

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Michael Rudack
 Sunday 8:00 Margaret Tierney
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Virginia Kaufmann
 Monday 8:00 Josephine Eady
 Tuesday 8:00 Stephanie Reynolds
 Wed 8:00 Ruth Kantorski
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Brian Hempke

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Bertha/Charles Meads
 Blanche/Herb Landwehr
 Sunday 8:00 Leo & Virginia Kaufmann
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Don Dolan

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 Kasczak, 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

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

IN LOVING MEMORY

The tabernacle candle has been donated in loving memory of Jim Lord.

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!


December 24 Regular	\$ 7,138.00
Christmas	\$24,871.00
Annual Appeal	\$79,995.00
December 31 Regular	\$ 9,108.00

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.

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 this 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.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends in Chris,
 Once again, 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

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.

CURSILLO ULTREYA

There will be a Cursillo Ultreya gathering at the Holy Trinity Parish Center, across the street from the church, this Sunday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a speaker, grouping and light refreshments. For more information, call Alice Doherty, 508-432-0540.

NEED HELP?

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

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

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop re-opens this Monday, January 8, with new merchandise for the New Year.

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.

NEW 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, and now Eversource has APPROVED the design of the system. This means that work on our solar panel system could begin some time in January!**

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 **\$75,875** 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.

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.

NAKED-HEART NAVIGATION

Not that many years ago those of us who are “directionally challenged” were buying those stand-alone GPS devices for our cars – the units you could stick on the dashboard with a suction cup. Now, of course, everyone has a navigation system built into their car, or a cellphone with GPS. The original primitive devices are as obsolete as the fold-up paper maps we struggle to decipher.

But the magi in today’s Gospel would have loved them. Instead of relying on *naked-eye navigation*, the Wise Men could have journeyed to Bethlehem equipped with a suction-cup GPS stuck on the shoulder blades of a camel. A voice might say: “*At the Inn, make a right turn. Your destination is a quarter mile ahead at the manger*”. Despite the technology at our disposal today, we really don’t need gadgets to follow the “Star”. Finding Jesus has always been a journey of faith – a journey of the heart – requiring what we might call “*Naked-Heart Navigation*”.

For those of us fortunate enough to live on the Lower Cape, *naked-heart navigation* should be easy. Just step outside on a clear dark night and look up in to the starry sky. In the absence of myriads of street lamps, and lighted billboards; stars stand out sharp and clear against the mysterious inkiness of night. If we pause to gaze heavenward for even a second or two – enough time to take a breath and make the journey from the head to the heart – we are filled with awe. Yes, we like the desert dwellers, should have no trouble relating to the magi who were enraptured by a star.

But many other desert people saw that same special star, yet missed the hand of God. The Gospel tells us that these three Watchmen saw something more than a star. The Magi were open to ‘inner vision’. They saw the star as a sign that signified the birth of a new light –the Light of the World. From these visionaries we learn that it takes daring, courage and faith to travel life’ journey – to follow the inner light given to each of us – to rely solely on the only truly reliable kind of GPS: *naked-heart navigation* which assuredly leads to the Christ Light.

Just as the night sky encompasses the whole earth, so does Christ’s light shine as a beacon for all races, creeds, genders, age groups – no one is excluded! We, Cape Codders have no excuse – we know what it is to see the stars. May we, too, learn to navigate our lives according to the wondrously loving light of the Cosmic Christ.