

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Peg Begg
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 George & Anna Walsh
 Katherine Anne Morman
 10:00 Raymond Hilvert
 Monday 8:00 Irene McLean
 Tuesday 8:00 Patrick Reynolds
 Wed 8:00 Edna Resor
 Friday 8:00 Paul Chamberlain

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Catherine & Michael Villano
 Sunday 8:00 Patricia Mendocha, Francisco Simmga,
 Thomas Ficca, Bob Kemmery,
 Parish Family
 10:00 Catherine & Michael Villano

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THESE LISTS UP TO DATE

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, 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, 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, Pauline Laberge, Chad Larivee, Patrick McNulty, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Gerry Csaposs, Peggy Carson, Addie Priess, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kasczak, Patty Camarra, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Jayne Boyle, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, Paul Hendrickson, Donna Hibbert, Margaret Royce, Beth Nixon, Anne O'Brien, Ben McMahon, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Stephen Moreau, Tara Maughn, Paula Madeiro, Paul Brandon, Rita Folger, Gerri DiCristina, Kathleen Kilmer, Marguerite Forren, Mary Pickard

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

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU

November 10 Regular and Archdiocese for the Military Collections will be reported next week.
 Annual Appeal to Date \$14,475.00

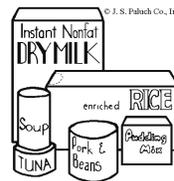
THIS WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection this weekend is the Harvest Sunday Collection, which supports the efforts of our 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.

SVDP FOOD PACKING NEEDS YOU!



St. Vincent de Paul, in conjunction with Lower Cape Outreach Council, will be providing two-day packs and Thanksgiving turkeys to many in our community. Please joins us **this Friday**, November 22, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm to help pack food for distribution. Also, we need volunteers that morning from 10:30am-12:30pm to set up tables.

GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The St. Joan of Arc Guild invites all women of the parish to join us for our annual Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 10, at 11:30am at Freeman’s Grill in Brewster. The highlight of this year’s luncheon will be a performance by the St. John Paul II High School Select Choir, singing beautiful Christmas music sure to put everyone in the Christmas spirit! Reservation forms with event details are available in the church foyers and should be returned by December 4. Contact Peg Jemison, 781-710-4720 with questions.

NAUSET INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



St. Joan of Arc Parish will host the Nauset Interfaith Thanksgiving Service next Sunday, November 24, at 2:00pm, followed by a Welcome Reception in the Parish Center. We would appreciate donations of baked goods for this reception, which may be left in the Parish Center kitchen when you come to Mass that weekend. Thanks for this help in welcoming our neighbors to our Parish.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group is meeting THIS Sunday, November 17, at **1:30pm** in the Parish Center. These year-round monthly group meetings focus on the various aspects of grieving, and provide 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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are working on new houses in Wellfleet this Tuesday, November 19, from 8:00am-3:30pm. Thanks to those who volunteered. We welcome additional volunteers — sign up at the Habitat display in the front foyer or go to habitatcapecod.org.

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, November 20, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING

All are welcome to join our next meeting on Wednesday, November 20, at 1:30pm in the Chapel.

THRIFT SHOP HOLIDAY

The Thrift Shop will be closed the week of November 25, and will reopen on Monday, December 2, ready for Christmas shopping. PLEASE NOTE that donations will NOT be accepted after Saturday morning, November 23. We will be closed after December 7 and reopen in January 2020. !

CARE FOR CREATION

Families should discuss their concerns about the environment and how their lifestyle and consumption is contributing to the climate changes. Parishes should integrate Catholic social teaching on the environment in their liturgy and their religious education program. “Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” St. Francis of Assisi. Massachusetts Bishops Statement on Climate Change

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Knights of Columbus are a sponsor of the Wreaths Across America Day in Massachusetts on Saturday, December 14, an annual event to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country’s fallen heroes. Ceremonies will be held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne and parishioners can sponsor a wreath for a family member buried there by using the Wreaths Across America brochure found in the church foyers or online at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/16175/overview/?relatedId=29533>. Call Martin Culik 309-533-9010 with questions.

SNOW IN THE FORECAST?



As winter approaches, bringing unpredictable weather and health conditions, keep in mind these guidelines: If you suspect you are ill or weather conditions are hazardous, you are **not** bound to attend Mass. Remain at home, possibly participating in the

Mass on TV, radio or internet. **If schools are closed or delayed due to snow, there is no daily Mass.** Please observe this policy for your safety, as well as to expedite the snow removal in our parking lots.

RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Have you or anyone close to you ever given thought to becoming a Catholic Christian? With Advent and the new liturgical year upon us, perhaps now is a good time for inquiry. RCIA is a small, faith-sharing community that helps answer such questions and provides a vehicle for either becoming a baptized Catholic adult or being confirmed in the Church. Please contact Judy Burt Walker in the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257, or Fr. Bill in the Rectory at 508-255-0170 for further information.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

The Bishops of Massachusetts recently released a statement expressing their strong opposition to two proposed bills that would expand abortion in Massachusetts. Bishop da Cunha has asked that it be shared with parishioners to help call attention to the extreme provisions of this legislation and the radical consequences that would follow. The proposed legislation, *HB 3320* and *SB 1209*, would:

- **Allow abortions during the nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason.**
- **Eliminate any requirements that abortions be performed in a hospital.**
- **Eliminate the requirement that provides medical care to a child who survives an abortion attempt.**
- **Eliminate the requirement that a minor under the age of 18 have the consent of a parent, guardian or the courts.**
- **Provide state funding for women who cannot afford the procedure.**

In their statement, the Bishops “call on our elected officials to carefully consider the consequences that the bills would bring...” and they “urge all people of good will, regardless of what faith they practice, to vigorously oppose these extreme measures.” Bishop da Cunha is appealing to all members of the Diocese to contact their state legislators. The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has resources available on its website at www.macatholic.org. Copies of the full Bishops Statement are at the main entrance of the church.



CLASS REMINDER

Grades 1-10 meet at their regularly scheduled time Monday, November 18. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA Bus to class.

WHAT IS TEEN NITE?

Teen Nite is an evening for our Grade 9 and 10 Confirmation students to gather as a community to share a meal and work together as a team on a service project, satisfying a requirement of service hours for Confirmation. Our first Teen Nite is this Tuesday, November 19, from 6:00pm—7:30pm, preparing the bags for the SVDP 2-day packs.

FAITH FORMATION THANKSGIVING MASS

All are welcome to join our Kindergarten through Grade 5 students as they share in a special afternoon mass of Thanksgiving on Monday, November 25, at 3:00pm in the Church.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT NEWS

If your child is a middle school or high school student interested in attending one of the Parochial Schools in Hyannis, now is a perfect time to learn about this educational option. Each school is hosting various open houses, shadow days and tours, as well as placement exams for new students over the next few months. For further information, dates and times, go to www.sfxp.org and www.sjp2hs.org or contact Jenn Canzano at 508-862-6336 x 104, or email jcanzano@jp.dfrcs.org.

ECHO OF CAPE COD

ECHO — Encountering Christ in Others — offers Christian weekend retreat programs under the auspices of the Fall River Diocese to all high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are seeking to deepen their faith and enhance their relationship with God. If you are interested in attending the upcoming fall retreats, please visit echoofcapecod.org for additional dates, times, and registration information.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Our Lady of the Cape Women's Guild is sponsoring a bus trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette on Friday, December 6. A \$30 ticket includes bus fare, beverages, snacks, and concert, with time allotted to visit the Creche Museum, and see the Festival of Lights at nightfall. Call Judy Fasano at 508-896-8869 by December 1 for reservations.

THE POPCORN CLOWN

The following story from the book: *How Can I Help – Stories and Reflections on Service*, taps in to today's Gospel in a profound and poignant way...

A volunteer decided to spend some time with burn victims and terminally ill children and in a local hospital – “just to cheer them up a little, spread around some giggles.” Gradually the goodwill of this potential volunteer evolved into his coming into the ward dressed as a clown.

“First, someone gave me a red rubber nose, and I put that to work. Then I started doing some elementary makeup. Then I got a yellow, red, and green clown suit. Finally, the outfit ‘completed itself’ with some nifty two and a half feet long clown shoes from a real clown who was retiring and wanted his feet to keep walking. The ‘clown’ said that a real clown is pretty scary to some kids – and these kids were especially shaky...

“Burnt skin and bald heads on little kids – what do you do? I guess you just face it. When the kids are really hurting so badly, so afraid, and probably dying – and everybody’s heart is breaking – I guess you just face it, and see what happens after that – see what to do next.

From this came the idea of popcorn. When a kid was crying, the clown would dab up the tears with the popcorn and pop the kernel into his mouth – or into theirs. Then they would sit around together and ‘eat’ the tears.”

In difficult and paralyzing moments, Jesus promises that when one acts ‘from the heart’ sincerely seeking the good of another; one will find the words and actions that can bring healing and comfort into the darkness of the situation. This is what the “popcorn clown” discovered in his work. God was present to him in the inspiration that ultimately allowed him to ‘eat the tears’ of many children and to bring the light of smiles into a place of potential darkness.

In the wars we fight; the earthquakes that shake our foundations; the disasters that topple our secure self-centered worlds; we must turn toward grace and act from that place of selfless love which opens one’s heart and mind to ‘right action’. God’s assurance of enduring grace and wisdom is constant – It is up to us to remain open to the possibility of bringing forth new life and love in every moment.