

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Alma & John Csaposs,  
Mary & Ben McMahon  
Sunday 8:00 Jeffrey Turon, Mary & Patrick McDonagh  
Ellen S. Brady,  
Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
9:30 Harry & Esther Folger  
11:00 The Sahrer Family  
Monday 8:00 Daniel Goodman  
Tuesday 8:00 Reilly Family  
Wed 8:00 Charles Cacciola  
Thurs 8:00 Communion Service  
Friday 8:00 Deacon Gerry Blood

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Rose Ingham & Scott Norrie  
Sunday 8:00 John & Pauline Milone, Joan Flaherty  
Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
9:30 Peter Walker  
11:00 Marilyn Caldwell

**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, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascsak, 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**

John Hoblitzell

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

August 11 Regular \$12,841.00

**THIS WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY**

The second collection this 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 THIS 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.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet THIS 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.

**GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM**



This weekend we are happy to 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.



**KNIGHTS YARD SALE**

Mark your calendars for the Knights of Columbus Yard Sale next Saturday, August 24, from 8:00am-2:00pm. We would appreciate donations of saleable merchandise for the sale — but please — **NO** TVs, upholstered furniture, or bedding. We will be accepting donations in the Parish Center **this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 20-22, from 8:30 to 11:00am.** We are not equipped to take donations at any other times and request that **nothing be left outside the Parish Center.** If you have questions, please contact Don at 508-240-7672 or Bob at 508-240-1201.

## BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, August 21, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

## 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.

## HOUSING WITH LOVE FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

**Thank you!!** Your generous support made the 2019 Housing with Love Fundraiser an outstanding success. Your donations, totaling over \$10,400, support the St. Vincent de Paul District Housing Fund that strives to help prevent homelessness. Additional donation may be sent to SVDP, 61 Canal Road, Orleans, MA 02653.

## 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.

## 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.

## NEED HELP?

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

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

## OUR LADY OF THE CAPE

### HAITI FUNDRAISER

The Haiti Ministry of Our Lady of the Cape invites all to an Ice Cream Social this Friday, August 23, 7:00-8:30pm in their Parish Center. Buy your ticket at the door: Adults, \$5; Youth \$3, Children under 12 free. The event will benefit the needs of students at St. Claire's Parish in Dessalines, Haiti.

## 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](mailto: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

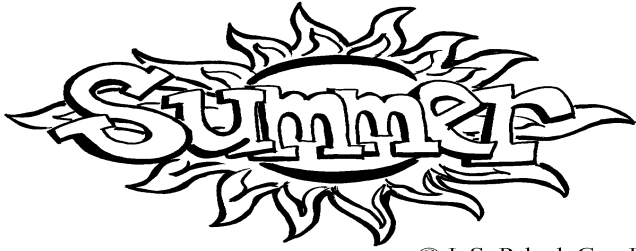
The next weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA and Oct 18-20 in Laconia, NH. For more information, call Stephan & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



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### **BARBECUE THANK YOU**

A lovely evening was had by all at the annual St. Joan of Arc Parish BBQ. Thank you to all those who participated by bringing your delicious potluck dishes and tasty desserts, as well as your laughter, hospitality, and sense of community. A special thank you to the Faith Formation volunteers and families who offered a helping hand with the set-up, serving, and clean-up of the event. We couldn't have done it without your generous support. Also, a big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for grilling the yummy hamburgers and hot dogs. It was a wonderful way to celebrate as a community on a beautiful summer evening.

### **COMING SOON . . .**

Information regarding registration for Faith Formation classes will be posted in the bulletin within the next few weeks. Registration forms will be mailed around Labor Day to all our families whose children are presently enrolled. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Faith Formation office at 508-255-1257.

### **WELCOME SUMMER VISITORS!**

We are happy to see so many new faces among our congregation in the summer. Welcome to you all. 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.

## RE-DISCOVERING FIRE

Several years ago five-year-old Eli was playing with his sisters. Following their lead, Eli plunged into the near-by pond. But, unlike his sisters, Eli was not a strong swimmer and soon began to struggle. Just as his head slipped under the water's dark surface, his mother jumped into the water and grabbed him. Eli's near-drowning had a profound effect on the whole family. His dad, Kyle, wrote an essay about this effect in *America Magazine*.

Initially, Eli's dad was furious. He lashed out at the girls, his wife, God – trying to place his need to blame; his fear; his raw vulnerability somewhere – anywhere! As the anger subsided, all Kyle could imagine was the world without his son –Eli's impish smile, the ever-ready laugh, the persistence of his unending questions. Kyle says that his gratitude *began to grow deep and wide and tall, like a tree planted in full sun*. He saw (and still sees) how fragile Eli's life was – and in that fragility, how precious. His heart began to glow with the luminosity of passionate fervor for life itself.

This pattern of preciousness and fragility became for Eli's dad, a new lens through which to behold the shaping of relationships, of caring for one another – and beyond that – caring for the earth and all of life. *“Everything of real worth,”* wrote Kyle, *“is vulnerable – from the life of a child to the health of the global community. Failing to understand this, because of distraction or take-it-for-granted apathy, virtually ensures we will lose much that we ought and need to keep. Such things are worthy of our passionate, whole-hearted commitment.”*

The vulnerability and fragility of our lives lies at the heart of today's difficult Scripture readings. In the divisions we suffer; in the contradictions we encounter; in the 'disconnect' we experience between the expectations of the world and the wisdom of God, there is only one bridge. *That bridge is the love of God* – the one constant that brings us back together, heals our rifts, and transforms our world.

The Scriptures are not merely inspirational stories of the past. They urge us to use the grist of our own experiences to enliven our ways of living and loving – of opening our hearts to the fire of the Holy Spirit – the blazing Fire of Love. Teilhard de Chardin writes: *“Someday – after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity – we shall harness for God the energies of love. And then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire!”* This is the passion for life rediscovered by little Eli's dad.