

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Curt Sweeney  
 Sunday 8:00 Mary & Henry Kolakowski  
 Edward Bolton, Rose Mary Piper  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Daniel O'Reilly  
 Monday 8:00 Margaret Mahon  
 Tuesday 8:00 Christopher Thomas  
 Wed 8:00 Neil Beaton  
 Thurs 8:00 Communion Service  
 Friday 8:00 Christine Rolek

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Joseph DiBrigida  
 Sunday 8:00 Jeanne Leonard, Liam Cunningham,  
 Harry & Maureen Kammerer  
 John & Helen Grace, Ralph Jerome  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Anita & Pierre Larose

**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, Baby Peter O'Connor, Eileen Metterville, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Paul Conte, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Maryanne Leonhardt, Richard Smith, Anne Caruso, Natalie DiPaolo, John M. Pollard, Alexandra Burke, Peter Cruickshank, Bill Hannon, Peter Gill, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Mike Day, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Helen Stempsey, Regina Collyer, 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, Marirose (Mary) Lynch, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Ellen Marie Anderson, Carter Mock, Nancy Hurley, Gerry Csaposs, Peggy Carson, Terry Sullivan, Norie Leonard, Ed Daly, James Roberts, Addie Priess, Pat Hastings, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Ruth Kantorski, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Thomas Murphy, Paul Kasczak, Bill Martin, Lolita Previd, Abbott Brayton, Peter Wall

**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, Matthew Blair, Jared Stubbs, Nicholas McGahey

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED** - Dan McEnaney, Kenneth Kulig

**COLLECTION RESULTS — THANK YOU**

Due to early publication deadlines, the collection results will be published next week.  
 Annual Appeal to Date \$66,140.00

**SVDP GIVING TREE**

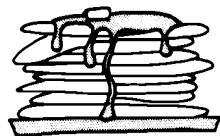
Stars have been placed on the Giving Tree in the main foyer of the church. Please take a star, obtain a newly purchased gift as suggested, gift wrap it and return it to the tree by



**Sunday, December 11**, with the star securely attached to the outside of the gift. It is important to adhere to the December 11 return date so that gifts can be delivered to the agencies for distribution. Recipients include members of needy families, the NOAH shelters in Hyannis and SKIP in Provincetown, as well as Lower Cape Outreach Council, Cape Cod Children's Place, and A Baby Center in Hyannis. Thanks for giving!

**K/C SPECIAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, December 4, following the Sunday Masses. We will be serving blueberry, cranberry, and plain pancakes, sausage, coffee and OJ — all for \$6/adult, with kids under 12 only \$2.50 each. **The net proceeds**



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
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**from this breakfast will be donated to the 56-member student choir of St. John Paul II Catholic High School which is traveling to Rome, Italy in February 2017 to sing at a Vatican Basilica Mass, at the invitation of the head of the Julian Choir of St. Peter's. Please come and enjoy a great breakfast and support the JP II High School choir!**

**WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

All women of the Parish are invited to attend the annual Guild Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 13, 11:30 a.m., at the Ellsworth Pavilion at Captain's Golf Course in Brewster, featuring a performance by the Mid Cape Choraliers. Flyers are available in the church foyer and must be returned no later than December 5. Any questions, please call Pat Michaud, 508-247-9513.



## THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELLS WITH US

Are we willing to be transformed from the inside out so that we might give a human face to Divine Love in our world? Advent is the opportunity to ponder the ways of love. The incarnation is the “enfleshment” of the Christ Love in Jesus — God with us. Join Judy Burt Walker on Wednesday mornings of Advent to reflect and pray together. We begin on Wednesday, November 30, at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Center.

### DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Copies of *Waiting in Joyful Hope, Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas*, are available in the church foyers. This book is designed to help busy people enrich their personal prayer life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Based on the Scripture readings from daily Mass, the book offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We can use a few more people to work at the Chatham houses on December 3. It is always a rewarding experience. Leave your name and contact info at the Habitat box in the front foyer of the church.

### FIRST FRIDAY THIS WEEK

In observance of First Friday, December 2, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Anointing of the Sick will follow the 8 a.m. Mass. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 11:45 a.m.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

The Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fall River will accept applications and administer an Entrance/Placement Exam for new students on Saturday, December 3, with the make-up exam on Saturday, December 10. Interested students should report to St. John Paul II High School in Hyannis by 7:45 a.m. for testing at 8:00. The application and exam procedure will last until approximately 11:30 a.m. There is a \$20 fee, payable at the time of application. Students need bring no records with them, nor do parents have to accompany them. Information regarding courses, activities and financial aid will be given at the time of the exam.

### SEASONAL REMINDERS

Due to the flu season, the cup will not be offered at Mass until Holy Thursday. The Sign of Peace may be offered with words and a smile rather than a handshake, if you like.

As winter approaches, bringing unpredictable weather and health conditions, keep in mind these guidelines: 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.**

### ADVENT MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples who have a good marriage and want to make it even better. Whether you have been married a short time or many years, consider the Advent Marriage Encounter Weekend, December 2-4, 2016, at Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA. To register call 800-710-WWME, or go to [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org).

## NEED HELP?

We can assist with  
food, shelter, medical, utilities.  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

HELPLINE 508-255-8080



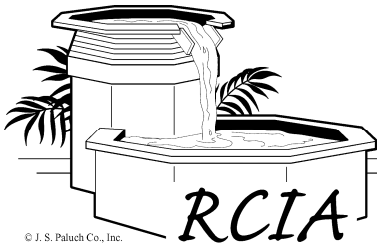
### FAITH FORMATION

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

### DIOCESAN MOVIE UPDATE

As part of the Diocesan Safe Child Curriculum, our Grades 6-8 students viewed the Catholic Social Service movie regarding personal safety and relationships. The movie provided an opportunity to remind students about various points of personal safety; the importance of safe practices on the Internet; and strategies for recognizing and responding to bullying.

### NEW BEGINNINGS



Are you interested in deepening your spirituality, learning more about Jesus, and growing in the Community as a member of the church? Then RCIA

might be for you! The Parish offers RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) as a way of exploring these important life issues and to discern whether initiation into the Catholic Christian Community is for you. Please call Judy Burt Walker at 508-255-1257 for further information, or Father John at the Rectory.

THEY SHALL BEAT  
THEIR SWORDS  
INTO  
PLOWSHARES



## WIDE AWAKE TO LOVE

*“God will come when you least expect”* Matthew tells us in the Gospel for this First Sunday of Advent. According to Katherine Hanley, CSJ, God came to her unexpectedly in a Greyhound bus station many years ago. She had taken the bus from St. Louis to Tucson to visit her parents and was having coffee at an early morning stop along the way. An announcement came over the radio in the bleak bus station: two very dear friends, Sisters of St. Joseph, had been killed the night before in a terrible accident. Her Sister friends—sisters in every sense of the word—had worked tirelessly in Arizona for immigrants, minimum wage earners and other “fall-through-the-cracks” folks. The suddenness and tragedy of it all overwhelmed her. Right there in the bus station, Sr. Katherine lost it. She began to sob uncontrollably.

Other people (also without wheels,—the ultimate poverty!) began to gather around her and to ask—in various languages—what was wrong. Sr. Katherine said that as she struggled to tell them about her sister friends, *“IT happened: the people became church. Without a script or a lectionary, without designated leaders or any official blessing, these People of God followed the lead of the Spirit and became church. They prayed with me, fingering worn rosaries. They urged me ‘to talk about them’. They brought me food: tortillas; orange juice; coffee. They cried with me. This liturgy, celebrated at dawn in a dingy bus station with prayer, story, and bread was among the many beautiful liturgies offered for my friends.”*

God comes when we least expect—and when we most need God! This First Sunday of Advent reminds us to stay awake—to be alert to the possibilities of grace in every moment. Staying awake spiritually simply means paying attention—living, loving, remembering consciously. We celebrate liturgies in our churches that help us appreciate God’s presence and gifts in our lives. We celebrate rituals in many other places, too—tucking a child in bed every night, honoring a birthday with cake and memories, gathering around one another in times of sorrow.

Advent says, “Just in case you have been dozing, wake up and be ready for something wonderful!” God is the God of surprises: Christ is born in every precious moment; Christ will come again...and again and again and again as we live and love and care for one another. So let’s begin Advent wide awake to Love