

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Michael Villano
 Sunday 8:00 Ryan Colleran
 10:00 Ben Adams
 Monday 8:00 Eunice Kennedy Shriver
 Tuesday 8:00 Edward M. Kennedy
 Wednesday 8:00 Elenore Finan
 Thursday 8:00 Michael Joseph Fitzsimmons
 Friday 8:00 Helen Marie Smith

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Barbara Williams
 Sunday 8:00 Joseph Leonard, Jr.
 10:00 John & Anna Sullivan

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 Podeszwa, 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 Cruickshank, 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, Martha Doyle, Theresa Buckley, Janet Cole, Dorothy Knight, John Kelley, Maryanne Leonhardt, Peg Baum

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

The tabernacle candle has been donated in loving memory of Larry Snow.

COLLECTION RESULTS

February 14 Regular \$5,140.00
 Harvest Sunday \$4,001.00

2ND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection helps to purchase altar flowers for our Easter liturgies.

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 through March 26.

PRIVATE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Booklets are available in the chapel and the main foyer for those individuals who would like pray the Stations privately. Please do not remove the booklets from the church.

PRAYER LISTS

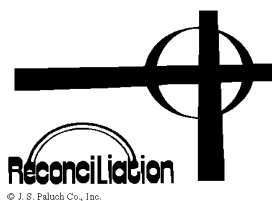
If you are aware of a name that should be removed from either prayer list in the left column, please call the Rectory, 255-0170, x 10.

THE ANCHOR, DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER

All users of our Parish Collection Envelope system received subscription envelopes in January. If you are not an envelope user and wish to subscribe or renew, Anchor subscription envelopes are available in the main foyer. Please enclose your cash/check and return in the Anchor envelope in next week's collection.

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.

ST. JOAN OF ARC GUILD

One lump or two? All women of the parish are invited to join our Guild meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 1:30 for our first Tea Party. Tasty treats and cups of tea will be overflowing while Judy Burt Walker and Anne O'Brien enlighten us on the book *Three Cups of Tea*. This should prove to be an entertaining afternoon, so come and join us on a cold winter's day for a cup of hot tea.

PARISH NURSES

Exercise Program Our next exercise session will begin on **Wednesday, March 3**, and will continue every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. We work on flexibility, balance and muscle strength. Info: Call Barbara, 508-240-1090.

CATHOLIC CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Our Lady of Victory Church, 230 South Street, Centerville, welcomes cancer survivors, family and friends, to the next meeting of this faith based support group on Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m., beginning with Mass and anointing of the sick. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Call Mary Lees for info, 508-771-1106.

SEPARATED/DIVORCED CATHOLICS

This Lower Cape Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. this 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 janegreene1@comcast.net.

CHURCH HISTORY GROUP

We meet Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Church Women United invite all to an ecumenical World Day of Prayer worship service, 1 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Our Lady of the Cape Church, 468 Stony Brook Road, Brewster. Join others across the globe who will be observing this common day of prayer asking God to relieve suffering and bring peace, justice and well-being to the world. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Center.

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.

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.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Cape & Islands Prayer Group Deanery invites all to a Day of Recollection, Thursday, March 18 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, Wareham, beginning at 8:45 a.m., including two presentations, confession, lunch, Exposition of the Eucharist, and ending with Mass at 3 p.m. Fr. Stan Kolasa is the presenter for the day's theme, *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing*. Send your \$40 check payable to Cape Cod for Jesus to Libby Griffin, POB 386, E, Orleans 02643 before March 8.

CORI/CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

To continue with our compliance of the Diocese of Fall River Safe Environment programs, we are currently reviewing lists from the various ministry leaders with our current CORI list to determine the next phase of the process. Thanks you to the ministry leaders for their help in this. Any questions, call Judy, Burt Walker 255-1257.



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Grades 1-5	Mondays	2:45—4:00 p.m.
Grades 6-10	Monday	6:45—8:00 p.m.
Sun	Feb 28	3-9 p.m. Confirmation Retreat
Mon	Mar 1	Classes, Gr 1-10
Tues	Mar 2	630 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
Sun	Mar 7	9 a.m. Kindergarten 10 a.m Family Mass RCIA Rite of Welcome 11 a.m. Confirm'n 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 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
Sat	Mar 27	9 a.m. First Penance 1030 RCIA Penance
Mon	Mar 29	Classes Gr 1-9 3:00 Gr 3-4 Stations of the Cross

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

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

CONFIRMATION REHEARSALS & BRUNCH

Rehearsals are Tuesday, March 2, 630 p.m., and Sunday, March 7, immediately following the 10 a.m. Family Mass. Please plan to gather in the Parish Center. Students must attend both rehearsals, accompanied by an adult, preferably the sponsor at the Sunday rehearsal. After the Sunday March 7 rehearsal, students and their families and sponsors are invited to brunch in the Parish Center. Contact the Faith Formation office, 255-1257, by Friday, March 5, with number of people attending.

FAMILY MASS

All students and their families are invited to the 10 a.m. Family Mass Sunday, March 7 and for munchkins in the Parish Center afterwards.

RCIA

We meet this Wednesday, March 3, at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. The Rite of Welcome will be celebrated during the 10 a.m. Family Mass next Sunday, March 7.

SHINING AND BEAUTIFUL

Immaculee Ilibagiza was a 22-year-old Rwandan college student when her world was darkened by evil in 1994. The death of her country's Hutu president unleashed the slaughter of one million ethnic Tutsis. Because she was a Tutsi, Immaculee's name was on a death list. She hid in a pastor's spare bathroom with seven other women for 91 days, praying constantly to be freed from the terror of death. Her devout Catholic parents and siblings were brutally murdered. By some miracle of grace, the seven women went undetected despite the sea of death squads who roamed the streets searching out the Tutsis in every nook and cranny. Immaculee says her prayers were answered when she not only escaped but was able to let go of her bitterness and anger at her persecutors. In her book *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, Immaculee explains that God left her to "show as many people as possible the healing power of his love and forgiveness. Her last name Ilibagiza, is translated "shining and beautiful in body and soul."

Eight days after Jesus warned his followers that they would be required to take up their cross and follow him, the Gospel of Luke reports that Jesus retreated to the mountain to pray. As Luke envisions this event, two powerful figures from salvation history appeared to converse with Jesus about the fate that awaited him in Jerusalem. Moses, representing the law, and Elijah, representing the prophets, signified that Jesus had fulfilled all that God had sent him to accomplish. Then, in the presence of three disciples, Jesus was stunningly transfigured. They saw him shining and beautiful in body and soul.

The transforming light of the Transfiguration suggests divine presence -- Jesus' inner life and light become transparent in his outward appearance. There is no fragmentation of spirit or self-absorption in Jesus to hinder the illumination of the very life and love of God that exists within his person. That same touch of divinity exists within each one of us as well: God is present within us, guiding our steps towards selflessness and animating our spirits towards holiness. The challenge of discipleship is to allow that love of God within us to "transfigure" our despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, anger into forgiveness.

Although we cannot see Jesus in his risen glory, we can entrust ourselves -- as did Immaculee Ilibagiza -- to his care. We can make prayer our armor against all forms of darkness and find renewed strength in his presence, remembering that we, too, through God's grace, are "shining and beautiful in body and soul."