

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Ben, Mary & Michael McMahon
 Sunday 8:00 Ted Weems
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Lew Carrington
 Monday 8:00 Frank Alvado
 Tuesday 8:00 Frances Vagan
 Wed 8:00 Nancy Sanfilippo
 Friday 8:00 Liam Cunnane

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Barbara Hann
 Sunday 8:00 Bailey Grady
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Robert R. Pementel

**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 Bencotter, Agnes Wolfgang, Fr. Paul Smith, Marilyn Drewes, 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, Susanne Albert

**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 Polly Woodward, Peter John Markunas

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU

February 2, 2020 Regular \$5,958.00
 Home Missions \$2,129.00



A MISSING MINISTRY

For many years, support and comfort have been provided to bereaved families by volunteers who hosted post-funeral collations in our Parish Center. In order for this ministry to continue, new volunteers are needed. I am very grateful to Barbara Klapproth, who coordinated the Bereavement Hospitality Ministry for many years, and to Herm Klapproth, Ann and Dick Tobin, Karen Knight, Helen Reed, and Eryn Bradley as well as others who participated in this ministry. Such a ministry to the bereaved is both a corporal and spiritual work of mercy and one that I feel strongly should continue here at St. Joan of Arc Parish.

Although it is a significant outreach to the bereaved, it does not need to require a great deal of effort or time from the volunteers. If 10 or 12 people volunteered, the process would entail an email going out to the whole group when a post-funeral collation is requested, and the first two or three people who indicate availability would be assigned. Families who wish to use our Parish Center order sandwich platters and cookie platters and provide all paper products which are delivered the morning of the funeral to the Parish Center. The families are requested to limit the gathering to no more than two hours. The Parish provides coffee, tea, sugar, cups, milk and half & half. The Bereavement hospitality ministers (usually two or three) are there to receive and arrange the platters on the table, prepare the coffee and tea, generally oversee the lunch buffet and the subsequent clean-up of the buffet and kitchen area.

If you feel you can occasionally share three hours of your time to provide comfort to the bereaved, please call or email the Rectory, 508-255-0170, or joanarc@c4.net. A brief training/orientation will be provided to any new volunteers. Thank you for prayerfully considering this ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Fr. Bill Rodrigues

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.

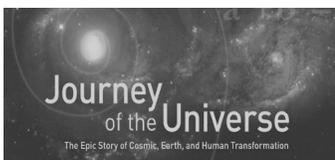
BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, February 12, 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.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



A response to Pope Francis' letter on the environment. All are invited to join us in the Parish Center from 1:30 to

3:30pm on Sunday, February 23, to view and discuss the video, *Journey of the Universe*. We are called to care for all of God's creation.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, February 16, at 1:30pm in the Parish Center. These year-found group 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.

LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD—AGAIN

On behalf of Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, the Massachusetts Catholic Conference wishes to thank everyone who participated in the "Let Your Voices Be Heard - Again" campaign. Your voices do matter, and they have been heard. Hundreds of individuals contacted and continue to contact their elected officials expressing opposition to the expanded abortion legislation currently pending at the State House. We are deeply grateful.

Here at St. Joan of Arc Parish we invite all who would like to participate in this effort to gather in the Parish Center on **Tuesday, February 18, following the 8:00am Mass**. We will be writing out postcards to send to our legislators expressing our concerns about this pending legislation. Informational flyers are available at the Main Entrance of the church. Thank you for your support and prayers.

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. see!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all 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

Just a friendly reminder that students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 meet at their regularly scheduled time this Monday, February 10. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA Bus to class.

There are no evening classes for Grades 6-10 on Monday, February 10.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat is this Sunday, February 9, from 2:00pm to 9:00pm. We're looking forward to seeing all of our Confirmation students at **1:45pm** so that we can begin promptly at 2:00pm.

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.

SALT AND LIGHT

Has anyone ever said to you, “*You are worth your salt*”? In the times of Jesus, salt – translated from the Latin word “*salarium*” – became the salary of the Roman soldiers. This was so because of its preciousness both as a means of preserving, and of seasoning, food. Jesus invites his disciples *to be salt* – to realize their preciousness and their value in God’s sight and to use their “*saltiness*” to help preserve humanity and to model a more palatable way of living and loving on this earth. In *being salt*, the disciples were instructed to bring new life and healing to the world.

And again, for whom have you been *light*? The Jewish people were not allowed to *shine* under Roman occupation. But the disciples of Jesus are challenged to stand tall – to put what may seem like small, insignificant lamps on elevated lampstands, so that hope might shine in the darkness of injustice, and suffering.

In our ordinary lives there are countless opportunities *to be salt and light*. One such opportunity was this situation experienced by a young hospital chaplain trainee:

Sara found herself sitting with the mother of Leon – a teenager who lay unconscious from a bullet wound to the back of the head. The mother asked Sara if she had any children of her own. Sara acknowledged that she didn’t, and there was silence for what seemed like eternity. Sara wondered really what she could do for this suffering mother. She wanted to leave the room, but she couldn’t. Something held her there in the uncomfortable silence amidst the tubes, breathing machines, and the heavy sadness.

Sitting with her own fears and inadequacy, Sara finally whispered: “This has to be so hard.” The mother looked to her son and began to weep. In that unadorned space in which there were no words of cheerfulness or reassurance, something more valuable, more illuminating was given. Sara gave the simple gift of her presence. She became both salt and light.

Being salt and light often means just being there for someone else – despite a sense of inadequacy. Quiet presence can help to bridge the gap of aloneness. It can bring the soft light and the sweet flavor of kindness to another human heart. May we come to realize, as Sara realized, that God is present in our simplest, quietest, most “unadorned” efforts to be the *salt* and *light* of the Gospel.