

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

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
Monday	8:00	Austin Burke
Tuesday	8:00	Peter DeSimone
Wed	8:00	Joseph & Florence Moran
Friday	8:00	Charles Goslee

N.B. WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

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Saturday	5:00	Wade Mason & Morris Fuller
Sunday	8:00	Bob Clifford, Harry Richardson Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Charlie Wolff

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, 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 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, 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!

Feast of the Assumption	\$ 2,755.00
August 18 Regular	\$ 9,851.00
August Harvest Sunday	\$ 6,106.00
August 25 Regular	\$10,341.00

FAITH FORMATION COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next weekend supports the many facets of our Faith Formation programs. In addition to our student-based education needs — books, classroom materials, special presentations and Sacramental preparations — the collection helps fund the many programs for our adult community. Our Summer Lecture Series, special Advent and Lenten programs and preparations for our RCIA candidates all benefit from your generous donations. Thank you in advance for your support of Faith Formation in our Parish.

RESPECT LIFE BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND

The Respect Life Ministry is holding a fundraising bake sale after all Masses THIS weekend, offering a variety of homemade delights such as breads, pies, and individually wrapped treats for the kids.

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, September 4, 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 7:00pm 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YARD SALE

The Knights thank all who helped make our yard sale such a success last weekend — our gratitude to those who donated and those who patronized the sale. Since we run these sales every other year, we look forward to seeing you in August 2021!

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.



Pastor's Corner

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, effective this week, there will no longer be a Thursday morning Communion Service. 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 NEWS FLASH

Attention Faith Formation Students and Families! The 2019-2020 Faith Formation classes begin on **Monday, September 23**. Mark your calendars and register today!

FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS

Faith Formation registration packets are being mailed to all registered families. When you receive your packet, please review the information and return the forms as soon as possible. If your child is registered and you did not receive a packet, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Also, if you are planning to registered a child for Kindergarten or First Grade — or are new to the area, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 to schedule a time to register your child.

CATECHIST NEWS

Our fall planning meeting for teachers and volunteers will be Monday, September 16, at 6:00pm in the Parish Center. This meeting offers us an opportunity to gather together for dinner and share the upcoming Faith Formation schedule. We look forward to reconnecting with all of you.

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Lord on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance
for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that
You be with those whose faces
we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all. Amen.

From Our Sunday Visitor



BRING ANOTHER CHAIR!

A *good news story* featured a Jordanian school and a Syrian refugee mom. The mother begged the principal to accept her daughter into the already over-crowded facility. The Syrian refugee crisis had added tens of thousands of refugee children to all of Jordan's schools, and this small school was no exception – there was simply not a seat to be had!

But this mother would not give up. So the principal made a deal with her: *“I will register your daughter, if you bring a chair for her. I will not have students sit on the floor so we need a chair...”* That was several years ago – and that's been the policy at this girls' school ever since: *Bring a chair—and you're in!* Many families who fled violence in their home country brought all kinds of small plastic chairs for their children so that they would have a seat in this school – a place from which to learn.

But simply providing a place to sit was not enough. The untold trauma suffered by many of these terrorized children needed to be addressed. The Principal and her teachers reached out to the community for assistance. They wanted to make sure that the students not only got an education, but found a place of safety and a sense of belonging in their new home. It was a 'win-win' situation all around. *“I really love my school, and I also love all my students,”* says the principal. *“And I think love is about giving as much as you can, by helping and supporting them – to take away their hurt.”* Love nourishes children at this Jordanian school and it begins by pulling up a chair.

The Gospels provide many memorable pictures of Jesus sitting with people – both friends and critics. For instance: Jesus shares a meal at the home of Martha and Mary. He dines with two disciples following a dusty walk along the road to Emmaus. He cooks breakfast on the shore for his friends after a night of fishing. And this week Jesus is the guest of a Pharisee. In these 'snapshots' Jesus is not merely a consumer or provider of nourishment. He *is* Nourishment – nourishment for a hungry world. Jesus obviously values the sharing of a meal as providing much more than sustenance for the body. He takes a seat at the table with the people. The *'table'* becomes a place of sharing love – of Communion. Just draw up another chair – there is room for everyone here!

Jesus envisions his Kingdom as a banquet table to which *all* are invited. As disciples we, too, must open our hearts; minds; and institutions to others. Jesus assures us that to make room for another chair at our table is to ensure room for our 'own seat' at God's table in eternity.