

## MASS INTENTIONS

## THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Alan Bowden & Bruce Burke
Sunday	8:00	Frances Jerome, Helen Grace, David Murphy, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Fedela & Frank Tranzillo
Monday	8:00	Tim McEnaney
Tuesday	8:00	Frank & Rose Lamborghini
Wed	8:00	Peter Walker
Thurs	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Tim McEnaney

## NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Jack Dowman
Sunday	8:00	Norma Paladino 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 Lenczewski, 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, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kasczak, 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, Stephen Moreau, Tara Maughn, Paula Madeiro, Jim Guiliano, Jack Hoblitzell

## 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, John Reuland

## PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

## COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

May 5 Regular	\$ 7,215.00
Catholic Charities	\$12,385.00

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

*see all the*



78th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal  
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

Gratitude to all parishioners who have already donated, achieving a total of \$12,385 by the end of the first week of the campaign.

*Feed the Hungry. Shelter the Homeless. Visit the Sick. Comfort the Sorrowful* — you can practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and “*See All the People*” whose lives you are helping to transform, through your generous support of the 78th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. This year’s theme reminds us to bear witness to the tens of thousands who benefit from the agencies and apostolates serving those in need throughout our Diocese: extending all the way to Cape Cod and the islands. Where there is great need, our parish community can offer great hope. Please consider making your gift online by visiting [www.givefrdiocese.org/cca19](http://www.givefrdiocese.org/cca19). You can also mail your gift or, use one of the contribution cards located in church. Your gift – no matter what size – will make a difference for so many.

## GUILD MEMORIAL MASS

St. Joan of Arc Guild members and Thrift Shop volunteers will gather in church this Tuesday, May 14, at 2:00pm to honor our deceased members at a memorial Mass. We invite family members and friends of those who will be honored to join us as we celebrate these remarkable women. Refreshments and a brief business meeting will follow in the Parish Center.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner for the scholarship fund for St. John Paul II High School next Saturday, May 18, at 6:00-8:30pm in the Parish Center. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, desserts, and refreshments. Wine will be available for a donation. **Reservations are required.** Ticket information is available in the flyers at the church entrances. Thank you for your support.



## Let Your Voice Be Heard!

*Say NO to Expanded Abortion Access*

The Massachusetts State Legislature will consider passing into law two deeply troubling bills this legislative session. They are identical in text but differ slightly in their titles. The first, (House Bill 3320) is ***“An Act removing obstacles and expanding access to women’s reproductive health”***. The second, (Senate Bill 1209) is ***“An Act to remove obstacles and expand abortion access”***. Current law would be dramatically changed by:

- 1) Expanding abortion access, including late term abortions, during the nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason.
- 2) Eliminating any requirements that abortions be performed in a hospital.
- 3) Eliminating the requirement that provides medical care to a child who survives an abortion attempt.
- 4) Eliminating the requirement that a minor under the age of 18 have the consent of a parent, guardian, or the courts.
- 5) Expanding state funding for women who cannot afford the procedure.

### How can your voice be heard?

Contact your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO on Abortion Expansion! Log on to [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org) and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Your individual State Senator and Representative via zip code link.
- Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary who will consider House Bill 3320.
- Members of the Joint Committee on Public Health who will consider Senate Bill 1209.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.

***“We, the Roman Catholic Bishops of the four Dioceses of Massachusetts, call on our elected officials to carefully consider the consequences that these bills would bring to the lives of infants, parents, families and the citizens of the Commonwealth. We urge all people of good will, regardless of what faith they practice, to vigorously oppose these extreme measures.”<sup>1</sup>***



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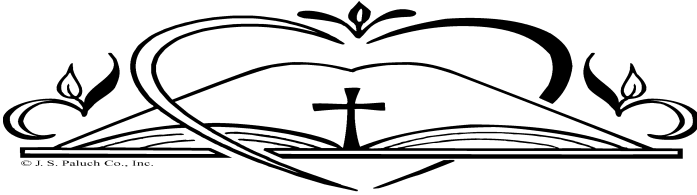
<sup>1</sup> Statement of His Eminence Seán P. O’Malley, OFM, Cap., Archbishop of Boston; Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester; Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Bishop of Springfield; Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV, Bishop of Fall River  
April 11, 2019

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, May 19, at 4:00pm 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.

## **NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM**

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider the St. Joan of Arc New Day Bereavement Ministry's *Prayer and Reflection for Those Who Mourn*, a 1 1/2-hour session designed to help you, the bereaved, as you move through the grieving process and begin to restructure your life. We will meet in the Parish Center from 3:30 to 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 22. For more information, please call 508-240-1119.



## **A ROUND OF APPLAUSE**

As another Faith Formation year comes to a close, we wish to thank all those who made this a truly special year. Thank you to our outstanding students and their supportive families; to our talented and dedicated teachers; to our amazing volunteers and teen mentors, as well as to Father Bill and our entire Parish Family, who continue to bless us in all we do. We are so grateful for all of you.

## **FIRST COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Gage Butler, Sofia Callahan, Hudson Cole Ava Lagasse, Simone O'Connor, Savion Smith, Lydia Stratton, Benjamin Vaillancourt, and Victoria Yonce, who are receiving the Eucharist for the first time at the 10:00am Mass this Sunday. May they continue to nurture the love of Christ in their hearts and minds. Thank you also to



their families for their support this past year in preparing them for this blessed event. A special thank you to First Communion Catechists Nancy Rouillard and Eileen Budnar for teaching and guiding these young people and to Marianne Sinopoli for directing the song presentation.

## THE SOUND OF COMPASSION

Dr. Pauline Chen chronicles the paradox of life as a physician: the life of one who dreams of saving lives *and* the possibility of dealing with death as part of her work. In her book, *Final Exam: A Surgeon's Reflections on Mortality*, Dr. Chen tells of the usual protocol of a dying patient in the intensive care unit – curtains are closed around the patient and family, monitors are turned off – and physicians make themselves scarce.

But one death during her internship dramatically changed her way of thinking:

*“The patient’s heart began to fail after a long time struggle with illness. I called the family and the attending surgeon. When the wife arrived I took her to the husband’s room, and as protocol dictated, I quietly slipped out. But when the attending surgeon arrived, he took the woman’s hand and stayed with her – gently explaining what was happening. When she began to sob, he remained by her side...”*

Dr. Chen remembers that when she peeked in, the wife’s hand was in her husband’s and the surgeon stood next to her whispering to her from time to time. The woman’s shoulders relaxed and the surgeon pointed to the monitors as if honoring the life that was leaving the body. Thirty minutes passed before the surgeon stepped out. Soon after, the patient’s wife appeared from the enclosure: her husband had died. She smiled weakly, thanked them, and walked out of ICU.

What the attending physician did that day had a profound effect on Dr. Chen. She stopped slipping away from her dying patients, but stayed with them and their families. She answered questions; explained what was happening; offered quiet comfort. She began to believe that she could do something more than cure.

Christ, the Good Shepherd calls us to listen for the resonance of his voice consciously, deliberately, wisely – to attune to that Voice in the love and joy, the pain and anguish, the cries for mercy and justice around us. Jesus, the caring shepherd, assures us that we are always safe and accepted in the loving embrace of a God who is like a nurturing Mother. In turn, to be a disciple of Christ is to echo the Voice of Christ – to be the sound of compassion for one another. With the grace of the Risen One, we offer each other in our words and in our actions the transforming resonance of peace and forgiveness; kindness and mercy. May the earth resound with the vibrations of compassion, tenderness, and love!