

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

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
Monday 8:00 Mike Dora
Tuesday 8:00 Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni
Wed 8:00 John Patrick Devlin
Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
Friday 8:00 Irene & Teddy Michaud

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Robert Dahlke
Sunday 8:00 Jeanne Main, Regina Collyer, Vera Coffey
Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
10:00 Don Dolan

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

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

Annual Appeal \$36,845.00
October 8 regular and special collection results will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be for the Propagation of the Faith which supports missionary efforts of the Church around the world.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast next Sunday following the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses. We'll be serving blueberry, cranberry and plain pancakes, sausage, coffee and OJ — all for \$6 per adult. Kids under 12 pay \$2.50 each and those under 7 eat free, with a family limit of \$15.

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

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

Earlier this year, our Knights of Columbus donated the proceeds of one of their Pancake Breakfasts to support the St. John Paul II Choir's trip to Italy to sing at the Vatican. On Sunday, November 5, we will have the privilege of having this choir sing at our 10 a.m. Family Mass. Special thanks to Principal, Christopher Keavy, Choir Director, Richard Fish, and, of course, the high school choir, for their enthusiastic response to our request to bless our worship with their gift of music.

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **THIS** 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.

ANNUAL PARISH REPORT

Copies of The Annual Parish Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, are available in the foyers and the report is also on our website.

"BE STILL"

All are invited to join us in the Chapel this Wednesday, October 18, at 8:45 a.m. for a period of centering prayer and meditation, facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

MARKING HISTORY/MAKING HISTORY

A special ecumenical prayer service will be held in the Cathedral Church of St. Mary in Fall River on Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 p.m. to mark the **500th Anniversary of the Beginning of the Protestant Reformation**. Bishop Edgar da Cunha will preside at the service and Bishop James Hazelwood of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church will preach. As we mark this significant anniversary of this pivotal moment in the history of Western Christianity, we will also be making history as this observance is taking place in the context of 50 years of ecumenical dialogue and cooperation. Protestants and Catholics can now gather in prayer together not only to remember the origins of their divisions, but most especially to celebrate their ongoing progress along the path toward greater unity. All are welcome.

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.

A CAPE AFTERNOON WITH TOM BOOTH

Join composer Tom Booth and keyboardist Carl Herrgesell for an afternoon of Praise and Worship on Sunday, October 22, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church, 167 East Falmouth Hwy, E. Falmouth. A free will offering will be taken. Tom and Carl will also offer a 2-night parish mission at St. Anthony's on Monday and Tuesday, October 23-24 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

BECOME A NAUSET NEIGHBOR!

Join Nauset Neighbors' team of volunteers and make a real and important difference in the life of a senior. We help our senior neighbors remain living at home and active in their communities and we add measurably to their quality of life. We take them to appointments and on errands, we stop by for a visit, and we help with small tasks around the home. There is no fixed schedule — we go online to sign up when we have time. Go to nausetneighbors.org and start making a difference now!



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

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

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Faith Formation resumes its regular schedule. We look forward to seeing all of our student in Grade K-10 this Monday, October 16.

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.

GOD'S SURPRISE PARTY

America magazine published an article entitled: “*A Feathered Thing: On the Resiliency of Hope.*” In the article Rev. Robert P. Maloney, C.M. told about his visit to China more than twenty years ago. He had traveled as a tourist — not a priest — to support the priests and sisters who had been driven underground by the Chinese Communists. Fr. Maloney remembers that he was scheduled to meet a group of nuns on a certain night. He had been given precise instructions as to how to find the sisters — leave the hotel, turn right, follow a woman at a distance of 50 feet, climb four flights of darkened stairs — not the most comfortable directions. He was led to a tiny attic where 14 elderly members of the Daughters of Charity were excitedly waiting to celebrate Mass — having been cut off from their community for many years and unable to gather for the Eucharist.

These Sisters had remained faithful, in hiding, all those years — themselves impoverished, they somehow found ways to serve the needy. Some had been interrogated and even imprisoned. But still they never lost hope.

Fr. Maloney says: “*During my journey, I found seventy Daughters of Charity — living underground, in hope, for decades. They refused financial help saying they had all they needed and they radiated confidence in the transforming power of the Gospel.*”

In the light of this weekend's Scriptures — the vision of Isaiah's great festival and Jesus' parable of the King's celebratory feast for his son's wedding — we look to this group of faithful nuns, and to so many others who have been victims of poverty, tragedy, bigotry, chaos, cruelty, injustice — and yet, were somehow able to maintain their “*wedding garments*”—attitudes of wonder, faith, humility, and gratitude. They didn't run to check their calendars, consider who else might be likely to attend, or peruse the menu...they simply said “yes” — no questions asked.

God's “*Surprise Party*” for humanity is a universal communion feast to which everyone is invited. God invites sovereigns and peasants, scholars and laborers, the elderly and children to his table. God's table is set up in palaces and hovels, in cathedrals and chapels — even in a small attic in China. Regardless of circumstances, despite doubts and a sense of unworthiness, God's invitation stands firm. God says, “*Come to the feast and I will wipe away the tears from every human face!*” Pope Francis describes the joy of such an encounter saying: “*How wonderful is the certainty that each human life is not adrift in the midst of hopeless chaos!*” Everyone has a place at God's table — a table that extends from our own family table to God's great banquet throughout eternity