

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Harriet Royal, Ann & Pat Patterson
Sunday	8:00	Mary Ryan Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	9:30	Freyne Family
	11:00	Joe Conlan
Monday	8:00	Joe Conlan
Tuesday	8:00	John & Olivia Kealty
Wed	8:00	Peg Deegan
Thurs	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Bob Leite

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Daniel Toohill
Sunday	8:00	Peggy O. Hallisey, Evelyn Heinzinger Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	9:30	Lewis Carrington
	11:00	Frank Paladino

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, 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, Paul Brandon, Rita Folger, Gerri DiCristina, Kathleen Kilmer, Marguerite Forren

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

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

July 14 Regular	\$10,767.00
July 21 Regular	\$ 9,267.00
July Harvest	\$ 6,393.00

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The Peter's Pence collection provides Pope Francis with funds to provide charitable works around the world, benefiting people on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

FIRST FRIDAY THIS WEEK

First Friday will be observed on August 2 with anointing of the sick following the 8am Mass.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT WEEKEND

Our Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake breakfast next weekend following the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses. Come enjoy blueberry, cranberry and plain pancakes with sausage, juice and coffee — all you can eat for \$6/adult; \$2.50/children under 12, and FREE for children under 7, with a family limit of \$15.00

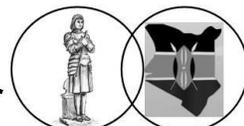
KNIGHTS YARD SALE

The Knights of Columbus Council 3384 will be holding their biennial Yard Sale on Saturday, August 24. Due to lack of storage space, we will not be able to collect items before Tuesday, August 13. We are looking for a few large items such as a car, a boat or a riding tractor. If you have such an item that you would like to donate, please contact Don at 508-240-7672 or Bob at 508-240-1201.

**KENYA KONNECTION
COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
JULY 27-28
AT CHURCH DOORS**

St. Joan of Arc parishioners have supported our sister parish, Holy Cross, in Dandora, Kenya for over 10 years! Last year your donations provided five elementary and two high school students with scholarships. In addition, your contributions provided medical assistance to prevent HIV and tuberculosis transmission, as well as screenings for cervical cancer, the leading cause of death among Kenyan women. Please be generous in making a difference in the lives of so many less fortunate. Checks may be made out to St. Joan of Arc Church, noting Kenya in the memo section.

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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

The Bishops of Massachusetts recently released a statement expressing their strong opposition to two proposed bills that would expand abortion in Massachusetts. Bishop da Cunha has asked that it be shared with parishioners to help call attention to the extreme provisions of this legislation and the radical consequences that would follow. The proposed legislation, *HB 3320* and *SB 1209*, would:

- **Allow abortions during the nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason.**
- **Eliminate any requirements that abortions be performed in a hospital.**
- **Eliminate the requirement that provides medical care to a child who survives an abortion attempt.**
- **Eliminate the requirement that a minor under the age of 18 have the consent of a parent, guardian or the courts.**
- **Provide state funding for women who cannot afford the procedure.**

In their statement, the Bishops “call on our elected officials to carefully consider the consequences that the bills would bring...” and they “urge all people of good will, regardless of what faith they practice, to vigorously oppose these extreme measures.” Bishop da Cunha is appealing to all members of the Diocese to contact their state legislators. The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has resources available on its website at www.macatholic.org. Copies of the full Bishops Statement are at the main entrance of the church.



JULY MASS COUNT

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

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. this Wednesday, July 31, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

Please alert the priest or deacon **before** Mass if you are in need of this special host to receive Holy Communion.

11:00AM SUNDAY USHERS NEEDED

ATTN MEN, WOMEN, TEENS: Ushers are needed for the 11am Mass which continues through Sunday, September 1. If you regularly attend the 11:00am Mass and would be willing to usher, please contact Tom Finan at 508-255-1152 or tfinan@capecod.net. It is not necessary to commit to every Sunday as subs can be arranged as needed.

WELCOME SUMMER VISITORS!

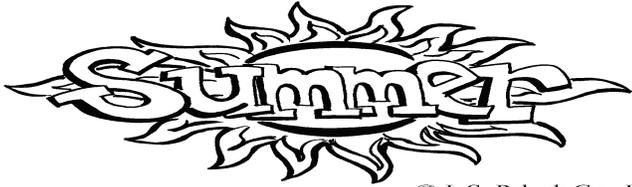
We are grateful you have chosen to worship at St. Joan of Arc while visiting our area. If some of your little ones become restless, the following alternatives are available. We have a small “cry room” in the rear of the church. Also, you are welcome to sit in the area around our Baptismal font and the small chapel beyond it, both of which provide a bit of extra room for restless children and are equipped with speakers so adults can hear the Mass.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORI

The Diocesan Office of Safe Environment is preparing for their annual audit which will include a review of the CORI procedure and the compliance of Fall River parishes. Due to this upcoming audit, we are instructed to make sure that our Parish’s CORI’s are compliant and up to date. We are trying our best to keep current, but we need your help. If you receive a CORI packet within the next few weeks, please complete and return it promptly to the Faith Formation Office. Call 508-255-1257 with any questions.

REFUGEE WEEKEND, AUGUST 9—11

Refugee Welcome Weekends provide us with an opportunity to show hospitality to “new Americans” from other lands and to grow in our understanding. The weekend runs from the arrival of our guest families (sometime Friday afternoon or early evening) through the Sunday celebration when all gather together for food and fellowship. In addition to hosts who house families for the weekend (and provide several meals), we need “Partners” who volunteer to work with the hosts —not housing a family, but becoming involved in some of the activity of the weekend, providing support for hosts. If you can help, contact Rod MacDonald: rodmac.ret@gmail.com for more information.



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Father Bob Powell will present ***Finding God in Loss and Grief: Journeying Into the Grand Canyon of the Human Heart***, this Monday, July 29. Please join us in the church at 6:30pm for this one-night, two-part presentation (with a brief intermission). You won't want to miss this universal and challenging topic!

Annual Parish BBQ is this Friday, August 2, at 6:00pm.



We'll be firing up the grills and providing hamburgers and hot dogs. Come with a salad or vegetable dish and a dessert to share. Come One—Come All to celebrate the Parish in an evening of fellowship and food!

All are welcome to ***Come Hear the Cries of the Earth*** to be presented by Matthew T. Eggemeier, Ph.D., in the church on Monday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. This engaging presentation on Mother Earth and her inhabitants will address the question of our spiritual connections to care for our environment. Dr. Eggemeier's essays on Christian spirituality, ecological theology, and political theology have been published in *Spiritus*, *Modern Theology*, *Horizons*, and *The Heythrop Journal*.

CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

Bishop Edgar da Cunha invites the High School Youth of the Diocese of Fall River to Cape Cod for a celebration of their faith at Corpus Christi Church in E Sandwich on Wednesday, August 7. The day begins at 10:00am with music and presentations from Joel Stepanek of Life Teen, as well as witness talks from young adults in the Diocese. The day also includes a service project, Stations of the Cross and Adoration, Reconciliation, and the celebration of Mass with Bishop da Cunha. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 for additional information.

NEED HELP?

**We can assist with
food, shelter, medical, utilities.**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
HELPLINE 508-255-8080**

LET US PRAY!

Edward Sellner's article published by Good Ground Press speaks of prayer. He tells of the time his 18-year-old son was about to leave for an adventure with his friend. Sellner was particularly anxious, not only because Daniel and his friend would be travelling on their own to California, but because it marked a new and necessary transitional stage in his son's independence. Sellner, who had long ago learned the value and comfort of prayer, invited his son into his study the night before the scheduled departure.

The study had an aura of peacefulness and presence – a kind of shrine with pictures of family members both living and dead, and a religious article or two that had significance for the family. Together they prayed for a safe journey. The simple and spontaneous little ritual ended with a hug and the gift of a cross on a chain which was placed around Daniel's neck. Sellner relates that when Daniel returned safe and sound, he explained that he'd worn the cross all the while he was away – even when he was having a tattoo painfully imprinted on both biceps!

As we all know from our own experiences, there are all kinds of prayers and reasons for praying. Sometimes we pray because we are in need of God's help – much like Daniel's Dad. Sometimes we pray because we are grateful for a gift received, or for a day when we felt particularly blessed. Sometimes we seek mercy and forgiveness because of the pain we may have caused, or because we failed to do that one loving action. Sometimes we are simply drawn to praise the artful hand of the Creator in the beauty of nature, or we find our hearts lifted in awe by a poem or a melody that resonates with our souls.



Whatever our reason for praying, Jesus encourages us – just like he encouraged his original disciples – to persist – to keep the line of communication between us and our Creator open and alive. When Jesus taught the *Our Father*, he didn't give us a ritualistic formula of words – rather he prayed the phrases 'by heart' – his heartfelt connection with his Abba –

his Dad! Just as Sellner offered his son a prayer, not for just one adventure, but for a lifetime of guidance; Jesus offered a prayer that encompasses a lifetime of meditation and outlines a pattern for living a fully loving life. This week, whether at the Eucharistic Table, the family table, or the picnic table – wherever and whenever – *let us lift up our hearts and pray!*