

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Meredith Trapp
 Sunday 8:00 Francis X. Hughes, Beverly McElroy,
 Pierre Laberge, Daniel Krushinski,
 James Blozen, Fr. Bob Kemmery,
 Parish Family
 10:00 Maria & Stefano Luciani
 Monday 8:00 Michael Dora & Anna Mary Kelly
 Tuesday 8:00 Nancy McGaughey
 Wed 8:00 Regina Laing
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 John Dowman

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Charles Tunis
 Sunday 8:00 Gerry Crowell, Joseph Coll, Jim Filliman,
 Maggie Colquhoun, Fr. 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 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 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.

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 Margaret Watras

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

March 25	\$ 7,290.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,800.00
Easter Sunday	\$13,721.00
Retired Priests	\$ 4,735.00

NEXT WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection next weekend is the Harvest Sunday Collection, which supports the efforts of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference to help those in need with necessities – food, medicine, rent, utilities.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEXT SUNDAY

BEEF STEW (24 oz), BAKED BEANS (16 oz) JELLY (8-16 oz) CANNED FRUIT (16 oz), CANNED VEGETABLES (14.5 oz) TUNA FISH (6 oz) , SPAGHETTI (1 lb box) MACARONI & CHEESE (6 oz box), PEANUT BUTTER (18 oz) SPAGHETTI SAUCE (28 oz), JELLO (3 oz) and CANNED SOUP (11 oz), HOT CEREAL (10 env. Pack), COLD CEREAL.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

We have special hosts available for those who are intolerant of wheat/gluten products. Please alert the priest or deacon **before** Mass if you are in need of this special host to receive communion.

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 this 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.

FLOWERS FOR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Spring flowering plants for our homebound parishioners will be available at Masses next weekend, 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.

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM BLESSING

Everyone is invited to a Blessing of the Solar Energy System immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 22. This is the 48th anniversary of Earth Day, an appropriate day for us to celebrate our new solar energy system. A reception will be held after the Blessing in the Parish Center with a representative of SunPower/E2Solar present to explain the system. All are welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, April 15, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus Council will hold a Blood Drive in the Parish center on Friday, April 20, from noon to 6:00 p.m. The drive is administered by the American Red Cross. All donors will receive a cinema pass and, of course, the Knights' traditional clam chowder.

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.

PALLIATIVE CARE PRESENTATION

Palliative care is often misunderstood and thought to be exclusively for people who are receiving hospice care at the end of their lives; but palliative care is a comprehensive approach to care for those with serious illness from the moment of their diagnosis. It is a way for people to live better with serious illness that is entirely consistent with Catholic teaching, continuing the holistic healing ministry of Jesus Christ. This Sunday, April 8 from 1–3 p.m. hear a presentation and join in a discussion at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 11 Prince Street, Provincetown. Presented by the Archdiocese of Boston's *Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning*.

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.

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. Additional Listening Sessions are also scheduled as follows: 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.

CURSILLO ULTREYA

There will be a Cursillo Ultreya gathering at Holy Trinity Parish Center in West Harwich **this** Sunday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Alice Doherty, 508-432-0540.



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 through 9 at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, April 9.

GRADE 2 PARENT MEETING

There is a Grade 2 Parent Meeting scheduled for this Monday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. to review First Communion requirements and the upcoming calendar.

OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION REMINDER

The Office for Child Protection (OCP) has a website with links to many useful and informative resources for parents and caretakers. Please visit www.cssdioc.org/child-protection-resources. For more information, please contact Debora Berg at 508-997-7337.

NEED HELP?

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

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

TRACES OF DOUBT, SEEDS OF FAITH

Pope Francis reminds us that faith must be renewed and refreshed again and again. God does not give us faith by dictating abstract truths. Rather, God reveals himself in history by entering into it with us. Furthermore instructs the Pope: *“Faith is not genuine unless it is tinged with a trace of doubt.”*

This Sunday, Thomas demonstrates more than a trace of doubt when he declares that he must see and touch the wounds of the Risen Jesus before he can believe. Thomas needs certainty. Like many of us, he might readily accept that $2+2=4$, or that a grapevine will produce, not apples, but grapes; but he cannot accept the transcendent peace offered by Jesus until he has explanation. Thomas needs proof that this painful suffering and death make sense. For Thomas, profound doubt precedes profound faith.

Faith does not always come easily – especially when our hearts hunger for answers. Times of grief, loss, and fear cause us, like Thomas, to demand reasons, certainties. But the seeds of faith are already present in our lives. Sometimes we must rely on others to help us water them, or the passing of time to refresh them. Simple gratitude and reflection on God’s abiding presence in our own personal history – and in the history of all creation – can re-awaken a small flowering of faith. A tiny seed blooms and gradually pushes through the clouded darkness of our minds. Then with the certainty of Thomas, we too, find ourselves shouting our *“Aha!”* in the full flowering of Resurrection.

Easter offers us something more valuable than absolute certainty. It promises a prism for looking at life – what has been and what will be – with gratitude and trust. It manifests St. Paul’s description of a *“peace that surpasses all understanding”*. Easter faith, nurtured in relationship with Christ and one another; strengthened by struggles and doubt, brings with it the possibilities of true joy and transformation.

During this Easter Season, we come together and ‘easter’ one another. We support and care for one another in the simple ‘knowing’ that Christ always slips in wherever need is exposed and calls forth from us our own compassionate and merciful response. As an Easter people – a people of personal and communal faith – we become a strong visible sign of love and support to one another and to a world scarred by suffering