

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Theresa & Anthony Zazzaro
 Sunday 8:00 Robert Winch, Mark Dundas, Louis DiGiovanni, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Paul Conte
 Monday 8:00 Frances Jerome
 Tuesday 8:00 John Dowman
 Wed 8:00 Yvet Paquet
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 John Toohill

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Norton, McMahan, & Haynes Families
 Sunday 8:00 Matthew Sulka, Lillian Dantos, Peter Gill, Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Lew Carrington

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 Kasczak, 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 Prufer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Jim Filliman, Valmore Plantier

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

March 4 Regular \$6,971.00
 Easter Flowers \$1,569.00

THIS WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION

This week we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection, which 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. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

HARVEST FOR HABITAT NEXT WEEKEND

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

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THE CROSS AS TEACHER LENTEN PROGRAM

Our Lenten Reflections on Forgiveness, Surrender and Compassion, directed by Judy Burt Walker, continue this Wednesday, March 14, at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome, even if you have not attended the prior sessions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/SOUP SUPPER

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

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 29

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 P.M.

All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to process into the church as a group at the opening of the 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper this Thursday, March 29. Please gather in the Parish Center no later than 6:40 that evening.

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Services 3:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 31

Easter Vigil 7:00 P.M.

NO CONFESSIONS on Holy Saturday.

April 1

**Easter Sunday 8:00 A.M.
 9:30 A.M.
 11:00 A. 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!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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.

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 30.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

All are welcome to attend our next meeting this Wednesday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, March 18, at 4 p.m. in the Parish Center. These year-round monthly group meetings focus on the various aspects of grieving. The presentations and round-table discussions provide information to assist the bereaved as they move forward with their new life. For further information, please call Barbara at 508-240-1090 or Liz at 508-896-4916.

CONGRATULATIONS, LISA SCAPELLATI

Blessings and congratulations to Lisa Scapellati who is this year's recipient of the Diocesan John Cardinal O'Connor Pro-Life Award. The award will be given at the annual pro-life Mass with Bishop da Cunha on Tuesday, March 20, at 11:00 a.m. at St Julie Billiart Parish in Dartmouth, MA.

CURSILLO ULTREYA

Cursillo Ultreya gathering at Holy Trinity this Sunday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Alice Doherty, 508-432-0540.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS

Perhaps you remember the parish evaluation process which Bishop da Cunha instructed ALL parishes in the Diocese to participate in last year. Parishioners were given the opportunity to evaluate their parish in five difference areas (Sacraments and Worship, Ministry and Service, Faith Formation, Community and Finances and Administration). Evaluation teams were also formed in each parish to complete a more in-depth evaluation of these areas. All of this information, from each parish, was submitted to the Diocese.

Once all of the evaluation data was collected by the Diocese, all pastors were given a large binder, containing a very detailed compilation of the results for his parish. Due to the volume of information contained in the binder, simple communication of the results of the evaluation process would be impossible. However, the binder containing the results of our St. Joan of Arc Parish Evaluation is available in the Rectory for anyone who would like to review it.

Bishop da Cunha is still working hard on the Pastoral Planning Process. The Parish Evaluations are but one piece of the puzzle as we consider the future of the Diocese. More information will be forthcoming about this process in the near future.

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Brewster, MA — April 21 –22

Other dates and locations are 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.



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

We look forward to seeing all Kindergarten through grade 10 students at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, March 12.

MARCH FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass is this Sunday, March 11 at 10 a.m. Thank you to our students and their families participating in this special liturgy. 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.

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION NEWS

This year the Rite of Confirmation is being celebrated by Bishop da Cunha at Our Lady of the Cape in Brewster. Below are important reminders for Grade 10 Confirmation students and their families. Any questions, please feel free to contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257.

There is only one Confirmation Rehearsal on Sunday, March 18. Please arrive promptly at 3:45 p.m. to gather and attend to additional items before it begins. Each student must be accompanied by an adult — the sponsor, if possible.

Confirmation is on Friday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. Students and sponsors — please arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m.

THIS PRECIOUS BOWL

Imagine a potter at his wheel. He spends hours creating a beautiful bowl – the most beautiful bowl he has ever made. It is an important piece, but it will not be sold at any price. He is making this bowl for his beloved.

The precious bowl is completed, and every morning the potter fills the bowl with something precious: fruits and vegetables from the garden, clear water from the spring, beautiful flowers from the fields.

The potter's beloved cherishes the bowl. She keeps it in the center of the table. Its beautiful color and near-perfect shape are the gift of the potter's skill. Even empty, the bowl is the symbol of a couple's trust, the vessel of their hope, the repository of their love.

This little story is adapted from a meditation given by the Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat Nanh. It symbolizes our lives – empty bowls lovingly fashioned by God. In every moment of our lives, God fills our *bowls* with whatever we need to live; to grow; to discover; to love; to become the people God formed us to be.

St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians underscores a similar message by saying that *we are God's handiwork*—that we are God's work of art, graced to carry on the good works God has begun in us. The dialogue between Nicodemus and Jesus also emphasizes the loving kindness of the Divine Potter – that through God's perfect artistry we are lifted from darkness and formed into being – formed by a love that seeks to fill us and share with us God's very life force.

This fourth week of Lent offers us the opportunity to reflect on the God of mercy and love. Like Nicodemus we are often 'in the dark' as to who we really are – God's 'beloved'. Life's anxieties and problems, as well as our own ego, frequently weigh us down and cloud our vision. We become unmindful of the beauty and the blessings constantly poured into us by a God who delights in doing so. We forget that the precious *bowl* of our life is shaped by a compassionate and merciful God.

This fourth week of Lent we are invited, as was Nicodemus, to approach God with lives empty of all artifice and self-absorption; to seek our joy and fulfillment in the goodness with which God fills us. Then, with grateful hearts and generous spirits, we are urged to share the gifts we have received – carrying one another's crosses, reaching out to others with compassion and love.