

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00 Joseph Leonard, Jr.
Sunday	8:00 Helen Adams
	10:00 Tom/Catherine/Jerald Dowd & Peter Restelli
.Monday	8:00 Dusty Matousek
Tuesday	8:00 Helen Nadeau
Wednesday	8:00 Costanzo Ianiro
Thursday	8:00 Eugene Vogt
Friday	8:00 Maureen Schouman
	NEXT WEEKEND
Saturday	5:00 Michael Villano
Sunday	8:00 Ryan Colleran
	10:00 Ben Adams

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Anthony Malner, Clara Murphy, Bill Splaine, Martin Coughlin, Tom Giguere, Flora Masa, Priscilla Y. Scibeck, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podaszwa, Bernadette Harrod, Brian Sluis, Rev. Robert Kemmery, John Potter, Patricia Falcone, Mary Mullen, Lillian McGrath, Justin Honegstein, Eric Bettag, Norm Klas, Fr. Paul Smith, Shirley McAuliffe, Walter Ollen, Katherine Rogers, Emily Doherty, Baby Peter O'Connor, Rita Skarin, Jeannine & Ed Mooney, Bob & Gail Sadowski, Jimmy Higgins, Rose Stephan, Peter Cruckshank, Eileen & Ed Metterville, Thomas Stone, Kevin Rew, June Lee, Nick Bartick, Lucy Lopez-Roig, Bertha Meads, Beth Baillie, Connor Root, Pam Hedlund, John Szucs, Margaret Harrington, John Cuccia, Rita Grindle, Liz Baldwin, Patrick Eiler, Stuart Smith, Fr. Paul Lalic, Anthony Gorczyca, Bea Viau, Mary Ann Hassen, Eryn Bradley, Tammy Inman, Paul Conte, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Norma Sullivan, Michelle Battista, Paula Keefe, Kerry Gould, Ed Bryant, Danielle Rabel, Mike Day, Edan Pearl, James Flynn, Joe DiBrigida, Infant Makayla Grace, Martha Doyle, Theresa Buckley, Janet Cole, Dorothy Knight, John Kelley

PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MID-EAST Brandy Nelson, Anthony Horigan, Timothy Horigan, Scott Doucette, Michael Wilson, David Lucas, Sean Lucas, Peter Civita Shayne, Peter Cabral, Gregory DeLuca, Joshua Schmitt, Joseph Long, Brad Howard, Shawn Kivman, Thomas Scudder, Sean Keneally, David Lynch, Jeffrey Stebbins, Phillip McDonough, David Wilcox, Jordan & Zack Maxcey, Kristofer Poole, John Amick, Peter Scott Stephan, Philip Early, Karl Kuechenmeister, David McDonald, Adam Schade, David Duggan, David Puzzo, Paul Van Tiem, Lt. Edward J. Maloney, Jacob Marshall, Michael Styskal, Andrew Kelley, Jim Schermerhorn, Ryan Lynch, Kim Walker

COLLECTION RESULTS will be printed next week.

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

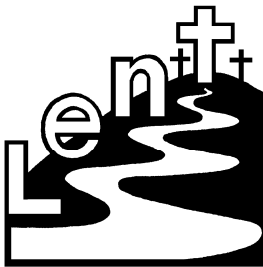
This week's second collection supports The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., which provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours.

ORLEANS CONVALESCENT MASS

Fr. Bob will celebrate Mass at the Orleans Convalescent Home at 2:30 p.m. this Monday, February 22. All are welcome.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH ST. DAMIEN - THE FORMING OF A COMPASSIONATE HEART

Join Father Bob on a Journey through Lent with St. Damien of Molokai. Father Bob will present this program, designed to be a spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church each Friday of Lent from February 19 through March 26.



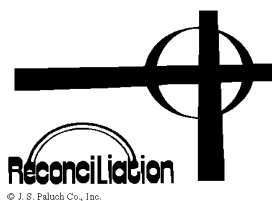
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PRAYER LISTS

If you are aware of a name that should be removed from either prayer list in the left column, please call the Rectory, 255-0170, x 10.

NEED HELP?

**We will assist with
food, shelter, medical, utilities.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
HELPLINE 508-255-8080**

DIOCESAN RECONCILIATION WEEKEND

The Diocese of Fall River will observe a Reconciliation Weekend on March 19 and 20. Hours for Reconciliation here at St. Joan of Arc are Friday, March 19 from 8-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 20, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING

In an effort to keep the church clean and welcoming for those attending a later Mass, please do not leave your bulletin in the pew. If you do not wish to take it home with you, please return your bulletin to the rack in the foyer. Thank you.

PARISH NURSES

Blood Pressure Clinic Our parish nurses will be available in the Parish Center this Tuesday morning, February 23, from 8:30-10 to check your blood pressure.

Exercise Program Check out our winter exercise classes continuing through February 24 every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. We work on flexibility, balance and muscle strength. Our next exercise session will begin on March 5. Info: Call Barbara, 508-240-1090

SEPARATED/DIVORCED CATHOLICS

This Lower Cape Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, at St. Pius X Family Life Center on Barbara Street in S. Yarmouth. Father Bernie Baris, pastor of Our Lady of the Cape, will speak on the topic *Reconciliation - Forgiving Ourselves and Others*. This will be an informal presentation with time for lots of discussion. For further info, email janegreenel@comcast.net.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27;
 Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

HELPING HANDS

Do you need help with small jobs around your apartment and house? Things that need fixing? Jobs that are too heavy or strenuous? Small repairs? Yard work? We're available to volunteer our help! Please call Ed Mahan & Friends at 508-896-7617.

CORI/CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

The Diocese of Fall River has initiated Safe Environment programs to ensure the safety and security for all children as they participate in church and religious activities. Judy Burt Walker plans to contact ministry leaders for a list of their volunteers to compare with our current CORI list. Our goals is to CORI all active volunteers at your ministry's future meeting. Any questions, call Judy, 255-1257.

HEALING MASS

The Cape & Islands Prayer Group Deanery invites you to take part in a Healing Mass at Corpus Christi, 324 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, E. Sandwich, Wednesday, February 24 at 7 p.m., celebrated by Fr. Edward Murphy. More info, call Libby 255-4679.

OFFICE OF AIDS MINISTRY

The Diocesan Office of AIDS Ministry, HIV/AIDS Education Department is seeking one Educator and two Education Assistants. Responsibilities include focused curriculum in Diocesan Elementary Schools and positions are part-time, 3+ hours per week, during school hours in the months of September, October and November. Positions require CORI check and three letters of reference, including one from your Pastor. To schedule an interview, call Carol Rochefort, 508-674-5600, x 2295.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL NEEDS

One hour is open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Our Lady of Life Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Holy Trinity in West Harwich. Anyone interested in signing up for one of these hours is asked to leave a message at 508-430-4716.



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Grades 1-5	Mondays	2:45—4:00 p.m.
Grades 6-10	Monday	6:45—8:00 p.m.
Mon	Feb 22	Classes, Gr 1-10
Tues	Feb 23	5 p.m. Staff Confirmation Retreat Mtg
Sun	Feb 28	3-9 p.m. Confirmation Retreat
Mon	Mar 1	Classes, Gr 1-10
Tues	Mar 2	6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
Sun	Mar 7	9 a.m. Kindergarten
	10 a.m.	Family Mass
		RCIA Rite of Welcome
	11 a.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal/Brunch
Mon	Mar 8	Afternoon Classes Gr 1-5
		No Evening Classes
		5:15 Candidate/Sponsor Gathering
		In Parish Center
		6:00 Confirmation
Fri	Mar 12	6 pm Family Ministry Movie Night
Mon	Mar 15	No classes
		6:00 Catechists In-Service Dinner Meeting
Sun	Mar 21	10 a.m. RCIA Continuing Conversion
Mon	Mar 22	Classes, Gr 1-9
		6 p.m. Gr 6-9 Prayer/Soup Supper w Families
Sat	Mar 27	9 a.m. First Penance
		1030 RCIA Penance
Mon	Mar 29	Classes 1-9
		3:00 Gr 3-4 Stations of the Cross

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME

Welcome Back! Classes return to regular schedule this Monday, February 22. Hope all our Faith Formation Families enjoyed the school vacation week.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat is next Sunday, February 28, 3-9 p.m. We look forward to seeing all of our Grade 10 Confirmation students at 3:00 sharp.

CONFIRMATION ANGEL CARDS

All Angel cards need to be returned by this Sunday, February 21. Please drop them off at the Faith Formation Office. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

RCIA

We meet this Wednesday, February 24 at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Questions: Judy Burt Walker, 255-1257.

AT THE EDGE OF THE WILDERNESS

In a remarkable journal, *Through the Wilderness of Alzheimer's: A guide in Two Voices*, Bob and Anne Simpson write about the first four years of their life together after Bob had been diagnosed with this devastating illness.

Some days, Anne writes, are “particularly painful, lonely, and immensely sad . . . I am so frustrated that I go into the garage and sit in the car with all the windows rolled up, so I can scream without being overheard.”

Bob writes, “I have good days now. If I think about the past, I get sad. If I think about the future, I’m afraid. I only have the present. Today is the only day I have to live.”

But while their wilderness experience has certainly tested their love, it has also deepened it.

“I’m not angry with God,” Bob writes. “I believe God is here somewhere. There is a purpose. I am beholden to find it.”

After four years of living with her beloved’s Alzheimer’s, Anne writes about the familiarity of the wilderness and of the way in which the map of each successive day helps prepare them for the next bend in the path. She tells of how the yearning for their old life is woven together with a new strength that helps them withstand the rigors of the passage . . . “We cannot determine our pace or our final destination; we cannot make straight the path. But if we trust God to guide us, we know we will continue to be nourished by the manna of unexpected blessings.”

In the Lenten Gospel we hear today, the Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness for 40 days, which parallels the 40 years that the Hebrew slaves spent in the desert before finding their true destination as a people of God. For many people, as it was for Bob and Anne Simpson, the wilderness is a terrifying place -- a painful passage with unexpected twists and turns, difficult choices and no clear destination.

But for those who enter the desert with faith, humility, and hope, the wilderness is also a place of new possibilities, unforeseen strength, and transformation. The wilderness is about integrating the self, restoring the heart to awe and praise, and sighting again on the horizon one’s own real goal in life.

The desert deepened Israel’s experience of God’s sustaining love. In the desert Jesus deepened his response to the Spirit. In what ways is the Spirit calling us during these 40 days of Lent so that we, too, might be renewed, strengthened, and transformed as we journey to the Easter promise?