

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Alma & John Csaposs  
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Louis Zarrello  
 Monday 8:00 Tim McEnaney  
 Tuesday 8:00 John Cermenski  
 Wed 8:00 Francis Pelrine  
 Thurs 8:00 Communion Service  
 Friday 8:00 Tim McEnaney

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Louise Miller  
 Sunday 8:00 Joseph Zarek, Bob Leite  
 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 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 Kascsak, 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 McMahan, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Stephen Moreau, Tara Maughn, Paula Madeiros Jim Guiliano

**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 Prufer, John Reuland

**PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

H. Edward Jans

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

April 14 Regular \$ 7,808.00  
 Easter & Retired & Infirm Priests collections will be published next week.

**THIS WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY**

The second collection this 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.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS THIS 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.

**FIRST FRIDAY**

First Friday on May 3 will be observed with anointing of the sick following the 8:00am Mass.



**Pastor's  
Corner**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!** Our Lenten pilgrimage has reached its goal. The annual observances and disciplines of Lent have helped us to renew our relationship with the Lord. Now we enter into the 50 days of the Easter Season, culminating with the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord and the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who offered their time and talent to make St. Joan of Arc Church and our liturgies as beautiful as they were this Lent and Holy Week. There are so many who worked behind the scenes and put a lot of effort into making everything look effortless at these “*once a year liturgies*”. In a special way I would like to thank Deacon Norm McEnaney and Deacon Jack Twerago who so generously and joyously serve St. Joan of Arc Parish as well as the visiting and retired priests who share the gift of His priesthood with us here, throughout the year.

Thank you all for your many kindnesses, support and prayers. It is truly an honor and privilege to be your pastor. Thank you for choosing to worship here at St. Joan of Arc Church and for making this parish your spiritual home. I pray that Easter joy will be bestowed, in abundance, upon our Parish Family.

Happy Easter!  
Fr. Bill

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78th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal  
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal begins on May 1 and extends through June 30.

*See All the People*, the theme of this year's appeal, reminds

us of the people in our communities who are in need of our support, and of the people who help provide that support — via food pantries and soup kitchens, counselors, hospital chaplains, teachers in ESL, GED and Faith Formation programs, and other ministries. Your generous response to the Catholic Charities Appeal helps to provide life-changing support and spiritual dignity to those in need in our Diocese.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

#### *Sharing Stories of Rwanda - Lessons for Our Time*

Please join us in the church at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 1, for the presentation *Sharing Stories of Rwanda — Lessons for Our Time*. Carl Wilkens (PBS *Frontline*, renowned author, Medal of Valor recipient) has been sharing stories around the globe to inspire and equip people to “enter the world of the *Other*”. He was the only American who chose to stay in Kigali, Rwanda throughout the 1994 genocide. Could this ever become OUR STORY with division, hatred, fake news as the seeds of violence? Can we learn from this past history? Can we change our hearts now? Carl Wilkens' stories help us to see how respect leads to empathy, resulting in inclusion.

Robert Trestan, Regional Director of the New England Anti-Defamation League, will discuss the State of Hate in Massachusetts at 7:00pm on Monday, April 29, at the Nauset Regional Middle School.

The annual Holocaust Memorial Service will be held at Nauset Regional Middle School on Thursday, May 2, at 7:00pm, featuring the film *One Survivor Remembers*, we well as a memorial candlelighting.

#### FROM DEACON NORM & NANCY

*From the bottom of our hearts, we cannot say enough to all of you who have supported us for these last four years as we walked the path to the end of our son Tim's life. Tim faced his challenges with a smile while maintaining a physical and stressful work ethic to support his family. The last 12 weeks of his life were spent at home, with his siblings and close friends ever present to him and his family. On February 22, five days short of his 51st birthday, God took him home. The love and support you have shown us have given us so much strength to accept God's will.*

### BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. this Wednesday, May 1, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner for the scholarship fund for St. John Paul II High School on Saturday, May 18, at 6:00-8:30pm in the Parish Center. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, desserts, and refreshments. Wine will be available for a donation. **Reservations are required.** Ticket information is available in the flyers at the church entrances. Thank you for your support.

### WEST SIDE STORY AT JP2 High

The St. John Paul II HS Department of Performing Arts will be performing the musical *West Side Story* at 7:00pm on May 9, 10, 11 in the JP2 HS auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for seniors and students; \$10 for adults. Please attend and support Catholic education on Cape Cod!

### NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider the St. Joan of Arc New Day Bereavement Ministry's *Prayer and Reflection for Those Who Mourn*, a 1 1/2-hour session designed to help you, the bereaved, as you move through the grieving process and begin to restructure your life. We will meet in the Parish Center from 3:30 to 4:00pm on Wednesday, May 22. For more information, please call 508-240-1119.

### LAST CALL FOR POLAND/BUDAPEST TRIP

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

### AN EARTH DAY PRAYER



*Defense of the earth  
has no other purpose  
than the defense of life.*

Pope Francis

God our Father, you created the world and sent your own Son to live among us, made of the same stuff, breathing the same air, marveling at sunrise and sunset just as we do. Help us to participate in the life around and within us as your life, as you living in us and we living in you and in each other. God of love and life, restore us to your peace, renew us through your power and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home. Amen.



### **FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

All Grade 1-5 students meet at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, April 29. Please remind your child to ride the SJA Bus to class.

### **ANNUAL MAY CATECHIST MEETING**

Our annual end-of-the-year dinner meeting for all catechists and Faith Formation volunteers is 6:00pm this Monday, April 29, in the Parish Center. We will recap this past year's program and share the upcoming calendar of events. We hope you will join us to recap the year, reconnect, celebrate each other and know how grateful we are for all you do for the kids.

### **MAY CROWNING FAMILY MASS**

Our May Crowning Family Mass is next Sunday, May 5, at the 10:00am Mass. Please join us for this special liturgy as we prepare our Grade 2 students for First Communion, as well as celebrate with all our students and families the crowning of our Blessed Mother, Mary. After Mass all are welcome to join us in the Parish Center for coffee, juice, and donuts.

### **FIRST COMMUNION NEWS**

A friendly reminder to all First Communion students that they are participating next Sunday, May 5, in the May Crowning Mass at 10:00am. This is a "dress rehearsal" for First Communion. Please plan to meet in the Parish Center at 9:30am so we can gather before Mass.

### **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.*

## **BLESSED WOUNDS**

Father Robert Schreier writes of Jesus and his wounds in the book, *The Ministry of Reconciliation*. According to Rev. Schreier we all bear some sort of scar or wound on our bodies: the place on our cheek where the baseball landed when we were a kid; the burn that taught us not to get too close to the grill at a summer bbq; the cherished stretch marks that remind us of bearing a child. Every scar has a story – every wound teaches.

For example, wounds mark a break in the surface of things. A smooth surface goes unnoticed, but a disruption of the smooth surface gives us pause to wonder. Scars are an invitation to become aware of how fragile the human body is, how easily it is penetrated – often accidentally, occasionally deliberately. The violence that wounds do to the tissues of a body puts into question how much we rely on things to be as they should be, but sometimes are not – how vulnerable we are to be hurt in body and in soul – how fragile is our capacity to trust.

An open wound enables us to ‘peer into the body’, below the surface of things. We realize the complexities of what it means to be human – how things are often not like what first appears to the eye. This is true, too, of wounds to the spirit such as a loss, lingering illness, or debilitating depression.

But wounds and scars are also repositories of lessons learned. Often they mark deep and painful memories which have forever altered us and our thinking and understanding. Wounds can be signs of blessing, revelations of healing, and teachers of hard-earned wisdom.

On Easter night, Jesus shows his wounds and talks freely about them. It is through the wounds of Jesus that Thomas’ troubled soul is healed; that Peter and the other disciples are restored to hope. Even in the fragility of life and the trauma they had experienced, the possibility of God’s peace was revealed to them. Our own wounds and scars can reveal to us the love of God in the compassion and care of those who may have treated them – in the ability of time and grace to heal and bring forth new life.

Easter neither denies the effects of our ‘Good Fridays’ nor erases our wounds. Rather, Easter is God’s compassion moving us beyond the scars to healing and wholeness – the assurance of God’s unlimited grace. Our scars become signs of that hard-earned wisdom and the realization of the Easter promise in our midst.