

## MASS INTENTIONS

## THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Theresa & Anthony Zazzaro
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Albert Desens
Monday	8:00	Catherine (Kay) McLoughlin
Tuesday	8:00	Parish Family
Wednesday	8:00	Olga Bergin
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Paul Caravetta

## NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Nancy Hurley
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Peggy Hallisey

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

## PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Catherine McLoughlin

## 2ND COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS

Your donation to this week's second collection helps to buy Easter flowers for the sanctuary.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

The second collection next week is in support of Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to people here and abroad. You can learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAGAZINE

Members of our Knights of Columbus Council will be distributing copies of *Columbia* magazine at the church doors after Masses this weekend. This issue of *Columbia* magazine is focused on the Pro-Life activities of the Knights of Columbus and contains many articles about our Culture of Life as well as how medical science and technology can be used to advance life-affirming treatments rather than undermine our humanity. We hope you will take the opportunity to read *Columbia* and become better informed about the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

## GUILD SPRING TEA &amp; FASHION SHOW

Spring is almost here (Honest!), and that means that the Guild's Spring Tea and Fashion Show are right around the corner. All women of the parish are invited to join us as we gather in the Parish Center on Tuesday, April 9, at 2:00pm to celebrate Spring, while enjoying delicious finger sandwiches and "sweet treats", and marveling at the beautiful outfits from the Thrift Shop and Boutique that will be showcased by our very own "super models". Please plan to join us as we celebrate the arrival of Spring!

## 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.

### FATAL FLAWS DOCUMENTARY FILM

St. Pius X Church will present the secular film *Fatal Flaws*, which addresses the issues of legalized euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. The film is open to the general public and can be seen in the St. Pius X Religious Education Center, 5 Barbara St., S. Yarmouth, on Wednesday, March 27, at 1:30pm or Thursday, April 4, at 6:30pm. A Q&A Session, facilitated by Deacons Tony Surozenski and William Gallerizzo, will be held following each film presentation. All are welcome.

### CAPE COD—A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

St. Peter the Apostle Church, 11 Prince Street, Provincetown, will host an educational program on *Cape Cod Immigrants and Building Communities of Welcome* on Sunday, March 31, at 6 p.m. Rev. Richard Wilson, Pastor of Holy Name Parish and Minister to the Hispanic Community of Taunton, G. Thomas Ryan, Chair of Migrant & Refugee Committee of the CC Council of Churches, and Collin Mickle, Lawyer and Coordinator of Legal Serves for the Community Action Committee will be speakers. All are welcome.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:randypinto1@gmail.com).



### LENT—A TIME FOR BOUNDLESS COMPASSION

Please join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday March 27, 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*. All are welcome, even if you were unable to attend in prior weeks.

### 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 **this** Tuesday, March 26, at Our Lady of Lourdes in Wellfleet.

### CRS RICE BOWLS

CRS rice bowls available in all foyers, provide a vehicle through which our prayers and Lenten sacrifices can change the lives of those in need around the world. At the close of Lent, please forward your check directly to Catholic Relief Services ATTN: CRS Rice Bowl P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, MD 21297-0303, or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).

### 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.*



### **RCIA AND THE RITE OF WELCOME**

We will celebrate the Rite of Welcome at the 10:00am Mass next Sunday with Bob Lorefice who is preparing to be received fully into the Church at the Easter Vigil. As a Parish Community, we support and pray for him as he journeys towards Easter.

The next RCIA meeting is Thursday, March 28, at 4:00pm in the Chapel.

### **FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

Grades 1-9 meet at their regular times this Monday, March 25. Remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA bus.

### **PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

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



## THE WILDERNESS TEST

Ordained minister and author, Barbara Taylor Brown, offers what she calls, *'the wilderness test'* as we walk the desert path of Lent. She says that we have all found ourselves wandering lost and without clear direction at some time in our lives. In a sense, we have had to make our way through a confusing, lonely, and sometimes dangerous desert – our own, personal wilderness test.

It may have looked like a hospital waiting room, or the sheets on a cheap motel bed after you got kicked out of your house. Or maybe it looked like the parking lot where you couldn't find your car on the day you lost your job. Or the desert time may have been the job that eluded you. It may have been the nights of waiting up for a son or daughter who was not coming home; or the empty house after the death of a loved one.

Wildernesses are the places where we feel lost and helpless – situations we don't know how to handle – dealing with the unknown, or events over which we have no control. Yet, we somehow find a way through the unfamiliar terrain; we manage to cross the emptiness and barrenness. We discover something inside of us that enables us to make our way safely. Life opens to us in new and unexpected ways.

The wilderness changes us; the desert frees us to trust, to hope, to move; to thrive. Unlike the withered fig tree: grace, courage, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit lead us through the barrenness to new life.

Though it may seem paradoxical, it is often in these unknown and terrifying places, that we discover the Spirit of God in our lives. The same Holy Spirit that led Jesus into the desert accompanies us in our wilderness experiences of fear, despair, confusion, and grief.

As we enter into the *wilderness season of Lent*, we pray that we may might *'pass the wilderness test'* – that we may listen with the ears of the heart to the whisper of the Spirit within our very souls – that we may drink of the living water that renews even the most barren fig tree! Let us not be afraid to look at that which entangles and leads us toward captivating mirages. With our eyes fixed on the Spirit of the Living God even our seeming “deadness” can be transformed with into that which is joy-filled and fruitful. We pray that we journey through this grace-filled season with renewed vision confident in the constancy of God's mercy and nearness