

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Olive Looney
 Sunday 8:00 Elisabeth Rewcastle, George Brescia
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Albert Desens
 Monday 8:00 Helen Scarfe
 Tuesday 8:00 James Donovan
 Wed 8:00 Charlie Wolff
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Yvet Paquet

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Theresa & Anthony Zazzaro
 Sunday 8:00 Robert Winch, Mark Dundas, Louis
 DiGiovanni, Fr. Bob Kemmery,
 Parish Family
 10:00 Paul Conte

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, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Richard Smith, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Alexandra Burke, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Bencotter, 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 Kascsak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Roseanne Balsavage, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Paul Branden, Claire Surprenant, Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Peter Wall, Fran McDonagh. Margaret Colquhoun

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 Tammaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Peter Gill, Eileen Turano

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

Ash Wednesday	\$1,763.00
February 18 Regular	\$6,903.00
Catholic University	\$2,295.00
February 25 Regular	\$6,100.00

NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION

Next week we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your donations help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

LENT

THE CROSS AS TEACHER LENTEN PROGRAM

Our Lenten Reflections on Forgiveness, Surrender and Compassion, directed by Judy Burt Walker, continue this Wednesday, March 7, at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome, even if you have not attended the prior sessions.

REFUGEE GIFT CARD COLLECTION

I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Mt. 25)

Gift card collection baskets are available in the church foyers this weekend, March 3-4, to support 100 new refugees being assisted by Ascentria Care Alliance in Worcester. We hope to welcome and support these families with gifts cards from Shaws, Stop & Shop, Wal-Mart, or Visa.

POWER-POINT PRESENTATION ON REFUGEES

Please join us in the Parish Center following the 10 a.m. Mass this Sunday, March 4 to view a Power Point presentation on the Refugee families we have been assisting and learn other ways your family or Parish Group can help. Refreshments will be served.

Additionally, Nauset Interfaith is again looking for hosts to welcome refugee families to the Cape for a weekend — July 13-15 or August 10-12. More information will be available at the Power Point presentation, or contact Rev. Ken Campbell, ksbcampbell@verizon.net.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/SOUP SUPPER

Friday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m.

CALLING ALL WOMEN

The St. Joan of Arc Guild invites all women of the Parish to join us for a program of reflection and inspiration with Judy Burt Walker on Tuesday, March 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. The program, entitled *Mary the Contemplative: Mother of Boundless Compassion*, will provide a break from the busyness of our daily lives, time for quiet reflection and guided discussion and an opportunity to visit with other women while enjoying light refreshments. Why not do something special for yourself and join us for this special program? We look forward to having you with us on March 13!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Brewster, MA — April 21 –22

Other dates and locations are March 9-11, Duxbury, MA; May 19-20, Warner, NH, and June 9–10, Medway, MA. Consider planning a weekend away, just the two of you, to renew your marriage relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples who have a good marriage and want to make it even better! Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married only a short time or many years. Pick up a flyer in the foyers, call 800-710-WWME, or call Carmella and Al Alfano, 508-255-4448.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I can't thank you enough for your extremely generous response to our Parish Annual Appeal. The final total was \$102,580, which is simply incredible!

Please know that your donations to the Annual Appeal are assisting us in our purchase of the Solar Panel System and will help us to complete other projects which I outlined in my annual appeal letter, including the badly needed renovation of the exterior of our Parish Thrift Shop.

Due to the high expense of the Solar Panel System (\$218,619), and the expense of the other buildings and grounds projects, we will dip into our parish savings in order to meet costs. However, we expect to be able to replenish our savings with the money our Solar Panel System will save us on our future electric bills.

So, once again, thank you so much for your tremendous support of our parish. May our good Lord bless all of you especially during this sacred Season of Lent.

Peace,
Father John

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRANTS \$20,000

The Knights of Columbus of St. Joan of Arc, through the Massachusetts State Council, granted \$20,000 to Cape Abilities to provide Multi-Sensory equipment for its Day Habilitation program sites on Cape Cod. The grant comes from the annual Tootsie Roll Campaign conducted by the Knights of Columbus that raises funds to assist persons with intellectual and physical disabilities. This year, Knights of Columbus Councils across the state raised more than \$151,000 for those with disabilities.

"We are excited that we are able to make this grant to Cape Abilities," said William Weil, Trustee of St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus. "Cape Abilities programs make a profound difference in the lives of those who are least able to help themselves, so that they might learn the necessary skills to cope with the demands and challenges of everyday life."

"We are sincerely grateful for our longstanding partnership with the Knights of Columbus, who are dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities," noted Rosalie Edes, President and Executive Director at Cape Abilities. "We have a strong focus on ensuring that we offer supports that reflect best practice, and the generosity of the Knights of Columbus allows us to do just that. We are honored to receive this gift."

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. **The Diocese is urging all parishioners to receive Communion in the hand to reduce the risk of spreading germs which cause the flu or other illnesses.** 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.

NEED HELP?

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

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



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

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

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME

We look forward to seeing all Kindergarten through grade 10 students at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, March 5.

MARCH FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass is next Sunday, March 11 at the 10 a.m. Mass. Please join us next weekend as we celebrate the liturgy with our students and their families. After Mass, we are serving juice, coffee, and donuts in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

GRADE 2 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Grade 2 students are making their First Penance on Saturday, March 17. Please arrive in the church promptly at 9:00 a.m. to practice the First Communion song. After rehearsal the students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father John in the chapel.

CONFIRMATION

This year the Rite of Confirmation is being celebrated by Bishop da Cunha at Our Lady of the Cape in Brewster on Friday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

‘NOW’ IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME

In his memoir, “*When Breath Becomes Air*”, Dr. Paul Kalanithi writes of his sudden transformation from being a doctor treating the dying, to being a patient with stage IV lung cancer fighting to live. He writes of the ways in which the confrontation with death had put “time” in perspective. He realized the many ways in which the clutter of daily life had become the driving force of his precious time. And because of the clutter of ‘have-to’s’ and seemingly important ‘stuff’ – he had not tended fully to nurturing the temple of his own heart – his family, his friends, his own spirit. Says Dr. Kalanithi:

“Time for me is now double-edged: every day brings me further from the low of my last relapse, but closer to the next recurrence—and eventually death...there are, I suppose, two responses to that realization. The most obvious might be an impulse to frantic activity: to ‘live life to the full’—to travel, to dine, to achieve a host of neglected ambitions. But part of the cruelty of cancer is that it not only limits your time; it also limits your energy...It is a tired hare who now races. I prefer a tortoise-like approach. I plod, I ponder. Some days, I simply persist...”

“Time has become less like a ticking clock, and more like a state of being...there’s a feeling of openness. Medical training is relentlessly future-oriented, five years down the line...But now I don’t know what I will be doing in five years. I may be dead. I may not be. I don’t know. And so, it’s not all that useful to spend time thinking about the future—beyond lunch, that is. For me cancer has overturned the tables of my priorities – now it is all about love.”

There is urgency – a zealous passion – in the story of Jesus over-turning the tables in the Temple. In a sense we are vehemently urged – much like the money-changers whose values were topsy-turvy – to clear the clutter of our fast-paced lives and to re-evaluate our use of the precious time we have we have been given. So many agendas, interests, and activities monopolize our days; but Lent offers us a wakeup call – a call to renew our commitment to a way of living and loving that effects every moment; every decision; every relationship. As Dr. Kalanithi came to appreciate the preciousness of each moment, Jesus speaks bluntly of the need to act *now* — the necessity of making God’s kingdom of mercy, compassion, and peace an immediate priority not only for our peace of mind, but for the good of the poor, the lost, the forgotten, the suffering — for the good of all creation. Let’s not waste one precious moment!