

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Mary Cacciola
 Sunday 8:00 Colette Reilly, Mary Lou Walsh
 Rosemary Hanson
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Norie Leonard
 Monday 8:00 Parish Family
 Tuesday 8:00 Norma Kendrick
 Wed 8:00 Carole Copeland
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Herbert Albert

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Michael Rudack
 Sunday 8:00 Margaret Tierney
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Virginia Kaufmann

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, 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, 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, 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, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascasak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Roseanne Balsavage, George Meservy, Nancy McGaughey, Mary Ellen Ackley, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Paul Branden, Claire Surprenant, Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman

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, Nicholas Blair, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Clothilde Davis, Marlis Dunn, Ronald Chad

IN LOVING MEMORY

The tabernacle candle has been donated in loving memory of Ray Newman.

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

December 18 Regular	\$ 6,516
Harvest Sunday	\$ 4,915
Annual Appeal	\$73,600

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1 is **not** a holy day this year, so we will only have the regular 8 a.m. Mass on Monday, January 1.

Lectors & EM's Note Well: Disregard the schedule for January 1.

FIRST FRIDAY THIS WEEK

January 5 is First Friday and will be observed with anointing of the sick after the 8 a.m. Mass.

SVDP GIVING TREE GRATITUDE


Thank you to all who participated in our Giving Tree outreach. Your gifts made someone's Christmas a bit brighter and their winter a bit warmer. Thank you on behalf of the recipients which include members of needy families, the St. Joseph shelter in Hyannis and SKIP in Provincetown, as well as Lower Cape Outreach Council, Cape Cod Children's Place, and A Baby Center in Hyannis.

BE STILL

Our Wednesday morning centering prayer and meditation resumes in the New Year on Wednesday, January 17, at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.

BISHOP DA CUNHA'S CHRISTMAS GREETING

Please go to our website, www.joanarc.org., for a video of Bishop Edgar da Cunha's Christmas greeting. Also, please find Bishop da Cunha's printed Christmas message at the doors of the church.



Pastor's Corner Dear Friends in Chris,
 I would like to sincerely thank all of you who sent me Christmas cards, Mass Cards and Spiritual Bouquets, gifts, baked goodies, or encouraging, uplifting notes. I deeply appreciate your kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity, and your support, which I have experienced, not only at Christmas, but ever since I arrived here three and a half years ago. May the New Year of 2018 be abundant in blessings for you and your families, as well as for our wonderful Faith Community, here at St. Joan of Arc.
 With Much Love & Prayers,
 Fr. John Kelleher

LIVING ROSARY

All parishioners are invited to the Living Rosary being presented by the St. Joan of Arc Guild, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Respect Life Ministry on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The Living Rosary will be composed of members of the participating parish organizations who will be positioned around the perimeter of the church in the form of a rosary, with each participant representing one of the rosary beads and leading one of the rosary prayers. The intention of the Living Rosary will be for the success of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 19. Following the Living Rosary, all are invited to the Parish Center for refreshments and fellowship. Any members of the St. Joan of Arc community who would like to be part of the Living Rosary are asked to contact Kathy Culik at 774-207-0911 or by email at SJAGuild@c4.net.

SEASONAL REMINDERS

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

During the winter time which brings 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.

DIOCESAN EXECUTIVE JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Fall River is seeking to fill its newly created full-time position of **Executive Director for The Catholic Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts.** This fundraising leader will broaden, deepen and expand the relationships with current and future donors and will work closely with Bishop da Cunha and the Board of Directors to ensure appropriate strategies are developed and implemented. For a full job description, go to www.fallriverdiocese.org and click on "Employment Opportunities" or contact Peter Powers of Diocesan Human Resources at 508-985-6507 or by email at ppowers@dioc.-fr.org

THRIFT SHOP

After a very busy fall and Christmas sale season, the Thrift Shop will remain closed until Monday, January 8. We are not accepting donations before then. Merry Christmas to all.

PRO-LIFE ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

The Pro-Life Apostolate is sponsoring its Annual Essay Contest to focus on the upcoming anniversary date of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, the decisions which legalized abortion-on-demand in this country. Our theme this year is ***Be Not Afraid***, which calls us to reflect on the constant presence of Jesus in our lives through whatever storms or trials we face. Essays will be grouped and judged in two categories according to grade level: Grades 6—8, and Grades 9—12. First Prize winners will be awarded \$150 cash and Second Prize will be \$75 cash.

SOLAR PANELS— UPDATE

My September Annual Appeal Letter stated that we hope to put solar panels on the south facing roof of the church NEXT year. However, our solar panel committee has determined that it would be MOST beneficial for the parish to **complete a solar panel project BEFORE March 31, 2018.** AFTER March 31, 2018, Massachusetts State Law changes regarding the value of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (or SREC'S). This means that the income we will receive for being a clean energy producer will be substantially LESS than it would be if our system is "Mechanically Complete" by March 31st.

After looking into FIVE solar companies, and receiving bids from four of them, we selected E2 Solar out of Dennis, MA to design and install our solar panel system. **E2 Solar has already completed the design of our solar panel system. Now, Eversource must APPROVE the design of the system before the project can move forward. By law, Eversource has up to 45 business days to approve the system.**

Please know that **your contribution to THIS year's Parish Annual Appeal WILL support our Solar Panel Project**, as well as the other projects outlined in the Annual Appeal Letter. We strongly believe that producing clean energy is a great response to Pope Francis' call to care for our environment, and we KNOW that a solar panel system will virtually eliminate our \$20,000 - \$30,000 electric bill from our three parish buildings.

I am grateful to all who have already made their Annual Appeal donation, resulting in a total of **\$73,600** to date. If you haven't yet contributed, please consider a **generous donation to this year's Annual Appeal in support of our Solar Panel Project.** Thank you very much!

Peace,
Fr. John Kelleher



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing all of our Faith Formation students and their families a Happy 2018. May the spirit of the Christmas season bring you blessings, peace, and joy throughout the New Year.

CALENDAR REMINDER

Faith Formation classes resume on Monday, January 22 for Grade 1-10 students. Look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PREP OPEN HOUSE

Parents — are you looking for an exceptional middle school experience for your child? St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School cordially invites you and your family to attend Open House on Friday, January 19, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

- * Tour the school with a current SFXP student;
- * Observe classes in session;
- * Learn about the rigorous academics, rich array of co-curricular opportunities and our faith-filled structured environment.

For more information, contact Mrs. Jenn Canzano, Admissions Director, at 508-862-6336 or email jcanzano@sfxp.org. Visit www.sfxp.org. Financial aid is available.

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

Join JP II administrators, faculty members, guidance counselors, athletic director, JP II parents and students at the **High School Preview Night** on Wednesday, January 24, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Learn about the benefits of a SJPII education through a relaxed conversational presentation focusing on our academic and athletic programs, college counseling, co-curricular offerings, financial aid information, performing and visual arts, spiritual life and student life. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers, as well as individual consultations and tours. Registration is not required.

For more information, contact Mrs. Jenn Canzano, Admissions Director, at 508-862-6336 or email jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org. Visit www.sjp2hs.org. Financial aid is available.

THE BLUE WHALE LAMP

There is a touching television ad created for Home Goods that says a lot about a small family in its brief 30-second time frame. In the story a little boy is going through the “monsters under the bed” anxiety stage. Each night at bedtime, his understanding mom and dad patiently check for monsters behind the closet door and under his bed. And to further assure him that he has nothing to be afraid of, they place a special lamp, with a friendly whale at the base, to keep him company at night as he falls asleep. The whale lamp works like a charm.

Well, the little boy soon becomes the big brother. And the first night his new baby sister comes home, he goes through all the doors of the nursery and searches under the baby’s crib himself to make sure there are no monsters lurking. And then he gives his little sister his first big-brother gift: his friendly blue whale lamp to keep her company as she falls asleep.

Simple and entertaining – yet this commercial contains a profound message about what it means to be family. In it we find the patience to help one another through life’s scary passages; selflessness to walk together in hard times; generosity to give from our own need for the good of family; and the building of a legacy of trust, kindness, and caring.

On this first Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the Holy Family and what it means to be family. Perhaps we think our family can never measure up – not only to the ideal of the Holy Family – but to other families in general. When we really look at the unusual outward circumstances of Jesus’ nuclear family: of Mary’s pre-marital pregnancy and Joseph’s decision to take on the role of husband and father, we begin to understand that all families are to be celebrated and supported –not only in their unity, love, and cohesiveness – but in their diversity, brokenness, and apparent dysfunction.

Being family is not always easy. Much like the Holy Family, families can experience great pain and huge challenges. But they also hold joy, cherished memories, and profound life lessons. So whether our focus is directed solely on our own nuclear families – or outwards to extended families that may include friends, neighbors, church communities – we remember that to be a member of family means that each of us reflects for one another the selfless, limitless love of Christ the Light. This light (seen even in a friendly blue whale lamp) becomes a beacon of hope and trust in a world that cannot be navigated alone.