

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Rose Rohrer
Sunday	8:00	Stephen N. Cesso
		Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	John Flavin
Monday	8:00	Dan Goodman
Tuesday	8:00	Josephine Miller
Wed	8:00	Ann Kearns
Thurs	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Elizabeth Norton

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Francis X. Dufault, Jr.
Sunday	8:00	John Hull
		Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Pierre Laberge

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, 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 Jim Bowman

COLLECTION RESULTS

March 12 Regular	\$5,151.00
Easter Flowers	\$2,314.00
March 19 Regular	\$5,145.00
Harvest for Habitat	\$3,479.00

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This week we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to *Jesus in Disguise*. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. In addition to Catholic Relief Services, proceeds of this national collection will be shared with the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, as well as the Holy Father's Relief Fund. Learn more about the collection and work of Catholic Relief Services at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

LENT AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

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.

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.

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 13—Sunday, April 16

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 P.M.
Good Friday Services	3:00 P.M.
Easter Vigil	7:30 P.M.
Easter Sunday	8:00 A.M.
	9:30 A.M.
	11:00 A. M.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry will meet on Friday, April 7, from 9:30—10:30 a.m. in the Parish Center classroom. We welcome newcomers who would like to know more about our ministry.

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.

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.

NEED HELP?

**We can assist with
food, shelter, medical, utilities.**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
HELPLINE 508-255-8080**

SJA MINISTRY DIRECTORY

As a result of an initiative by the Pastoral Council, a Ministry Directory has been developed and is available on our website. Anyone who is interested in learning more about or becoming involved in Parish ministry is invited to go to www.joanarc.org. On the home page, double-click on "Ministry Volunteer Opportunities" in the column on the left hand side of the page. The Directory provides a description of the mission, as well as contact information and meeting times for each ministry. A printed directory is available in the Rectory for those who do not have access to a computer.

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 Rev. 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.**

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

We look forward to seeing Grade 1-9 students this Monday, March 27. Please remember to contact the Faith Formation Office if your will be absent from class.

APRIL FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass is next Sunday, April 2, at the 10 a.m. Mass. We hope you join us in celebrating the liturgy with our students and their families. After mass, all are welcome to join us in the Parish Center for juice, coffee, and donuts.

IMPORTANT GRADE 2 PARENTS MEETING

We have scheduled an important Grade 2 Parents Meeting for Monday, April 3, at 3:15 p.m. in the Parish Center to review the calendar of events and the expectations for First Communion in May.

W.H. SADLIER LENTEN PRESENTATION

Catechists and Faith Formation volunteers are invited to an evening of fellowship and dinner on Wednesday, April; 5. A Lenten Reflection and classroom prayer instruction is being presented by John Collins. The dinner and program begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you are planning to attend.

RCIA

Please continue to keep Olive Murphy and our RCIA team in your prayers as we continue to journey through Lent into Holy Week.



WHO SEES? WHO IS BLIND?

This year more than three million people will have cataract surgery. After years of looking through ‘clouded windows’, these people will have clear vision restored by the transplant of a small lens. It is nothing short of a miracle. Those who experience this may sound something like the blind man in today’s Gospel. We hear him declaring: *“He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see!”* The miraculous restoration of his sight brings awareness to our own blindness. Our physical eyesight may be 20/20— but we remain ‘blind’ in other ways: our thinking is cloudy; our judgments, cloudy; even the motivations of our hearts are clouded.

Like the blind man, clarity comes, not all at once, but bit-by-bit—even over a life-time. It is not unusual for the human mind to stubbornly adhere to short-sighted points of view and to look in all the ‘wrong’ places for what we instinctively feel we are missing. We are like the man who searched under a street lamp for the keys he had lost. A policeman came by and asked where he thought he had last seen his keys: *“I lost my keys in a bar,”* was the man’s response. *“Then why are you looking out here in the street?”* asked the cop. *“The light is better,”* the man replied.

No matter how wonderful the light of the street lamp, it is doubtful that the short-sighted man would ever find his keys. It is as if he really did not want to find them. Unfortunately, we too, can profess to be looking for God, or Truth, or Love, or even the “keys to the kingdom”, but stubbornly cling to our doubts, disbeliefs, and rigid concepts. It is easier to remain in habitual patterns of short-sightedness than it is to open to a new way of being—of perceiving. We want to find God, but we hold on to erroneous notions of *where God is* and *where God isn’t*; notions of *who God is*, and *who God isn’t*. We keep looking in the wrong places. The reality is that God is most profoundly present in the simple, ordinary doings of life: in the kindness and love of others, in life itself and the gifts of the earth that sustain that life. Witness the Holy Presence in the Eucharistic bread and wine!

This awareness demands that we change our way of being in the world—it takes courage! But, like the blind man—even a glimmer of Light is enough to birth new understanding. We begin to awaken to the perception of God glistening in every dewdrop, in every grain of sand; in absolutely all things and every living being. Through God’s amazing grace, we share in the vision of the man born blind... and we rejoice