

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Leo Miller
 Sunday 8:00 Robert Winch
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Albert Desens
 Monday 8:00 John Dowman
 Tuesday 8:00 Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni
 Wed 8:00 John Toohill
 Thurs 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Matthew Sulka

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Norton, McMahon & Haynes Families
 Sunday 8:00 Nathalie Bennett
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 David Patrick DeSaulnier

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, Natalie DiPaolo, John M. Pollard, Alexandra Burke, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Peter Gill, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lenczewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, 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, Ed Daly, James Roberts, Addie Priess, Pat Hastings, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Ruth Kantorski, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascak, Bill Martin, Lolita Previd, Judy Chamberlain, Joe Conlan, Dusty Fahey, Patty Camarra, Jim Bowman. Sue Waugh

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 Tamaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Matthew Blair, Jared Stubbs, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Prufer, Christian P. Goodman

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Joseph & Antoinette Stack

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU.

Ash Wednesday Evangelization	\$2,075.00
March 5 Regular	\$6,255.00
Catholic University	\$1,760.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS THIS WEEKEND

Your donation to the second collection this weekend helps purchase flowers and plants to decorate the altar at Easter.

NEXT WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection next weekend is our annual **Harvest for Habitat** collection which supports local housing efforts.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEXT 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. Thanks for sharing

LENT AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

The following opportunities are available during Lent:

The Light of Christ's Love "It is Love alone that gives worth to all things" ~ Teresa of Avila. Standing at the foot of the Cross, we reflect and pray the Gospel Message of Christ's Love. Join Judy Burt Walker at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Center each Wednesday morning during March for reflection and stillness.

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Join us on Friday, March 24, at 5 p.m. for Stations of the Cross in the Church, followed by a Lenten Soup Supper in the Parish Center.

Daily Reflections for Lent Copies of the reflection booklet, ***Not by Bread Alone***, are available in the church foyers.

CRS Rice Bowls, available in all foyers, provide a vehicle through which our prayers and Lenten sacrifices can change the lives of those in need around the world. At the close of Lent, please forward your check directly to Catholic Relief Services ATTN: CRS Rice Bowl P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, MD 21297-0303, or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

This year St. Patrick's Day, falls on a Friday. In response to many requests, Bishop da Cunha has granted a dispensation from the Lenten requirement to abstain from meat that day. He encourages some other sacrificial act or work of charity in keeping with the spirit of the Lenten season.

PANCAKES NEXT SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast NEXT Sunday, March 19, following both Masses. Blueberry, cranberry, and plain pancakes, sausage, coffee and OJ will be served — all for \$6/adult, with kids under 12 only \$2.50 each. Come and enjoy a great breakfast!

GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Guild is offering college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. A candidate must 1) be a practicing member of SJA; 2) have an acceptance to an accredited college; 3) have letters of reference from his/her guidance counselor and teachers; 4) have financial need. All applications must be submitted to the candidate's high school guidance department by Friday, March 31.

GUILD MEETING

All women of the parish are invited to attend the St. Joan of Arc Guild meeting this Tuesday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Judy Burt-Walker will present a Lenten program entitled *The Cross as the Tree of Love*, which will reflect on the Cross as an instrument of great and all-encompassing love.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We will meet NEXT Sunday, March 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. These year-round monthly group meetings focus on the various aspects of grieving. Presentations and round-table discussions provide information to assist the bereaved as they move forward with their new life. For further info, call Barbara at 508-240-1090, or Liz at 508-896-4916.

HOST NEW AMERICANS THIS SUMMER

Cross-cultural Learning! Sharing! Fun!

Plans are underway to provide mini-vacations for refugee families from Worcester (under the auspices of the Refugee Support Team-Nauset Interfaith Association). Weekends under consideration are July 14-16 and August 11-13. Group activities, as well as individual Cape enjoyment, are anticipated. More information about families will be forthcoming. Interested? Contact Jane MacAfee at 508-432-9480.

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. If you suspect you are ill, or weather conditions are hazardous, you are **not obligated 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.**

DAY OF REFLECTION

The Cape and Islands Deanery invites you to attend a Day of Recollection, entitled *Mary's Heroic Love*, at the Sacred Hearts Conference and Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA, on Thursday, March 16. The day will begin at 8:45 a.m. with registration and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. Mass and Reconciliation will be offered. Our speaker will be Carol Dias, an experienced retreat leader. The cost for this day is \$45, which will include lunch. Please make checks payable to Cape Cod for Jesus and mail to: Pat Roach, 134 Indian Neck Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667. For more information, please call Peter Celi at 508-563-2073, or Pat Roach at 508-249-1641.

FOOD4KIDS

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded child nutrition program whose goal is to feed hungry children and teens ages 1-18 during the summer months when they do not have access to free/reduced school meals. *Food4Kids*, a ministry of The Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans (supported by several Nauset Interfaith congregations, including St. Joan of Arc's St. Vincent De Paul conference) is the only SFSP sponsor on the lower/outer Cape. By partnering with more than 16 different sponsored programs from Harwich to Provincetown, we are able to distribute lunches and snacks to 400-500 children each day 9 weeks in the summer. We make and distribute those meals with a very small paid staff and the generous efforts of more than 100 volunteers. We also distribute several thousand quality children's books.

Childhood hunger is a hidden reality on Cape Cod. If you would like to help make a difference, support *Food4Kids* with a financial donation or by volunteering your time, please contact Brenda Ridgeway at Brenda.ridgeway1@yahoo.com or Anne Koehler at aekoehler51@gmail.com. To learn more visit our website at <http://deaneryweb.org/orleans/food-4-kids/>.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IN BREWSTER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-end will be held at Our Lady of the Cape Parish in Brewster on April 22-23, 2017. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a positive, renewing experience designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together. Whether you have been married only a short time or many years, WWME is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage and want to make it even better! Discounted accommodations are available at Ocean Edge Resort, Brewster, if needed. Residents of Cape Cod are not obligated to an overnight stay at Ocean Edge and may choose to enjoy a quiet evening at home. Please call, 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.WWMEMA.org for more information and to register.



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

Due to Confirmation rehearsal, there are no Faith Formation classes this Monday, March 13. We look forward to seeing Grade 1-9 students on Monday, May 20.

ESSENTIAL CONFIRMATION NEWS

As we begin the final preparations for Confirmation, there are some important events to remember:

- ◆ Confirmation Rehearsal is this Monday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. The Confirmation student and an adult, preferably the sponsor, must be present at this rehearsal. It is the ONLY rehearsal before Confirmation. Please arrive promptly in the Parish Center..
- ◆ We welcome Bishop da Cunha, who will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation this Saturday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m. In addition to our young people, we will also be hosting students from Brewster, Provincetown, and Wellfleet. Please keep these young people in your thoughts and prayers.

YES! RETREAT

The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation is offering a retreat for students in Grades 9-12 the weekend of March 17-19 at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. This retreat offers high school youth the opportunity to grow closer in their relationship with Jesus. If interested or for additional information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257.

YOUTH CONVENTIONS

The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation is hosting their annual Youth Convention, a day of fun and faith sharing for high school students, on Saturday, March 26, from 9:45 a.m.—5:30 p.m. at Bishop Connolly High School in Fall River. The theme is *He Lives in You*, and keynote speaker is Cooper Ray. The middle school rally is an abridged version and will be held at St. John Paul II High School in Hyannis on Tuesday, March 28, from 9:15—11:30 a.m. For further info, contact us at 508-255-1257.

RCIA

Please keep our candidate Olive Murphy and the RCIA team in your prayers.

BATHED IN LIGHT

Some years ago Malcolm Muggeridge, England's "star" TV journalist, went to India to do a documentary on Mother (Saint) Teresa. The BBC wanted to televise the sisters picking up the dying in the streets of the Calcutta slums and then, transporting them to the shelter where they were lovingly cared for. As Mother Teresa said, "All are deserving of dying within the sight of a loving face."

The shelter itself was once a temple to the Hindu Goddess, Kali. Its tiny windows sat high up in the walls allowing very little light. The TV crews, not anticipating the dimness, had brought no portable lights with them. Rather than waste time and film, they were on the verge of abandoning their efforts of filming inside the shelter. But someone urged them to proceed—perhaps at least some of the footage could be used.

To everyone's surprise, the footage filmed inside the shelter turned out to be absolutely spectacular. The whole interior was bathed in a mysterious warm light—technically impossible to explain. But Muggeridge had his own theory about the mysterious light. In his best-selling book, *"Something Beautiful for God"*, he writes: *"Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying is overflowing with love. One senses this immediately on entering it. This love is luminous, like the haloes artists have seen and made visible round the heads of the saints. I find it not at all surprising that the luminosity should register on photographic film."*

Like Peter, James, and John on the mountaintop; like Mother Teresa and her Sisters in the shelter for the dying: true disciples in all ages are those who allow the Light of the Risen Christ to transform them. Our own peak experiences—those which open our hearts wide with compassion; those which cause us to gasp at the sheer beauty of a musical masterpiece; those which enfold us in the magnificence of a sunset—all these and so many more—speak to us of the Holy Mystery and shed a radiance on all the aspects of ordinary life.

The lasting fruit of transformation is compassionate service. Experience of the Christ Light cannot be contained. Like St. Teresa our "small" love becomes luminous in God's great Love, and we become bearers of that light and love to one another. If we had eyes to see, says Thomas Merton, everyone and everything would be "shining like the sun!"