

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Francis X. Dufault, Jr.
 Sunday 8:00 John Hull, Jane Catherine Boisvert
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Pierre Laberge
 Monday 8:00 Dan McEnaney
 Tuesday 8:00 Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni
 Wednesday 8:00 Dan McEnaney
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 John Dowman

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Meredith Tropp
 Sunday 8:00 Antenori Tassinori
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Edward Bolton

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, Natalie DiPaolo, John M. Pollard, Alexandra Burke, Peter Cruickshank, Bill Hannon, Peter Gill, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lenczewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Regina Collyer, 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, Marirose (Mary) Lynch, 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, James Roberts, Addie Priess, Pat Hastings, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Ruth Kantorski, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascsak, Bill Martin, Lolita Previd, Judy Chamberlain, Joe Conlan, Dusty Fahey, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh

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, Matthew Blair, Jared Stubbs, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Prufer, Christian P. Goodman

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS

March 26 Regular \$6,484.00
 Catholic Relief Services \$3,557.00

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday on April 7 will be observed with anointing of the sick following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. After consulting with the Parish Council, Fr. John has decided to discontinue First Friday adoration due to low attendance.



Thursday, April 13—Sunday, April 16

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 on Thursday, April 13. Please gather in the Parish Center no later than 6:40 that evening.

Good Friday Services 3:00 P.M.

Easter Vigil 7:30 P.M.
Please Note: No confessions on Holy Saturday.

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

LENT AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

The Light of Christ's Love "It is Love alone that gives worth to all things" ~ Teresa of Avila. Standing at the foot of the Cross, we reflect and pray the Gospel Message of Christ's Love. During this Lenten season, join Judy Burt Walker in the Parish Center each Wednesday morning at 8:45 a.m. for reflection and stillness.

CRS Rice Bowls, available in all foyers, provide a vehicle through which our prayers and Lenten sacrifices can change the lives of those in need around the world. At the close of Lent, please forward your check directly to Catholic Relief Services ATTN: CRS Rice Bowl P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, MD 21297-0303, or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry will meet on Friday, April 7, from 9:30—10:30 a.m. in the Parish Center classroom. We welcome newcomers who would like to know more about our ministry.

ST. JOAN OF ARC GUILD

All Guild members are invited to attend our annual Spring Tea and Fashion Show on Tuesday, April 18, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Attendees are asked to bring a small plate of finger foods to share at a table for eight.

Anyone who would like to model an outfit chosen from the Thrift Shop or Boutique, please call Rita Boyle at 774-368-8778. The more models, the merrier!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **NEXT** Sunday, April 9, at **4:00 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.

HOST NEW AMERICANS THIS SUMMER

Cross-cultural Learning! Sharing! Fun!

Plans are underway to provide mini-vacations for refugee families from Worcester (under the auspices of the Refugee Support Team-Nauset Interfaith Association). Weekends under consideration are July 14-16 and August 11-13. Group activities, as well as individual Cape enjoyment, are anticipated. More information about families will be forthcoming. Interested? Contact Jane MacAfee at 508-432-9480.

NEED HELP?

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

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

FOOD4KIDS

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded child nutrition program whose goal is to feed hungry children and teens ages 1-18 during the summer months when they do not have access to free/reduced school meals. *Food4Kids*, a ministry of The Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans (supported by several Nauset Interfaith congregations, including St. Joan of Arc's St. Vincent De Paul conference) is the only SFSP sponsor on the lower/outer Cape. By partnering with more than 16 different sponsored programs from Harwich to Provincetown, we are able to distribute lunches and snacks to 400-500 children each day 9 weeks in the summer. We make and distribute those meals with a very small paid staff and the generous efforts of more than 100 volunteers. We also distribute several thousand quality children's books.

Childhood hunger is a hidden reality on Cape Cod. If you would like to help make a difference, support *Food4Kids* with a financial donation or by volunteering your time, please contact Brenda Ridgeway at Brenda.ridgeway1@yahoo.com or Anne Koehler at aekoehler51@gmail.com. To learn more visit our website at <http://deaneryweb.org/orleans/food-4-kids/>.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IN BREWSTER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-end will be held at Our Lady of the Cape Parish in Brewster on April 22-23, 2017. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a positive, renewing experience designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together. Whether you have been married only a short time or many years, WWME is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage and want to make it even better! Discounted accommodations are available at Ocean Edge Resort, Brewster, if needed. Residents of Cape Cod are not obligated to an overnight stay at Ocean Edge and may choose to enjoy a quiet evening at home. Please call, 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.WWMEMA.org for more information and to register.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE

Rev. William Kaliyadan, M.S., pastor of Our Lady of the Cape Parish, is planning a 10 day pilgrimage to Poland and Eastern Europe from November 1-10, 2017, visiting Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow, Auschwitz, Vienna, and Prague. The per person fee of \$2,989 includes roundtrip airfare from Boston; first class/select hotels, most meals, professional tour director, comprehensive sightseeing, and more. For more information, contact Rev. Kaliyadan at 508-385-3252 (office) or 508-737-8103 (cell), or email wkaliyadan@gmail.com.



FAITH FORMATION

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

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

We look forward to seeing Grade 1-9 students this Monday, April 3. Please remember to contact the Faith Formation Office if your child will be absent from class.

APRIL FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass is this Sunday, April 2, at 10 a.m. Thank you for joining us in celebrating the liturgy with our students and their families. After Mass, all are welcome to join us for juice, coffee, and donuts in the Parish Center.

IMPORTANT GRADE 2 PARENTS MEETING

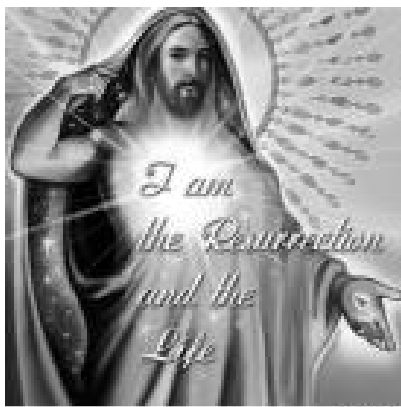
We have scheduled an important Grade 2 Parents Meeting for this Monday, April 3, at 3:15 p.m. in the Parish Center to review the calendar of events and the expectations for First Communion in May.

W.H. SADLIER LENTEN PRESENTATION

Catechists and Faith Formation volunteers are invited to an evening of fellowship and dinner on Wednesday, April; 5. A Lenten Reflection and classroom prayer instruction is being presented by John Collins. The dinner and program begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you are planning to attend.

RCIA

Please continue to keep Olive Murphy and our RCIA team in your prayers as we continue to journey through Lent into Holy Week.



WHEN DOES OUR HOPE DIE?

Palm Sunday begins the week we call *Holy Week*. The palms, gathered from the “kingly” palm trees surrounding Jerusalem, symbolize royal status. They are joyfully waved 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 of the *foot washing*; the *gift of bread*—blest; broken; shared—at the Last Supper; the *agonizing hours* in the Garden; the brutal night of interrogation; the *torturous journey* to the destination of death. How is one to cope with it all? Who wouldn’t run away or deny any knowledge of this man, Jesus? Who wouldn’t lose hope?

The question doesn’t stop at Calvary—it echoes in our world today. We welcome the hope Jesus brings when we experience healing; forgiveness; love. So when is it that we drop our palm branches and walk away? When does our hope die?

Is it when Jesus asks us to partner with him in sharing the pain of the cross? When he insists that we detach from possessions, and give more generously? When we are shown the way of non-violence; non-judgment; and non-prejudice? Is it when Jesus urges us out of our “tombs” of self-righteousness to see that even our enemies are held within his field of grace— that no one is excluded?

Do we walk away when the going gets tough, or distance ourselves when Jesus doesn’t seem to be “coming through” for us. Perhaps, Jesus is someone we can admire from a distance, but to get really close to him might prove too costly.

It is precisely here in the darkness of our fears—in our blindness and ignorance—that Jesus illumines our path. He walks with us in the midst of the very doubts and struggles that cause us to give up hope. He transforms our hearts and re-ignites our spirits in his all-embracing love. This is the God who yearns for all creation to “*come alive*”— to be co-creators of a new world—his kingdom of justice and peace.

As we welcome the *Christ of victory* with palm branches, may we also welcome the *Christ of suffering—The Suffering Servant*, who humbly embraces our humanity and walks with us in our own pain. It is here that we find the hope that refuses to die, and the courage to ‘*suffer with*’ one another in life-giving ways. May this Holy Week be one of healing and hope for each of us and for our suffering world.