

Please keep these deceased loved ones in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Dawn Mowkiewicz
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Thomas Kelly
Monday	8:00	Jean & David Day
Tuesday	8:00	Charles P. Moravec
Wed	8:00	Ida Fortucci
Friday	8:00	Olga Bergin

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Frank & Carmela Popoli
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Virginia Swenson

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP
THESE LISTS UP TO DATE**

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, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Bencoter, Agnes Wolfgang, Fr. Paul Smith, Marilyn Drewes, Ray Castriotta, Julianne Sullivan, Robert Grudzina, Marge LaGrassa, Jim Lewis, Joyce Loechner, Frank Salomone, Pauline Laberge, Chad Larivee, 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, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, Donna Hibbert, Margaret Royce, Beth Nixon, Anne O'Brien, Ben McMahon, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Stephen Moreau, Paula Madeiro, Paul Brandon, Rita Folger, Gerri DiCristina, Kathleen Kilmer, Marguerite Forren, Mary Pickard, Deepthi Moola, Steve Novick, Ernie T., Eleanor Symecko, Susanne Albert, Joseph Wignot, Hector Pelletier

**PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE
MEN AND WOMEN**

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, Brandon Stubbs, Christian P. Goodman, Trevor Lafontaine, Connor Lafontaine, Colin Bracken, Michael Bracken

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Janine Yvette Banette

**Statement of Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.,
Suspending the Celebration of Masses in the Diocese
of Fall River**

Out of concern for the health and well-being of all who reside in Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands and in response to the direction of public officials, I am suspending all public Masses and other liturgical services in the Diocese of Fall River until further notice. This includes Masses of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

At the same time, I am issuing a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time to all Catholics of the Diocese.

Exceptions are granted for the celebration of weddings and funerals, but attendance must be limited to immediate family members only, not to exceed 10 persons. Every effort must be made to follow precautions already announced in previous communications from the Diocese along with recommendations of public health officials.

I am asking that churches be open for a limited time during the day to the extent possible and at the discretion of the pastor to provide the faithful who still wish with an opportunity to visit for private prayer. Parishes should provide this information on their websites.

I strongly encourage our Catholics to pray at home and to seek out opportunities to participate in Masses available on television or online instead. Information is available on our website, www.fallriverdiocese.org.

The Mass is our central act of worship, the source and summit of our Catholic faith, and it goes without saying that this difficult decision was not made lightly. It was done after prayerful consideration of the critical health threat that now confronts us. The gravity of it demands that we take whatever action is needed, despite the hardship, for the good of the protection of all especially those who are most vulnerable at this time.

Please join me in prayer in these challenging days for all who are impacted by COVID-19 and in a special way for those who are sick and for those who work to combat the disease.

I wish to entrust all of our people especially our sick and elderly to the protection of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Assumption the patroness of our Diocese, so that under her motherly care we all may persevere in faith to support one another. Let us all pray that this may come to a quick end and normalcy may be restored.

Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ,

*you traveled through towns and villages curing every
disease and illness.*

At your command, the sick were made well.

*Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of
the coronavirus,*

that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus.

*May they regain their strength and health through quality
medical care.*

Heal us from our fear,

*which prevents nations from working together and
neighbors from helping one another.*

Heal us from our pride,

*which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that
knows no borders.*

Jesus Christ, healer of all,

stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.

*As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and
despair.*

May they know your peace.

*Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical
professionals who seek to heal and help those affected
and who put themselves at risk in the process.*

May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations.

*Give them the foresight to act with charity and true
concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to
serve.*

*Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that
will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.*

*May they know your peace, as they work together to
achieve it on earth.*

Whether we are home or abroad,

*surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or
only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and
mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give
us your peace.*

Jesus Christ, heal us.

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www.americamagazine.com

WHO SEES — WHO IS BLIND

This year more than three million people will have cataract surgery. After years of looking through *clouded windows*, these people will have clear vision restored by the transplant of a small lens. It is nothing short of a miracle. Those who experience this may sound something like the blind man in today's Gospel who declares: "*He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see!*" This miraculous restoration of eye-sight brings our own *blindness* to attention. Our physical eye-sight may be 20/20 – but we remain *blind* in other ways: our thinking is cloudy; our judgments – cloudy; even the motivations of our hearts are clouded.

Like the blind man, clarity comes, not all at once, but bit-by-bit – even over a life-time. It is not unusual for the human mind to stubbornly adhere to short-sighted points of view. We are inclined to look in all the 'wrong' places for what we instinctively feel we are missing. We are often like the man who searched under a street lamp for the keys he had lost. A kind policeman came by and inquired where the man thought he had last seen the keys. "*Oh, I lost them in that bar over there,*" was the man's response. "*Then why are you looking out here in the street?*" asked the cop.

The man replied. "*The light is better!*"

No matter how wonderful the light of the street lamp, it is doubtful that the short-sighted man would ever find his keys. It is as if he really did not want to find them. Unfortunately, we too, can profess to be looking for God – or Truth; or Love; or even the Keys to the Kingdom – but we stubbornly cling to our doubts, disbeliefs, and rigid concepts. It is easier to remain in habitual patterns of short-sightedness than it is to open to a new way of being – of perceiving. We want to find God, but we hold on to erroneous notions of *where God is* and *where God isn't* – notions of *who God is*, and *who God isn't*. We keep looking in the wrong places. The reality is that God is most profoundly present right where we are least inclined to look – in the simple, ordinary doings of life: in the kindness and love of others; in shared meals and conversation; in life itself – and the gifts of the earth that sustain that life.

Like the blind man – even a glimmer of the *Christ-light* is enough to birth new understanding and a new way of being. We begin to awaken to the perception of God glistening in every dewdrop, in every grain of sand; in absolutely all things and every living being. Through God's amazing grace, we share in the restored vision of the man born blind – and we rejoice and give thanks!