made in the past. While most of these names have already been reported in the media, the publication of a list is necessary for greater transparency on our part in response to clerical sexual abuse. I wish that this information could be made available sooner; yet it takes time and diligence to compile a list that is accurate and complete.

Also in the year ahead, efforts will continue to strengthen diocesan abuse prevention protocols through the work of our reorganized and expanded Office of Safe Environment to help ensure the protection of our youth and vulnerable adults.

It is my fervent prayer that this New Year will be one marked by recovery and healing both here in our Diocese and in the Church worldwide.

Please know that you have my prayerful best wishes for a healthy and happy 2019.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.
Bishop of Fall River