

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Margaret & William Baker
 Sunday 8:00 Mary Cacciola
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Lewis Carrington
 Monday 8:00 Bernard Power
 Tuesday 8:00 Ruth Newman
 Wed 8:00 Jacqueline Costa
 Friday 8:00 Walter Paroby

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 James Mack
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Thomas Cosgrove

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 Lenczewski, 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, 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, Mary Pickard

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 Tamaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED Ed Daly

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

October 27 collection results will be reported in next week's bulletin.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Next week's second collection is for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, which was established by St. John Paul II in 1985 and is the only U.S. diocese responsible for providing pastoral care to the men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or working for the Federal government beyond U.S. borders. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.



**PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST
THIS WEEK**

A Parish Pancake Breakfast will be held in the Parish Center this Sunday, November 3, following both Masses. We offer blueberry, cranberry and plain pancakes, with sausage, juice and coffee — all you can eat for \$5/adults, \$2.50/children under 12, and Free for children under 7, with a family limit of \$15. Come and enjoy the great food and fellowship! The Knights of Columbus hold the breakfasts on the first Sunday of each month.

COAT COLLECTION
 The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Coat Collection** in cooperation with the Lower Cape Outreach Council. Gently used coats for adults and children will be collected the weekend of November 9-10, and may be brought to the Parish Center before or after the Masses that weekend. The coats will be distributed by the Lower Cape Outreach Council to their clients. **Due to storage considerations, coats cannot be accepted prior to November 9-10.**

SVDP FOOD PACKING NEEDS YOU!

St. Vincent de Paul, in conjunction with Lower Cape Outreach Council, will be providing two-day packs and Thanksgiving turkeys to many in our community. Please joins us on Friday, November 22, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm to help pack food for distribution. Also, we need volunteers that morning from 10:30am-12:30pm to set up tables.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Calling all experienced and new volunteers! We will soon have a firm work date for homes being built in Wellfleet. Look for sign-up sheets in the main church foyer next weekend. Come back and spend another rewarding day on a build— or join us for the first time.

Kenya
Korner



Join us for an informational presentation by the Kenya Konnection team who recently visited our sister parish, Holy Cross, in Dandora Kenya, following the 10AM Mass, on Sunday, November 10, in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

LET'S DO LUNCH!

The St. Joan of Arc Guild invites all women of the parish to join us for lunch at the Hidden Cove at Cape Cod Regional Tech High School on Tuesday, November 12, at 11:30 a.m. The menu is a garden salad with balsamic vinaigrette; a choice of either Chicken Piccata or cod, served with roasted squash, rice, steamed carrots and broccoli; cornbread; apple pie with vanilla ice cream; coffee, decaf, and assorted hot teas. Reservations are required by Tuesday, November 5, and may be made by contacting Paula DeCecco at 914-471-5459 or via email at pauladececco@yahoo.com; Barbara Prestileo at bprestileo@comcast.net; or Ann Brescia at 774-330-3033. Please be sure to indicate your preference of entree when making your reservation. Your payment of \$10.00 (cash, please) is payable at the luncheon. This is a wonderful way to enjoy a casual lunch with old friends, and to meet new friends while enjoying a delicious lunch prepared by the culinary students. **Note:** Space is limited, so make your reservations early. We regret that we will not be able to accommodate walk-ins on the day of the luncheon. (If you would like to ride-share to the luncheon, please meet in the St. Joan or Arc lower parking lot by 11:00 a.m. on November 12.) See you at the Hidden Cove!

NAUSET INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



St. Joan of Arc Parish will host the Nauset Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24, at 2:00pm, followed by a Welcome Reception in the Parish Center. We would appreciate donations of baked goods for this reception, which may be left in the Parish Center kitchen when you come to Mass that weekend. Thanks for this help in welcoming our neighbors to our Parish

DIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Fall River is currently seeking a dynamic individual to join our team in Fall River as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop. This opportunity to work closely with Bishop da Cunha should prove to be exciting, challenging and very rewarding. For more information, please access our website at fallriverdiocese.org and click on *Employment Opportunities*.

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, November 6, 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 already 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. Copies of the full Bishops Statement are at the main entrance of the church.



CLASS REMINDER

A friendly reminder that Kindergarten through Grade 10 students meet at their regularly scheduled time on Monday, November 4. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA bus to class. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

GRADE 9 AND 10 PARENT MEETING

There is an important Grade 9 and 10 Parent Meeting scheduled for this Monday, November 4, at 6:30pm in which we will review the upcoming expectations for the Confirmation program. We look forward to meeting with you.

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.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

To begin National Vocation Awareness Week (November 3 -9), the Diocesan Vocation Office is having a holy hour for vocations at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Fall River this Sunday, November 3, at 3:00pm. The holy hour will be preached by the most recently ordained priest of the diocese, Fr. Ryan Healy.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL AT ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH

A Christmas Carol will be presented by the Performing Arts students at 7:00pm on November 7,8, and 9 in the JPII HS auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for seniors and students, and \$10 for adults. In the spirit of the play, we will also be accepting donations of non-perishable food items for St. Vincent de Paul. Please attend — and support Catholic education on Cape Cod.

CONCERT FOR CHAMP HOMES

Famed Irish Tenor, John McDermott, will perform a Benefit Concert for Champ Homes at the Nauset Middle School in Orleans on Sunday, November 10, at 3:00pm. All proceeds will go to support Champ Homes which has provided long-term transitioning for the homeless of Cape Cod for the past 30 years. Tickets in advance for \$40 at www.champhomes.org, or call 508-771-0885. Tickets at door will be \$50.

AN UNUSUAL PRESCRIPTION

Kathleen A. Brehony, in her book *Ordinary Grace*, tells the story of the “*Violet Lady*”, and famed psychiatrist, Dr. Karl Menninger. As an advocate for the mentally ill, Dr. Menninger was asked to visit a widow who had been depressed for many years. When he arrived at her home he found her slumped in a chair; her house quiet and dark – as it had been for the many years following her husband’s death.

As they talked, Dr. Menninger’s eyes adjusted to the dimness and he noticed pots of beautiful African violets – pink, blue, and purple which were obviously well-cared for. He assessed the situation and wrote an unusual prescription which read: “*You are to read your local newspaper every day and send one of your violets to someone in your community who has experienced a significant event in their life such as a birth, a death, a marriage, etc.*” Then Dr. Menninger left the widow and went back to his office.

Within a month, the widow’s life had changed dramatically. She had become excited for each new day. Not only was she able to give, but she was receiving appreciative responses from total strangers – as well as neighbors. Often a plate of cookies would arrive at her door, or an unexpected visitor would drop by. She soon became known as the *Violet Lady* and lived her life surrounded by many new friends.

Just as Dr. Menninger recognized and encouraged the widow to share her gift for growing violets, so Jesus recognizes and upholds the good he sees in Zacchaeus – a good his neighbors fail to see. Jesus’ “*prescription*” to Zacchaeus – to distribute the monies he had unjustly accrued – transformed the life of this despised tax collector who had sought refuge in the sycamore tree. We, too, are given the prescription to recognize and use our ‘gifts’ to bring peace, consolation and joy to others. May we not hesitate to follow Jesus’ plan for our healing and happiness. May we use the “*light*” of our small gifts to shatter the darkness of sadness, hopelessness, and alienation in the world around us. The prescription for authentic happiness and well-being requires our willingness to say “*yes*” to the transforming grace of the Divine Physician. Let us, like Zacchaeus, welcome that grace into the interior “*home of our hearts*” so that our small efforts might reflect the magnanimous light of Christ’s abiding love.