

MASS INTENTIONS**THIS WEEK**

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
Monday	8:00	Charlie Wolff
Tuesday	8:00	Frank O'Neil
Wed	8:00	Stephen Burnham
Thurs	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Frank Alberto

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Henri Millhollen
Sunday	8:00	Audrey P. Moran, Gennaro Tursi Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	9:30	Lydia Shaughnessy
	11:00	Dr. Francis & Catherine Casey

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 McMahon, 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 28 Regular

\$ 11,078.00

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from the collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND

Our Knights of Columbus are serving a pancake breakfast this 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 OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 13,000 councils located throughout the U.S. and several other countries.

Men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus are asked to call Martin Culik at 774-207-0911.

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.

KNIGHTS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus council is well into their annual Tootsie Roll Campaign to help Cape children under 18 with physical disabilities along with mentally handicapped people of all ages. SJA Council 3384 Knights will be outside church after each Mass next weekend soliciting funds. Please help with your financial support. You will also receive a Tootsie Roll!

KENYA KONNECTION

Thanks to all of you who donated so generously last weekend to the collection for the children and women of Dandora, Kenya! Your contributions enable life changing assistance to members of our sister parish, Holy Cross. If you were away last weekend and wish to contribute to St. Joan of Arc's Kenya Konnection, you can write a check to St. Joan of Arc Church and mark "Kenya" in the memo section or make a cash contribution in an envelope marked "Kenya". The collection total will be available next weekend.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

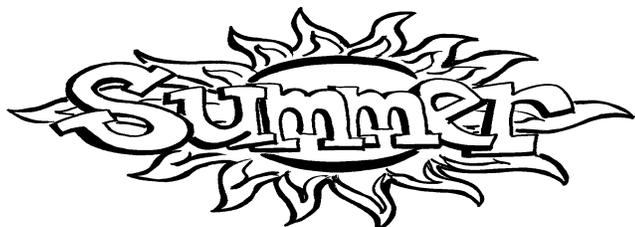
The Bishops of Massachusetts recently released a statement expressing their strong opposition to two proposed bills that would expand abortion in Massachusetts. Bishop da Cunha has asked that it be shared with parishioners to help call attention to the extreme provisions of this legislation and the radical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

CALLED BY NAME - NAVIGATING THE NARROW WAY

Discover the path that leads you to... make friends, share faith, learn, explore, enjoy the interactive activities, worship and thank God. This Spiritual Retreat for girls 13 to 18 years of age will take place at the Dominican Sisters Convent 3012 Elm Street, Dighton, MA 02715 from Friday, August 23, 6:30pm to Saturday, August 24, 5pm. RSVP by August 20 to Sr.Paulina@dioc-fr.org or call 909-496-2022 or 508-675-1311. Parental permission is required (Form available with RSVP) “*How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to Life. And those who find it are few.*” Mt. 7:14



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BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, August 7, 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.

WHAT A JULY!

In recent weeks St. Joan of Arc hosted many outstanding and memorable guests to our parish. We would like to thank David Pershall and Art McManus for their amazing repertoire of music during the ice cream social. We are also grateful to Ben and Jerry's of Eastham for their generous donation of the ice cream and for all who contributed to the St. Vincent dePaul collection. In addition, we would like to thank Father Bob Powell for his inspiring and thought-provoking presentation. We were happy to have him back this summer. Be sure to include the upcoming August events in your calendar.

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY

Our Lady of the Cape, Brewster, invites you to join them on Tuesday, August 6, as they host Mary MacGilivray, for a talk on Celtic Spirituality. Mary is a spiritual director and retreat leader, as well as chaplain at Spaulding Rehab Hospital. Mary will give an overview of the history of Celtic spirituality and expand our understanding of the Celtic spiritual tradition. She will discuss the three patron saints of Ireland; Patrick, Brigit and Columcille, and lead us in three Celtic spiritual practices; the prayer of blessing, peregrination and encircling prayer. The program will be held in the church, located at 468 Stony Brook Ave., Brewster. A light dinner of sandwich, chips and cookie will be available at 5:30pm in the lower level of the church for a cost of \$7.00. No RSVP is necessary. If you have questions, please contact Kathy at adultfaithformation2@gmail.com. The talk begins at 6pm and there is no cost to attend.

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 6:30pm. 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.

HOW MUCH IS *ENOUGH*?

Many people can tell you what they might do if they win the lottery: pay off the mortgage; the student loans; buy a car that runs; quit work; help their kids buy a home; contribute to charitable organizations.... It is interesting to note that when asking folks *why* they play the lottery and *what they might do* with the winnings, very few – no matter what their financial status – feel economically secure. In a world in which wealth is increasingly concentrated at the top, it is difficult to define just how much ‘is enough’. Apparently this has always been the case as exemplified in this story from the Desert Fathers:

“A very successful merchant was moved to seek the way of holiness. He travelled to the hermitage of a wise and deeply respected abbot. The abbot welcomed the rich man and invited him to sit at the table in his small hovel. As he prepared tea, the merchant explained the reason for his visit. When the tea was ready, the monk slowly poured the tea into the cup he had placed before the visitor. When the tea reached the brim, the abbot continued to pour. Tea overflowed onto the table and then onto the floor. When the confused merchant protested that the cup was too full, the abbot replied, ‘Yes, just as you are too full. When you are empty, come back and I will teach you the ways of God.’”

We, too, are ‘overflowing’ with possessions and schedules. Just as the foolish rich man in today’s Gospel, are busy pursuing ‘*more*’ – and then building new ‘*barns*’ to store the *more* in. Of course this creates an unending cycle of anxiety: *We must protect our ‘stuff’ at all costs. What if we never have enough? How then, are we to be concerned about sharing what we have with our brothers and sisters?* It is a dilemma that keeps us from emptying ourselves so that we might be filled with the things of God.

Jesus underscores for us in the Gospel, the tragedy of a life filled beyond reason – much like the overflowing teacup – filled with so many ‘*things*’ that there is little room for those things of greatest value: love, forgiveness, compassion, gratitude. We have been given this precious life in order to embrace and be embraced by God’s selfless and affirming love; to discover how to love one another with the generous heart of God. This week let us make a special effort to count – *not merely our bank balances – but our blessings*; to perceive everything as ‘*gift*’ – all is a gift to be recognized; appreciated; and shared with our brothers and sisters, especially those whose need is great. When we serve with a generous spirit we experience the freedom of the children of God.