

## MASS INTENTIONS

## THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Csapos, Riordan & Madden Families
Sunday	8:00	Carl Legg, Joseph Buttau Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Harry Zutell
Monday	8:00	Paul Chamberlain
Tuesday	4:00	Janine Grasso
	7:00	Berube, Fregeau, Moreau, Kemp & Hendrickson Families
Wed	8:00	Joe Conley
	10:00	John Hull
Friday	8:00	Ray Newman

## NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Norie Leonard
Sunday	8:00	Jim Filliman, Olga Fee, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish
	10:00	Caionhe Freyne

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, 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 Csapos, 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 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 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

## 8:00AM TUESDAY MASS

Please note that there will be no 8:00am Mass this Tuesday, December 24.

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the Holidays, Paluch has requested early submission of bulletins. Therefore, bulletin announcements for Sunday, December 29, should be submitted to the Rectory no later 9:00am Wednesday, December 18; bulletin announcements for the January 5 bulletin should be submitted to the Rectory no later than 9:00am Thursday, December 26.

## COLLECTION RESULTS

Due to printing deadlines, results for the December 15 collections will be printed in the December 29 bulletin.



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



Thank you to all who returned a wrapped gift for someone in need. Your gifts made someone's Christmas a little brighter or their winter a little

warmer. We thank you on behalf of the recipients which included members of needy families, the St. Joseph House shelter in Hyannis, SKIP in Provincetown, and Lower Cape Outreach Council, Cape Cod Children's Place, and A Baby Center in Hyannis.

## BE STILL

Our Wednesday morning centering prayer and meditation resumes in the New Year on Wednesday, January 8, at 8:45am in the Chapel.

## ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

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

## CHRISTMAS DINNER INVITATION

Our Lady of the Cape Parish invites you to attend the 38th annual Christmas Dinner at their Parish Center on Stony Brook Road in Brewster at 12:00 noon on Christmas Day. The dinner is open to all who will be alone on Christmas or who wish to join others to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. Invite your friends to join you. If you are unable to drive, transportation can be arranged. Meals-on-Wheels can be delivered to people living within a reasonable distance from Our Lady of the Cape. Make a reservation by calling Dave Danish at 508-367-2986 or email [ourladychristmasdinner@gmail.com](mailto:ourladychristmasdinner@gmail.com).

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Here on Cape Cod there are two Perpetual Adoration Chapels which are open 24 hours a day 7 days a week for visitors to our Eucharistic Lord. Corpus Christi Church in East Sandwich and Holy Trinity Church in West Harwich host this traditional and time-honored Roman Catholic devotion.

## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

We have special hosts available for those who are intolerant of wheat/gluten products. Please alert the priest or deacon **before** Mass if you are in need of this special host to receive communion.

## SNOW IN THE FORECAST?



With the arrival of winter and 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.

## 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***



### **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.

### **WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

All of us in the Faith Formation Ministry wish our students and their families and the entire Parish Family, a most blessed and joyous Christmas. May this season of Christ's birth surround you all with peace, hope and wonder.

### **A ROUND OF APPLAUSE**

Thank you to all the Faith Formation students for the spirited performance of the Christmas Story. It was a beautiful way to bring the joy of Christmas to our Parish. We also wish to thank all our catechists and volunteers for making this evening possible. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to the proud parents, Kathleen and Matthew Cole, for their son, Finley, who made his debut performance as baby Jesus. And a big round of applause to all the families, friends, and parishioners who came to witness this special evening production.

### **FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR**

Faith Formation classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020 for Kindergarten through grade 10 students. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

## YOU CAN STAY AT MY HOUSE

In his book *“Short Sermons on the Run”* Walter J Burghardt remembers a special Christmas pageant: First, there was Joseph, who had listened to the Spirit speaking to him in mysterious and mystical ways. He had been deeply moved to make a commitment which made no sense given the cultural and religious norms of the day. So there he stood beside Mary – strong; silent; protective.

Then, there was Mary, whose “yes” to that same Holy Call would forever change the course of humankind. Mary, a young girl of her time, was also deeply attuned to the mysterious ways of God. She trusted in God, and believed that with God’s grace, nothing was impossible.

And, of course there were the “others” – angels; shepherds; kings from distant countries. Each in their own way, was receptive to the invitation of God’s Holy Presence – Emmanuel – dwelling in their midst. Each was willing to make the journey to Mystery.

The cast was in place as Joseph and Mary arrived at the inn. The Inn-keeper had one line: *“There is no room at the inn!”* This part was to be played by Tim, an earnest and loving young man who had Down syndrome. Tim had practiced his part over and over with great passion. So there was Tim – bathrobe over his clothes – as Mary and Joseph made their way down the center aisle. They finally arrived at the inn; approached Tim; recited their lines; and waited for his reply.

*“There’s no room at the inn,”* Tim boomed out just as rehearsed. But then, as Mary and Joseph turned to travel further, Tim suddenly yelled: *“Wait!”* Mary and Joseph turned back, startled. *“You can stay at my house,”* Tim called.

Thinking quickly, the pastor said a resounding *“Amen!”* and the choir broke into *Joy to the World* – thus bringing both pageant and homily to an unexpected but perfect completion. A profoundly holy message had been imparted to the traditional story.

God challenges our hearts *“to prepare him room”* – to provide hospitality to Jesus who seeks a space for Love to be born and to grow – in us; in our families; and in all of creation. Like *Mary* and *Joseph* and all the “others”, may we say “yes” to the stirrings of Love – stirrings which urge us to open our hearts wholeheartedly to God’s invitation to be love in a wounded world. Like Tim – may we answer God’s invitation with passionate generosity and cry out with our voice and our actions: *“You can stay at my house!”* Then, truly, the heavens and earth rejoice for Emmanuel has found a home with us.