

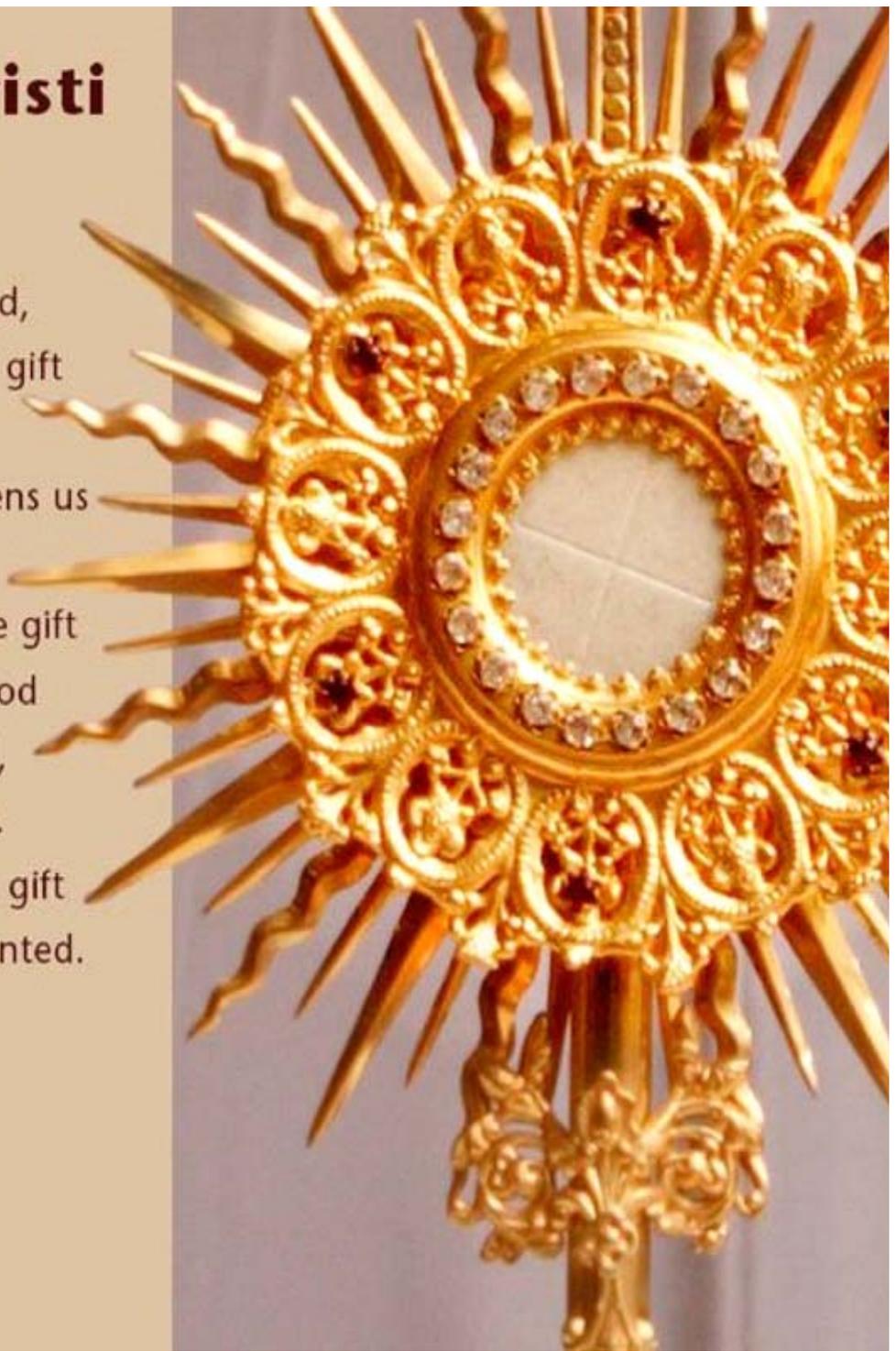
Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the gift
of your life
and the way it strengthens us
to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift
of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal,
strength and grace.

May we never take the gift
of your presence for granted.

Amen.



PASTORAL PLAN FOR REOPENING ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

A priest of our diocese recently coined the phrase: **JUST BECAUSE WE CAN DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD!** In other words, just because we are now able to gather for public Masses, does not mean that everyone should. In fact, the fewer people who attend Masses during this early phase of re-openings in Massachusetts, the better it will be for us all. This part of Cape Cod is heavily populated by retirees many of whom are in their senior years. As we all know, our senior citizens seem to be the most likely to succumb to the dreaded COVID-19 virus. We want those “golden years” to be enjoyed with good health and happiness!

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, issued by Bishop da Cunha, remains in effect until further notice. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk (due to age, preexisting health conditions, or in close proximity to vulnerable people) are encouraged to remain home at this time. If you or a close loved one shows any symptoms of illness, please do not come to church.

Per state regulations, gatherings cannot exceed 40% of a house of worship’s occupancy capacity. Taking into account social distancing of 6 feet between people (or households), means only approximately 3 people in every other pew.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions will take place in the Chapel from 4:00pm until 4:30pm on Saturday. Please wait outside the Chapel doors maintaining the 6 feet distancing protocol. **The weekend Mass schedule here at St. Joan of Arc Church has returned to the regular schedule of Masses... Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am. The church will remain closed, however, Monday through Friday.** I continue to celebrate a private Mass during the week and include the Mass intentions listed in our parish bulletin at those Masses. Mass intentions are available. Please email the Parish Office to schedule a Mass intention for a family member or loved one of your own.

All worshippers will enter the church through the Main Entrance. For safety and order, a person will not be able to choose a specific seat. A specially trained group of greeters will be used to assist people to their seats. Once we reach our occupancy limit, we will not be able to admit others. Charity, cooperation and understanding are asked of all.

Everyone entering the church is required to wear a mask or other face covering. Please provide your own masks. While there is hand sanitizer available at the entrance, please consider providing your own, if you can, as supply is limited.

There will be receptacles at the entrance of the church in which you may place your contribution to the parish as you enter. You may place both 1st and 2nd collections together. On-line giving is encouraged via our parish website. Thank you so much for your support, especially at this extraordinary time.

The offertory procession (bringing up of the bread and wine) and the usual sign of peace will be eliminated. You may offer the sign of peace with a head nod and wave. The holy water fonts at the doors of the church will remain empty. Missals/hymnals have been removed as it would be difficult to sanitize them. Singing will be eliminated from our worship until further notice.

Holy Communion will be distributed at the usual time during the Mass. Those receiving Communion will approach row by row (keeping the 6 feet safe distancing protocol) and section by section. Please remain at your pew until your row is called. The priest will distribute Communion with sanitized hands while wearing a mask. Communicants may lift their mask just prior to receiving Holy Communion.

Following the Final Blessing, please immediately, reverently and quietly leave the church by the door closest to your pew maintaining the 6 feet distancing protocol. Upon exiting the church, please **DO NOT** congregate near the doors of the church. After each Mass, the tops of the benches, door handles and other high traffic areas will be sanitized.

Scheduling for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will be suspended for the time being. All parish ministries and events will remain suspended until further notice. The church will be closed following each Mass. The Parish Office, Faith Formation Office and Thrift Shop will remain closed.

I encourage everyone who makes the prudent judgment for themselves not to return to church for Mass, to instead participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and view other good quality spiritual programming on Catholic TV, found on your local cable Channel 268 or on EWTN, Channel 56. Mass is televised each Sunday at 11:00am on Channel 6. You can also view daily Mass on-line at <http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass>.

Let us remember one another in prayer especially those most in need of our prayers at this time. Let us commit ourselves to prayer for an end to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

God bless,
Fr. Bill Rodrigues



79th Annual Catholic Appeal
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

DONATIONS TO DATE: \$19,695.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL

See All the People - See Eddie Jeter, a past guest of St. Joseph House in Hyannis. Our Catholic Social Services provides emergency housing and homeless shelters to those in their time of greatest need. Eddie now has dreams of becoming a homeowner. "If it wasn't for St. Joseph House, I would probably still be living out of my car, or in different people's houses. They gave me a foundation," he said. Your gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal gives people like Eddie the greatest gift of all: the renewed promise of a life filled with possibilities. Make your Appeal gift or pledge today by mail or online at www.givefrdiocese.org/2020. And you can watch Eddie's full story by visiting www.catholicfoundationsema.org/eddie.

"St. Joseph House and Catholic Social Services gave me the structure I needed to get a place of my own. People should donate [to the Appeal] so people have the opportunity to find housing, to get a job, and build up self-esteem, self-discipline, guidance. If people have other issues, they can work on it through St. Joseph House."

-Eddie Jeter, Dennisport

If you are unable to make a financial gift, the gift of your prayers in support of these ministries is greatly appreciated.

MINISTRY OF DEACON

Mr. Philip “Skip” Koch, a fellow parishioner of St. Joan of Arc Parish, is applying to be a permanent deacon in our Diocese. As his candidacy is to be formalized, it is customary that members of the community at large be given the opportunity to speak in this regard. Therefore, if anyone is aware of any reason why Mr. Koch should not be a deacon in the Roman Catholic Church, please contact the pastor, Father William M. Rodrigues. You may also contact Father Robert A. Oliveira or Deacon Frank Lucca at the Permanent Diaconate Office at 508-990-0341 and ask to speak with one of them personally. In a special way let remember Skip, his wife, Sue, and their family at this momentous time.

FOOD 4 KIDS

Sponsored by Church of the Holy Spirit, and supported by local faith communities, Food 4 Kids will hand out Grab & Go meals to over 1,000 children and teens in eight Lower Cape towns this summer. We are looking for two volunteers for each site to hand out meals to families as they drive up. To volunteer go to www.food4kidscapecod.org and click on *Volunteers* to choose the location and days you would like to serve. If the slot you want is full, we hope you will try another one. Each central location will be overseen by a trained Site Supervisor. Masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies provided, and all necessary precautions will be strictly adhered to.

Saint Rocco Prayer for Healing and Protection

*During your travels on earth,
God worked His miraculous healing
through your intercession.*

*Many were cured of the plague
from your prayers and the sign of the cross.*

*We implore you Saint Rocco
to intercede before the throne of God.*

*Send forth a blessing of protection from
Contagious diseases and the Coronavirus.*

Bless us Heavenly Father with your healing grace.

We ask this in the name of your Divine Son, Jesus.

Amen

BREAKING THE FAST

These past weeks have been a long stretch – a fast – that no one had expected. This sentence begins a reflection on the pandemic in a recent issue of the *Connections* publication. The article describes the *hungers* we may be experiencing because of this *fast*:

Hungry for human contact: If we have been more or less confined within our own “four walls” we know this hunger very well. If we have been confined with a lively family unit, that same hunger may manifest in a different way than the experience of “solitary confinement”. But, none-the-less, we hunger for distant family members, for friends; for work associates. We were not geared for social isolation.

Hungry for peace of mind: We seek to satisfy our fear and anxiety – to know that we and our families are, and will be safe – that we might “get back to normal” – whatever that normal may be!

Hungry for structure and a sense of purpose to our days: We need to know that we are contributing members of community whether through our jobs, our volunteer efforts – or to whatever we choose to lend our services, talents, and our compassionate support.

Hungry for the little things that bring joy and laughter: hotdogs in a packed stadium; meeting friends for drinks at a local café; seeing our hairdresser!

Some may be *hungering for the presence* of someone dear who has passed on.

And some are experiencing *real physical Hunger* for bread itself – at least enough to keep themselves and their families alive.

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of the sense of hunger in its many forms – and how, ultimately, we all hunger for something that “*bread alone cannot satisfy.*” In this time of “immersion” we realize a hunger to belong, to matter, to be at peace; to love and to be loved.

Hopefully this time of *fasting* has given us a new appreciation and understanding of the words of Jesus: that *the bread* that truly nourishes is generosity and compassion. It is the bread of selfless service and kindness that mirrors that of the unconditional love of God. May this spirit reflect the Holy Spirit that flows through our lives and draws us together in true communion with one another

**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, Chad Larivee, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Gerry Csaposs, 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 McMahan, 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, Joseph Wignot, Hector Pelletier, Bob Cunnane, Thomas McSparran

**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 Prufer, Christian P. Goodman, Trevor Lafontaine, Connor Lafontaine, Colin Bracken, Michael Bracken

FR. BILL'S HOMILIES ON SJA WEBSITE

Audio recordings of Fr. Bill's homilies are uploaded to our Parish Website each week. Go to www.joanarc.org to find the audio link on our home page.

Please keep these deceased loved ones in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Revs. Francis Meehan & Francis Regan
Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
10:00 Lew Carrington
Monday 8:00 John Devlin
Tuesday 8:00 John P. Moran
Wed 8:00 Tom Hawko
Fri 8:00 Audrey P. Moran

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Carolyn & Tom Ressa
Sunday 8:00 Patricia Gilgun, Daniel Goodman
Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
10:00 Libby Griffin

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

THIS WEEK IS HARVEST SUNDAY Your donation helps our SVDP conference provide support to our neighbors in need.

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

June 7 Regular \$14,594.00
Ecclesiastical Students \$ 481.00

Your generosity to St. Joan of Arc is greatly appreciated.,,

GABRIEL SYSTEM ON-LINE GIVING

We are so grateful to all who have donated through the envelope system or through Gabriel, our new on-line giving program. **Whether you choose to continue with the envelopes or donate on-line, we encourage everyone to register with Gabriel so we can build an up-to-date parish census including emails and mobile phone numbers to better handle situations like this going forward.** **Directions:** On the left-hand side of the SJA website home page scroll down beneath the photo of the church until you see the Online Giving Icon. Click the icon which gives you two options: one to register and one to donate. Please register BEFORE making an on-line donation so the system will recognize you.

