

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Theresa & Anthony Zazzaro
 Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Albert Desens
 Monday 8:00 Catherine Rouse
 Tuesday 8:00 Peter J. Markunas
 Wed 8:00 Marie & Charles Smith
 Friday 8:00 John Dowman

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Csaposs, Riordan, Norton, McMahon,
 Haynes, & Madden Families
 Sunday 8:00 John & Jacqui Fitzpatrick
 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 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, Joseph Wignot

**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 Charles Moravec, Ida Fortucci

COLLECTION RESULTS — THANK YOU

Collection results for Ash Wednesday and the first weekend of Lent will be reported next week.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend's second collection is the Easter Flower collection.

HARVEST FOR HABITAT NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend is our annual *Harvest for Habitat* collection which supports Habitat housing construction projects on Cape Cod.

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. Thanks for sharing.

LENTEN REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Saint Joan of Arc Guild invites all women of the parish (and their guests) to join us for a Lenten reflection entitled "Lent: A Season of Wild Hope" presented by Judy Burt Walker. The program's message will be one of Death and Resurrection as we journey with Jesus, and explore the need for surrender, forgiveness, and community in our lives. This moving program will be held this Tuesday, March 10, at 2:00pm in the Parish Center. Why not do something special for yourself this Lenten season, and join us for a program that is guaranteed to be inspiring and uplifting?

BEREAVEMENT HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Ten people have recently volunteered to help at post-funeral receptions in our Parish Center. An orientation meeting for new Bereavement Hospitality Ministry volunteers will be held in the Parish Center following the 8:00am Mass on Monday, March 16. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this ministry is welcome to attend this meeting — or call the Rectory for more information.

FLU SEASON GUIDELINES



Please consider offering the Sign of Peace with words and a smile rather than a handshake. It is also preferable that Holy Communion be received in the hand rather than on the tongue at this time.

Lenten Schedule

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. We gather this Wednesday, March 11, in the Chapel after the 8 o'clock morning 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.

LENT

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Suggestions from Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP



Men of the parish are invited to join the St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus and participate in a very special installation ceremony on the Knights of Columbus Founder's Day on Sunday, March 29, immediately after the 10:00am. Mass. This installation ceremony will be the first public installation ceremony for the Knights. After the brief ceremony, a reception will be held in the Parish Center. Please call Martin Culik at 774-207-0911 for more information about joining the Knights of Columbus.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet NEXT Sunday, March 15, at 4:00pm in the Parish Center. These year-round monthly 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 in life. For further info, please call John at 508-240-0904, or Liz at 508-896-4916.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

St. Joan of Arc is hosting the Rite of Confirmation on Friday, March 20, at 7:00pm for our students as well as students from Brewster, Chatham, and Harwich. Please keep these young people in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their faith journey.

GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Guild is offering scholarships to parishioners who will be graduating from high school. A candidate must: 1) be a practicing member of SJA; 2) have an acceptance to an accredited college; 3) have letters of reference from his/her guidance counselor and teachers; 4) have financial need. All applications must be submitted to the candidate's high school guidance department by April 1, 2020.

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

We look forward to seeing our Grade 1 through 10 students this Monday, March 9. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the St. Joan of Arc bus to class.

MARCH FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass is this Sunday, March 8, at 10:00am. We are happy to share this special liturgy with our students and their families. Afterwards, all are welcome to join us in the Parish Center for refreshments.

GRADE 2 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Grade 2 students will make their First Penance this Monday, March 9, during class time. Parents are welcome to join their children at 3:00pm for a special service. Afterwards, the students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Bill in the Chapel.

ESSENTIAL CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

Confirmation Rehearsal will be Monday, March 16, in the Parish Center, beginning promptly at 6:30pm. The Confirmation student and an adult, preferably the sponsor, must be present at this rehearsal as it is the **only** rehearsal before Confirmation.

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.

BATHED IN LIGHT

Some years ago Malcolm Muggeridge, then England's top journalist, went to India to do a documentary on Mother (Saint) Teresa. The BBC wanted to televise the sisters picking up the dying in the streets of the Calcutta slums. They were to film the transporting to the shelter – and to capture the personal and loving each patient received there-in. In the words of Mother Teresa: “*All are deserving of dying within the sight of a loving face.*”

The shelter itself was once a temple to the Hindu Goddess, Kali. Its tiny windows sat high up in the walls allowing very little light. The TV crews, not anticipating the dimness, had brought no portable lights with them. Rather than waste time and film in the dusky shelter, they were on the verge of abandoning their efforts. But someone urged them to proceed – perhaps at least some of the footage could be used.

To everyone's surprise, the footage filmed inside the shelter turned out to be absolutely spectacular. The whole interior was bathed in a mysterious warm light – a light that was technically impossible to explain. But Muggeridge had his own theory about this lovely light. In his best-selling book, “*Something Beautiful for God*”, he writes:

“Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying is overflowing with love. One senses this immediately on entering it. This love is luminous, like the haloes artists have seen and made visible round the heads of the saints. I find it not at all surprising that the luminosity should register on photographic film.”

Like Peter, James, and John on the mountaintop – like Mother Teresa and her Sisters in the shelter for the dying – Jesus' disciples are those who have *seen the Light* – and have allowed it to heal and transform them. Our own peak experiences – those which might cause us to gasp at the magnificence of a sunset – often originate at a time when we are most vulnerable and in need of patient tending. It is as if the Master Gardener knows when to add a little extra ‘miracle grow’ to the soil of the heart to sustain it and help it open to a new level of love and growth.

The lasting fruit of transformation is compassionate service – the Christ Light cannot be contained. According to Mother (Saint) Teresa, when we allow our *small love*, to become *luminous in God's Great Love* – it transfigures the world. “*If we had eyes to see*, writes Thomas Merton “*everyone and everything would be shining like the sun!*” – Love is indeed transformative and luminous. May this holy light become visible in us.