

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

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
Monday	8:00	John Bernetich
Tuesday	8:00	Troy Gallant
Wed	8:00	Christine Rolek
	5:00	Maureen McEnaney
Thurs	8:00	Margaret Deegan
	Noon	Elizabeth Lewis
Friday	8:00	Albano Quadros

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday	5:00	Csaposs, Riordan & Madden Families
Sunday	8:00	Jeanne Leonard, Patricia Fredericksen, George Middlebrook, Dan McEnaney Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Charles Kozlowski

**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 Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Peter Gill, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Helen Stempsey, Regina Collyer, Tyler Bencoter, 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 Kascsak, 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** Mike Day

**COLLECTION RESULTS — THANK YOU**

November 20 Regular	\$ 6,492.00
Human Development	\$ 3,008.00
Annual Appeal to Date	\$67,240.00

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS COLLECTION**

Your donation to today's second collection will help to pay for the flowers and greens that will decorate the altar during the Christmas season.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

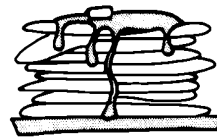
Aging religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies — often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection next weekend helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Thursday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Holy Day will be observed with a Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, and Masses at 8 and 12 noon on Thursday.

**K/C SPECIAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, December 4, following the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses, 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 from this breakfast will be donated**



**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**  
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**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!**

**COAT COLLECTION RESULTS**

The Knights of Columbus are grateful for your generosity in donating approximately 240 coats to the recent Coat Collection for the Lower Cape Outreach Council, supporting their mission of *Neighbors Helping Neighbors*. The coats will be distributed by LCOC to those in need in our community. Thank you for your support of this special giving opportunity.

## 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 **next 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!



## 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 will meet Wednesday, December 7, 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.

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

*A Little Change . . . Changes Lives.* Thanks to all our parishioners for their generosity in donating more than **\$4,500** to our Baby Bottle Campaign. Your support paves the way for responsive ministry to women in unplanned pregnancies, helping local pregnancy resource centers to provide free services such as ultrasounds, pregnancy testing, parenting/adoption planning, mentoring, professional medical services, post-abortive help, abstinence/Natural Family Planning counseling, and mobile clinic unit services. If you still have a baby bottle, please return it—full or empty—to the church vestibules as we will re-use them each year. For direct donations: [lyopartners.org](http://lyopartners.org) & [ahprc.org](http://ahprc.org).

## 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 ANCHOR

It's been nearly one year since *The Anchor* no longer receives funding from diocesan parishes. Our thanks go out to all the generous donors and to those who have faithfully renewed their subscriptions. There are, however, thousands of subscribers who still receive *The Anchor* who have not sent in the \$20 yearly subscription fee. This takes a great toll on *The Anchor* account that helps offset printing, postage and other overheads. If you have not sent in the subscription fee and are still receiving *The Anchor* we ask that you please assist us in keeping the diocesan newspaper arriving at nearly 20,000 homes across our diocese. Send your check made payable to *The Anchor*, 887 Highland Avenue, Fall River, Mass. 02720, along with your name and address. We thank you very much and wish everyone a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Dave Jolivet, Editor.

## 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.**



## FAITH FORMATION

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

## FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Just a friendly reminder that all students in kindergarten through grade 10 meet at their regular scheduled times this Monday, December 5. Look forward to seeing you all.

## DIOCESAN MOVIE UPDATE

As part of the Diocesan Safe Child Curriculum, our Grade 9-10 Confirmation 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 and the importance of developing healthy and respect-filled relationships.

## GRADE 9 AND 10 DECEMBER TEEN NITE

Teen Nite for our Confirmation students is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. We will work together on a service project, share a meal, and celebrate the season with a Yankee Swap. Please bring a wrapped gift of under \$10 with you.

## COMING UP

Mark your calendar for the following events:

Our *Annual Christmas Pageant* on Monday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as our students present the traditions and stores of the Christmas season.

*Christmas Eve Family Mass* on Saturday, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. All families are welcome to participate in this special celebration.

## 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.

## READING THE ROAD

Award-winning foreign affairs columnist for The New York Times, Tom Friedman, once wrote an article from a little village in Botswana where there were no paved roads, phones, televisions, or newspaper deliveries. Yet each morning Friedman discovered that he could “read” the news right outside his tent. The wetlands were bisected by hippo trails and the narrow roads made from the pure white desert sand were marked by animal and insect tracks. His guide would lean out of the jeep and study the “road signs”: lions on the stride—their paw prints abnormally deep and far apart; hyena tracks marked by little indentations—water splashing off their feet from the nearby watering hole; the carcass of a small antelope—obviously a kill—dragged off to the side in the brush. Every mile it seemed you could read a different news event.

“If you spend enough time in nature and allow yourself to slow down sufficiently to let your senses work... you will become aware of subtleties in the sand; the grasses, the bushes, the trees; the sounds of the creatures... and the habits of the animals with which you are sharing that space.” Tom’s perceptions heightened as he “read the daily map”. The way became clear and sharp.

John the Baptist’s apt image of creating a spiritual highway—of filling in the potholes caused by hatred, short-sightedness, self-absorption—then paving that road with kindness, mercy, and compassion—might begin with “reading” the signs along the daily paths we travel. Can we see the unmistakable footprints of God’s goodness and presence in our midst? Can we slow down long enough, and perhaps take a break from our “information highways”: our I-phones; laptops; I-pads; TV programs—so as to re-connect with the humble path of kindness, peace, forgiveness, and simple presence?

As surely as the Word of God revealed itself to John in the desert, it reveals itself to each of us. It speaks to us through the wonders of nature; through our families, neighbors, friends; scripture; and the longings and whisperings we hear deep within ourselves. Everywhere we turn, we find God’s Goodness. This Advent let us be awake and attentive to the signs of God’s Presence all around us—and may our footprints speak of that compassionate presence at every turn of the road