

MASS INTENTIONS**THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00	Leo Rodrigues
Sunday	8:00	Al Schubert
		Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Tim McEnaney
Monday	8:00	Noreen Leary
Tuesday	8:00	Don Dolan
Wed	8:00	Michael Mackey
Friday	8:00	Walter Burke

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Ellie & John Doyle
Sunday	8:00	Damien Larsen, Bud Oliger
		Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	William Strakele

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 Cruickshank, Bill Hannon, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Bencoter, 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 Kascsak, Patty Camarra, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Jayne Boyle, 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, 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

Anne Ducey

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

October 13 Regular Collection and Harvest Sunday results will be published next weekend.

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Your donation to this weekend's second collection helps support the Propagation of the Faith.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet THIS Sunday, October 20, at 4:00pm 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.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a collation in the Parish Center. This Memorial Mass is celebrated especially for those parishioners who have died during the past year. Parishioners who have lost a loved one during this year whose funeral was not celebrated at St. Joan of Arc can contact the Rectory at 508-255-0170 or joanarc@c4.net to add the names of deceased loved ones to be remembered. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass to honor their loved ones.

ANNUAL APPRECIATION RECEPTION

We are grateful for all of our parishioners who are involved in one or more of our many ministries.

*All those who are regularly involved in ministry or service in the parish are invited to the Four Points Sheraton for spirits and hors d' oeuvres next **Sunday, October 27, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.** We look forward to celebrating our ministries and our parish!*

FROM DEACON NORM

I am eternally grateful for the support from the St. Joan of Arc community while I am unable to be with you in my role of Deacon. My daily thoughts of you are God's gift that enables me to look forward to being back among you. Please continue to pray for the many who are unable to be with us.

*May God bless you all.
Deacon Norm*

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, October 23, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

NEW BEGINNINGS



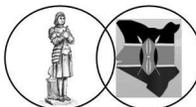
Are you interested in deepening your spirituality? Has life gotten in the way of serious participation in your spiritual growth? Are you inspired to renew and review your knowledge of Jesus' teachings and the rich treasure of our Catholic Faith traditions? Then the intimate faith-sharing format of RCIA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

LAUDATO SI

Catholics throughout the world have been called by Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si - On Care For Our Common Home* - to join in this united effort to become more aware of and to take more responsibility and action in caring for creation. The *Laudato Si* study group meets in the Parish Center from 4:00pm to 5:30pm each Friday through November 8.

Kenya Korner



With gratitude and full hearts we thank you for your prayers during our recent visit to Holy Cross Parish in Dandora, Kenya. We experienced the joy of exuberant celebrations of the Eucharist in both English and Swahili Masses. We met with the St. Vincent de Paul ministry and helped distribute flour, salt and toilet paper to the needy. We visited the St. James Pre-School (250 children) and Elementary School (450 students) and found curious, playful preschoolers and engaged elementary students. We met the five students our parish sponsors, one of whom is the school student president! We spent a day at the Brother Andre Medical Center where our financial support enables early detection of cervical cancer, a leading cause of death among women in Kenya. We also saw two sets of recently born twins!

On November 10, after the 10:00am Mass, we will be offering a presentation on our experiences in Dandora. Please join us in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you!

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



Don't miss the showing of the acclaimed movie, *Unplanned*, this Sunday, October 20, at 2:00pm in the Parish Center. *Unplanned* is the dramatic account of a former Planned

Parenthood superstar, Abby Johnson, who, in a span of 8 years, rose from college volunteer to being one of the youngest clinic directors, to Employee of the Year — then, she assisted with an abortion. The film traces Johnson's journey from staunch abortion advocate to standing side-by-side with the people who prayed for her spiritual transformation, and facing the full, head-on attack of a powerful organization. Refreshments and discussion will follow the movie.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Baby bottle returns are due next weekend. When you fill this bottle with coins, cash, or checks, you are making a positive impact on young families in our community. Thank you for providing the support that will save and change lives.

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.



CLASS REMINDER

All grade 1-10 students meet at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, October 21. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA bus to class. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

WHAT IS TEEN NITE?

Teen Nite is an evening for Grade 9 and 10 Confirmation students to gather as a community, sharing a meal and working together as a team on a service project. The evening satisfies a requirement of service hours for Confirmation. Our first Teen Nite will be this Tuesday, October 22, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Additional details to follow during class time.

OCTOBER FAMILY MASS

Next Sunday, October 27, the 10:00am liturgy is our Family Mass. Please join Father Bill and the Faith Formation Ministry in celebrating mass with our young people and their families. All are invited to enjoy refreshments in the Parish Center following the Mass.

NICKERSON FUNERAL HOME

Nickerson Funeral Home, 77 Eldredge Park Way, is celebrating the renovation and re-opening of their Orleans facility this Thursday, October 24, at 4:00pm. All are invited to a tour of the facility and complimentary refreshments. RSVP 508-255-0259.

JOB OPENING AT OUR LADY OF THE CAPE

Our Lady of the Cape Parish, Brewster, is searching for a Direction of Religious Education, a full-time, 12 months a year position. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing with the Church and must have the educational and administrative skills to organize and manage the entire program for Kindergarten through Grade 10, as well as a comprehensive knowledge of Roman Catholic teachings, religious rites, ceremonies and traditions. He/she must be a person of prayer, committed to the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Kaliyadan, Pastor at wkaliyadan@gmail.com, or call 508-737-8103.

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.

THE FAITHFUL QUETZAL

A widow demanding her rights would ‘perk up the ears’ of the people of Gospel times. Widows were among the outcasts – enslaved by the social norms and conventions of that culture. In the framework of today’s parable her persistent lone voice is heard – and makes a difference! The ancient Aztec fable of a little quetzal-bird, mirrors this spunky woman and illustrates her position in a colorful way:

It seems that a small fire quickly burned out of control and began to consume the forest. As the flames spread, the animals began to flee. An owl – making its own escape – noticed a small bird, a quetzal, constantly flying back and forth between the river and a section of the burning forest.

“Are you crazy?” the owl hooted. “The forest is burning! You must leave at once!” But the little quetzal ignored the owl’s warning, returned to the river, and gathered a few drops of water in its beak before flying back over the burning brush to release the droplets onto the flames.

The owl began to understand what the little bird was doing. Both ashamed and inspired by the quetzal’s persistence and determination, the owl began to help as best he could. Soon, other animals – even humans – joined them, and the great fire was conquered.

The little quetzal bird possesses the spirit of hope and optimism that Jesus asks of his followers. In today’s Gospel the widow’s perseverance in fighting against injustice is praised. We are encouraged by her story and assured that when we act out of love, the Spirit of God will be with us in our own struggle to hold on to hope and persevere in faith. We have all seen this kind of perseverance – in parents whose love for a son or daughter remains and deepens despite the ‘messes’ they seem to be making in their lives – in couples who work together to mend their marriages – in committed souls who do their jobs conscientiously, not because of the money or demanding supervisors, but because they know their small effort matters. Such perseverance is to be honored says today’s Gospel.

The small and persistent effort of the little quetzal inspired a force that overcame great and destructive challenges. The persistence of a seemingly powerless and struggling widow urges us all to do our small part for the good of the whole – to rise to our full dignity as individuals and as the people of God – to persist in hope and with faith that we can make a difference in this world.