

MASS INTENTIONS**THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00	Bertha/Charles Meads Blanche/Herb Landwehr
Sunday	8:00	Leo & Virginia Kaufmann Gertrude Walsh, Peter Enderle Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Don Dolan
Monday	8:00	Katherine McCue
Tuesday	8:00	John Clancy
Wed	8:00	Elaine Mate
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Eileen Kelly

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Eileen Keough
Sunday	8:00	Anita & Pierre Larose, Patricia O'Keefe Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Lew Carrington

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Flora Massa, Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Bernadette Harrod, Eileen Metterville, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Paul Conte, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Richard Smith, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Alexandra Burke, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Peter Gill, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Benscoter, 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, Paul Chamberlain, Pauline Laberge, Edith Vinci, Chad Larivee, Patrick McNulty, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Ellen Marie Anderson, Carter Mock, Nancy Hurley, Gerry Csaposs, Peggy Carson, Ed Daly, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascasak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Roseanne Balsavage, George Meservy, Nancy McGaughey, Mary Ellen Ackley, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Paul Branden, Claire Surprenant, Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman

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 Blair, Nicholas McGahey

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Michael Nader**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

January 7 Regular	\$ 6,294.00
Annual Appeal	\$82,520.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign which connects people with Christ through the internet, TV, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remain in our Diocese to fund local communications efforts.

BE STILL

Our Wednesday morning centering prayer and meditation facilitated by Judy Burt Walker resumes this Wednesday, January 17, at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome.

THANK YOU FROM THE SVDP MINISTRY

The St. Joan of Arc Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society thanks you, the parishioners, for your generous support of our Conference throughout the year. As you leave the church today, you may pick up a copy of our Annual Report, which outlines the services provided to those in need.

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

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), HOT CEREAL (10 env. Pack), COLD CEREAL.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, January 21, at 1:30 p.m. 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 Barbara at 508-240-1090 or Liz at 508-896-4916.

FRIENDSHIP SOCIAL—SAVE THE DATE

The St. Joan of Arc Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus are planning a catered Friendship Social on Saturday, February 3, in the Parish Center, following the 5 p.m. Mass. All members of the Parish are invited. More details to follow.

OUR LADY OF THE CAPE INVITATION

All are invited to a one-day Retreat at Our Lady of the Cape Parish Center in Brewster on Tuesday, February 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Retreat, *Here for a Purpose*, will be facilitated by Peggy Patenaude, MA, Founder of *Taking Time Out*. Peggy is a gifted retreat presenter and has worked in education, pastoral ministry and spirituality for over 45 years. The fee of \$20 includes a lunch of a sandwich wrap, chips, cookie and beverage. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, February 1. Contact Tina in the OLC Parish Office at ourladyofthecapebrewster@gmail.com, or by phone at 508-385-3252. x 10.

SEASONAL REMINDERS

Due to the flu season, the cup will not be offered at Mass. The Sign of Peace may be offered with words and a smile rather than a handshake, if you like.

During the winter time which brings unpredictable weather and health conditions, keep in mind these guidelines: If you suspect you are ill or weather conditions are hazardous, you are **not** bound to attend Mass. Remain at home, possibly participating in the Mass on TV, radio or internet. **If schools are closed or delayed due to snow, there is no daily Mass.** Please observe this policy for your safety, as well as to expedite the snow removal in our parking lots.

DIOCESAN EXECUTIVE JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Fall River is seeking to fill its newly created full-time position of **Executive Director for The Catholic Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts**. This fundraising leader will broaden, deepen and expand the relationships with current and future donors and will work closely with Bishop da Cunha and the Board of Directors to ensure appropriate strategies are developed and implemented. For a full job description, go to www.fallriverdiocese.org and click on "Employment Opportunities" or contact Peter Powers of Diocesan Human Resources at 508-985-6507 or by email at ppowers@dioc.-fr.org.

NEED HELP?

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

PRO-LIFE ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

The Pro-Life Apostolate is sponsoring its Annual Essay Contest to focus on the upcoming anniversary date of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, the decisions which legalized abortion-on-demand in this country. Our theme this year is ***Be Not Afraid***, which calls us to reflect on the constant presence of Jesus in our lives through whatever storms or trials we face. Essays will be grouped and judged in two categories according to grade level: Grades 6—8, and Grades 9—12. First Prize winners will be awarded \$150 cash and Second Prize will be \$75 cash.

NEW UPDATE

My September Annual Appeal Letter stated that we hope to put solar panels on the south facing roof of the church NEXT year. However, our solar panel committee has determined that it would be MOST beneficial for the parish to complete a solar panel project BEFORE March 31, 2018. AFTER March 31, 2018, Massachusetts State Law changes regarding the value of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (or SREC'S). This means that the income we will receive for being a clean energy producer will be substantially LESS than it would be if our system is "Mechanically Complete" by March 31st.

After looking into FIVE solar companies, and receiving bids from four of them, we selected E2 Solar out of Dennis, MA to design and install our solar panel system. **E2 Solar has already completed the design of our solar panel system, and now Eversource has APPROVED the design of the system. This means that work on our solar panel system could begin some time in January!**

Please know that **your contribution to THIS year's Parish Annual Appeal WILL support our Solar Panel Project**, as well as the other projects outlined in the Annual Appeal Letter. We strongly believe that producing clean energy is a great response to Pope Francis' call to care for our environment, and we KNOW that a solar panel system will virtually eliminate our \$20,000 - \$30,000 electric bill from our three parish buildings.

I am grateful to all who have already made their Annual Appeal donation, resulting in a total of **\$82,520** to date. If you haven't yet contributed, please consider a **generous donation to this year's Annual Appeal in support of our Solar Panel Project**. Thank you very much!

Peace,
Fr. John Kelleher



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Grades 1-5 Mondays 2:20—4:00 p.m.
Grades 6-10 Monday 6:00---7:30 p.m.

CALENDAR REMINDER

Faith Formation classes resume on Monday, January 22 for Grade 1-10 students. Look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREP OPEN HOUSE

Parents — are you looking for an exceptional middle school experience for your child? St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School cordially invites you and your family to attend Open House on Friday, January 19, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

- * Tour the school with a current SFXP student;
- * Observe classes in session;
- * Learn about the rigorous academics, rich array of co-curricular opportunities and our faith-filled structured environment.

For more information, contact Mrs. Jenn Canzano, Admissions Director, at 508-862-6336 or email jeanzano@sfxp.org. Visit www.sfxp.org. Financial aid is available.

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

Join JP II administrators, faculty members, guidance counselors, athletic director, JP II parents and students at the **High School Preview Night** on Wednesday, January 24, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Learn about the benefits of a SJPII education through a relaxed conversational presentation focusing on our academic and athletic programs, college counseling, co-curricular offerings, financial aid information, performing and visual arts, spiritual life and student life. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers, as well as individual consultations and tours. Registration is not required.

For more information, contact Mrs. Jenn Canzano, Admissions Director, at 508-862-6336 or email jeanzano@jp.dfrcs.org. Visit www.sjp2hs.org. Financial aid is available.

PATIENT RECOGNITION

There is a story of a young man who sought a position with a master jeweler. The jeweler, knowing the patience required in becoming a gemologist, brushed him off thinking he was too young. The young man persisted and the jeweler finally told him to show up for work the next morning.

The next morning the jeweler placed a stone of beautiful, expensive jade in the boy's hand and told him to study it. The jeweler then went about his work leaving the young man to study the stone all day long.

The following morning the jeweler again placed the jade in the boy's hand and told him to hold it. This scene was repeated on the third, fourth, and fifth days as well. On the sixth day, when he was handed the stone, the young man asked, "*Sir, when am I going to learn something?*"

"*You'll learn in time,*" was the answer. You can imagine how the young man's frustration mounted as the pattern continued for several more days. One morning as the jeweler beckoned him to put out his hand, the youth was just about to blurt out that he could no longer continue. But the instant the stone touched his fingers, he exclaimed without even looking, "*Wait, this is not the same jade stone!*" At that moment the master jeweler broke into a big smile: "*You have begun to learn.*"

We pray that we, too, have begun to learn – that we have begun to discern where Jesus *lives*– where Jesus comes from, and the many facets of God's love. When we attune our hearts to the authentic "treasure" within our grasp, we experience the joy and peace and healing available to us in every moment of our everyday lives.

"*What are you looking for?*" is a question we hear Jesus asking in today's Gospel. The question is followed by the invitation, "*Come, and you will see*". We might ask ourselves if we are as patient and persistent as the young apprentice jeweler in our response to Jesus' daily invitation to discipleship. Are we willing to abide with Jesus long enough to touch, hear, sense, feel and embody the many facets of God's great love: the precious jewels of forgiveness, compassion, generosity, kindness...? Let us not hesitate to accept the invitation: *Come and you will see*.