

**MASS INTENTIONS  
THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Ronald Chad  
 Sunday 8:00 Mark Dundas, Louis DiGiovanni  
 Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Brian Tralease  
 Monday 8:00 Elsie M. Thompson  
 Tuesday 8:00 Olga Bergin  
 Wed 8:00 Maureen O'Neal

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Sunday 8:00 Mark Dundas, Louis DiGiovanni, John Hull,  
 Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 9:30 Charlie Wolff  
 11:00 Eileen Casey Kelly

**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 Cruickshank, Bill Hannon, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lenczewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Bencoter, 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, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Paul Branden, Claire Surprenant, Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Peter Wall, Fran McDonagh.

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

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED** Maggie Colquhoun

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS:**

The Collection on Good Friday supports the Church in the Holy Lands and Eastern Europe.

The second collection on Easter Sunday is in support of Retired/Infirm Priests.

**HOLY WEEK**

**THE CROSS AS TEACHER LENTEN PROGRAM**

Our Lenten Reflections on Forgiveness, Surrender and Compassion, directed by Judy Burt Walker, continue this Wednesday, March 28, at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome, even if you have not attended the prior sessions.

**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.**

**THRIFT SHOP**

The Thrift Shop will be closed for the Easter weekend beginning Holy Thursday, March 29, and will re-open again on Monday, April 2. Easter blessings to all.

## **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.

## **GUILD SPRING TEA AND FASHION SHOW**

The St. Joan of Arc Guild cordially invites all women of the parish to its Spring Tea and Fashion Show on Tuesday, April 10, at **2:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. We hope you will plan to join us as we celebrate the return of Spring, enjoy delicious treats prepared by the women of the Parish, and admire spring fashions from the Thrift shop and Boutique, showcased by our very own "super models". As an added treat this year, we have invited women from neighboring parishes to be our guests, so please plan to attend and help us to welcome our guests. Questions? Please call event chair, Rita Boyle, at 774-368-8778.

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY PRAYER HOUR**

The St. Joan of Arc Bereavement Ministry is offering a program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We will meet in the Chapel on Tuesday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m. The one hour *Prayer and Reflection for Those Who Mourn* will be offered with the hope that through prayer, scripture, meditation and reflection, God's healing grace will be felt. For more information, please call 508-240-1119.

## **FLOWERS FOR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

Spring flowering plants for our homebound parishioners will be available at Masses the weekend of April 14-15. Fr. John will give a blessing and call on visiting Eucharistic Ministers and others who visit the homebound to take this symbol of our love and care to our fellow parishioners.

## **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.

## **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 different 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.

## **LISTENING SESSION WITH BISHOP da CUNHA**

**Come and share your hopes and dreams for our Church!** Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., is hosting a series of Listening Sessions at different parish locations as part of the strategic planning process in the Fall River Diocese. Members of diocesan parishes are invited to attend one of them to offer their thoughts into that process.

**St. Joan of Arc Church will be the host for the Listening Session for Outer Cape parishes on Wednesday, April 18, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Listening Sessions are also scheduled as follows: March 20, St. Mary Parish, Norton; March 21, St. Ann Parish, Raynham; April 5, Christ the King Parish, Mashpee; April 12, St. Mary Cathedral; April 20, St. Julie Billiart Parish, Dartmouth, and April 23, Our Lady of Victory Parish Centerville. All sessions will take place from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with the exception of the final one in Centerville, which will begin at 7:00 p.m.



## 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 our students in grades 1-9 at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, March 26.

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our 2018 Confirmation Class and to their parents and sponsors. They received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, March 23, at Our Lady of the Cape. May they continue to grow in their faith and know the St. Joan of Arc Community supports them. We wish them continued blessings. The Confirmands are: Tanner Cornell, Madelyn Fleming, James Fragano, Spencer Granlund, Laura Largey, John Patrick Largey, IV, Jeralyn Osterloh, Toni Lyn Young, Rebecca Yushkevich.

A special thank you to our Confirmation Catechists, Michelle Costa and Bob Filliman. Also, thank you to all the teachers, teen mentors and volunteers who made our Retreat a tremendous success and for helping to guide these young people on their spiritual journey.

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## SPIRITUALITY IN SONG

On Thursday, April 12, the international touring duo, *StoweGood*, will be leading an uplifting and inspiring mini-retreat entitled, *Spirituality in Song* at Our Lady of the Cape Church in Brewster. *Spirituality in Song* encompasses both song and story. Karen Taylor-Good and Stowe Daily are based in Nashville, TN and are award-winning authors and singer/songwriters.

We will begin with lunch at 12 noon, and the performance will follow from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, including lunch. To register, please contact Tina at [ourladyofthecapebrewster@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofthecapebrewster@gmail.com). Registration deadline is Friday, April 6.

## **WHEN DOES OUR HOPE DIE?**

Palm Sunday begins the week which we call Holy Week. The palms are gathered from the 'kingly' palm trees of the region; and symbolize a victory of royal status. They are waved in abandon and spread before the donkey that carries Jesus into Jerusalem. But the crowd is fickle and easily swayed – by Friday they are jeering and shouting for his death. How quickly we move through the scenes of the week: the intimacy and sacred legacy of the Last Supper; the agony of waiting with Jesus in the Garden; the brutal night of interrogation; the torturous journey to Calvary – the destination of his death. How is one to cope with it all? Who wouldn't run away or try to deny any knowledge of this man, Jesus?

The question doesn't stop at Calvary. It echoes in our own time and place. We welcome the hope Jesus brings – his healing; his forgiveness; his love. So when is it that we, too, drop the palm branches and walk away? When does our hope die?

Is it when Jesus asks us to take up our own crosses? When he insists that we sell what we have and give to the poor? When he shows us the way of non-violence, non-judgment, and non-prejudice? Or is it when he calls us out of our safe little 'tombs' of self-righteousness to embrace even our enemies?

Do we walk away when the going gets tough, or try to distance ourselves from this Jesus who doesn't seem to be 'coming through' for us? Do we rationalize that Jesus is someone we can admire from a distance, but to get too close might prove much too costly?

It is precisely here in the midst of our blindness, our fearfulness, and our ignorance that Jesus comes into the world to be with us – in the very doubts and struggles that cause us to give up hope. In the outstretched arms of the crucified Jesus – we are visibly held (with all of our imperfections and struggles) in the unconditional embrace of love. This is the God who yearns for all creation to realize the original dream for a world of peace and justice – a world in which human hearts are transformed and re-ignited with the love of God.

As we welcome the Christ of Victory, may we be just as welcoming of the Christ of Suffering. As we embrace the Jesus of humility and selflessness, may we also clothe ourselves with compassion and be imitators of his limitless generosity and mercy. It is our daily discipleship that sustains our hope and gives homage to the One hailed as king on that first Palm Sunday.