

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

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
Monday	8:00	Eugene S. McLean, III
Tuesday	8:00	Pierre Laberge
Wed	8:00	Maureen Hall
Thurs	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Sally Eldon

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Jack Dowman
Sunday	8:00	Mary O'Donnel, Charles & Mary Cacciola Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	9:30	Lewis Carrington
	11:00	Edgardo Vasquez

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 Jacqueline Costa

RESPECT LIFE MESSAGE

St. Joan of Arc's Respect Life Ministry is pledged to answer our Holy Father's call to build a new culture of life. This ministry is committed to promoting the Church's teaching on the sacredness and dignity of God's gift of life from conception to natural death. Please join our next meeting on Friday, September 6, from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Parish Center.

RESPECT LIFE BAKE SALE NEXT WEEK



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The Respect Life Ministry is holding a fundraising bake sale after all Masses on Saturday, August 31, and Sunday, September 1, offering a variety of homemade delights such as breads, pies, and individually wrapped treats for the kids. You are invited to support our ministry by donating a baked good for the sale. Donated items may be left in the Parish Center kitchen — or volunteers are available to pick up items from your home. For more information, call Ellen at 508-292-4346.

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.

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.

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, August 28, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

SJA GUILD KICK-OFF EVENT

The Saint Joan of Arc Guild invites all women of the parish to join us for our kick-off event on Tuesday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The evening will begin with a brief overview of the exciting events that have been planned for the year, and will include refreshments and fellowship. The highlight of the evening will be an inspiring presentation by Carol Penfield, a Nurse Practitioner certified in Lifestyle Medicine. We will also be collecting donations of new underwear for the girls attending Emusoi Center, a school run by the Maryknoll Sisters in Tanzania, which will be delivered to the school by parishioner and Guild member Barbara Smith during her visit to Tanzania later in September. Donations of new underwear in girls' sizes 5 - 10 will be gratefully accepted at the meeting. We look forward to welcoming all women of the Parish to the Guild's kick-off event!

2020 MASS REQUESTS

The 2020 Mass Book will be open for requests on **Tuesday, September 3**. We would appreciate receiving your stipend of \$10 per Mass at the time of your request. Please have a list prepared if you have more than one request.



Dear parishioners and friends,

I hope that you all have been enjoying these beautiful summer days!

I am writing today to share with you some important news regarding the weekday schedule here at St. Joan of Arc Church. For many years Deacon Norm McEnaney and Deacon Jack Twerago have led a Communion Service on Thursday mornings here in the church. Recently, they asked that they be allowed to step aside from this ministerial commitment. Therefore, we will discontinue the Thursday morning Communion Service after this Thursday, August 29. The Deacons will, however, continue with all of their other ministries in the parish.

The role of Ordained Permanent Deacon, as we know it today, was established in the 1960s during the Second Vatican Council. The elder generation of deacons have truly been trailblazers in this new ministry for our times in the Roman Catholic Church. St. Joan of Arc Parish has been abundantly blessed by the diaconal ministry of Deacon Norm and Deacon Jack. They are now among the senior deacons in the Diocese of Fall River. We could never sufficiently thank them for their generous and faithful service through the years. When speaking of the permanent deacons, special recognition and gratitude must go, as well, to their wives who have shared their husbands with all of us, for the good of the Church and the glory of God.

May the Lord continue to bless our Deacons, their families and the Church we all love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Bill Rodrigues

FAITH FORMATION INFO

Faith Formation registration information will be published in the bulletin within the next couple of weeks, and registration forms will soon be in the mail to all our families whose children are presently enrolled. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Faith Formation office at 508-255-1257.

CARE OF CREATION

We recently hosted Dr. Matthew Eggemeier who presented *Come Here the Cries of the Earth*, a reflection on Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudate Si*. For those who would like to further explore the topic, or who were unable to attend his talk, we would like to mention Dr. Eggemeier's book, *A Sacramental Prophetic Vision*, published by Liturgical Press.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Here on Cape Cod there are two Perpetual Adoration Chapels which are open 24 hours a day 7 days a week for visitors to our Eucharistic Lord. Corpus Christi Church in East Sandwich and Holy Trinity Church in West Harwich host this traditional and time-honored Roman Catholic devotion.

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.

CAPE COD HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

There is a priest on call at all times at Cape Cod Hospital. If someone you love is ill and in need of a priest, ask the patient's nurse to page the priest on call — or call the CCH switchboard and ask to have the Catholic Chaplain paged. If it is not an emergency, you may also call our office at 508-862-5287. Please do not call your local parish as this is likely to lead to confusion and delay. Remember: Sacraments can only be given to the living, so call the Chaplain as soon as possible.

DOORWAYS

Imagine a door in your life. Perhaps you can visualize the front door to your home – an entry-way of warmth and welcome; or imagine a huge gateway that opens to the entrance of a college – a point of transition from childhood to adulthood; or picture the doorway of an airplane whisking you off to some exotic vacation destination. Whatever the imagined door, we have some perception of it as a *liminal space*. The word *limen* means *threshold*; in a literal sense: *the timber or stone that lies under a door*. This space between inside and outside is a transitional space. It marks the boundary between ‘worlds’ – the space where imagination plays with *where we are now* and *who we may become*.

We all hope that the doorways in our lives are wide and welcoming passageways. We don’t like having to squeeze through some difficult gateway like loss, or disappointment, or struggle. We want to coast through the big, broad entranceways. We prefer the gate of self-service, rather than the portal of other-service; the gate of power and influence, instead of the one marked self-surrender; the gate of ease and comfort, rather than hardship.



And that’s exactly why the door referenced in Scripture is *narrow*. Few choose it! Our egos are too big to fit through this passageway comfortably. We are perhaps, uncomfortably reminded of this in the readings today. The Prophet Isaiah points out that God’s ways are certainly above and far beyond our ways. And then, Jesus asks us to enter a world – a kingdom that, from our perspective, seems ‘upside down’ and unattainable! Imagine a world in which all are really *one*. Imagine a world in which the last are indeed, first – a world in which we are fully conscious of being infinitely loved by a God who pursues us and tenderly welcomes us into an intimate and life-giving relationship. This is a gateway defined by love – a love that by its very essence, transforms our ‘small’ selves and challenges us to walk with respect and in solidarity with our fellow humans and all of creation.

The narrow gate is often not our first choice, but as followers of Jesus we trust that choosing to cross this threshold will not only lead us to joy, but that the journey itself *is* joy. So let’s not hesitate to enter the liminal space together. May we strive to “*be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate*”; endeavor to “*forgive seventy times seven*”; and attempt to feed and shelter the “*least among us*” knowing that this *is* Jesus. To enter through the narrow gate *is*, not only to follow Jesus – but to be Jesus in a world in desperate need of kindness and care. May the narrow door be our entrance of choice!