

**MASS INTENTIONS
THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Norie Leonard
 Sunday 8:00 Jim Filliman, Olga Fee,
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish
 10:00 Caiomhe Freyne
 Monday 8:00 Mary Cacciola
 Tuesday 8:00 James Beliveau
 5:00 Rose Lane
 Wed 10:00 Ed & Nancy Hurley
 Friday 8:00 Rose Lane

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 John Crawford
 Sunday 8:00 Paul Coveney
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish
 10:00 Lew Carrington

**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 Csaposs, Peggy Carson, Addie Priess, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascsak, Patty Camarra, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., 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, 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 Tammara, 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 Laurene Griffin

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU


December 15 Regular \$ 7,931.00
 Harvest Sunday \$ 3,956.00
 Annual Appeal to Date \$43,540.00

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

JANUARY MASS COUNT

Parishioners are reminded that during the month of January, the parishes of Cape Cod take a count of the attendance at all weekend Masses. It is a way for the parishes and the diocese to calculate the patterns of Mass attendance, locally and regionally.



**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Each year at this time, we celebrate the incarnation of Christ, the newborn King. Our 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 season 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 join us for our New Year’s Masses this week as we observe the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, as well as the World Day of Prayer for Peace.

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

May the blessed Christmas Season 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.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Father William M. Rodrigues

BE STILL

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

LIVING ROSARY



Once again, the St. Joan of Arc Guild is sponsoring a Living Rosary in support of the Respect Life March in Washington, D.C. in January. The Living Rosary will be held on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00pm in the church (followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Center), and all parishioners are invited to participate. If you are 12 years of age or older and would like to be a "bead" in the Rosary (reciting one or two Hail Mary's aloud), please contact Kathy Culik at SJAGuild@c4.net with your name and email address. We look forward to having all parishioners join us for this year's Living Rosary!

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 18-19, 2020 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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? 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 RE-OPENING

The Thrift Shop will re-open at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 6, 2020 with new items for your shopping pleasure! Come join us and welcome in the new year!

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 New Year's gift, so as to give the gift of news 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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As another year comes to a close and a new one begins, we wish all our Faith Formation students and families an abundance of blessings for 2020. May the spirit of the Christmas season bring you peace and joy throughout the New Year.

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Faith Formation classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020 for Kindergarten through grade 10 students. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA bus to class.

2020 WALL CALENDARS

St. Joan of Arc Parish wall calendars for the New Year are available in the foyers for all who want one. We are grateful to Chris Luciano, General Manager of Nickerson Funeral Home, for supplying these to the Parish.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



THE NON-PHOTOGRAPHED MOMENTS

We tend to keep all kinds of family pictures in albums and scrapbooks – on our laptops and electronic devices. We display “happy” moments in our homes to remind ourselves and others of birthdays, graduations, weddings. But every family has events that are not photographed – events that we would perhaps rather not remember or call to attention:

His was a battle with substance abuse; hers a disastrous relationship with an abusive boyfriend. Theirs was a long struggle through counseling to keep their marriage together; the teen’s – a threatening period of wild and sometimes destructive partying; the school-aged daughter’s – victimization by bullying. The dad’s was a sudden job loss that brought the family to the brink of financial devastation; the mom’s – a battle with cancer that threw the family into a tailspin....

None of these are experiences we might want to have framed and displayed as permanent reminders; but, none-the-less, they shape and form our families. In adversity the family unit can find a bond never before imagined. Once you move beyond the hurt; the anger; the sense of betrayal – you realize how important each member of the family is – how much you need one another; how much you love one another; how much you can forgive one another. It is here within the family that God’s grace is most profoundly discovered. In fact it is these non-photographed moments – the ones we might not want everyone to see – that make all those happy pictures all the more precious.

As we enter into a new year we pause to remember a time in the Holy Family’s story that they may not have wanted to put in their family album. The sudden abandonment of their home as they abruptly departed for Egypt – much like the refugee families of today, who need to quickly flee the insanity of tyrants – must have struck fear and uncertainty into their hearts. Yet in their very real struggles, the trust and love they share make them a model of family for all of us.

Support; acceptance; forgiveness – always ready and available – these help make a family – family. May the love of the Holy Family be our model in good times and in difficult times – especially in the *non-photographed moments*. It is within our family circles and our wider “family circles” that the love of God comes more fully alive every single day.