

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Charles Cacciola
 Sunday 8:00 Jennifer Kirk, Jessica Leigh Franz
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Theresa Franczak
 Monday 8:00 Jack Deegan
 Tuesday 8:00 Annmarie Robery
 Wed 8:00 Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Joe DiBrigida

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Edwin Dyer
 Sunday 8:00 Robert Smith
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Peter Galligan

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, James Roberts, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Ruth Kantorski, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascsak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Vittoria Hillis, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Roseanne Balsavage, George Meservy, Nancy McGaughey, Mary Ellen Ackley, Chris Frazier

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, Edward Prufer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

IN LOVING MEMORY

The tabernacle candle has been donated in loving memory of Thomas Harrison.

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

Annual Appeal \$20,105.00

PARISH POTLUCK!

It's that time again! Time to mark your calendars for the **Parish Potluck**, Tuesday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Dust off your favorite recipes, bring the family, and join fellow parishioners for an evening of fun, fellowship, and lots of delicious food. Make your reservations by emailing SJAGuild@c4.net or by calling Kathy Culik at 774-207-0911 with the number of guests in your party and whether you'll be bringing a main dish, side dish/salad, or dessert. Hope to see you there!

BLOOD DRIVE THIS FRIDAY

Our Knights of Columbus Council is holding a blood drive this Friday, October 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. The Knights will be serving their famous clam chowder, and Cape Cod Healthcare, the sponsoring agency, will be giving Cumberland Farms gift cards to all donors. All blood donated stays on Cape Cod.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

In observance of Respect Life Month, our annual Baby Bottle Campaign — *A Little Change CHANGES LIVES* — begins next weekend with the distribution of baby bottles after all Masses. Please take one, fill it with your donation, and return it by the end of the month. Your generosity helps provide no-cost services such as ultrasound exams, medical consultations, parenting and adoption preparation, as well as on-going friendship and long-term practical support. All are welcome to our Ministry meeting this Friday, October 6, 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center classroom.

ANNUAL APPRECIATION RECEPTION

We are grateful for all of our parishioners who are involved in one or more of our many ministries.

*All those who are regularly involved in ministry or service in the parish are invited to the Four Points Sheraton for spirits and hors d' oeuvres on **Sunday, October 15, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** We look forward to celebrating our ministries and our parish!*

SOLAR PANELS

In the recent Annual Appeal Letter, I stated that we hope to put solar panels on the south facing roof of the church NEXT year. Over the past few months, I have been meeting with a small committee of well qualified parishioners about this project. I have also consulted several churches who already have solar panels, and have obtained the support of the Diocese for the project.

With the most recent information our committee has gathered, we have 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 have selected E2 Solar out of Dennis, MA to design and install our solar panel system. E2 Solar has visited our site, and they SHOULD complete the design of our solar panel system shortly. Then, Eversource must APPROVE the design of the system before the project can move forward. By law, Eversource has up to 45 business days to approve the system.

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.

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

"BE STILL"

All are invited to join us in the Chapel this Wednesday, October 4, at 8:45 a.m. for a period of centering prayer and meditation, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

SEASON OF CREATION ~ SEPT 1 to OCT 4

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, reflects on the cry of the earth, cry of the poor: "On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. It is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others, and with the world. Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor. (#237 *Laudato Si*)

ULTREYA GATHERING

There will be an Ultreya gathering at the Holy Trinity Parish Center (across the street from the church) on Sunday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a speaker, grouping, and light refreshments. For more information, call Alice Doherty, 508-432-0540.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES RE DACA

There is a great deal of confusion about the DACA program. These are the most important points:

1—If a person NEVER had DACA, they will not be able to apply for DACA;

2—If a person's DACA expires ON OR BEFORE March 5, 2018, their renewal application MUST be received by USCIS before **OCTOBER 5, 2017**.

3—If a person's DACA expires AFTER March 5, 2018, then they will not be able to renew their DACA and their DACA WILL EXPIRE WHEN THEIR CARD EXPIRES.

4—Any person who has DACA which will expire on or before March 5, 2018 should contact Tim Paicopolos, an immigration attorney at Catholic Social Services, at 508-674-4681 ASAP. CSS represents people on DACA cases for free and has helped over 200 people with their applications. **This service is only available to those who qualify to renew their DACA. You must contact CSS before September 28, 2017.**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 100th ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to join Bishop da Cunha as he observes the 100th Anniversary of the Final Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima at Bishop Connolly High School in Fall River on Friday, October 13, from 1:00—4:00 p.m. The observance begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:00 p.m., followed by the opportunity for confessions in the Gym, rosary at the newly dedicated Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and a 4:00 closing benediction by Bishop da Cunha.



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

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

AND SO IT BEGINS . . .

Faith Formation us underway and we are so grateful to our students, families, catechists, and volunteers for the wonderful start to our school year. Below are a few friendly reminders:

- * If you have not returned your registration information, please stop by the Faith Formation Office on Monday, October 2. It is important to verify that the correct information is on file for your child.
- * Afternoon session dismissal: The catechists instruct their students to wait in the classrooms for their parents/guardians. This is for safety purposes, but also offers an opportunity for the teachers to meet the parents/guardians. Thank you.

NOT TOO LATE

Even though Faith Formation is in session, it's not too late for your child to join us for the 2017-18 school year. If you are new to the parish, or have a kindergartener or first grader to enroll, please stop by the Faith Formation Office located in the Parish Center to complete an application, or call 508-255-1257. We are happy to assist you.

RCIA —

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Have you or anyone close to you ever given thought to becoming a Catholic Christian? Perhaps now is a good time for inquiry. RCIA is a small, faith-sharing community that helps answer such questions and provides a vehicle for either becoming a baptized Catholic adult or being confirmed in the Church. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 for further information.

A PERFECT INSTRUMENT

A story by Peggy Romanoski was published some time ago in *Guideposts Magazine*. She told about a wife and mother — as well as an accomplished musician — who was dying of lung cancer. She had asked her friend to help her get her cherished violin repaired and appraised before she died, thinking that it had been hand-made in Germany around 1700 and was probably quite valuable.

Her friend complied and took the instrument in to a violin maker's shop. A week later he invited them in to see the repaired violin: wood had been replaced and tuning done — a beautiful restoration! Handing them a magnifying glass they were delighted with the work and could just make out the faint label inside which read: *Centralia, Washington, 1914*. The woman identified Centralia as an early childhood residence and wondered if it had once been repaired there.

The violin-maker shook his head and told her that the violin was really a fiddle and the label was where the original owner had bought it — it was not an expensive classical violin at all! Digesting the news, the woman mused: *"People always commented on the beautiful tone of my violin. I thought I had a fine instrument and all the time it was a cheap fiddle..."*

The violin-maker corrected her saying that making beautiful music on an inexpensive instrument only underscored her exceptional ability as a musician.

Just as a musician's love for her music could produce exquisite sounds from the simplest of instruments — so God's loving grace resonates beautifully even in those whom society and culture might stereotype as being insignificant. In Jesus' teachings the hated tax collector and disdained prostitute become instruments of God's compassion and reconciliation. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus upholds the sacred dignity of all men and women in the eyes of God: the poor, the powerless, the ignored, the forgotten.

We are called to uphold that dignity, as well, not letting the contributions and meaning of a person's life be dismissed by vague and inaccurate labels based on shallow judgments of age, or appearance, or economic status, or any other false perception. Once more the scriptures remind us that God's ways are high above ours — that God's grace shines equally on everyone lifting up the holiness and goodness that reside in every person who is — like each of us — a child of God!