

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Arthur Ferrara
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Charlie Wolff
 Monday 8:00 Liam Boyce
 Tuesday 8:00 Audrey P. Moran
 Wed 8:00 Joel Cammilla
 Friday 8:00 Wilbur Beaton

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Csaposs, Riordan & Madden Families
 Sunday 8:00 Carl Legg, Joseph Buttau
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Harry Zutell

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, 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, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Jayne Boyle, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, 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, 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 Tamaro, 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

Lorraine Dooley

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU


December 8 Regular \$ 5,771.00
 Retired Religious \$ 3,262.00
 Annual Appeal to Date \$32,740.00

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.



**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Each year, the Advent Season is the time when we prepare to celebrate the incarnation of Christ, the newborn King. Our Advent observances enable us to more perfectly proclaim that Jesus Christ, the child of Mary and Joseph at Bethlehem, in fact, reigns in our hearts. This Advent and Christmas is the time to look back to the day when heaven came down to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. As those sayings remind us, we remember that “*Jesus* is the reason for the season” and we “keep *Christ* in Christmas”.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our special Christmas and New Year’s Masses.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
 Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00pm and 7:00pm
 Wednesday, December 25 at 8:00am and 10:00am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY
 Tuesday, December 31 at 5:00pm
 Wednesday, January 1 at 10:00am

May the blessed Seasons of Advent and Christmas fill your hearts with the peace, joy and love that only Christ can give. May the Lord abundantly bless you and the parish we all love. St. Joan of Arc, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father William M. Rodrigues

SVDP GIVING TREE



Please return all gifts with stars firmly affixed this Sunday, December 15, so our volunteers can deliver gifts to the agencies for timely distribution and no child will be disappointed this Christmas. 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. Thank you for giving

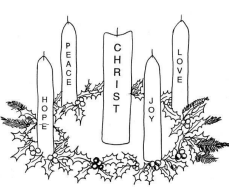
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet THIS 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 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 this Wednesday, December 18, at 5:00pm.

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 this Wednesday, December 18, in the Chapel after the 8:00am Mass for a time of conversation, reflection and quiet prayer. All are welcome.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

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

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who brought wonderful baked goods for our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. They were enjoyed by all.

THRIFT SHOP HOLIDAY

The Thrift Shop is closed and will reopen in January 2020. PLEASE NOTE that donations will not be accepted until January.

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 Kindergarten through Grade 10 students this Monday, December 16. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the St. Joan of Arc bus to class.

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

Friendly Reminder: All Kindergarten through Grade 10 students should arrive at the Parish Center by 5:45pm to get costumed, prepare for your parts, and assume some semblance of order so that we can begin promptly.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

The 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass on Tuesday, December 24, is a Family Mass. All children are welcome to come and celebrate the Birth of Christ by participating in this special liturgy. Students will be participating in many ways as lectors, altar servers, offertory collections, bearers of the crèche figures to the manger, and signing Silent Night after Communion. We are very excited about our Christmas Eve Family Mass and look forward to celebrating this special season of hope with all the families of St. Joan of Arc.

THE ADVENT BARBER

The *Connections Resource Magazine* featured the story of Franz Jacob, a barber in a small town outside of Quebec. One of Franz' 'regulars' is 6-year-old, Wyatt. Wyatt's autism contributes to his hypersensitivity at being touched and his inability to sit still. This makes it difficult for Wyatt to get a haircut. But Franz will follow Wyatt around his shop as needed. He'll clip the boy's hair a snip and a shear at a time – sometimes getting right down on the floor with young Wyatt.

Many barbers don't know how to deal with clients with disabilities, but Franz Jacob has several regular customers with autism. He's learned how to adapt to their needs. He schedules them for the end of the day so he can take his time. He says that he simply closes the door so there is no outside disturbance and prepares to spend an hour or more – customers like Wyatt determine the amount of time needed.

Franz also works with people who are terminally ill – who want to enjoy a last trim. *“When you shave someone who is probably going to die within 48 hours...it's indescribable...I'm really proud to be doing all this,”* Franz says.

To Wyatt's mom, Franz Jacob is a hero. A few weeks ago she published a photo of this burly, bearded, tattooed barber lying on the floor of his shop giving her son a haircut. The Canadian newspapers and the internet picked it up, but Franz says he's not a hero – he's just doing his best for his clients and community.

In what our tradition has come to call the *“Incarnation”*, the God of Love becomes one of us – so that we might become one with God. But *Incarnation* is not only an event, but a practice. It is the *practice* of becoming Christ for the sake of others – especially those most in need. Franz, a Canadian barber, embodies God's love in his everyday business. He becomes the *“incarnation”* of God's own being when he puts aside his adult world to bend down and crawl on the floor to enter the world of his young autistic client. In his compassion and humble service, Franz is a conduit of God's light and love.

This weekend we are reminded of the joy of service – the joy of bringing our small share of light and love into our world. We, too, are to *“testify to the Light, so that all might believe through him.”* We, too, are to *practice incarnation* – to embody the Christ of Compassion and bring the Light of Joy and Peace into the reality of our ordinary lives.