

MASS INTENTIONS  
THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Corinne & John McDonald  
 Sunday 8:00 Bob & Tony Leite  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Lewis Carrington  
 Monday 8:00 Theresa Mackey  
 Tuesday 8:00 Ruth O'Neill  
 Wednesday 8:00 Blanche Rolek  
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service  
 Friday 8:00 Pierre Laberge

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Mary & Ben McMahon  
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Charlie Wolff

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 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, 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 McMahon, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Bob Flaherty, Martha Byron, Stephen Moreau, Peter Gerstberger, Jean Bryant

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 Pruffer, Christian Goodman, John Reuland

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED James Scanlan

IN LOVING MEMORY

The Sanctuary candle has been donated in loving memory of Patricia Twerago.

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

January 20, 2019	\$ 5,150.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 1,511.00
January 27 Regular	\$ 5,493.00
Harvest Sunday	\$ 3,397.00
Annual Appeal to Date	\$61,160.00

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend is in support of Home Missions.

FRIENDSHIP SOCIAL

Back by popular demand! The St. Joan of Arc Guild and Knights of Columbus are once again hosting a Friendship Social for all adult parishioners and their guests. A delicious Italian buffet dinner (including appetizers and dessert) catered by Friends' Marketplace in Orleans will be served, all for just \$15.00/adult. So mark your calendars for Saturday, February 16, at 6:00pm in the Parish Center, and plan to join in the fun. Reservation forms are available at the entrances to the church, and are due by February 9. Questions? Please call Anne Kennedy at 203-910-2631 or send email to SJAGuild@c4.net.

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, February 6, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

RCIA

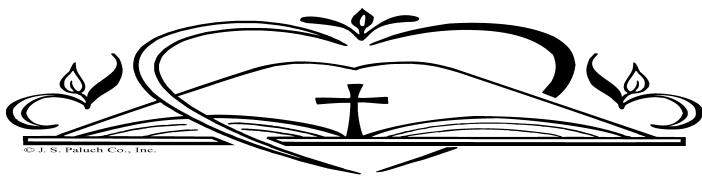
RCIA is on hiatus until March 7 at 4:00pm in the Chapel.

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.



## **FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE**

We look forward to seeing all our Grade 1-10 students at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, February 4.

## **CONFIRMATION ANGEL CARDS**

This is the final weekend for the Confirmation Student "Angel Cards." There is still time to take a name and write a note of encouragement. Return these letters and cards to the Faith Formation Office, by Monday, February 4. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their journey and participate in their retreat next Sunday.

## **CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

The Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat is next Sunday, February 10, from 2:00pm to 9:00pm. Please plan to arrive at the Parish center by 1:45pm so we can begin promptly at 2:00pm. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Grade 10 Confirmation students.

## **GRADE 2 PARENTS MEETING**

There is an important grade 2 Parents Meeting on Monday, February 11, at 3:15pm in the Parish Center to review the calendar of events and the expectations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March.

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## **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](mailto:frschrader@fallrivervocations.org) or 508-895-6161.

## **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.*

## **MRS. BARRETT—AN UNKNOWING PROPHET**

The revered American Catholic, Dorothy Day was a social activist and journalist in the early 1900's. She also experienced doomed love affairs, a failed marriage a suicide attempt, and an abortion. In the 1930's she and Peter Maurin started the Catholic Worker Movement to advocate for the poor, the homeless, the hungry. Dorothy died in 1980 and her cause for canonization is underway.

In her autobiography, *The Long Loneliness*, Dorothy writes of her conversion from atheistic anarchism to Catholic social consciousness. She tells of her first impulse toward Catholicism which was inspired by Mrs. Barrett, a neighbor and mother of her young friend, Kathryn. One morning Dorothy burst into the Barrett apartment looking for her friend and found Mrs. Barrett in the front bedroom – on her knees, saying prayers. Without any embarrassment, Mrs. Barrett turned to tell Dorothy that Kathryn had gone to the store, and then returned to her prayers. That single moment had a profound impact on Dorothy: *"I felt a burst of love toward Mrs. Barrett that I have never forgotten, a feeling of gratitude and happiness that warmed my heart – Mrs. Barrett in her sordid little tenement flat finished her breakfast dishes and then got down on her knees and prayed to God...She had God, and there was beauty and joy in her life!"*

Dorothy Day was baptized two decades later – decades full of tumult and denial of God's existence. But the memory of Mrs. Barrett's kindness and peace remained with her. Mrs. Barrett probably never knew the impact she had on her young neighbor, yet she was a "prophet" in the truest sense – the love of God was revealed in her simple dedication as a mother – and the faith reflected in her own simple prayer life.

God continues to raise up prophets in every walk of life: parents and teachers, preachers and ministers, friends and classmates to help us realize our own call to be prophets of the Way of Christ – Their example encourages us to embrace the seeds of grace which enable us to transform our own "Nazareth's" into God's dwelling place.

As Jesus reads the passage from Isaiah in his hometown of Nazareth, he invites the congregation to hear the word not as an ancient, "someday" promise, but as a present claim on their future. May we possess the wisdom to see God in the simplicity of love, peace, and kindness poured out to us in our ordinary lives. May we all exemplify the simple faith of Mrs. Barrett – the prophet who inspired Dorothy Day.