

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Christine Rolek  
 Sunday 8:00 Barbara Guisto, Patricia O’Keefe  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Margaret Deegan  
 Monday 8:00 Jack Hoblitzell  
 Tuesday 8:00 Margaret Beacon  
 Wed 8:00 Liam Boyce  
 Friday 8:00 Dolores Callum

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Arthur Ferrara  
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Charlie Wolff

**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 Bencoter, 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, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Jayne Boyle, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, 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, Deepthi Moola

**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 Tammaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer, Brandon Stubbs, Christian P. Goodman, Trevor Lafontaine, Connor Lafontaine

**PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED**  
 Dennis Creedon

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU**

November 24 Regular	\$ 6,253.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 2,631.00
December 1 Regular	\$ 6,452.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 2,283.00
Annual Appeal to Date	\$27,070.00

**THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION**

Your donation to this week’s second collection supports Retired Religious.

**NEXT WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY**

The second collection next 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 NEXT 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.

**ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS**

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

**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 next 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.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND**

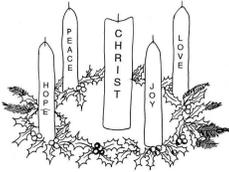


Come to the Parish Center after Sunday Mass this weekend where the Knights will be serving blueberry, cranberry, and plain pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee - all you can eat for \$6 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12, and FREE for children under 7, with a family limit of \$15. The December Pancake Breakfast benefits the Scholarship Fund at St. John Paul II High School in Hyannis.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, December 15, at 1:30pm in the Parish Center. These year-round meetings focus on the various aspects of grieving. The presentations and round-table discussions 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.

## 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, December 11. All are welcome.

## ADVENT CONFESSIONS

During the Season of Advent, we recall St. John the Baptist's exhortation to *prepare the way of the Lord*". Fr. McCullough and Fr. Rodrigues will be available for all who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Wellfleet on Wednesday, December 18, at 5:00pm.

## 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.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thanks to all who helped at the Wellfleet houses in November. We were able to help in quite a few ways, made new friendships, heard a beautiful prayer by Fr. Bill and enjoyed some delicious food. We will try for another group day in the Spring. Individual volunteer opportunities can be seen at [Habitatcapecod.org](http://Habitatcapecod.org).

## 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 is closed and will reopen in January 2020. PLEASE NOTE that donations will not be accepted 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”. To make an appointment online, visit [www.capecodhealthcare.org/giveblood](http://www.capecodhealthcare.org/giveblood) or call 508-862-5663. Walk-ins are welcome! All donors will receive a movie pass plus the Knights' famous clam chowder.

## THE ANCHOR

Please consider purchasing a subscription to *The Anchor*, the Diocese of Fall River's newspaper of record. Please send \$25 for a one-year subscription or \$45 for a two-year subscription to *The Anchor*, 887 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA 02720. Please include your complete mailing address, contact phone number and email address. *The Anchor* also makes a great Christmas gift, so as to give the gift of new about the Catholic Church throughout the year to family and friends. If you would like to make a gift subscription, please indicate that and the date that you would like to begin.

## ***FAITH FORMATION***



### **CLASS REMINDER**

We look forward to seeing our Grade 1 through 10 students this Monday, December 9. 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 this 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.

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### **ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT**

The SJPII High School Concert Choir will present its Advent/Christmas Concert in the JPII Auditorium on Friday, December 13, at 7:00pm, performing a variety of sacred and secular music. Admission to the concert is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

### **A YEAR OF COMMEMORATION**

2020 is the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's arrival on Cape Cod and then Plymouth. They landed at today's Provincetown on November 11 (old style calendar) and spent almost a month searching for food, fresh water, a harbor, and a place to settle on Cape Cod. On December 8, 1620, some of these English engaged in a musket and arrow encounter with Nauset natives. This First Encounter gave name to a beach and has been an important part of the Outer Cape's origin story. All Nauset area faith communities are encouraged to look back at our origin stories, to explore the many meanings this First Encounter can have for us today.

On Sunday, December 8, all are invited to the Nauset Regional High School Auditorium and Cafeteria to begin a year-long program of events in recognition of the history of the Nauset tribe and the arrival of the English — *Beyond the First Encounter* — our Past, Present and Future experienced through music, readings, poetry and story-telling., followed by food and drink of Nauset 1620. BRING BELLS!

## **DIVINE COURAGE**

Prophets like John the Baptist seem on the one hand to be “a bit strange”, and yet on the other, to emanate a courageous integrity that speaks not only of wholeness, but of holiness. Somehow the Divine within a prophet’s soul bursts forth in such a way that they refuse to settle for less than truth and justice. And, in doing so, they give all of us a glimpse of our own possibilities of expanding to the edge of divine courage.

One such ‘modern-day prophetess’ is a young Pakistani woman named Malala. Several years ago her passion for the education of women – a right denied by the Taliban – was ‘rewarded’ by a bullet in the head and neck. What followed her year of intensive medical care and rehab, was not a silencing of her voice, but “*like one crying out in the desert*”, her cry echoed around the world – an advocate for the right to education for all.

When asked what she would do if she was again attacked by the extremists, Malala responded: “*You must not respond with cruelty. You must fight others through peace and through dialogue and through education.*”

Another such prophetess of our times – a ‘prophet for our ‘good earth’ – is 15-year-old Greta Thunberg. Though sharply criticized in some circles for being an “uninformed, naïve teenager”, Greta speaks her truth loud and clear. She is unafraid to confront even the U.N. with a voice of urgency – a cry for respect of our planet and all its inhabitants.

Prophets are always “controversial” – even a ‘bit strange’ – but like John the Baptist, Malala and Greta speak with a sense of “*Divine Courage*”. They speak of justice and peace in a broken and divided world. They are not afraid to ‘live their truth’ and to be a sign of that truth despite the cost to themselves.

The Advent readings today may make us a little uncomfortable. After all, who wants to put oneself at risk? Who wants to appear a bit foolish? But the prophets of Biblical times and the prophets of today are a reminder that we are all called by God to the work of being a prophet. We are all to use our talents and skills, to transform the wastelands around us into harvest-lands of justice and forgiveness. We are all called to proclaim God’s love and mercy in our own Advent times and places.