

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Curt Sweeney
 Sunday 8:00 Patricia O’Keefe, Melissa Tambollo
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Lewis Carrington
 Monday 8:00 Neil Beaton
 Tuesday 8:00 Joe DiBrigida
 Wed 8:00 Damien Larsen
 Friday 8:00 Liam Boyce

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Christine Rolek
 Sunday 8:00 Barbara Guisto, Patricia O’Keefe
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Margaret Deegan

**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 Kascasak, 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 McMahan, 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 OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE
 MEN AND WOMEN**

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, Brandon Stubbs, Christian P. Goodman

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU

The results for November 24 Regular and the Campaign for Human Development will be reported next week.

Annual Appeal to Date \$23,085.00

THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION

Your donation to this week’s second collection will help provide flowers to decorate our altar and church for the Christmas season.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Copies of *Waiting in Joyful Hope, Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas*, are available in the church foyers.

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday will be observed on December 6 with anointing of the sick following the 8:00am Mass.

SVDP GIVING TREE



Stars have been placed on the Giving Tree in the main foyer of the church. Please take a star, obtain a newly purchased gift as suggested, gift wrap it and return

to the tree **by Sunday, December 15**, with the star securely attached to the outside of the gift. It is important to adhere to the December 14 return date so that gifts can be delivered to the agencies for distribution. Recipients include members of needy families, the St. Joseph House shelter (formerly NOAH) in Hyannis and “SKIP” in Provincetown, and Lower Cape Outreach Council, Cape Cod Children’s Place, and A Baby Center in Hyannis. Thanks for giving!!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Keep Christ in Christmas car/truck magnets, depicting a manger scene, this weekend after all Masses. The suggested donation for a car magnet is \$5 each. Please spread the word to family and friends and Keep Christ in Christmas.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT WEEKEND



The December Pancake Breakfast has been moved to **December 8** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. After Sunday masses next weekend, the Knights will be serving blueberry, cranberry, and plain pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee - all you can eat for \$6 for adults, \$2.50 for 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 December Pancake Breakfast will benefit the Scholarship Fund at St. John Paul II High School in Hyannis.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The St. Joan of Arc Parish Annual Appeal is well underway. As you know, the Annual Appeal is a long-standing tradition here at St. Joan of Arc Parish. Your response to the Annual Appeal over the years has helped the parish to make various improvements as the needs have arisen and fulfill the multi-faceted mission of the parish. Your generosity to St. Joan of Arc Parish helps to support our ministries, outreach and activities as well as maintain the parish buildings and grounds.

From the time of my arrival here last year, it has been suggested to me by the Parish Finance Council and parishioners at large that we look into the possibility of upgrading our church air conditioning system. The air conditioning system is the original system installed at the time of the construction of the church in 1984 and is therefore becoming antiquated. Concerns mentioned include the age of the system and the impact that the loss of the system would have on Mass attendance during the height of the summer tourist season here on Cape Cod. Recently, Bishop da Cunha granted St. Joan of Arc Parish permission to make the necessary upgrades to our air conditioning system in the church

Robies Heating & Cooling is the company that has been overseeing repairs and troubleshooting for us over the years. They know our heating and cooling systems through and through. The estimated cost for this project is \$44,150.00.

As people of faith we know that we are called to share the blessings we have received, serve Christ in one another and worship in memory of Him. The Annual Appeal is an opportunity for those who can to make an additional sacrificial offering to our parish. You may return your gift by mail or simply place it in the collection basket at Mass.

May the Lord abundantly bless you and the parish we all love. St. Joan or Arc, pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. William M. Rodrigues

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. 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.

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.

THRIFT SHOP HOLIDAY

The Thrift Shop will reopen on Monday, December 2, ready for Christmas shopping. We will be closed after December 7 and reopen in January 2020. PLEASE NOTE that donations will not be accepted now until January.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

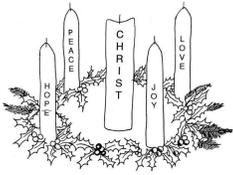
The Knights of Columbus are a sponsor of the Wreaths Across America Day in Massachusetts on Saturday, December 14, an annual event to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Ceremonies will be held at the Massachusetts National 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.

DONATE BLOOD THIS MONTH



The Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive in the Parish Center on Friday, December 13, from 11:00 am until 4:30 pm. The drive is sponsored by Cape Cod Health Care – “Remember All Blood Stays on the Cape”. All donors will receive a movie pass plus the Knights' famous clam chowder.

ADVENT ~ A TIME FOR TENDING TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD



Are you ready to become a *Spiritual Gardener*? Are you ready to tend to the presence of God growing in your life? Do you desire to live more fully with more clarity and awareness?

Then let's go gardening! Advent is the perfect time to prepare the soil of our hearts for new birth. Join Judy Burt Walker on Wednesday mornings during Advent in the Chapel after the 8:00am Mass for a time of conversation, reflection and quiet prayer. The series continues this Wednesday, November 4. All are welcome.

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.



FAITH FORMATION

CLASS REMINDER

We look forward to seeing our Grade 1 through 10 students this Monday, December 2. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the St. Joan of Arc bus to class.

GRADE 9 AND 10 DECEMBER TEEN NITE

Teen Nite for our Confirmation students is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, at 6:00pm. We will work together on a service project, share a meal, and celebrate the season with a Yankee Swap. Please bring a wrapped gift of under \$10 with you.

AWAY IN A MANGER

It's almost time for our annual Christmas Pageant, which is to be held on Monday, December 16, at 6:30pm. Everyone — families, friends, parishioners — absolutely everyone is invited to share the Christmas spirit with our shepherds and sheep, Bethlehem stars, and baby Jesus, angels, and wise men. Come and celebrate with us the season of Christ's birth.

SIGNS AND WONDERS

On a trip to a remote little village in Botswana where there were no newspaper deliveries, paved roads, or even electricity, Foreign Affairs columnist Tom Freidman discovered that he could “read” the news right outside his tent. The wetlands were bisected by hippo trails, and the dirt roads were marked by animal and insect tracks. His guide would lean out of the jeep and study the “road signs” of the lion prints deep and far apart as they strode after prey; the carcass of a small antelope – obviously a kill – dragged off into the brush; and the little indentations of hyena tracks which signaled a recent stop at a watering hole. Every mile, it seemed, you could read a different news event if you were awake and alert to the signs.

In his book *Gracias*, Henry Nouwen describes his journey and the signposts which marked his sojourn in Peru and Bolivia. As exotic as the trip was, Nouwen was also on a spiritual quest for discernment – for signals and signs of God’s desire and directives for him at a “cross-roads” period life. One such signal came to him from the perceptive Advent homily given by Oscar Uzin:

Be alert – be alert so that you will recognize your God in your husband, your wife, your children, your friends, your teachers – but also, in all that you read in the daily papers. The Lord is always coming to you. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize God’s presence at any moment of your life.”

For Nouwen these words were prophetic. He was *alert* to this invitation that beckoned him to open wide the door of his heart to a deeper, more challenging chapter of his life as a follower of Jesus. For Nouwen, Oscar Uzin became the “doorkeeper” of today’s Gospel– the One who invites us to open our hearts – the One who reminds us to watch for God’s unexpected appearances in our lives.

Advent, then, is a season of expectation and waiting; of mysterious signs and wonders; of welcome alertness to the Holy One who seeks to shape the clay of our lives. May we not be so consumed with the “busy-ness” of consumerism that we fail to “read” the signs and signals of God’s presence among us –the signs of forgiveness; signals of kindness; the markings of hopefulness. May we not miss starry nights holding deep mystery; evergreens of quiet dignity; and twinkling lights of joyfulness. May we faithfully follow the Gospel advice and “*stay awake*” to the birthing of Christ in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world!