

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Peg Deegan  
 Sunday 8:00 Stanley E. Smith, Jr.  
 10:00 Peg Deegan  
 Monday 8:00 Mimi Lucas  
 Tuesday 8:00 Mary Thury  
 Wednesday 8:00 Alan Bowden  
 Thursday 8:00 Joe Algeo  
 Friday 8:00 Marguerite Considine

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Rosemarie Suits  
 Sunday 8:00 Joan Sabella  
 10:00 Rita Garrigan

**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, June Lee, Nick Bartick, Lucy Lopez-Roig, Bertha Meads, Beth Baillie, Connor Root, Pam Hedlund, John Szucs, Margaret Harrington, John Cuccia, Rita Grindle, Patrick Eiler, Stuart Smith, Fr. Paul Lalic, 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, Theresa Buckley, Janet Cole, John Kelley, Maryanne Leonhardt, Richard Smith, Anne Caruso, Rachel Mangano, Liz & John Baldwin, James Szucs, James Craig, Deacon Don Joslin, Chris Bloomfield, Betty Perks, Erin McEnaney

**PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MID-EAST**

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, 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, Andrew Kelley, Ryan Lynch, Kim Walker, Bennett Walsh

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

Philip Sullivan

**ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, at **9 a.m.** for those who have lost a loved one during this past year. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass. Anyone who wishes to add names of deceased should call Nancy McEnaney (508-240-0417) prior to Memorial Day.

**THIS WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY**

The second collection this weekend is the Harvest Sunday Collection, which supports the efforts of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference to help those in need with necessities – food, medicine, rent, utilities.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS THIS SUNDAY**

Please help the Vincentians' food collection this week with the following items: 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). PAPER TOWELS AND TOILET PAPER. Thanks for sharing.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

Donations to date total \$29,865. To the 167 parishioners who have already contributed to the Appeal, thank you for caring, sharing and offering hope. Every donation is important as 94 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to help those in need. The goal of the Diocese is for every parishioner to support the work of Catholic Charities.

**NEED HELP?**

**We will assist with  
 food, shelter, medical, utilities.**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
 HELPLINE 508-255-8080**

**HEAVENLY VOICES AT SJA!**

All are welcome at St. Joan of Arc this Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. when the Nauset Regional High School Choruses will present a concert in our church.

**PARISH NURSES**

Our **exercise classes**, focusing on flexibility, balance and muscle strength continue every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Drop by and check us out. For further info: Call Barbara, 508-240-1090.

**ALZHEIMERS MILES OF MEMORIES WALK**

The Lower Cape and Outer Cape Miles of Memories Walk for Alzheimers will take place - rain or shine - next Sunday, May 23, with registration at 11, and the walk beginning at noon. The 3 mile Lower Cape walk begins at Brooks Park in Harwich, and the .5 - 2.5 mile Outer Cape walk begins at Wellfleet Town Pier. You can register at your chosen walking site, or by phone at 508-775-5656 or online at [alzcapecod.blueskycollaborative.com/ascci/register.asp](http://alzcapecod.blueskycollaborative.com/ascci/register.asp). Funds raised are critical to serving the oldest population in New England -- the residents of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

**GUILD SUMMER LUNCHEON**

All women of the parish are invited to the Guild's annual summer luncheon to be held on Tuesday, June 8, at the Orleans Waterfront Inn.

Please pick up an information flyer in the church vestibule and join us for a pleasant afternoon. If you have any questions, please call Rosemary Abissi at 255-9058. The reservation deadline is June 1.

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**SEPARATED/DIVORCED CATHOLICS**

Divorced & Separated Catholics of both the upper and lower Cape will join together for a presentation by Dorothy Levesque, past president of the National Association of Divorced and Separated Catholics. Her presentation *Good Catholics Do Get Divorced* promises to be filled with warmth, compassion and understanding. Don't miss the opportunity to share in this special afternoon at Christ the King in Mashpee at 12:30 p.m. this Sunday, May 16. For further info, email [janegreene1@comcast.net](mailto:janegreene1@comcast.net).

**PENTECOST CELEBRATION**

The Cape & Islands Prayer Group Deanery invites you to a Celebration of Pentecost at Holy Trinity Church, Route 28, W. Harwich, Sunday, May 23, 12:30-2:30 with Fr. Michael McNamara, Director of Servants of Christ Ministries in Scituate, as celebrant and homilist. Call Libby, 255-4679, for info.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (Acts 7:55-60).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

**Second Reading** — I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

**Gospel** — Father, I pray that they may all be one, as you and I are one, that they may be brought to perfection (John 17:20-26).

I am with you  
always



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25  
 Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



## **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU**

**THANK YOU** to the Faith Formation students, parents, volunteers and, especially, the catechists who helped make our program a tremendous success this year. Without your creative ideas, generous nature, and dynamic spirit, we could not have achieved our plans and busy agenda. Thank you to one and all. Have a beautiful and restful summer!

## **SENIOR CLASS MASS & BREAKFAST**



This Sunday at our 10 a.m. Mass, we are celebrating our graduating high school seniors and their families. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

## **ST. PIUS X YOUTH AWARD**

Congratulations to Andrew DaSilva who is the recipient of the St. Pius X Youth Award which will be presented on Tuesday, May 18. Andrew was confirmed in 2009, is an active member of our church, and is now a weekly usher at the 10 a.m. Mass. He is also part of our Youth Group and has spent the past two summers in Maine assisting those in need. We are so proud of Andrew!

## **HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION BIBLE CAMP**

Mark your summer calendars and plan to attend the fun! From Tuesday, August 3 through Friday, August 6, from 9 to noon, the Parish Center will be transformed into the High Seas. Children, ages 5-10, are welcome to share in this annual summer event. Please contact the Faith Formation Office, 255-1257 to register. Students ages 11 and older are welcome to help as camp leaders.

## **CORI of SJA MINISTRIES**

The Visitors and SVDP ministries are almost completed, but if you are a member of these two ministries and have not been CORI'ed, please stop by the Faith Formation office to complete the necessary paperwork. Our next phase will include Parish Nurses and eventually our choir members, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers.. Questions, call Judy Burt Walker, 255-1257.

## **WHERE DOES GOD LIVE?**

One of the wonderful things about living on Cape Cod is the ability to see the magnificence of the night sky uninhibited by the street lamps and neon of the city. We can see ourselves at home in our galaxy -- one among the billions of stars and planetary orbs spread across the night opening us to the mystery of space.

Long before our exploratory probes into space, the heavens belonged unassailably to God. In ancient times people imagined God lived in the heavens, commanding storms and hosts of heavenly beings. One of the names the Canaanites called their god was Cloud Rider. Christians draw on this ancient imagery to picture Jesus coming again in glory.

Today we "ride" the clouds regularly in planes. And powerful telescopes make it clear that we are not the only galaxy in space. The cosmos presented to us by today's scientific technology is perhaps even more mysterious than the cosmos contemplated by our ancestors. The vast, dark unknown can no longer be viewed as "God's court in the clouds." Where, then, does God dwell -- where is that "place" of lasting communion with those we have loved and all who have loved us?

The gospels tell us again and again that the dwelling place of God is wherever love abides -- that love transcends the vast unknown and our limited perceptions. It is love that is centered in our care and concern for another before our own needs that binds us as one, just as Jesus and the Father are bound in that extraordinary sense of love.

There is a true story of a volunteer college student who was spending his summer with a relief organization building homes in an underdeveloped country. He made friends with a number of children in the village, but one boy, Obioma, won his heart.

The student noticed that Obioma wore the same dingy tee shirt every day so he gave him three of his shirts. They were big, but Obioma would grow into them.

The next day two older village boys were wearing shirts that had been given to Obioma. Fearing the worst, the college student went to make sure that the small boy was all right. "Those shirts were for you, Obioma, so you'd have a change of clothes," he said with relief when he found the boy in one piece. Obioma replied, "But, you gave me so many, Mr. Josh, and the others had none!"

This is the "place of love" in which God dwells -- transcendent and magnificent as the heavenly skies on a clear night. May our acts of kindness and generosity illumine the universe until every last one abides in the realization that we all belong to one another as children of love -- bound together by the Infinite Source of Love, itself.