

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Magie Colquhoun
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Charlie Wolff
 Monday 8:00 Jean Bryant
 Tuesday 8:00 Jane Almeida
 Wednesday 8:00 Jean Bryant
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 John Toohill,

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Norton Haynes & McMahon Family
 Sunday 8:00 Matthew Sulka, Theresa Cornish
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Maggie Colquhoun

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, 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 Tamaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer, John Reuland

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Alfred Gasco, Fran Vagan

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

February 24 Regular \$ 5,663.00
 Annual Appeal to Date \$62,810.00

HARVEST FOR HABITAT NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend is our annual *Harvest for Habitat* collection which supports Habitat housing construction projects on Cape Cod.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 7:30 pm 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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We welcome Bishop da Cunha who will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation next Saturday, March 16, at 10:00am 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, March 17 at 4:00pm in the Parish Center. These year-round monthly group meetings focus on the various aspects of grieving, providing 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 meets this Thursday, March 14, at 4:00pm in the Chapel.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

All interested parishioners are welcome to our next Social Justice Meeting at 9:00am on Thursday, March 14, in the Parish Center.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

The St. Joan of Arc Guild invites all women to join us for a special presentation by Judy Burt Walker this Tuesday, March 12, at 2:00pm 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.

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.

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.

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 frroy@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.

LENTEN MESSAGE FROM FR. BILL

This past week we observed Ash Wednesday and entered into the Lenten Season. In the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday, we used ashes made from the burned palm branches distributed on Palm Sunday of last year. The ashes were 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!

LENT—A TIME FOR BOUNDLESS COMPASSION

Please join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday for a time of reflection, conversation, and quiet prayer facilitated by Judy Burt Walker, based on the work of Joyce Rupp's book, *Boundless Compassion*.

LENTEN COFFEE FOR MEN



Each Friday of Lent, the men of our community are invited to the Parish Hall immediately following the 8:00am Mass. There will be a meditation and reflection regarding men's spirituality and opportunity for discussion led by Fr. Bill. Coffee and breakfast food will be served.

LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

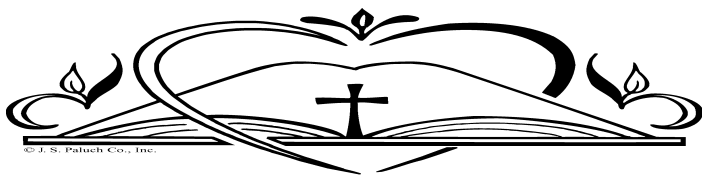
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 1:00pm until 4:00pm each Friday during Lent. All are welcome to come and spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord as a particular Lenten devotion this year. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the church foyer to ensure that someone will be present throughout the adoration period.

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

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



CLASS SCHEDULE

Due to Confirmation rehearsal, there are no Faith Formation classes for this Monday, March 11. We look forward to seeing our Kindergarten through grade 9 students on Monday, March 18.

MARCH FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass is this 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 this 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



THE SPIRIT LEADS US THROUGH THE POTHOLES

In her blog Katharine E. Harmon describes our Lenten desert as more cold mud – at least in the more northern sectors – than sand. She says that we make our trek across broken asphalt and potholes – lots of potholes! Professor Katharine Harmon suggests that the damage to front-alignments notwithstanding, potholes might be a fitting image for the Lenten journey:

“Potholes demand us to snap to attention, to focus on the road. The season of Lent calls us to put aside the distractions of screens and electronic devices; the constant negative news cycles; and our own everyday dramas in order to pay attention to what is meaningful and purposeful in our lives.

Potholes warn us of the traps that can tear us (and our vehicles) apart. Lent challenges us to ‘turn away’ from the ruts of selfishness and fear – to travel the steeper road of the Gospel toward greater mercy and justice.

Potholes make us aware of our need for help from one another. How many of us have carefully followed the car in front of us – a driver who clearly knows how to negotiate these torn-up streets? We learn from those who have gone before us. From them and the wisdom of our own experience, we can be a source of hope and direction to others.

Potholes challenge us to make the way easier for others. Like a good citizen who drops a construction cone over a hole in the road in his neighborhood – like the friend who offers us a ride when our car has lost an encounter with a chasm-like pothole– Lent calls us to embrace the example of Jesus’ servant-hood. Jesus purposeful desert-time reminds us that our job is to help pave the way for the building of the Kingdom of God right here and right now – in our own families, neighborhoods, communities!

May we be attuned during this Lenten season to the signs that challenge our way of doing things – to our perspective as we make the life-changing decisions we all face. May we keep our focus on the vision of God in our midst – making every road straight, and every valley (and pothole) of our lives filled with grace. May we travel the Lenten road offering each other “road-side” assistance so that life’s deserts and potholes might be filled with the grace and the peace of the Risen Christ.