

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00 Barbara Williams
Sunday	8:00 Joseph Leonard, Jr.
	10:00 John & Anna Sullivan
.Monday	8:00 Maureen Schouman
Tuesday	8:00 Ben & Mary McMahon
Wednesday	8:00 Patricia Murphy
Thursday	8:00 Mary Eileen O'Shea
Friday	8:00 Catherine Ruddick

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00 Mary E. Welch
Sunday	8:00 Victoria Michelmore
	10:00 Bernard Gallagher

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, 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, Mike Day, Edan Pearl, James Flynn, Joe DiBrigida, Martha Doyle, Theresa Buckley, Janet Cole, Dorothy Knight, John Kelley, Maryanne Leonhardt, Peg Baum, Richard Smith, Anne Caruso

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, 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, David Duggan, David Puzzo, Paul Van Tiem, Lt. Edward J. Maloney, Jacob Marshall, Michael Styskal, Andrew Kelley, Jim Schermerhorn, Ryan Lynch, Kim Walker

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

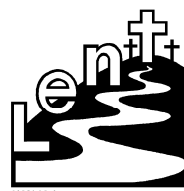
Brian Schwartz, Alice Ford

COLLECTION RESULTS -- THANK YOU!

Ash Wednesday Evangelization	\$1,271.00
February 21 Regular	\$5,977.00
Catholic University	\$1,724.00
February 28 Regular	\$4,601.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,703.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next week is the Catholic Relief Services Collection which helps fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your donation will help support agricultural development, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and support pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH ST. DAMIEN - THE FORMING OF A COMPASSIONATE HEART

Join Father Bob on a Journey through Lent with St. Damien of Molokai each Friday of Lent at 630 in the Church. This week a DVD of a one-man re-enactment of the life of St. Damien will give us a deeper insight into the heart of this compassionate man.

PRIVATE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Booklets are available in the chapel and the main foyer for those individuals who would like to pray the Stations privately. Please do not remove the booklets from the church.

SVDP PANTRY NEEDS

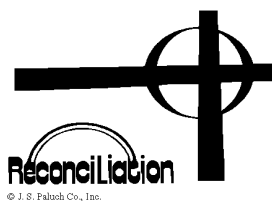
We have seen an increase lately in the number of 2-day packs given to clients. Please consider donating paper towels, toilet paper and dry cereal, in addition to our regularly listed items. Thank you for your generous support of our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

NEED HELP?

We will assist with
food, shelter, medical, utilities.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
HELPLINE 508-255-8080

HAITI DOLL PROJECT

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 10, 10 a.m. in the Parish Center, and a second meeting on Saturday, March 13 at 9 a.m. Going forward, we plan to meet once a week on Wednesdays at 10. For questions or further info, call Brenda Kowalski, 247-9444 or email madamtruth@comcast.net.

DIOCESAN RECONCILIATION WEEKEND

The Diocese of Fall River will observe a Reconciliation Weekend on March 19 and 20. Hours for Reconciliation here at St. Joan of Arc are Friday, March 19 from 8-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 20, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

ST. JOAN OF ARC GUILD

One lump or two? All women of the parish are invited to join our Guild meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 1:30 for our first Tea Party. Tasty treats and cups of tea will be overflowing while Judy Burt Walker and Anne O'Brien enlighten us on the book *Three Cups of Tea*. This should prove to be an entertaining afternoon, so come and join us on a cold winter's day for a cup of hot tea.

PARISH NURSES

Exercise Program Our exercise classes, focusing on flexibility, balance and muscle strength continue every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Drop by and check us out. For further info: Call Barbara, 508-240-1090.

CATHOLIC CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Our Lady of Victory Church, 230 South Street, Centerville, welcomes cancer survivors, family and friends, to the next meeting of this faith based support group on Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m., beginning with Mass and anointing of the sick. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Call Mary Lees for info, 508-771-1106.

CHURCH HISTORY GROUP

We meet Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

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.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Cape & Islands Prayer Group Deanery invites all to a Day of Recollection, Thursday, March 18 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, Wareham, beginning at 845 a.m, ending with Mass at 3 p.m. Fr. Stan Kolasa is the presenter for the day's theme, *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing*. Send your \$40 check payable to Cape Cod for Jesus to Libby Griffin, POB 386, E, Orleans 02643 before March 8.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Shortly before Thanksgiving 8 families moved into new homes constructed in Harwich in 2009 with the help of many workers, including 35 volunteers from St. Joan of Arc. Our parish provided support in other ways through lunches prepared by the Women's Guild, a blessing from Father Bob, and a financial contribution from St. Vincent de Paul. A big belated THANK YOU to all who helped on or supported this project. Construction begins in May on 2 homes in Dennis and one in Wellfleet.

CORI/CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

To continue with our compliance of the Diocese of Fall River Safe Environment programs, we are currently reviewing lists from the various ministry leaders with our current CORI list to determine the next phase of the process. Thanks you to the ministry leaders for their help in this. Any questions, call Judy Burt Walker 255-1257.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Grades 1-5	Mondays	2:45—4:00 p.m.
Grades 6-10	Monday	6:45—8:00 p.m.
Sun	Mar 7	9 a.m. Kindergarten 10 a.m Family Mass RCIA Rite of Welcome 11 a.m. Confirm'n Rehearsal/Brunch
Mon	Mar 8	Afternoon Classes Gr 1-5 No Evening Classes 5:15 Candidate/Sponsor Gathering In Parish Center 6:00 Confirmation
Fri	Mar 12	6 pm Family Ministry Movie Night
Mon	Mar 15	No classes 6:00 Catechists Dinner Meeting
Sun	Mar 21	10 a.m. RCIA Continuing Conversion
Mon	Mar 22	Classes, Gr 1-9 6 p.m. Gr 6-9 Prayer/Soup Supper
Sat	Mar 27	9 a.m. First Penance 1030 RCIA Penance
Mon	Mar 29	Classes Gr 1-9 3:00 Gr 3-4 Stations of the Cross
Mon	April 5	Classes, Gr 1-9 3:15 Gr 2 Parent Meeting
Sun	April 11	10 a.m. Family Mass

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL & BRUNCH

Confirmation students and sponsors should gather for rehearsal in the Parish Center immediately following the 10 a.m. this Sunday. After rehearsal Faith Formation is hosting a special brunch for Confirmation students, families and sponsor. The Confirmation ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, March 8. Students and sponsors are to gather in the Parish Center at 5:15. There are no evening classes for Grades 6-9 due to Confirmation.

FAMILY MASS

At the 10 a.m. Mass we celebrate our Faith Formation Families, Confirmation candidates and sponsors, and welcome our RCIA Candidates with a special Rite. Please keep all these individuals in your prayers as they continue their sacramental journey with Christ.

FAMILY MINISTRY

The next Family Ministry-sponsored Movie Night/Parent Free Time is Friday, March 12, 6-8 p.m. RSVP the number of attendees to Carroll & John Follas: 432-6364.

RCIA

We meet this Wednesday, March 10, at 5 p.m. in the Chapel.

GOD IN THE GAPS

The Harvard Divinity School Bulletin, Winter 2005, contains an article written by Professor Kimberly C. Patton. The article speaks of a university professor who served as an advisor to adult students whose careers and educations did not always proceed in an uncomplicated straight line. In applying for doctoral programs or jobs, these students ask how to account for the two, or the ten, missing years on their resumes. How should they explain these “gaps”?

The professor believes those “gaps” are as much a part of learning as any classroom or lab experience. She advises them to tell the truth.

“I took in a child whose mother was in prison and sang her to sleep every night when she cried . . .”

“I battled an addiction, and I won . . .”

“My marriage made in heaven turned to hell . . .”

“I lived in a monastery in Thailand where I came to see all things in a different light. . .”

“I took photos of skulls left by the Khmer Rouge.”

The article goes on to say that these are all true storied shared by students -- all things students have done during the “gaps” in their resumes. “These experiences,” says the student advisor, “are how hearts are broken and re-made; how souls are forged; how we become human beings with credible beliefs about existence itself. The gaps on the resume are abysses into which we fall from time to time, and in the process, fall into the hands of the living God.”

There are many “gaps” in our lives -- places where we lose our way, times when we’re hurting,

spaces in which we confront the unexpected, abysses of illness, abandonment, and doubt. But it is such “gaps” that God fills with grace -- perhaps through the support of family and friends; maybe

through the counsel of an advisor or wise mentor; perhaps through an inner strength that takes root and begins to flourish.

Today’s parable of the fig tree has been called the “Gospel of the second chance”. The life of God is always about starting over again, about re-creation, about growth and discovery, about the grace to make things right. We always live in the limitless hope and unconditional mercy of God who keeps giving us “second chances” to rise from the ashes of sin to rebuild and reform our lives.

