

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

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
Monday	8:00	Pat Arthur
Tuesday	8:00	Maureen Hall
Wed	8:00	Mary DiGiovanni
	5:00	Ray Newman
Thurs	8:00	Patricia McShea
	Noon	Gertie Doherty
Friday	8:00	Edward McCormick

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Alma & John Csaposs, Mary & Ben McMahon
Sunday	8:00	Jeffrey Turon, Mary & Patrick McDonagh Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	9:30	Harry & Esther Folger
	11:00	The Sahrer Family

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 Bencotter, 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 Foren

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 Tammara, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Prufer

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

William Broadwell

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

August 4 Regular	\$ 10,102.00
August 4 Peter's Pence	\$ 4,400.00
July 28 Kenya Konnection	\$ 11,293.00
2019 Catholic Charities Appeal	\$ 68,875.00



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption will be observed with a Vigil Mass at 5pm on Wednesday, Aug. 14, and Masses at 8am and noon on the Holy Day, Thursday, August 15.

NEXT WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection next weekend is the Harvest Sunday Collection, which supports the efforts of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference to help those in need with necessities – food, medicine, rent, utilities.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEXT SUNDAY

BEEF STEW (24 oz), BAKED BEANS (16 oz) JELLY (8-16 oz) CANNED FRUIT (16 oz), CANNED VEGETABLES (14.5 oz) TUNA FISH (6 oz) , SPAGHETTI (1 lb box) MACARONI & CHEESE (6 oz box), PEANUT BUTTER (18 oz) SPAGHETTI SAUCE (28 oz), JELLO (3 oz) and CANNED SOUP (11 oz), HOT CEREAL (10 env. Pack), COLD CEREAL. Thanks for sharing.

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 TODAY soliciting funds. Please help with your financial support. You will also receive a Tootsie Roll!

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. Small items will be accepted in the Parish Hall Aug. 13,14,15,20,21,22 from 8:30 to 11am only. 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.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

The 2019 Annual Diocesan Catholic Charities Appeal came to a close on June 30. A few weeks ago, at the close of the Charities Appeal, we included an announcement in the parish bulletin thanking all of you who contributed to the Appeal this year. Recently, our Catholic Charities Office, The Catholic Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, published the Final Reports and Grand Totals. I am very happy and grateful to say that the Final Report came to a total of \$65,395.00 from St. Joan of Arc Parish. Including the contributions that have been received since the close of the Appeal, the Grand Total came to \$68,875.00. Last year's Final Report came to \$58,010.00. In addition to an increase in the overall amount, there was also a significant increase in the number of contributors this year. Last year there were 124 contributors to the Catholic Charities Appeal from our parish. This year there were 277 St. Joan of Arc parishioners and friends who contributed to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

While the books are closed on this year's Catholic Charities Appeal, new gifts and pledges are still actively being collected and counted toward the carryover fund that acts as the "starting money" for the 2020 Charities Appeal. Any returns that are received now will be gratefully accepted.

Thank you, once again, for your support of the many apostolates and ministries of our diocese that are funded by the charitable contributions of the Catholic Charities Appeal. It is worth noting that Catholic Social Services is the largest non-governmental provider of emergency assistance in the South Coast of Massachusetts.

This is another opportunity for me to say that I consider it an honor and privilege to serve as pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish. May God abundantly bless your generosity and kindness!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Bill Rodrigues

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PEOPLE

78th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, August 14, 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.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, August 18 at 4pm 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.

A NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

The St. Joan of Arc Bereavement Ministry is once again offering their nine week bereavement program, *A New Day*. The program, designed to help work through the natural process of grieving in a small group atmosphere of care and understanding, will be held on Wednesdays from September 11 through November 6, from 2:30 to 4:30pm in the Parish Center of St. Joan of Arc. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call 508-240-1119.



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GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM

Next weekend, August 17 and 18, we welcome Representatives of Gifts from Bethlehem who will be selling beautiful handcrafted olive wood items from the Holy Land before and after Masses in the Parish Center. The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for centuries and has become an industry of great importance to Holy Land Christians as the olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area.

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.

COME HEAR THE CRIES OF THE EARTH

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*.

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

ST. ANTHONY’S RELICS

St. Anthony’s relics visit the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River Monday, August 26 to Saturday, August 31. The Franciscan Friars invite you to join them in welcoming St. Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony, a messenger of hope, will be visiting in the form of two first-class and precious relics from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relics will be accompanied by Friar Alessandro Ratti, an OFM Conventual Franciscan. The relics will be venerated on Cape Cod Monday, August 26 at St. Anthony Church, 167 East Falmouth Highway (Route 28), East Falmouth. Veneration begins at 5pm followed by Holy Mass at 7pm. The complete lists of churches hosting the relics is available on the diocesan website.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” Prepare your marriage for the coming of the Lord by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA and Oct 18-20 in Laconia, NH. For more information, call Stephan & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

COUNT YOUR MARBLES!

What is your relationship to time? A workaholic 55-year-old CEO, who had missed many of his children's birthdays, ball games, and recitals; many evenings at home to help with homework and bedtime stories; many Saturdays of hanging out and having some fun with his family, came to grips with this question. Yes, there were business demands of time and travel, but even when he was home, he admitted that he was often preoccupied and closeted with cell phone and computer.

What caught him up short was a statistic that helped him to see the preciousness of time from a new perspective: *Suppose the average person lives to be about 75 years old. Multiply 75 by 52 weeks in a year. The total equals 3,900 Saturdays in a life span. Doing another quick calculation the CEO realized he had only about 1,000 Saturdays left until he turned 75!* This was a real wake-up call!

So, he went to several toy stores and purchased 1,000 marbles – one for each Saturday until his 75th birthday. He kept the marbles in an array of jars in his study. Every Saturday he removed one marble. Watching the marbles diminish helped him focus on the really important things of life.

Approximately 20 years later there came a Saturday with only one marble remaining to be taken from a jar. Who knew how many Saturdays he might enjoy after this last marble was removed. But the CEO now counted each 'extra' Saturday as a gift. He felt gratitude for the wonderful memories of those 1,000 Saturdays with family and friends. The marbles had become a way to form a habit of wakefulness to the needs of those whom he loved most. He had set his priorities and his Saturdays had become a means of accumulating treasures of lasting value.

The awareness of the preciousness of time often grows from a "*beginning with the end in mind*" philosophy – a strategy strongly suggested by the Scripture readings. In the busy-ness and demands of life, it is important to find a way – like counting marbles – to make those things that are of true worth top priorities in our daily schedules. We really don't have all the time in the world! Life is fragile and fleeting. Fully embracing the message of Jesus, means living consciously from the perspective that life is a gift and time is to be treasured. When love; friendship; mercy; and service are the foundation of our 'to- do lists' all the other necessary activities fall into place – life holds a sense of gratitude and joyful anticipation. So, let's count our marbles, and bless each moment of life!