

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Eileen Keough
 Sunday 8:00 Carol J. King,
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Lew Ouellette
 Monday 8:00 Evelyn Montgomery
 Tuesday 8:00 Blanche Rolek
 Wed 8:00 Charlie Wolff
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Natalie DiPaolo

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Mary & Ben McMahon
 Sunday 8:00 Russell MacLeod, II,
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Francisco Simangan & Thomas J. Ficca

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, Jessica O.

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 Pruffer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Norma Buckley

IN LOVING MEMORY

The Tabernacle Candle has been donated in loving memory of Barrie Richardson.

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

January 28 Regular	\$ 6,534.00
Annual Appeal	\$91,829.00

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This week is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Currently, more than 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, February 7, at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.

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.

WOMEN & MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Fall River Diocese is offering a women and Men's Conference on Saturday, March 10, at Stonehill College in Easton. Offering a great opportunity for spiritual renewal and enrichment during Lent, the program features dynamic speakers, prayer, music, reflection and Mass. This year there is a special track for young adults, ages 18—30. Speakers will be Paulist Father Dave Dwyer, host of SiriusXM Radio's *The Busted Halo Show*; Daughter of St. Paul Sister Marie Paul Curley, a writer and multi-media producer; Father Tony Ciorra of Sacred Heart University, who is a leading expert in Catholic spirituality; and Vallimar Jansen, a Christian music singer and composer. For details, pick up a registration form in the church foyers or visit www.fallriverdiocese.org.

SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

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 \$91,829 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.

FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

We look forward to seeing all students in grades 1-10 at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, February 5.

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, 61 Canal Road., Orleans, MA 02653 no later than **this Monday, February 5.**

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat will be next Sunday, February 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We’re looking forward to seeing all of our Grade 10 Confirmation students at 2:00 p.m. sharp in the Parish Center.

IMPORTANT GRADE 2 PARENT MEETING

An important Grade 2 Parent Meeting will be held this Monday, February 5, at 3:15 p.m. to review the calendar and preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March.

BRIDGES OF HOPE

Recently Thomas Farragher wrote an article for the Boston Globe which describes an island of refuge off Mystic, Connecticut. Ender's Island is reached by a tiny one-lane bridge – a passage of a life-time for teens and young adults whose lives have been wrecked by drugs and alcohol – who have left behind a trail of betrayal and defeat, of hopelessness and paralyzing fear. On the other side of the bridge they are met by Father Thomas Hoar who always asks the same question: *“Have you had enough?”*

A much younger Father Hoar – acting in his role as the fire department chaplain on duty – was confronted with that same question by the Fire Chief, a long time ago. Father Hoar recalls his humiliation and his realization that he was living a ‘double life’ – a life that he thought was well-disguised – but which he now knew was obvious to others. After his first denials and rationalizations, Father Tom looked himself in the mirror and repeated the question: *“Have you had enough?”*

It was then that he set out to serve those in recovery. Ender's Island became a recovery residence – a haven of hope – for college-aged men who typically stay for up to 12 months of post-treatment recovery and counseling, education and job training. More than 70% – a remarkable figure – are raised out of the carnage of opioid and alcohol addiction to go on to lead productive lives in sobriety.

In today's Gospel Jesus grasped the hand of Simon's mother-in-law and “helped her up”. In the original text the word *diakoneo* was used which literally means: *“he raised her up.”* The woman responded “by waiting” on them – literally meaning *“she served him”*. The familiar term Deacon is derived from this Greek the word *diakoneo*– *one who is raised up to serve.*

This moment in Mark's Gospel mirrors the dynamic between God and us: God “raises us up” out of our own despair and illness and hardships, enabling us to make similar miracles of hope happen in our “service” of compassion and healing to others. Through the mercy and peace we experience, we can become *“bridges of hope”* like Father Hoar on Ender's Island, enabling others to walk in the light and grace of God