

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Paul Davis
Sunday	8:00	Kenneth Schneider, Victor DiCristina Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Charlie Wolff
Monday	8:00	Emily Burnham
Tuesday	8:00	Robert Flaherty
Wed	8:00	Elvira Nunes
Friday	8:00	Blanche Rolek

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Ben, Mary & Michal McMahon
Sunday	8:00	Ted Weems Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	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, Ray Castriotta, Julianne Sullivan, Robert Grudzina, Marge LaGrassa, Jim Lewis, Joyce Loechner, Frank Salomone, Pauline Laberge, Chad Larivee, 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 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, Steve Novick, Ernie T., Eleanor Symecko

**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, Colin Bracken, Michael Bracken

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

IN LOVING MEMORY

The tabernacle candle has been donated in loving memory of Pat Twerago.

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU

January 19 Regular	\$ 5,901.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 1,787.00
January 26 Regular	\$ 6,291.00
Annual Appeal to Date	\$68,615.00

HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION THIS WEEK

This week we take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal to support those dioceses in the United States and its territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services such as Mass and sacraments, religious education and ministry training, without outside support.

ST. BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR

The feast of St. Blaise on Monday, February 3, will be observed with Blessing of Throats following the 8:00am Mass. Also, for those unable to attend Monday morning Mass, the Blessing of the Throats will be offered at the conclusion of all Masses this weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday, February 7, will be observed with anointing of the sick following the 8:00am Mass.

PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come down to the Parish Center this Sunday following the 8:00 and 10:00am Masses and enjoy a pancake breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus. We offer blueberry, cranberry, and plain pancakes, along with 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 Knights sponsor Parish Pancake Breakfasts on the first Sunday of each month.

FRIENDSHIP SOCIAL

If you're looking for an opportunity to take a break from our unpredictable winter weather, socialize with old friends, make some new friends, and enjoy a delicious meal — all at the same time — then now's the time to make your reservations for this year's Mardi Gras-themed Friendship Social, sponsored by the St. Joan of Arc Guild and the Knights of Columbus. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center (Doors open at 5:45 p.m.). A delicious Mardi Gras-themed buffet dinner catered by Friends' Marketplace will be served for \$15/person. Reservation forms are available at the entrances to the church. Please contact Anne Kennedy at 203-910-2631 with questions..

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, February 5, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Have you or anyone close to you ever given thought to becoming a Catholic Christian? Perhaps the year 2020 is a good time for inquiry. 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.

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.

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.



THANKS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Joan of Arc parishioners for their generosity in 2019. With your support, the Knights of Columbus made charitable donations of \$12,500 to a variety of parish and community organizations, including the Parish

Annual Appeal, Religious Education Program, Special Olympics, St. John Paul II High School, seminarians, Sight Loss Services, Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center, Blood Drives, Catholic Radio, and the Cape Cod Bus for Life. Your participation in our monthly Pancake Breakfasts and other fundraising efforts make these donations possible. Again, thank you for your generosity and support.

OUR LADY OF THE CAPE INVITATION

All are invited to renew their faith and deepen their personal relationship with Jesus this Lent by participating in the **Alpha Catholic Program** at Our Lady of the Cape, Brewster! Join us for a free dinner, a short video and great conversation surrounding questions of life and faith in a warm, hospitable setting. Our gatherings will be in the OLC parish center on Thursday evenings from February 13 to May 7, from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Alpha Catholic will be a wonderful experience of making new friends, enjoying table fellowship and growing in personal relationship with Jesus. Our Lady of the Cape is located at 456 Stony Brook RD., Brewster. To register, please email Kathy at adultfaithformation2@gmail.com, or call her at (508)385-3252, x 14. All are welcome! Come and see!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Just as Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, present your marriage to the Lord. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament 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/>.

CAPE COD HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

There is a priest on call at all times at Cape Cod Hospital. If someone you love is ill and in need of a priest, ask the patient's nurse to page the priest on call — or call the CCH switchboard and ask to have the Catholic Chaplain paged. If it is not an emergency, you may also call our office at 508-862-5287. Please do not call your local parish as this is likely to lead to confusion and delay. Remember: Sacraments can only be given to the living, so call the Chaplain as soon as possible.

FAITH FORMATION



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

We look forward to seeing our Grade 1 through Grade 10 students this Monday, February 3. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA bus to class.

CONFIRMATION ANGEL CARDS

Next Sunday our Confirmation students will participate in their retreat in preparation for Confirmation in March. It is not too late to support them with a note of encouragement and prayers. Please select a name from the Angel Card Baskets in the church foyers and return your card or note to the Faith Formation Office by this Monday, February 3.

GRADE 2 PARENTS MEETING

There is an important Grade 2 Parent meeting this Monday, February 3, at 3:00pm in the Parish Center to review the calendar of events and expectations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat is next Sunday, February 9, from 2:00pm to 9:00pm. We're looking forward to seeing all of our Confirmation students at 2:00pm sharp in the Parish Center.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ESSAY CONTEST

Any middle or high school student is welcome to participate in the annual Fall River Diocese Pro-Life Essay Contest. This year's theme is *Christ our Hope: In Every Season of Life*. If you are interested in submitting an entry, contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 for the contest rules and deadline information.

ANNAS, SIMEONS, AND COMMUNITY

Every community has an “Anna”, suggests the Connections commentary on this Feast of the Presentation. She has known the joys and heartaches of relationships – of being a mother, a grandmother, a widow. She has grown through these joys and heartaches to embody a spirit of wisdom, prayer-fullness, and kindness. She is among the first to offer her time to do whatever needs doing. She volunteers for *LOCAL*. She sorts clothes in the Thrift Shop, bakes cookies for events, writes encouraging notes to the teens; and lifts spirits and hearts with her ability to listen, laugh, and love with a generous heart. Above all “*Anna*” is a prophetess in the community – a sign to all of God’s hope and joy in our midst.

Every community has a “Simeon”, as well. He has settled into the autumn of life with optimism. He takes joy in family and friends. A good day is when he’s able to offer help; make someone’s day a bit brighter; relieve a neighbor’s stress or anxiety. He quietly reaches out to those who have less through his work in *St. Vincent de Paul*. The “*Simeon’s*” among us possess a self-effacing wisdom that we do well to listen to when they share their stories of countless storms and the trusted presence of hope in the darkness. They remind us that we all have much for which to be grateful! The “*Simeon’s*” are signs of the reality of our belief that *Emmanuel* – dwells in our midst in our love and care for one another.

Today, 40 days after Christmas, we celebrate the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem. The Holy Family – a new young family – hear and embrace the wisdom of Anna and Simeon – the elders in their community of faith. In turn, both Anna and Simeon recognize the promise of Jesus as he – according to the ritual – is presented by his two proud parents. The mutual respect and reverence of both older and younger members of the community are examples for all.

May we give thanks for the *Annas* and *Simeons* among us, who are living signs of God’s love dwelling in our homes, and communities; and churches. May we live our lives with their prophetic grace and joy – that the light of Christ’s peace may illuminate our hearts – and the hearts of our youth, as they begin to fulfill the promise for their young lives in our world. May we go out from this community of worship supporting one another with peace and singing the song of Simeon:

May we behold Your light, revealing your loving presence in our midst!”