

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Edwin Dyer
Sunday	8:00	Robert Smith, Chuck Goslee Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Peter Galligan
Monday	8:00	Dusty Fahey
Tuesday	8:00	Mary Pelrine
Wed	8:00	Dusty Fahey
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	John Toohill

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Trudy Murry/Doris Silbernagle/ Marcy Wharton
Sunday	8:00	Jeanne Pinault, Gary Schiappa, John Ward Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Ann Kearns

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PUERTO RICO

This weekend there is a second collection to support recovery efforts in Puerto Rico from Hurricane Maria.

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

Annual Appeal	\$32,040.00
September 24 Regular	\$ 8,808.00
Cardinal Medeiros Home	\$ 3,852.00
October 1 Regular	\$ 9,341.00

PARISH POTLUCK!

It's that time again! Our **Parish Potluck** is this 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!

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Saturday, November 4, at 9:00 a.m., followed by a collation in the Parish Center. This Memorial Mass is celebrated especially for those parishioners who have died during the past year. Parishioners who have lost a loved one during this year whose funeral was not celebrated at St. Joan of Arc can call Nancy McEnaney at 508-240-0417 to add the names of their loved ones to the list to be remembered. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass to honor their loved ones.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

In observance of Respect Life Month, our annual Baby Bottle Campaign — *A Little Change CHANGES LIVES* — begins this 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.

NEXT WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection next 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. .

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEXT 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.

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

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 **next Sunday, October 15, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** We look forward to celebrating our ministries and our parish!*

MASS PRAYERS

The laminated prayer cards with Congregation Responses for the Mass have been removed from the pews. Please refer to the inside front cover of the Missal for the Penitential Prayer, Gloria, Creed and other prayers of the Mass liturgy.

"BE STILL"

All are invited to join us in the Chapel this Wednesday, October 11, at 8:45 a.m. for a period of centering prayer and meditation, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

All are welcome to our next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting on Wednesday, October 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **NEXT** Sunday, October 15, at 4:00 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, call Barbara at 508-240-1090, or Liz at 508-896-4916.

SHARE THE JOURNEY MIGRATION CAMPAIGN

On Wednesday, September 27, Pope Francis launched the *Share the Journey Migration Campaign*. This initiative calls attention to the plight of some 60 million migrants and refugees worldwide, who have had to flee their homes due to religious persecution, war violence, terrorism, or natural disasters, including famine or drought.

Nearly HALF of these displaced people are innocent children, some of whom had to flee their homes without their parents. The United Nations reports that in 2015, one in every 113 people worldwide had to flee their home, seeking safety. To learn more about this compassionate program for our brothers and sisters in dire need, please go to www.sharethejourney.org.

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.

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There are no Faith Formation classes this Monday, October 9, due to the Columbus Day Holiday. We look forward to seeing all our K-Grade 10 students on Monday, October 16.

FAITH FORMATION REMINDERS

- * If you have not returned your registration information, please stop by the Faith Formation Office. 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 VINEYARD VISION

According to a Native American legend, a tribal chief lay dying. Knowing that one of his three sons would become the leader of the tribe, he sent them on a sacred journey to the mountain of their ancestors from which each was to bring back something precious and beautiful. After several days the three returned: the first brought back an extremely rare and lovely flower; the second, a stone of precious gold.

But, the third son said, *“Father, I have brought back nothing. As I stood atop the holy mountain I was overcome by the vision of the exquisite earth with the possibilities of fertile green pastures and crystal waters. I could only imagine our people living in harmony on this land and establishing a better life. I was so taken by what I saw that I had to return before I could find something to bring back.”*

The old chief smiled and told his son that his gift of vision for the future of the earth and its inhabitants surpassed all other gifts — he would be the future chief.

God has given us a wonderful ‘vineyard’ that we often take for granted, that we mar and destroy by our ignorance, greed, and intolerance. In the reading from Isaiah, we *hear* God’s tenderness for all creation — the *loving gaze* with which God watches over evolution with all its green growth and painful transformations — God’s *heartbreak* at the discord, and violence perpetrated by its stewards.

When we look at this week’s readings through the lens of Pope Francis’ encyclical, *Laudato Si*, we hear Francis echoing the same message: we have forgotten who we are in our relationship with our sister, Earth! *“We have come to see ourselves as lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts is reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air, and in all forms of life....Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is not optional, but essential to a life of virtue...”*

Like the Native American chief, God sent his Son to restore a proper vision of how we are to cultivate the earth so that harmony and well-being might be restored — a vision of love rather than greed; of peace rather than hostility; of mercy rather than vengeance. May we welcome this vision whole-heartedly and work together in building our common home while there is still time. As Pope Francis says — this work is not optional. It is an absolutely necessary aspect of our Christian experience.