

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Nancy Hurley
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Peggy Hallisey
 Monday 8:00 Pierre Laberge
 Tuesday 8:00 Margaret Bielecki
 Wednesday 8:00 Johanna Giasullo
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service
 Friday 8:00 Edward Bolton

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 James Scanlan
 Sunday 8:00 Meredith Trapp, Randy Isikewicz
 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, 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 Lenczewski, 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 Prufer, John Reuland

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS —THANK YOU!

March 17 Regular	\$ 6,724.00
Harvest Sunday	\$ 3,649.00
March 24 Regular	\$ 6,075.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 2,549.00

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

The second collection this 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.

PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The second Parish Pancake Breakfast of 2019 will be held on Sunday, April 7, after the 8am and 10am Masses in the Parish Center. Offered at the breakfast are blueberry, cranberry and plain pancakes, along with sausage, juice and coffee - all you can eat for \$6/adults, \$2.50/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.

GUILD SPRING TEA & 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will not meet in April, but will resume their monthly meetings on Sunday, May 19, at 4:00pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 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 countries. Men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus are asked to call Martin Culik at 774-207-0911.

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* this 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 Services for the Community Action Committee will be speakers. All are welcome.

GAME DAY

Holy Trinity Women's Guild invites you to their Game Day on Friday, April 5, 12 noon in the Church Hall. For reservations call Cathy Dillon at 508-241-5256 by the deadline of April 1.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

God always waits for us with open, loving arms. Let God be the strength of your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are April 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA and June 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://ww.mema.org/>.

SERVANT OF GOD—FR. VINCENT CAPODANNO

Fr. Capodanno, a Maryknoll priest and Navy chaplain during the Vietnam War, was awarded the Medal of Honor, posthumously. Now, as a Servant of God, his cause for canonization is under active consideration by the Vatican. At 7:30pm on Wednesday, April 24, the SJA Knights of Columbus and SJA Guild present Jim Schermerhorn, from Our Lady of Lourdes, who will discuss Fr. Vince's early life; his time as a Maryknoll missionary; and his work with the Marines in Vietnam, as well as the circumstances surrounding his death and Medal of Honor in 1967. Father Vince's story is a moving one, an account of great love, sacrifice and unselfishness, and we hope you can join us to hear more about this good man and future saint.

LENTEN MISSION

Fr. Gene Toland, MM will present a two-part Lenten Mission here at St. Joan of Arc Church entitled, *We Are A Missionary Church*. Fr. Toland is a Maryknoll priest and has ministered in South America and elsewhere for several decades. It is said that Maryknollers are sometimes known as the "Marines of the Catholic Church" for their reputation of moving into rough areas, living side-by-side with indigenous peoples and learning the language. Maryknollers focus on combating poverty, providing healthcare, building communities and advancing peace and social justice. The Mission will take place Sunday, April 7 and Monday, April 8 at 6:00pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

LENT—A TIME FOR BOUNDLESS COMPASSION

Please join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday April 3, 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



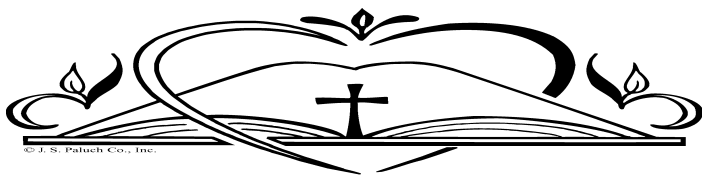
Each Friday of Lent, the men of our community are invited to the Parish Hall immediately following the 8:00am Mass. There will be a meditation and reflection regarding men's spirituality and opportunity for discussion led by Fr. Bill. Coffee and breakfast food will be served.

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.

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.



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

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

APRIL FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass is next Sunday, April 7, at 10:00am. Please come and share this special liturgy with our students and their families. Afterwards, all are welcome to join us in the Parish center for refreshments.

IMPORTANT GRADE 2 PARENT MEEETING

There is an important Grade 2 Parent Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 8, at 3:30pm in the Parish Center. We plan to review the calendar of events as well as the expectations for First communion in May.

RCIA

Please continue to keep Bob Lorefice in your prayers as we continue to prepare him for his full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

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.



BECOMING A NEW CREATION

A story quoted by Alice Walker in her book *We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For* can be summarized as follows:

A group of people known as the people of Bemba believe that every human who comes into the world is good. Every person's deepest desire is for safety, love, peace and happiness. When someone from this group of people acts unjustly or irresponsibly, then that person is required to stand in the center of the village, alone and unrestrained. The other members of the Bemba people are called together and they gather in a large circle around the one who has been accused of some wrongdoing.

Each person gathered around the accused then begins to speak, recalling all the good things that the accused person has done throughout the course of a lifetime. Many good deeds are mentioned in great detail. All of the accused's positive attributes, strengths, kindnesses and efforts on behalf of the common good are recited carefully by different members of the group.

When everyone has spoken, all the members of the Bemba people break the circle and a joyous celebration takes place. The wrongdoer is now welcomed back into the group and given a fresh start. Past deeds are put aside and reconciliation forms a stronger and more unified bond among the Bemba people.

This theme of celebration and reconciliation sets the tone for this weekend's scripture readings. In the first reading we hear that God has freed the Israelites from the reproach of Egypt which culminates in their celebration of the Passover. According to St. Paul in the second reading God reconciled the world through Christ. Paul envisions a God who is full of compassion, who keeps no tally of transgressions, and who does not hold offenses against those who have done them – a reason for all to repent and live with joy.

Finally, the beautiful story of the Prodigal Son exemplifies the bountiful compassion of the loving Father who welcomes his son's return with open arms and calls the whole household to celebrate his return. Thus, we are immersed in the graciousness of God. The intersection of celebration and reconciliation leads to deeper and fuller union with the sacred, divine presence who we call God. This in turn leads to life becoming a new creation.