

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Norton, McMahon & Haynes Families
 Sunday 8:00 Nathalie Bennett
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 David Patrick DeSaulnier
 Monday 8:00 Thomas Mahoney
 Tuesday 8:00 Rosemary Neuert
 Wed 8:00 Michael O'Shea
 Thurs 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Norma Goodhue

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Rose Rohrer
 Sunday 8:00 Stephen N. Cesso
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 John Flavin

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

COLLECTION RESULTS

March 12 collection results will be published next week.

THIS WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection this weekend is our annual **Harvest for Habitat** collection which supports Habitat housing construction projects on Cape Cod.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS THIS 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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Your donation to next week's collection for Catholic Relief Services will help to provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection and work of Catholic Relief Services at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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 **this** 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.

CONGRATULATIONS, DORIS TOO HILL

Blessings and congratulations to Doris Toohill who is this year's recipient of the Diocesan John Cardinal O'Connor Award for her many years of service in the Respect Life Ministry. The award will be given at the annual pro-life Mass with Bishop da Cunha on Thursday, March 23, at 11:00 a.m. at St Julie Billiard Parish in Dartmouth, MA.

PANCAKES THIS SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast this 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!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Wednesday, March 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel. All who are interested in creating these shawls of comfort and solace are welcome to attend.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We will meet THIS 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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE

Rev. William Kaliyadan, M.S., pastor of Our Lady of the Cape Parish, is planning a 10 day pilgrimage to Poland and Eastern Europe from November 1-10, 2017, visiting Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow, Auschwitz, Vienna, and Prague. The per person fee of \$2,989 includes roundtrip airfare from Boston; first class/select hotels, most meals, professional tour director, comprehensive sightseeing, and more. For more information, contact Re. Kaliyadan at 508-385-3252 (office) or 508-737-8103 (cell), or email wkaliyadan@gmail.com.



FAITH FORMATION

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

RITE OF CONFIRMATION 2017

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class, their parents and sponsors, who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend with Bishop Edgar da Cunha. We pray that these young people will continue to grow in their faith and in the knowledge that they are supported by our Parish community. Blessings to Confimands Christian Beer, Max Christopher, Josh Devlin, Hunter Eitelbach, Kaelly Farrell, Angela Fragano, Eilidh Gallien, Kaylee Geheb, Brendan Hamaty, Ernest Largey, Jr. Ryan Mahoney, Reagan Meehan, Katelyn Pisch, Leonardo Rodrigues, Emily Schiffenhaus, Gabrielle Tessier.

A special thank you to their catechist, Michelle Costa, and her assistants, Bob Filliman and Dianne Wentworth. for their time and talent in working with these young people. We are also grateful to all the Faith Formation catechists, volunteers, and teen mentors for helping us throughout the year, as well as during the February Retreat. They are a gift to the program and to the parish! Last, but not least, a big thank you to the St. Joan of Arc community for your prayers and support of the youth of our parish.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

We look forward to seeing Grade 1-9 students this Monday, March 20.

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

We celebrate the Rite of Welcome for our candidate Olive Murphy at this Sunday's 10 a.m. Mass. Please keep Olive and our RCIA team in your prayers as we continue to journey through Lent into Holy Week.

A TRANSFORMING ENCOUNTER

A few years ago the “*Connections Resource Publication*” posted an article about a photo which melted the hearts of all who saw it. The photo captured the touching meeting of Pope Francis with a man named Vinicio Riva. Vinicio suffers from neurofibromatosis- a non-infectious genetic, painfully disfiguring disease. He is completely covered from head to toe with ulcerous swellings and bleeding, itchy tumors. To earn enough to live on, the 53-year-old man runs errands and does odd jobs at a home for the elderly and the chronically ill in the town of Vincenza, Italy.

Vinicio was part of a group that traveled to Rome for a public audience with the Pope. Much to his surprise, the wheelchair-bound Riva found himself ushered to the front. When Pope Francis saw the disfigured man, he embraced him and kissed his head. “*He didn’t have any fear of my illness,*” Vinicio wept later: “*He hugged me without speaking. I quivered. I felt great warmth.*”

The entire encounter had lasted less than a minute, but Riva’s life has been transformed. He experienced an acceptance and a blessing he seldom received. The photograph seemed to have the same touching effect on all who saw it.

A similar encounter takes place in today’s Gospel with a woman at a well—a woman-who is unaccustomed to social acceptance. Although not physically disfigured, she is internally “disfigured”—a pariah in her own community. By simply acknowledging her, speaking to her, and asking for a simple drink of water, Jesus shatters the taboo that has long-isolated her from God and her community. Unexpected dignity and hope pervade her spirit—the same dignity and hope given by Pope Francis to Vinicio.

Our faith is based on a personal encounter with Jesus. The effect of such a transforming experience—of being totally loved and accepted just as we are— is akin to standing under a cascading waterfall of grace. Joy wells up in us and bubbles over—we are impelled to share the Good News just as did the Samaritan woman when she spontaneously ran back to her home town!

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Let us imprint these two pictures in our minds and hearts as we prayerfully continue our Lenten journey: The photo of the compassionate Pope Francis, and the portrait of the Compassionate Jesus in today’s Gospel. They will bless and change our not just ourselves, but all whom we encounter