

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Alberta Myers
 Sunday 8:00 Kevin O'Toole, Marlis Dunn,
 Thomas J. Ficca
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Mary & Harry Mahally
 Monday 8:00 Eileen Kelly
 Tuesday 8:00 Ruth Kantorski
 Wednesday 8:00 William Craig
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Charlie Wolff

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Eileen Keough
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Lew Ouellette

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

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

January 21 Regular	\$ 6,060.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 1,931.00
Annual Appeal	\$91,629.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us for a period of centering prayer and meditation facilitated by Judy Burt Walker this Wednesday, January 31, at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday on February 2 will be observed with anointing of the sick following the 8 a.m. Mass.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

All are welcome to join our meeting on Wednesday, January 31, at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel as we create warm and comforting shawls for those in need.

PLANNING FOR LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Following are opportunities you might consider for your Lenten practice.

Each Wednesday of Lent at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.
The Cross as Teacher: Reflections on Forgiveness, Surrender, and Compassion, followed by a time of stillness with Judy Burt Walker.

Monday through Wednesday, February 26, 27, 28
 At 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Parish Mission — Reflection of Christ led by Rev. Melvin A. Shorter, CP

Rev. Shorter will speak at all masses the weekend of February 24-25, and will give a summary of each day's theme after the 8 a.m. weekly Masses.

Friday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross & Lenten Soup Supper

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES & DACA

Catholic Social Services of Fall River (CSS) may be able to help you with your application for free. CSS represents people on their DACA cases at no cost and has helped over 200 people with their applications. **This service is only available to those who have ever had, or currently have, DACA.** If you or someone you know has or ever had DACA, please contact Tim Paicopolos, an immigration attorney at CSS at 508-674-4681 as soon as possible. Leave a message if you do not get an answer.

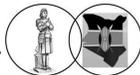
SEASONAL REMINDERS

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. 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.

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KENYA UPDATE

The school year is just beginning at St. James Elementary School. Through your generous contributions, we are able to provide full tuition as well as assistance for uniforms, books and other necessities for five elementary students, three of whom are newly sponsored. One of these students is described as brilliant but very needy, as she is the daughter of a single parent. Another, the son of jobless parents, is described as hardworking, and the third is the daughter of a widow without resources. Two of three elementary students we previously sponsored are now in High School and we are paying for their high school tuition. Your donations and continuing support are making a difference in Kenya.

LATE JANUARY UPDATE

As you may know, our Solar Panel Project was recently approved by the Town of Orleans' Architectural Commission. This means that E2 Solar has now been granted the permit, and work can finally begin on the project, weather permitting.

I am extremely grateful to our Solar Panel Committee for all the work they did over the past six months to bring us to this point. They certainly "did their homework" and helped us make all the decisions we had to make regarding the project.

I am also grateful to the Diocese of Fall River for their legal help with contract wording, and their financial analysis of the project, which confirmed the decisions our committee had made, including the decision to purchase the Solar Panel System, rather than lease it.

Our goal with this project is twofold. We are striving to do what is best, both for the parish, and for the environment. This is the mindset we have held throughout our planning of the Solar Panel Project.

As far as the parish is concerned, this project should stabilize our parish finances as it will save us \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year. As far as the environment is concerned, producing clean energy is a noteworthy response to Pope Francis' call to care for our environment.

Our Solar Panel System will be a 70,560 watt system and will consist of 196 panels on the south facing roof of the church. At 360 watts, the Sun Power Solar Panels are the highest performing solar panels currently on the market. The other panels we considered were either 290, 310, or 320 watts.

The Sun Power Solar Panels also have a 25-year warranty, rather than the standard 20-year warranty. Their degradation over time is also substantially less than other panels, as they are projected to be operating at 93% efficiency at the end of the 25-year warranty period. Other panels we considered were projected to be operating at 86-87% efficiency at the end of a 20-year warranty. All of this means that we are making maximum use of our available south-facing roof space, while fully benefiting from the Solar Panel System since we will own it.

The total cost of the Solar Panel Project, because we are purchasing, and not leasing, and because we are using such premium panels is expensive — \$218,619.00!

This is why I am so grateful to all who have already made their annual appeal donation, resulting in a total of \$91,629 to date. If you have not yet contributed, please know that there is still time to donate to our Annual Appeal in support of our Solar Panel Project. Thank you very much!

Peace,
Fr. John



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

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

CLASS RESUME THIS WEEK

Kindergarten through Grade 10 classes meet this Monday, January 29 at their regular times.

BREAKING NEWS ON CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Cape Church in Brewster. There will be only **one rehearsal on Sunday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m.**, also at Our Lady of the Cape. Each confirmation student and their sponsor or an adult is required to attend. Additional details and updates are expected in the upcoming weeks.

CONFIRMATION ANGEL CARDS

We ask that you support and remember in your prayers our Confirmation students who are preparing for their retreat in early February. Baskets of “Angel Cards” with the names of our Confirmation students are available in the church foyers. Please select one or more Angel Cards and send a note of encouragement and prayers for that student to St. Joan of Arc Faith Formation no later than Monday, February 5.

IMPORTANT GRADE 10 PARENT MEETING

An important Grade 10 Confirmation Parents Meeting will take place this Monday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church to review the upcoming events, especially the February 11 Retreat. Parents — please remember to bring your Parent Prayer Letters, as well as any additional retreat letters, to the meeting.

GRADES 9 & 10 TEEN NITE

Teen Nite is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, at 6:00 p.m. Teens will be working on a community service project followed by dinner. Please plan to attend since this is our last Teen Nite before Confirmation and counts towards service hours.

JANUARY FAMILY MASS

Following our Family Mass this Sunday at 10, all are welcome to join us afterwards for coffee and donuts.

GRADE 2 PARENT MEETING

All Grade 2 Parents are asked to attend a meeting on Monday, February 5, at 3:15 p.m. to review the calendar and preparations for Sacrament of Reconciliation in March.

UNCLEAN SPIRITS

“*Casting out unclean spirits*” is not a commonly resonant phrase to the modern ear, but we might come to recognize it more clearly in a couple of examples offered in the *Connection Magazine*:

The tension seemed to have displaced the air in the conference room. The lines of division were clear and both sides had been formulating their positions for some time. Just ‘winning’ was no longer the goal – both contingencies would not be satisfied until the other side was decimated. Into this ‘no win’ climate came a voice of quiet presence: “*Don’t we both have a stake in making this work? Right now, we’re going to lose it all together. What’s it going to take for both of us to walk away with something?*” Ever so slowly, the ‘unclean spirit’ of greed and self-interest dissipated. In the end a working agreement was reached.

The argument may have seemed trivial to an outsider, but to the couple it gathered fuel from long-standing irritation. He said something ‘stupid’; she overreacted. She made a big deal of ‘it’; he couldn’t relate to her feelings. Each retreated into their private angry silences. Finally, unable to abide the tension – almost as if choreographed – they made their way toward each other. With one hug the ‘unclean spirit’ of self-centeredness and divisiveness yielded to the spirit of love and reconciliation.

There are ‘unclean spirits’ all around us – and within us – that can be cast out by an offering of kindness, and generosity; or silenced by a word of forgiveness and mercy. In the spirit of Jesus’ Gospel – by mindfully choosing to live in the presence of compassionate reconciliation and humble justice – we can recognize the authority of God’s grace when push comes to shove. Although it is not always easy to cast out the ‘unclean spirits’ of raging anger, or overwhelming fear and hurt – indeed it may take a ‘time out’, or the listening ear of a wise friend or professional – today’s Gospel shows us that nothing can ultimately withstand the power of Divine love.

How can we begin to tap into this Love when ‘the heat is on’? We might try refocusing our attention from what is missing in our lives to what we have been given; from lamenting our regrets and disappointments to finding meaning in what we can do for others. In our own acts of compassion and generosity, we learn to ‘speak’ with the voice of the Holy Spirit – the spirit that drives out of our minds and hearts that which dispossesses us from the things of God and allows us to live in authentic freedom.