

**MASS INTENTIONS
THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Barbara Hann
 Sunday 8:00 Bailey Grady
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Robert R. Pementel
 Monday 8:00 Leonard Power
 Tuesday 8:00 Frank Alvado
 Wed 8:00 Anne Graham
 Friday 8:00 Robert Whiting

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Tim McEnaney
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Michael Fitzsimmons

**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 Benscoter, 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

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU

February 9, 2020 Regular \$6,553.00

HARVEST SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

Today's second collection supports the work of our St. Vincent de Paul conference.



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

BE STILL

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, February 19, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.

RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

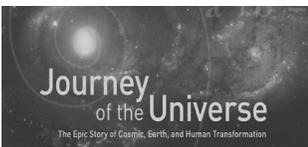
Have you or anyone close to you ever given thought to becoming a Catholic Christian? Perhaps the year 2020 is a good time for inquiry. Please contact Judy Burt Walker in the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257, or Fr. Bill in the Rectory at 508-255-0170 for further information.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet THIS 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.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

A response to Pope Francis' letter on the environment.



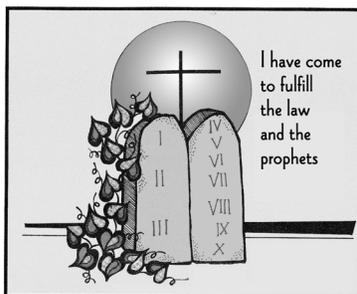
All are invited to join us in the Parish Center from 1:30 to 3:30pm next Sunday, February 23, to view and discuss the video, *Journey of the Universe*.

We are called to care for all of God's creation.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

CONSERVATION RECREATION & OPEN SPACE PLAN

Environmental Justice Block, Orleans PUBLIC INPUT SESSION Tuesday, February 25, 2020 - 7:00pm Orleans Town Hall 19 School Road, Orleans, MA. The Orleans Conservation, Recreation and Open Space Plan has been updated. The final step is to hear any comments from residents who live within the State-designated Environmental Justice block. WHERE SHOULD THE TOWN BUY OPEN SPACE? WHAT RECREATION FACILITIES ARE NEEDED? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Is your part of town adequately served by the amount of open space? Come give us your comments & opinions! For more information, call 508-240-3700 x2435 or please visit <https://www.town.orleans.ma.us/open-spacecommittee>.



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.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS THIS 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Learn the tools of forgiveness and healing 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/>.

2020 DIOCESAN MEN & WOMENS CONFERENCE

Once again the Fall River Diocese is offering an opportunity for spiritual renewal during Lent. This year's Women and Men's Conference will be held at Ames Sports Complex on the Stonehill College campus in Easton beginning at 10:00am on Saturday, March 7, concluding with a 4:00p.m. Mass, celebrated by Bishop da Cunha. The conference theme is taken from the Gospel of John while Jesus washes the feet of his Apostles, "As I Have Done You Must Also Do" The conference will include inspiring presentations from dynamic speakers, prayer music, reconciliation, adoration, lunch and vendors. The fee for the conference is \$50, which includes morning refreshments and lunch. Informational brochures and registration forms are available in the foyers of the church. Registration deadline is March 2.



FAITH FORMATION



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

There are no Faith Formation classes on Monday, February 17, due to the Presidents Day holiday. We look forward to seeing all Kindergarten through Grade 10 students on Monday, February 24, at their regularly scheduled times.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT THANK YOU

We are grateful to all parishioners who supported our Confirmation students in prayer and through the Angel Card campaign. Please continue to keep them in your heart as they continue their journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation in March.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SERVICE PROJECT

Are you interested in helping a local family in our community? I am Emma Krzeminski, a member of this year's Confirmation Class. My fellow Confirmation students and I are working with Habitat for Humanity on their *Bookshelf Project*. We are decorating a handmade bookshelf for a local Wellfleet family moving into their new home in the spring. We are looking for new or gently used books to fill these shelves. The children are 7 and 12 years old and are especially interested in trucks, cars, machines, and sports, such as the Patriots, Celtics, and Golden State Warriors. If you can provide a book, simply drop it off at the Faith Formation Office. Thank you.

SNOW IN THE FORECAST?



With the unpredictable weather and health conditions winter brings, 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.** This policy is for your safety, as well as to expedite the snow removal in our parking lots.

LOVE IS THE INCENTIVE

Samuel Bowles in *The Moral Economy* offers two thought-provoking stories about unsuccessful attempts to get people to do the right thing:

The first story relates a problem experienced by a group of day-care centers: Parents were arriving late to pick up their children. The teachers, who had their own family obligations, had to stay with the children until parents arrived at the centers. So the administration began to impose a fine on parents who were late. Did it solve the problem? The answer is “No”. In fact the problem became worse. Now, there was little thought given to consideration – of trying to be kind and more prompt. It became simply a financial transaction – a transaction which many parents thought a small price to pay.

The second story relates to a change made by a new fire commissioner in a major city. Rather than the long-standing unlimited sick-day policy, now only 15 days were allowed. Those who exceeded the limit had their pay docked. Suddenly what had been an ethic to serve the city was replaced by a utilitarian paid arrangement. Many firefighters who had rarely called in sick, now made sure they “took their days” – in fact the number who called in sick on holidays increased by 10-fold over the previous year!

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus appeals to our sense of righteousness and altruism – a sense that God’s Spirit of justice and compassion is a more creative and effective force than any self-centered, cost-effective calculation. We all know the positive feelings that arise when we do something simply because we know it to be the right thing to do. Likewise, we value the inner satisfaction that comes when we help someone, or are of service to others. Not only is the *compass of the heart* oriented properly when we act in this way; but parts of our brain actually become strengthened when integrity and compassion govern our decisions.

Faith begins in the heart, Jesus says. *What we say, what we do, what we decide*, are all responses to the God who speaks to us in the depths of our hearts and souls – the God in whose image and likeness we have been created. While laws certainly have their place, Jesus taught the importance of discernment – and the more difficult task of embracing the Spirit of love and humility which endow all just laws with purpose and meaning. As St. Augustine says, “*What else are the laws of God, but the very presence of the Holy Spirit.*” May we live always from the *law of love* and let it be the incentive for doing the right thing!