



THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Joseph Leonard, Jr.
 Sunday 8:00 Ryan Colleran
 10:00 Catherine Power
 Monday 8:00 Victoria Gardella
 Tuesday 8:00 John J. Russell
 Wednesday 8:00 Henry Fischer
 Thursday 8:00 Ralph Crichton
 Friday 8:00 Ryan Colleran

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Robert McGinn
 Sunday 8:00 Anita & Pierre Larose
 10:00 Peg Deegan

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Anthony Malner, Clara Murphy, Bill Splaine, Martin Coughlin, Tom Giguere, Flora Masa, Priscilla Y. Scibeck, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Bernadette Harrod, Brian Sluis, Rev. Robert Kemmery, John Potter, Patricia Falcone, Mary Mullen, Lillian McGrath, Justin Honegstein, Eric Bettag, Norm Klas, Fr. Paul Smith, Shirley McAuliffe, Walter Ollen, Katherine Rogers, Emily Doherty Baby Peter O'Connor, Rita Skarin, Jeannine & Ed Mooney, Bob & Gail Sadowski, Jimmy Higgins, Rose Stephan, James M. Clifford, Peter Cruckshank, Eileen & Ed Metterville, Thomas Stone, Kevin Rew, June Lee, Nick Bartick, Lucy Lopez-Roig, Bertha Meads, Beth Baillie, Connor Root, Pam Hedlund, John Szucs, Margaret Harrington, John Cuccia, Rita Grindle, Liz Baldwin, Patrick Eiler, Stuart Smith, Fr. Paul Lalic, Anthony Gorczyca, Bea Viau, Mary Ann Hassen, Eryn Bradley, Tammy Inman, Paul Conte, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Norma Sullivan, Michelle Battista, Paula Keefe, Kerry Gould, Ed Bryant, Danielle Rabel, Cornelius Shea, Mike Day, Edan Pearl, James Flynn, Joe DiBrigida, Infant Makayla Grace, Martha Doyle, Theresa Buckley

PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MID-EAST

Brandy Nelson, Anthony Horigan, Timothy Horigan, Scott Doucette, Michael Wilson, David Lucas, Sean Lucas, Peter Civita Shayne, Peter Cabral, Gregory DeLuca, Joshua Schmitt, Joseph Long, Brad Howard, Shawn Kivman, Thomas Scudder, Sean Keneally, David Lynch, Jeffrey Stebbins, Phillip McDonough, David Wilcox, Jordan & Zack Maxcey, Kristofer Poole, John Amick, Peter Scott Stephan, Philip Early, Karl Kuechenmeister, David McDonald, Adam Schade, Trevor English, David Duggan, David Puzzo, Bradford Van Tiem, Paul Van Tiem, Lt. Edward J. Maloney, Jacob Marshall, Michael Styskal, Andrew Kelley, Jim Schermerhorn, Ryan Lynch

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS -- THANK YOU

January 17 Regular \$5,833.00
 Catholic Communications \$1,954.00

THIS WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection this 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. Thanks for giving.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS THIS SUNDAY



Please help the Vincentians' food collection this week with the following items: 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). Thanks for sharing.

HAITIAN RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION

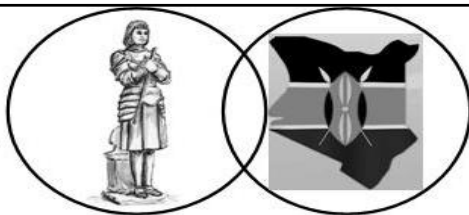
A special collection for Haitian Relief Efforts will be taken at all Masses next weekend, January 30-31. All funds will be used to support the efforts of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic church, as they respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care, as well as to the long-term need to rebuild and to the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the church in Haiti.

All who use our envelope system are asked to include their check or cash donation in any envelope you might have which clearly indicates your envelope number and the donation amount. This is the only way in which we can record your donation.

ROSES FOR LIFE

A red and white rose, representing the conception to natural death life continuum, will be placed in a bud vase before the Blessed Sacrament this weekend to remind us to pray for the unborn and for the end to euthanasia.

Kenya Korner



TRIP TO KENYA!

We are very excited to announce that Gail Harding, Donna Kelley, and Jane MacAfee of the St. Joan of Arc Kenya Konnection Committee will be traveling to Kenya February 15-26. This delegation will be accompanied by Sister Betty Scanlon, R.S.M. of Medicines for Humanity. Medicines for Humanity manages the mother and child health program that our parish supports.

Gail, Donna, and Jane will be establishing a personal relationship with various members of our sister parish community, and will hear first-hand the most effective ways that we can grow our involvement and enrich our relationship. Key contacts, in addition to Father Andrew and Brother Cleo who have both visited us here, will be representatives of St. James Primary School, the Brother André Dispensary, the Boma Rescue program for homeless children, and, of course, the Ladies' Guild. They are particularly looking forward to meeting Melvin, Veronica, Salome, Rose and Samuel--the five students we support with scholarships.

Parishioners may contribute to the success of the trip by offering small presents for the school children and Ladies' Guild members, or by making monetary donations (checks payable to "St. Joan of Arc – Kenya Fund") so that the group can buy gifts locally. All donations will go to Holy Cross Parish. Due to space and customs considerations, we ask that you limit gifts to:

1. Fun stickers for children
2. New baseball caps
(Boston or Cape League would be nice)
3. Balloons
4. Travel size bottles of hand lotion
(for the Ladies' Guild)

Please bring your donations on the next two weekends (January 30-31 and February 6-7). There will be baskets at all church exits after each Mass. Thank you for helping to make this trip a success and for your continued support of our sister parish. If you have any questions, please contact Lem Skidmore (508-255-6907) or Jane MacAfee (508-432-9480).

We wish Gail, Donna, and Jane a successful and safe trip, and look forward to hearing about their experiences!

Also, please remember Jim Schermerhorn, who brought Holy Cross Parish to our attention and has worked there on multiple occasions, in your prayers. Jim is now in Afghanistan working on capacity building for the U.S. State Department.

SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING

The Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, January 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel. New members are welcome. Join us on a cold afternoon in a heartwarming ministry.

HELPING HANDS

Do you need help with small jobs around your apartment and house? Things that need fixing? Jobs that are too heavy or strenuous? Small repairs? Yard work? We're available to volunteer our help! Please call Ed Mahan & Friends at 508-896-7617.

PARISH NURSES

Blood Pressure Clinic Our Parish Nurses will be in the Parish Center this Tuesday from 8:30-10:00 to check your blood pressure.

Exercise Program Check out our winter exercise classes continuing through February 24 every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Info: Call Jackie, 508-240-7766.

U.S. CENSUS HIRING

The U.S. Census Bureau's Hyannis Office is hiring for the 2010 census. These temporary, part-time jobs offer good pay, flexible evening and weekend hours, and the chance to work near home. Call 1-866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov.

ADOPTION BY CHOICE

Catholic Social Services will sponsor an adoption information session on Sunday, January 31 from 1-3 p.m. at the CSS office, 1600 Bay Street, Fall River, for all interested in adopting a domestic newborn or a child from another country. Please call CSS, 508-674-4681 for info and directions.

MEET & GREET!

St. Joan of Arc Parish is known for its warm hospitality. We need additional greeters to continue this tradition. Greeters are assigned each month to a weekend liturgy to welcome the gathering assembly. This could be an ideal ministry for newer members of the parish or for those not currently involved in other activities. For more information or to volunteer to share your smile and offer your welcome, please call the Nancy Stanfield at 240-2374.



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Grades 1-5	Mondays	2:45—4:00 p.m.
Grades 6-10	Monday	6:45—8:00 p.m.
Mon	Jan 25	Classes, Gr 1-10 3:15 Gr 1 Student-Parent Activity
Tues	Jan 26	5:30 p.m. Confirmation Retreat Staff Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m. Catechist In-Service
Sun	Jan 31	9 a.m. Kindergarten 10 a.m. Family Mass Faith Formation Pancake Breakfast
Mon	Feb 1	Classes, Gr 1-10 3:15 Gr 2 Parent Meeting
Tues	Feb 2	6-8 p.m. Gr 9-10 Teen Nite
Mon	Feb 8	Classes, Gr 1-10
Mon	Feb 15	No classes
Mon	Feb 22	Classes, Gr 1-10
Tues	Feb 23	6 p.m. Staff Confirmation Retreat Meeting
Sun	Feb 28	3-9 p.m. Confirmation Retreat

GR 1 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

This Monday, January 25, at 3:15, the Grade 1 Catechists welcome parents to participate in a craft and snack with your child. We plan to use the completed project during our Sunday, January 31 Family Mass.

CATECHIST MEETINGS THIS TUESDAY

Two meetings this Tuesday, Jan 26, in the Parish Center: A **Confirmation Retreat staff planning** meeting at **5:30**. Bring your ideas/thoughts for this year's event. A **Catechist In-Service meeting at 7 p.m** to complete the CORI process for all teachers, as well as to reconnect and plan the second part of the calendar.

FAMILY MASS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our Family Mass is Sunday, January 31 at 10 a.m. Following Mass, come share a delicious pancake breakfast with other Faith Formation families. Call 255-1257 if you can volunteer to help.

FEBRUARY SKI TRIP

Any SJA student 6-18 interested in joining a ski trip sponsored by Our Lady of The Cape to Mellos Retreat Center, Jacksonville, VT, contact Priscilla Silva 508-385-2115, PHSilva888@comcast.net or our Faith Formation office.

RCIA

We meet Wednesday, January 27, 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

A HEALED HUMAN LEG BONE

The eminent anthropologist Margaret Mead was once asked what she regarded as the earliest sign of civilization: an axe-blade, an arrowhead, a fish hook, or something more sophisticated, like a ceramic bowl. Her answer caught the questioner off-guard: "A healed human femur."

Dr. Mead explained that where the law of the survival of the fittest reigns, a broken leg means certain death -- when you cannot make it on your own, you're doomed. But a healed leg bone is physical evidence that someone cared. Someone gathered food for this injured person until their leg was healed; someone cared for them until they could once again care for themselves.

The first sign of civilization was compassion. Whoever first set that bone and cared for that injured woman or man so that the bone could heal was the first great prophet of compassion.

Fortunately, there have been many great prophets of compassion through the ages to mark the history of civilization. Certainly Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of them. There is a portrait of Dr. King holding the bible as his guidebook of inspiration and human interaction. His inspired words call all God's children -- black, white, Jews, Gentiles, Protestants, Catholics -- to hold hands in the name of freedom. His dream echoes St. Paul's words to the Corinthians in today's second reading: "There is one Spirit for all of us, whether Jew or Greek, slaves or free persons, we have been baptized into one body. All of us have been give one Spirit!"

Jesus begins his own prophetic ministry of compassion by invoking the vision of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me, to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the Lord's favor."

In Christ. Isaiah's prophetic words are fulfilled. A world transformed and reconciled in God's peace and justice is the very heart of Jesus' mission. In Christ, God re-creates us and our world in the light of grace and the spirit of compassion.

We, too, are commissioned to the prophetic role of continuing the work of transforming civilization according to the vision of St. Paul and Isaiah. With God's grace, we are called to live with compassion and forgiveness, healing and mercy until one day God's Kingdom will indeed reign with freedom and justice for all.