

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Mary & Ben McMahon  
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Charlie Wolff  
 Monday 8:00 Robert Barry  
 Tuesday 8:00 Joan Lupe  
 Wednesday 8:00 Joan Masterson  
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service  
 Friday 8:00 Daryll Nicholson

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Denise & Valmore Plantier  
 Sunday 8:00 George Brescia, James Scanlan  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Leonard Power

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

February 3, 2019 \$ 5,976.00  
 Home Missions \$ 2,034.00  
 Annual Appeal to Date \$61,160.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will meet this Wednesday, February 13, at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 13,000 councils located throughout the U.S. and several other countries. Men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus are asked to call Martin Culik at 774-207-0911.

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, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, 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, Chad Larivee, Patrick McNulty, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Gerry Csaposs, Peggy Carson, Ed Daly, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascasak, 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 McMahon, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Martha Byron, Stephen Moreau,

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, John Reuland

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED Jean Bryant, Paul Alarie, Robert Flaherty

**Pastor's  
Corner**

**Worship of the Eucharist**

*In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the Real Presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflection or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. 'The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession.'* (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1378)

This quotation from the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the place of the Eucharist in our Catholic tradition. Several parishioners have requested opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Joan of Arc Church. In response to that request and after consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, we will provide the opportunity for personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent. The Eucharist will be exposed from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. All are welcome to come and spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord as a particular Lenten devotion this year.

Ash Wednesday is March 6. It will be here in a few short weeks. Now is a good time for each of us to prayerfully consider how we would like to observe the annual 40 day season of spiritual renewal this year. Whatever we individually decide to do for Lent, with God's grace, our observances make us more perfectly appreciate and celebrate the events of our salvation at Holy Week and Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Bill Rodrigues

## BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, February 13, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, February 17, at 1:30pm in the Parish Center. These year-round 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 John at 508-240-0904 or Liz at 508-896-4916.

## RCIA

RCIA is on hiatus and will resume meetings in March.

## 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. Thanks for giving.

## 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. Thanks for sharing.

## 2019 WOMEN AND MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Fall River Diocese Women and Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 9, at Stonehill College in Easton. The Conference program features dynamic speakers, an interactive panel discussion, prayer, music, reflection, Mass and more. Speakers will be CatholicTV Network President Bishop Robert Reed of Boston; Scripture scholar and author Dr. Mary Healy of Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit; and radio/TV host and producer Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann of Salt+Light Media of Canada. Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. will be principle celebrant and homilist of the closing Mass. This Women and Men's Conference offers a great opportunity for spiritual renewal and enrichment during Lent. For details, pick up a registration form at the entrances of the church or visit [www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org).

## SEASONAL REMINDERS



With the flu season upon us, we are implementing certain policies and making recommendations which have arisen out of concern for the health and well-being of our parishioners and community. Firstly, we will refrain from offering the cup at Mass until Holy Thursday. The Sign of Peace may be offered with words and a smile rather than a handshake. It is also preferable that you receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue at this time.

**If you suspect you are ill, or weather conditions are hazardous, you may remain at home**, possibly participating in the Mass on TV, radio or Internet. Throughout these winter months, **when school is canceled or on delayed start because of snow, the weekday Mass will be canceled as well**. The intentions will be transferred and included with the intentions of the next weekday Mass. This policy is intended for your safety as well as to expedite snow removal in our parking lots. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

## FRENCH IMPRESSIONS TOUR

Join Fr. Richard Roy for *French Impressions*, a Collette tour of Belgium, Paris, Provence and the Riviera from October 9—20, 2019. For more information, contact Fr. Roy at 508-789-2451 or [froy@saintjulies.org](mailto:froy@saintjulies.org).

## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND/BUDAPEST

Join Fr. Marcel Bouchard and Fr. George Bellenoit July 30-August 10, 2019 on a pilgrimage to Poland and Budapest to follow the lives of the great saints John Paul II, Sr. Faustina, and Maximilian Kolbe. This exciting adventure will lift your spirits, and delight your senses! For more information, to request a brochure, please contact Randy Pinto 321-987-8173 or email [randypinto1@gmail.com](mailto:randypinto1@gmail.com).





### **CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Our Grade 10 Confirmation students are on retreat this Sunday, February 10. Thank you to all parishioners who kept these young people in their thoughts and prayers and through the support of the Angel Card campaign. Please continue to keep these students close to your heart as they continue their journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation in March.

### **GRADE 2 PARENTS MEETING**

There is an important grade 2 Parents Meeting on Monday, February 11, at 3:15pm in the Parish Center to review the calendar of events and the expectations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March.

### **FEBRUARY 11 CLASS SCHEDULE**

Our Grade 1-5 students meet this Monday afternoon at their regularly scheduled time. Please remind them to take the St. Joan of Arc bus.

**There are no evening classed for Grade 6-10 students this Monday.**

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### **VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

The Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office is hosting a discernment weekend for Men, ages 18-45, at the Betania II Spiritual Life and Marian Center, 154 Summer St., Medway, MA from Friday, February 22 to Sunday February 24. See posted flyers in church foyers for more info. If interested, please contact Fr. Jack Schrader at frschrader@fallrivervocations.org or 508-895-6161.

### **PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

As our parishioner Nicole O'Leary continues her vocation discernment with the Little Sisters of the Poor, let us offer her our support and encouragement. Let us remember Nicole and all those discerning a vocation in the Church, in our prayers.

*Lord God, the Provider of all our needs. Manifest in your Church, the Holy Spirit whom you so abundantly bestowed on Our Lady and the apostles at Pentecost. Bless St. Joan of Arc Parish with an increase of men and women to minister in the Church. Form our parish in your image to be the sacred environment for listening to the Spirit that these young men and women may hear your call and respond with generous hearts. May they give themselves, their time, and their talents to serve your Son, Jesus Christ and the Church. Amen*

## INSTAGRAM—A MODERN FISHING NET

Loving a teenage daughter (or son) can be heart-wrenching. The youngster you spent 15 years nurturing, feeding, supervising, ‘taxi-ing’ to and from activities suddenly shuts you out of her life. She is busy with school, clubs, projects, friends. You gather snippets of her life from pieces of conversation on the phone – perhaps a song echoing from her room. You feel you are losing her.

In an article entitled “*Rediscovering My Daughter Through Instagram*”, Helene Stapinski movingly describes her feelings of loss. Then she happened to run into the mother of one of her daughter’s friends. In the course of conversation this mother asked if Helene had seen her daughter’s Instagram feed. Thinking the worst Helene replied, “*No, why?*”

*“She’s a great photographer! She has over a thousand followers.”*

Helene was stunned. She worked up the nerve to ask her daughter if she could follow her on Instagram. Her daughter shrugged an affirmative and Helen took the leap into the unknown – a world of beautiful photos unfolded before her eyes. Suddenly she was able to be with her daughter again and see the world as her daughter saw it. Her job was no longer one of parent-policing, but one of admiration and respect for a blossoming young adult.

Love compels us to venture out on the *seas* of the new and different– to leave the safe harbor of our own perspective to cast our nets into the *deep water* of another’s world. Helene carefully ventures into the deeper waters of social media – the world of her daughter – and is blessed by the opportunity to re-connect in a way that promised more than she had dreamed of.

Jesus challenges us to put aside our fears and anxieties to dare to lower our nets into the *deep water* of patience and understanding – the *treacherous seas* of reconciliation and selfless generosity. It often demands risking our own security and comfort; putting aside discouragement and exhaustion. It can require us to *keep fishing* despite doubts and misgivings.

Confident of God’s grace and wisdom, we can set out in our own small boats and cast our fishing nets – despite the long night already passed – to bring in the *catch* of God’s forgiveness and peace. One thing for certain, the abundant response to our small effort will fill us with an unexpected and overwhelming wonder at God’s creative and generous nature!