

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Wade Mason & Morris Fuller  
 Sunday 8:00 Bob Clifford, Harry Richardson  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Charlie Wolff  
 Monday 8:00 Gertie Doherty  
 Tuesday 8:00 Edward, Kathleen & Helen McCormick  
 Wednesday 8:00 Joe DiBrigida  
 Friday 8:00 Stephen Burnham

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Lillian Gut  
 Sunday 8:00 Scott, Joel & Dr. Joseph Kelly,  
 Frank Perrigo, Jacqueline Heimlich  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Brazel Family

**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, 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 Pruffer

**PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

Paul Chamberlain, Irene McLean

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

September 1 Regular \$10,643.00

**FAITH FORMATION COLLECTION THIS WEEK**

The second collection this 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.

**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.

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Thank you to all who helped make our fundraising bake sale a success. Through your generosity, we can continue in building our Culture of Life.

**BE STILL**

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, September 11, 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.

## 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!

## MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, September 15, at 4:00pm in the Parish Center. These year-round 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.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



A special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2019 will take place on Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 3:00pm at St. Mary Cathedral in Fall River. If you

would like an invitation, please call the Rectory at 508-255-0170 by September 30.

## MUSIC FOR LIFE AT OUR LADY OF THE CAPE

Join a celebration of life at our Lady of the Cape Parish Center, Stony Brook Road, Brewster, on Saturday, September 21, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Dinner will include meat, vegetarian or gluten-free lasagna, salad, bread & butter, dessert and beverage, and Irish tunes and more will be provided by harpist Mairead Doherty and vocalist Fr. John Dolan. Tickets are \$12 for ages 12 and up; \$5 for children, with no charge for ages 5 and under, or for clergy. For reservations call 508-362-5891 — or tickets will be available at the door. Sponsored by MA Citizens for Life, the proceeds will support the Cape Bus for Life to the January 2020 March for Life in Washington.

## NEW BEGINNINGS



Are you interested in deepening your spirituality? Has life gotten in the way of serious participation in your spiritual growth? Are you inspired to renew and review your knowledge of Jesus' teachings and the rich treasure of our Catholic Faith traditions? Then the intimate faith-sharing format of RCIA might be for you.

Even though the primary purpose of RCIA is for the discernment of and preparation of anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic, it also offers an opportunity for Catholic seekers to share their faith and support one another within a small community framework.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are Catholic and simply want to reconnect with the Church in a small and hospitable forum, call Judy Burt Walker in the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257, or Fr. Bill in the Rectory at 508-255-0170.

## 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](http://www.macatholic.org). Copies of the full Bishops Statement are at the main entrance of the church.



### **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.

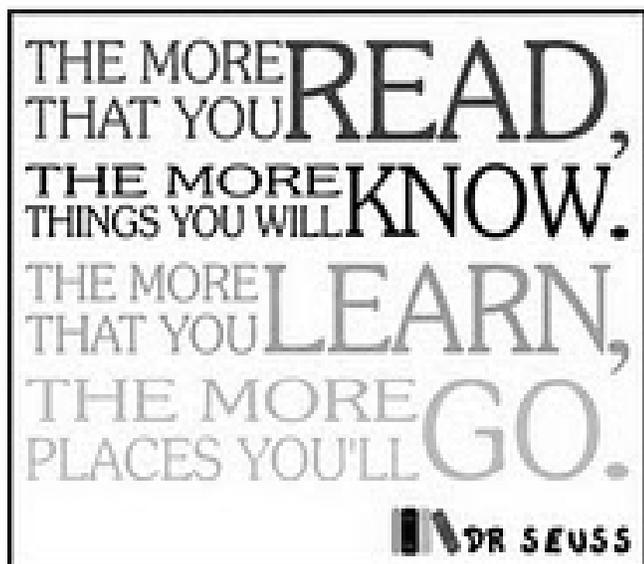
Also, if you are planning to registered a child for Kindergarten or First Grade — or are new to the area, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 to schedule a time to register your child.

### **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.

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### **BACK TO SCHOOL THOUGHTS FROM DR. SEUSS**



### WOULD YOU GIVE A DOLLAR?

The CCD teacher asked her eight eager 10-year-old students to raise their hands if they would give \$1 million to the missionaries in Africa. The response was an enthusiastic 100%. Their generosity encouraged the teacher to ask again: “*Would you give \$1,000?*” “*Yes*”, they shouted. She tried once more, “*How about \$100?*” Every hand shot up like tall trees waving in the wind.

Then the teacher asked the final question: “*Would you give just one dollar to the missionaries?*” Again, the students responded positively – all except for one small child who remained silent – arm limp. The teacher asked him why he was not eager to give only \$1.00. The young student answered honestly: “*Well, I actually have a dollar.*”

In light of the Scripture readings, we, too, might *want* to be enthusiastic, whole-hearted disciples of Jesus. It seems like a good thing to do. But, when faced with the reality of what is being asked, we may not be as willing to pay the price. Jesus cautions that choosing to follow him might be much harder than we think.

Scripture scholar, Bill Moore speaks about the reality of this challenge as he recalls a childhood incident. He had wanted to appear ‘superior and invincible’ to his younger siblings when he mounted the monkey bars on a Sunday outing. His Dad pointed out the fact that even though he might make it to the top, getting down could be another story. Like the students in the teacher’s class, Bill was willing to pay the price up to a point – until it actually came to the cold reality of his situation. Sitting on top of the steel structure, he could not quite swing his legs onto the ladder to descend. The drop to the ground was fearful! His Dad told him that he must ‘*pay the price*’ and drop down. Bill – despite his tears and fear – finally surrendered and landed safely on the ground.

Bill says that he learned a great lesson that day about himself and his commitment to facing the reality and motivations behind the simple challenges of daily life – a lesson he has carried forward into his adult life. He says that the costly grace of discipleship is a constant challenge of surrendering his own desires for a greater good. It is the challenge of forgiving his neighbor; of taking the time to show small kindnesses when he is in a hurry; of putting the needs of his family first. Each of us, as followers of Jesus, is faced with the same reality check at some point in life: Are we willing to pay the price of true discipleship? We pray that for each of us the answer is a resounding “*Yes*”!