

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 John Crawford  
 Sunday 8:00 Paul Coveney, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Lewis Carrington  
 Monday 8:00 Ann Ducey  
 Tuesday 8:00 Edmund Matthews  
 Wed 8:00 Beatrice A. Yvon  
 Friday 8:00 Edward Hughes

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Bertha & Charles Meads, Blanche & Herb Landwehr  
 Sunday 8:00 Joseph McElroy, 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, 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., 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, Paula Madeiro, Paul Brandon, Rita Folger, Gerri DiCristina, Kathleen Kilmer, Marguerite Forren, Mary Pickard, Deepthi Moola, Steve Novick, Ernie T.

**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**

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU**

December 22 Regular \$ 5,782.00  
 Christmas \$24,537.00  
 Annual Appeal to Date \$52,215.00

**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.

**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,

Now that the time is coming to begin putting away our Christmas decorations until next year, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to all those who did so much to make our Advent and Christmas seasons as wonderful as they were this year. As many of your comments reflected, our church and grounds were indeed beautifully decorated for the holidays and our liturgies were beautifully celebrated. Our outreach to those in need was inspiring, as well. This was possible because of the time, talent, generosity and dedication of many. Thank you all for making St. Joan of Arc Parish your spiritual home and for enriching our celebrations by your participation.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for your many kindnesses, gifts, support, encouragement and prayers. I pray the Lord abundantly bless you and our St. Joan of Arc Parish Family in the new year ahead!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father William M. Rodrigues

## BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, January 8, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

## 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!

## 2020 WALL CALENDARS

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

## 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.

## 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.

## ***FAITH FORMATION***



### **FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR**

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

### **TEEN NITE FOR GRADES 9 AND 10**

Teen Nite is this Tuesday, January 7, at 6:00pm to work on a community service project, followed by pizza and dessert. Please plan to attend since these evenings count towards service hours for Confirmation.

### **JANUARY FAMILY MASS**

Our first Family Mass of the New Year is next Sunday, January 12, at 10:00am. Please come and share this special liturgy with our students and their families. Afterwards, all are welcome to join us in the Parish Center for refreshments.

### **CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING**

There is an important Confirmation Parents Meeting scheduled for 6:30pm on Monday, January 13, to review upcoming scheduled events, especially the Sunday, February 9 Retreat.

**Reminder to Parents:** Please bring your Parent Prayer Letters, as well as any additional retreat letters to the meeting.



## THE GREAT VISION

“Adam” is a teacher who sometimes wishes he were a farmer. Adam attended a Visioning Workshop. The leader asked participants to close their eyes and imagine the happiest, most wonderful experience they could bring to mind. What came to Adam’s mind was the image of a great gathering at his farm – friends; neighbors; even strangers. All were working together with him at harvest time celebrating the bounty and enjoying each other’s company.

Although Epiphany does not come at the harvest time, it celebrates a similar vision. Like the Star which guided the Magi, the celebration of the Feast of Epiphany points to the great and holy Mystery we call God. It brings new light to this Divine Mystery and breaks through any limitations we tend to attribute to God. Its message – like Adam’s great gathering at his farm – welcomes people of every race and nation, near and far, known and unknown to share and rejoice together in the boundless abundance of God’s merciful kindness. “*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you,*” we sing in the psalm for this feast, “*for God shall save the poor when they cry and satisfy the needy who are helpless...*”

Epiphany’s three Kings symbolize all of us who do not share the Jewish identity of Jesus and his first followers. Their story tells of an arduous journey, but also a journey of wonder and faith. When they finally arrive at their destination, the Magi offer their gifts and reach out to this newborn – destined to be *king*. Jesus, likewise, reaches out to them. In a sense they are welcomed into the family.

Clearly, Jesus is not just for the Jews – neither is he just for the Christians either. The peace and love Jesus brings into this world through birth; as well as the forgiveness and reconciliation he brings through his death and resurrection, *are for everyone*. In the Child of Bethlehem, God manifests his love for all of humanity. In Christ all are embraced and welcomed – shepherd and king; peasant and prophet; sinner and sage. The Vision birthed through Christ comes to dispel our personal fears and doubts – and our estrangement and alienation from one another. Adam imagined a great gathering celebrating the harvest. In like manner, we celebrate the Great Vision of Epiphany – all peoples working together and partaking of God’s abundance as *one*. Perhaps you have seen the bumper sticker that reads, “*God bless the whole world—no exceptions!*” On Epiphany, we joyfully affirm our belief and give thanks that God does exactly that.