

**MASS INTENTIONS
THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00	Tim McEnaney
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Michael Fitzsimmons
Monday	8:00	Anthony Bader
Tuesday	8:00	Fr. John Perry
Wed	8:00	Parish Family
	Noon	Parish Family
	5:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	Marie & Charles Smith
NEXT WEEKEND		
Saturday	5:00	Michael & Catherine Villano
Sunday	8:00	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 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 Rev. John J. Perry, John P. Largey, Jr.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

The Ash Wednesday collection supports Evangelization efforts and next Sunday's collection is for Catholic University of America.



**Pastor's
Corner**

A LENTEN MESSAGE

This week we will observe Ash Wednesday and enter into the Lenten Season. In the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday, we use ashes made from the burned palm branches distributed on Palm Sunday. The ashes are blessed and placed on the foreheads of the faithful saying: *“Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return”* or *“Repent and believe in the Gospel”*.

As we begin this holy season of Lent, in preparation for Easter, we are called to remember the significance of the ashes we receive. We mourn and do penance for our sins. We open our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died and rose again for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. We recall that Lent is truly a 40 day pilgrimage journey. Mindful that the material things of this world pass away, we strive all the more during Lent to live for the building up of the Kingdom of God in our midst and look forward to its fulfillment in heaven. Whatever we individually decide to do for Lent, with God's grace, our observances make us more perfectly appreciate and celebrate the events of our salvation at Holy Week and Easter. May God abundantly bless each one of us on this year's lenten journey!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Bill Rodrigues

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

MASS INTENTIONS

There are several 8am weekday Masses in March for which there are no intention requests. If you'd like to remember a deceased loved one, please call or email the Rectory.

Lenten Schedule

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 26, will be observed with Mass and distribution of ashes at 8:00am and 12 noon, and a Communion Service with distribution of ashes at 5:00pm Wednesday.

NOT BY BREAD ALONE

Copies of *Not By Bread Alone — Daily Reflections for Lent* are available in the church foyers.

LENT — REVITALIZING THE SPIRIT

Does your spiritual life need a reboot? Lent is a perfect time to address any spiritual fatigue by inquiring of ourselves: *Is life coming at me too fast? What in my spirit needs new life? What part requires new energy — a fresh oomph?*

If you wish to engage more fully with the process of your faith development and spiritual growth, join Judy Burt Walker on Wednesday mornings for a time of conversation, based on Joyce Rupp's Lenten reflections. The reflection will be followed by a period of quiet prayer. The series begins this Wednesday, February 26, in the Chapel following 8:00am Mass.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

A Regional Lenten Penance Service will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Wellfleet on Tuesday, March 24, at 2:00pm. There will be an opportunity for individual Confessions at the conclusion of the Penance Service.

LENTEN COFFEE FOR MEN

Each Friday the men of our community are invited to the Parish Hall immediately following the 8:00am Mass. There will be a meditation and reflection regarding men's spirituality and opportunity for discussion. Coffee and breakfast food will be served.

LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Joan of Arc Church will provide the opportunity for personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent. The Eucharist will be exposed from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. All are welcome to come and spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord as a particular Lenten devotion this year. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the foyer of the church to ensure that someone will be present throughout the adoration period.

PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A Parish Pancake Breakfast will be held in the Parish Center next Sunday, March 1, after both Masses. Proceeds from the breakfast will help support Diocese of Fall River seminarians. Enjoy blueberry, cranberry, and plain pancakes, 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.

2020 DIOCESAN MEN & WOMENS CONFERENCE

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.

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>.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program offers free, in-person tax preparation at local Councils on Aging. There are no restrictions, although the focus is on low to medium income taxpayers. All volunteers have received annual training and IRS certification. The program can help young, low-income workers receive the earned income credit (EIC), qualifying seniors over 65 the Massachusetts Senior Circuit Breaker, and small business owners with expenses of less than \$25,000 the Qualified Business Income deduction. Contact your local COA to schedule an appointment. Go to aarpfoundation.org/taxaide for more information regarding this program.

FAITH FORMATION



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Kindergarten through Grade 10 classes resume at their regularly scheduled times this Monday, February 24. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA Bus to class! Look forward to seeing you on Monday.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect. Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage 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 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.

THOSE PEOPLE ARE US!

“A school had organized a food drive...” wrote Jennifer Ball-Tufford in Family Circle. *“A woman walked by looking at what had been collected. She pointed to items such as quinoa, gluten-free rice crackers, and artichoke hearts packed in seasoned oil and remarked, ‘Those people will not know what to do with these!’”*

The article continued to say that the teacher who was ‘manning’ the table kept silent. The teacher knew *those people*. Eight months before she had been one of *those people*. Eight months ago the long over-due child support had finally arrived – it made the difference between having no groceries for her children, or not having her rent payment. She was grateful she could finally make it.

She remembered the first time she had gone to the food pantry. She had driven by several times and then gone home – home to empty cupboards. Back she went – walked through the door and tried to quell her embarrassment when she filled out the forms telling how much she earned, and what she spent it on. She became one of *those people* who quickly learned that what you could get at the food pantries was often hit-or-miss – and she couldn’t afford to be “choosy”.

She had made five trips to the pantry over eleven months. When she told her kids, she expected them to laugh or get angry or be embarrassed. Instead, they helped her put the groceries away, quietly. She remembered the meals she made from food pantry items: a lot of macaroni and cheese; but also turkey chili and an oven-roasted chicken with quartered rosemary potatoes. A favorite was organic risotto.

The teacher wanted to shake the woman at the table and tell her that she had been one of *those people* who had to swallow her pride and walk into a food pantry because she needed to feed her kids. But she didn’t. She just commented, *“I like quinoa”*. The woman responded, *“Well, of course! You are not one of those people!”* If only she knew!

It’s not so much our ‘hatred’ that Jesus condemns. It’s our attitude of arrogance and disrespect – our self-appointed ‘standards’ of who’s in and who’s out. If we want to check our ‘spiritual progress’ we might do well to truthfully admit – if only to ourselves – what individuals, or what groups of people we still consider *“those people”*. The Kingdom of God is first realized when we can see *those people* as our brothers and sisters – that the love of God dwells in their midst, as well as ours. The Kingdom of God begins when we realize that *those people are us!*