

## MASS INTENTIONS

## THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Michael and Catherine Villano
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Lewis Carrington
Monday	8:00	Michael Joseph Fitzsimmons
Tuesday	8:00	Jean Bryant
Wednesday	8:00	Steve Jablon
	Noon	Jimmy Filliman
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Connie & Charlie Pelczarski

## NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Maggie Colquhoun
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Charlie Wolff

## 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 Kasczak, 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, Tara Maughn

## 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, John Reuland

## PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Tim McEnaney

## COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

February 17, 2019	\$ 8,005.00
Harvest Sunday	\$ 4,168.00
Annual Appeal to Date	\$62,560.00

## SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection for next weekend supports the Catholic University of America



**Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 6 and will be observed with Mass and Distribution of Ashes at 8:00am and 12 noon Mass, and at a 5:00pm Communion Service on Wednesday evening.**

## PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The first Parish Pancake Breakfast of 2019 will be held this morning after the 8 and 10am Masses in the Parish Center. The Parish Pancake Breakfasts offer blueberry, cranberry, and plain pancakes, along with sausage, juice, and coffee - all you can eat for \$6 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12, and FREE for children under 7, with a family limit of \$15. Come on down and enjoy the great food and fellowship! The Parish Pancake Breakfasts are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus as fundraisers for their charitable activities.

## RCIA

The next RCIA meeting is this Thursday, March 7, at 4:00pm in the Chapel.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are hosting the Rite of Confirmation on Saturday, March 16, at 10:00a.m. for our students and students from Brewster, Provincetown, Wellfleet, and Chatham. Please keep these young people in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their faith journey.

## GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Guild is offering scholarships to parishioners who will be graduating high school. 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 April 1, 2019.

### **CALLING ALL WOMEN!**

The St. Joan of Arc Guild invites all women to join us for a special presentation by Judy Burt Walker on Tuesday, March 12, at 2:00p.m. in the Parish Center. ***Finding God in Relationships*** will provide a thought-provoking reflection on Jesus' parable of the "Lost Son"...(or maybe, "Daughter"). Relationships are signs of God's Love. The Love of - and for - others is how you can experience God's Love. Come and explore relationships: with self, family, friends through a "twist" of this favorite story and how relationships are the gateways to "wholeness" or "holiness". Please bring a photo of your family members, friends, or even a favorite pic of yourself with you to the presentation. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

### **2019 WOMEN AND MEN'S CONFERENCE**

The March 6 registration deadline is quickly approaching for the 2019 Women and Men's Conference sponsored by the Fall River Diocese, to take place Saturday, March 9, at Stonehill College. This one-day Lenten program includes dynamic speakers, prayer, music and Mass. Get details and register online at [www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org) or pick up a flyer here at the parish.

### **PERMANENT DIACONATE CLASS**

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha has authorized the formation of a new class for Permanent Deacons beginning in March 2019. Those interested in pursuing a vocation to the diaconate, scheduled to begin the Aspirancy phase on March 14, are invited to submit a preliminary application and a letter of support from your pastor immediately. Additional details and the preliminary application are available on our website—[fallriverdeacons.com](http://fallriverdeacons.com). If you have any questions, contact Deacon Frank Lucca or Rev. Robert Oliveira, Co-Directors of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at [office@frpermanentdiaconate.com](mailto:office@frpermanentdiaconate.com) or call 508-990-0341.

### **LENTEN PRO-LIFE PRAYER**

*Father of all mercy, we thank you for this season of grace and light. We know that sin has blinded us. Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance. Since you, O God, are light itself, give all your people a clearer understanding of what is sin, and what is virtue. Grant in particular that we may see, as never before, the profound dignity of every human life, including the vulnerable unborn children. Give us grace to defend our brothers and sisters in the womb by our prayers, our words, and our self-sacrificing actions. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **LENTEN MESSAGE FROM FR. BILL**

This week we will observe Ash Wednesday and enter into the Lenten Season. In the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday, we use ashes made from the burned palm branches distributed on Palm Sunday of last year. The ashes are blessed and placed on the foreheads of the faithful saying: *“Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return”* or *“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”* *As we begin this holy season of Lent, in preparation for Easter, we are called to remember the significance of the ashes we receive. We mourn and do penance for our sins. We open our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died and rose again for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. We recall that Lent is truly a pilgrimage journey. Mindful that the material things of this world pass away, we strive all the more during Lent to live for the building up of the Kingdom of God in our midst and look forward to its fulfillment in heaven. 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. May God abundantly bless each one of us on this year's lenten journey!*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Bill Rodrigues*

### **DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT**

Copies of *Not be Bread Alone*, a booklet of Daily Reflections for Lent, are available for all parishioners in the main foyer of the church.

### **LENT—A TIME FOR BOUNDLESS COMPASSION**

Please join us for a time of reflection, conversation, and quiet prayer facilitated by Judy Burt Walker on the Wednesday mornings of Lent. The weekly program is based on the work of Joyce Rupp's book, *Boundless Compassion*. Our first gathering is this Wednesday, March 6, at 8:45am in the Chapel. All are welcome.

### **LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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.

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

A Regional Lenten Penance Service will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 26, at our Load of Lourdes in Wellfleet.



### **CLASS SCHEDULE**

All Kindergarten through Grade 10 students meet at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, March 4. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA bus to class. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION –GRADE 2**

Congratulations to our second graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend. We are so proud of all of them! Please keep them in your prayers as we look forward to First Communion in May.

### **TEEN NITE FOR GRADES 9 & 10**

Teen Nite is scheduled for this Tuesday, March 5, at 6:00pm. Teens will be working on a community service project followed by dinner. Since this is the last Teen Nite before Confirmation, we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

### **MARCH FAMILY MASS**

Our Family Mass is next Sunday, March 10, at 10:00am. Please come and share this special liturgy with our students and their families. All are welcome to join us afterwards for coffee, juice and donuts in the Parish Center.

### **ESSENTIAL CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL**

The Confirmation Rehearsal is scheduled for Monday, March 11, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The Confirmation student and an adult, preferably the sponsor, must be present at this rehearsal. It is the **only** rehearsal before Confirmation. Please arrive at 6:00pm to gather and attend to additional items before it begins.

### **PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

As our parishioner Nicole O'Leary continues her vocation discernment with the Little Sisters of the Poor, let 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*

## PROVERBS OF PRACTICAL LOVE

Semon Frank Thompson served as superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary from 1994-1998. Thompson carried out two executions – Oregon’s only executions in the last half-century. He supervised the medical team who strapped the inmate to the gurney, hooked up the intravenous lines, and finally expressed the plunger of the syringe injecting the lethal chemicals into the prisoner’s veins. It was also Thompson’s duty to ask if the condemned had any last words – and it was his duty to watch him die. Sometimes the prisoner died quietly and quickly; sometimes he writhed and gasped in pain.

Thompson once supported capital punishment, but being involved in taking two men’s lives forced him to reckon with the reality of such a drastic action. He began offering the challenge to politicians to witness and actively participate in the next such execution. He points out the trauma suffered from having to kill another person no matter how clinically or “cleanly” it is done. Says Thompson: *“Capital punishment in the United States is cloaked in a cloud of indifference and moral passivity. Requiring Americans who are responsible for its continuation to bear more of its costs is the only way to ensure that it is soon abolished altogether.”*

Today’s scripture passages call us to a deeper wisdom and a fuller understanding of the concrete, practical issues of daily life. In a sense we are being given some common sense proverbs by which to evaluate and discern right action for ourselves and for the common good.

As Thompson points out the ‘splinter’ in our own eye may be our own indifference and passivity to the pain and hurt suffered by those around us. Warden Thompson challenges lawmakers – and we who elect them – to realize the consequences of our ignorance and obliviousness to the impact of such policies and practices as the death penalty.

Jesus challenges all who would be his followers to dare to remove from our own eyes the ‘*wooden beam*’ of self-centeredness that prevents us from seeing the obstacles we lay in the road to the kingdom of God. As we begin the Lenten Season and enter into ‘desert with Jesus’, we might do well to remember the proverb of Gandhi: *“If we do not find God in the next person we meet, it’s a waste of time looking for God further on!”*