

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Christine Rolek
Sunday	8:00	William Rush, Kay Cummings Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Neil Beaton
Monday	8:00	Mark Dundas & Louis DiGiovanni
Tuesday	8:00	Patricia Crawford
Wednesday	8:00	Patricia O'Keefe
Thursday	9:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Virginia Swenson
	5:00	Charlie Wolff

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	9:00	Margaret Deegan
	5:00	Joshua Mariano
Sunday	8:00	Barbara Guisto Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Lewis Carrington

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Eileen Metterville, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Peter Cruickshank, 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, Chad Larivee, Patrick McNulty, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Nancy Hurley, Gerry Csapos, Peggy Carson, Ed Daly, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascsak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, Paul Hendrickson, Donna Hibbert, Margaret Royce, Beth Nixon, Maureen Hall, Anne O'Brien, Ben McMahan, Mark Dance, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Peg Parker, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Bob Flaherty

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, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer, Christian Goodman, John Reuland

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Flora Massa
Joseph Cotell, Nancy Salmon

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

November 11 Regular	\$7,368.00
Harvest Sunday	\$4,741.00
November 18 Regular	\$6,604.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$2,962.00
November 25 Regular	\$6,698.00

2ND COLLECTIONS—THANKS FOR GIVING

Your donation to **this week's** second collection helps to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

The second collection **next week** is in support of Retired Religious of the Diocese.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Holy Day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be observed with a **5:00 Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7, and at 9 a.m. Mass on Saturday, December 8.**

SVDP GIVING TREE



Stars have been placed on the Giving Tree in the main foyer of the church. Please take a star, obtain a newly purchased gift as suggested, gift wrap it and return to the tree by **NEXT Sunday, December 9** with the star securely attached to the outside of the gift. **It is important to adhere to the December 9 return date so that gifts can be delivered to the agencies for distribution.** Recipients include members of needy families, the St. Joseph House shelter (formerly NOAH) in Hyannis and "SKIP" in Provincetown, and Lower Cape Outreach Council, Cape Cod Children's Place, and A Baby Center in Hyannis. Thanks for giving!!

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Copies of *Waiting in Joyful Hope*, a booklet of daily reflections for Advent and Christmas, are available in the church foyers this weekend. Based on the lectionary readings for the day, the booklet offers brief, down-to-earth reflections for the Advent journey.

WINTER WEATHER

With concern for safety on the roads during the winter months, when school is cancelled or delayed because of snow, the 8 a.m. weekday Mass will be cancelled. The intentions will be transferred and included with the intentions of the next weekday Mass.

ADVENT—A SEASON FOR OPENING THE DOOR TO THE HEART

Please join us for a time of reflection, conversation, and quiet prayer facilitated by Judy Burt Walker on the Wednesdays of Advent (December 5, 12, 19). The program will be held in the Chapel about 8:45 a.m., following the daily Mass.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, December 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. These year-round monthly group meetings will 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 John at 508-240-0904, or Liz at 508-896-4916.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Men of the parish interested in joining St. Joan of Arc's Knights of Columbus council are encouraged to participate in the Admissions Degree Ceremony on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. The Knights of Columbus is an active men's group in the parish who meet on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information about the Knights of Columbus council, please contact Martin Culik at 774-207-0911 or mnculik@hotmail.com.

RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or if you are already Catholic and simply want to reconnect with the church in a small and hospitable forum, please call Judy Burt Walker at 508-255-1257 or Fr Bill at 508-255-0170.

MLK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Martin Luther King Discussion group will meet this Sunday, December 2, at 2 p.m. in the Parish Center.



GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

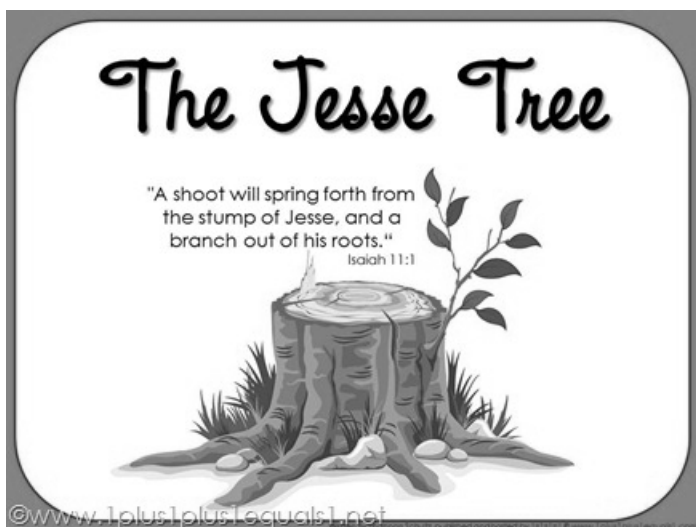
What better way for the women of the parish to usher in the Christmas Season than to gather with other women for fun, fellowship, and a delicious buffet lunch in beautifully-decorated surroundings followed by a performance of holiday tunes by the Mid-Cape Chorale? This year's luncheon will be held at Maplewood at Brewster on Tuesday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m., and will feature hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, buffet lunch, dessert, and coffee and tea. Reservation forms are available at the entrances to the church and should be returned to Karen Knight, 6 White Pines Drive, Eastham, MA 02642 by Monday, December 3, along with your check for \$28, made payable to SJA Guild. Questions? Please call Karen at 508-361-1826. We look forward to welcoming the Christmas Season with you at Maplewood!

ROMERO, THE MOVIE

This Monday, December 3, Our Lady of the Cape will commemorate the recent canonization of St. Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of San Salvador who spoke out against poverty and social injustice, with a special view of the movie, *Romero*. The event begins at noon in the OLC Parish Center and all are asked to bring a brown bag lunch. Fr. Joe Towle, a Maryknoll missionary priest who has served extensively in Latin and South America, will introduce the movie and give important background info. All are welcome. Our Lady of the Cape is at 468 Stony Brook Road, Brewster.

SJPII HIGH ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

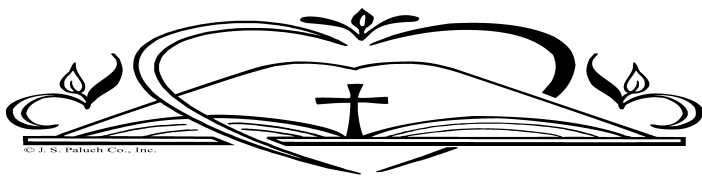
The St. John Paul II High School Concert Choir will present its Advent/Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7 in the JPII Auditorium. Accompanied by a professional orchestra, the Concert and Chamber Choirs will perform a variety of sacred and secular Advent and Christmas selections. Admission to the concert is free.



NEED HELP?

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

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



FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

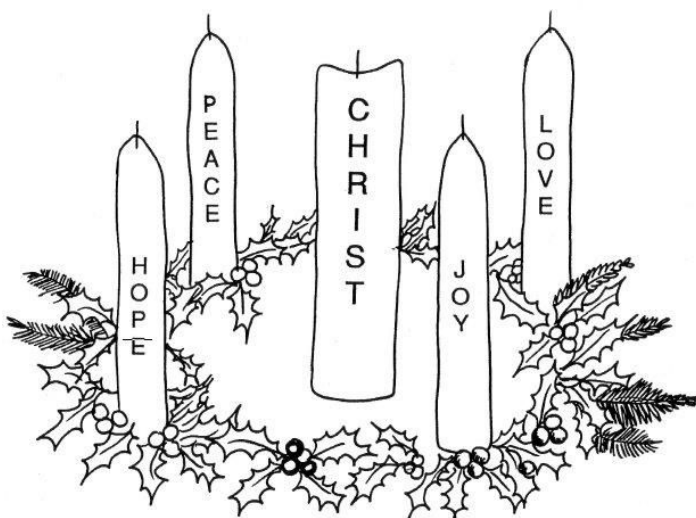
We look forward to seeing all Kindergarten through grade 10 students at their regularly scheduled time on Monday, December 3. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA bus to class.

DECEMBER FAMILY MASS

We are hosting our Family Mass this Sunday, December 2, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us for coffee, juice and donuts in the Parish Center after Mass.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TEEN NITE

Teen Nite for Confirmation students is this Tuesday, December 4, at 6 p.m. We will work together on a service project, share a meal, and celebrate the season with a Yankee Swap. Please bring a wrapped gift of under \$10 with you.



OPEN-ENDED HOPE

“I remember the Advent we spent waiting and watching at my father’s bedside,” reminisces Henry Nouwen in the compilation of his writings: *Eternal Seasons*. *“Aged just forty-nine, he had been diagnosed with a brain tumor only weeks before. One month a lecturer with a zest for living – the next, a patient with an acceptance of dying – Almost overnight, everything had changed: an emergency hospital admission, surgery, radiotherapy, and long hours of waiting and wondering. Yet in those swift but terrible weeks, as winter storms howled outside, my father seemed to grow spiritually with an inner awareness that – whatever happened – he was held safe. As his body grew weaker, he trusted with open hands. God would not abandon him. Despite the fear and uncertainty we all felt, there were also glimpses of hope and eternity.”*

As we begin the Season of Advent, we notice that Nature and Church seem to be in harmony. The short days and the chill air cause us to yearn for, and move toward, the light. The Church, too, traditionally provides this time – that in the northern hemisphere, at least – coincides with barren trees; long, dark nights; and ‘candle-lit coziness – a time of preparation, waiting, and hope. Thus the two-fold character of Advent, as seen in nature and scripture, contribute to a period of deep inner reflection, as well as to a celebratory anticipation of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Advent calls us to conversion, and patient vigilance. The question is: *How should we wait and watch?* Nouwen says that we can *“wait open-endedly – with hope”*; or we can wait wrapped up in fearful anxiety. Fearful people have a hard time waiting – the more fearful; the harder waiting becomes. Anxious people have to fill in all the gaps with busy-ness, distraction, and at the extreme – a ‘strike-first’ attitude, lest we be taken advantage of.

On the other hand, to wait with hope is to wait with Simeon and Anna; with Zechariah and Elizabeth; with Mary and Joseph – each of whom found their hope in the words, *“Do not be afraid, I have something good to say to you.”* To wait with hope is to be released from the self-focus of fear and to look outward to the other – to look outward with compassion, kindness, and mercy.

May we, heeding the example of our fore-bearers, wait and watch with *“open-ended hope”*. May we, too, be patient pilgrims keeping watch in the darkness – yet trusting in the glimpses of hope and eternity that give birth to the Light of forgiveness and love in our midst. Let us trust, as did Henry Nouwen’s father, with open hands and open hearts.