

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Curt Sweeney  
 Sunday 8:00 Leo Kaufmann, Elizabeth Benson,  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Jose Pedro Braza-Cacho  
 Monday 8:00 Tom Hawko  
 Tuesday 8:00 Tom Hawko  
 Wed 8:00 Jonathan Hunter-Kilmer  
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service  
 Friday 8:00 Neil Beaton

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Joe DiBrigida  
 Sunday 8:00 Ralph & Frances Jerome,  
 John & Helen Grace  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Joseph Fischl

**PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH**

Flora Massa, Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Bernadette Harrod, Eileen Metterville, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Paul Conte, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Richard Smith, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Alexandra Burke, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Peter Gill, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Benscoter, Agnes Wolfgang, Fr. Paul Smith, Marilyn Drewes, John L. Sullivan, Kameron Hardaker, Ray Castriotta, Julianne Sullivan, Robert Grudzina, Brenda Kowalski, Marge LaGrassa, Jim Lewis, Joyce Loechner, Frank Salomone, Paul Chamberlain, Pauline Laberge, Edith Vinci, Chad Larivee, Patrick McNulty, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Ellen Marie Anderson, Carter Mock, Nancy Hurley, Gerry Csaposs, Peggy Carson, Ed Daly, James Roberts, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kasczak, Lolita Previd, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, Sue Waugh, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Roseanne Balsavage, George Meservy, Nancy McGaughey, Mary Ellen Ackley, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Paul Branden, Claire Surprenant, Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis

**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, 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 Blair, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Prufer

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

The tabernacle candle has been donated in loving memory of Ray Newman.

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

Annual Appeal \$60,810.00  
 November 19 collection results will be available next weekend.

**2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Your donation to next weekend's second collection helps buy flowers and decorations for the Christmas Season.

**THE GIFT OF INCARNATION:  
 AN ADVENT INVITATION**

Come and join us as we pause, ponder and pray in preparation for the Feast of the Incarnation — the Birth of Jesus. Judy Burt Walker will facilitate this time of reflection and prayer in the chapel at 8:45 a.m. on the Wednesday mornings of Advent. Our first program is this Wednesday, November 29. All are welcome.

**THRIFT SHOP RE-OPENS**

The Thrift Shop re-opens this Monday, November 27, ready for Christmas shopping. **Donations will not be accepted until the New Year.**

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

A Service of Remembrance for deceased loved ones will be held on Friday, December 1, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center, facilitated by the Bereavement Support Ministry and the New Day Ministry. All are welcome to attend.

**SVDP GIVING TREE**



Stars have been placed on the Giving Tree in the main foyer of the church. Please take a star, obtain a newly purchased gift as suggested, gift wrap it and return to the tree by **Sunday,**

**December 10** with the star securely attached to the outside of the gift. It is **important to adhere to the December 10 return date** so that gifts can be delivered to the agencies for distribution. Recipients include members of needy families, the "NOAH" shelters in Hyannis and "SKIP" in Provincetown, and Lower Cape Outreach Council, Cape Cod Children's Place, and A Baby Center in Hyannis. Thanks for giving!!

## GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The holidays are right around the corner — and so is our Guild Christmas Luncheon. All parish women are invited to celebrate the Christmas season by enjoying a delicious buffet lunch at the Ellsworth Pavilion at Captain's Golf Club in Brewster on Wednesday, December 6, at 11:30 a.m. After lunch, we will delight to the sounds of the Mid Cape Chorus. Reservation forms are available in the church foyer. Please call Pat Michaud at 774-722-1689 with any questions.

## SOLAR PANELS

In the recent Annual Appeal Letter, I stated that we hope to put solar panels on the south facing roof of the church NEXT year. Over the past few months, I have been meeting with a small committee of well qualified parishioners about this project. I have also consulted several churches who already have solar panels, and have obtained the support of the Diocese for the project.

With the most recent information our committee has gathered, we have determined that it would be MOST beneficial for the parish to **complete a solar panel project BEFORE March 31, 2018**. AFTER March 31, 2018, Massachusetts State Law changes regarding the value of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (or SREC'S). This means that the income we will receive for being a clean energy producer will be substantially LESS than it would be if our system is "Mechanically Complete" by March 31st.

After looking into FIVE solar companies, and receiving bids from four of them, we have selected E2 Solar out of Dennis, MA to design and install our solar panel system. E2 Solar has visited our site, and they SHOULD complete the design of our solar panel system shortly. Then, Eversource must APPROVE the design of the system before the project can move forward. By law, Eversource has up to 45 business days to approve the system.

Please know that **your contribution to THIS year's Parish Annual Appeal WILL support our Solar Panel Project**, as well as the other projects outlined in the Annual Appeal Letter. We strongly believe that producing clean energy is a great response to Pope Francis' call to care for our environment, and we KNOW that a solar panel system will virtually eliminate our \$20,000 - \$30,000 electric bill from our three parish buildings.

Please consider a **generous donation to this year's Annual Appeal in support of our Solar Panel Project**. Thank you very much!

Peace,  
Fr. John Kelleher

## CURSILLO ULTREYA

There will be a Cursillo Ultreya gathering at the Holy Trinity Parish Center, across the street from the church, on Sunday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a speaker, grouping, and light refreshments. For more information, call Alice Doherty, 508-432-0540.

## JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

The St. John Paul II High School Concert Choir will present its Advent/Christmas Concert on Friday, December 8, at 7 p.m. in the JP II Auditorium. Accompanied by a professional orchestra, the Concert and Chamber Choirs will perform a variety of sacred and secular Advent and Christmas selections, as well as other music. Admission to the concert is free.

## SEASONAL REMINDERS

Due to the flu season, the cup will not be offered at Mass. The Sign of Peace may be offered with words and a smile rather than a handshake, if you like.

During the winter time which brings unpredictable weather and health conditions, 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.** Please observe this policy for your safety, as well as to expedite the snow removal in our parking lots.

## CAPE CATHOLIC CONNECTION

Check out the Cape Cod Deanery's new website for the Catholic Community on Cape Cod: [www.capecatholicconnection.org](http://www.capecatholicconnection.org). Here you will find a one-stop source of information for all aspects of our life of faith here on the Cape, from Mass times to hospital and social ministries, to an events calendar of happenings in our local parishes.

## 2018 HOLY LAND TOUR

Rev. Philip Hamel of New Bedford will lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 6-15, 2018, departing from Boston. Walk where Jesus walked, cruise the Sea of Galilee, visit Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem. The fee of \$3,499 covers roundtrip air, first class hotels, breakfast & dinner daily, comprehensive sightseeing with a professional local guide, entrance fees, portage, hotel taxes & service charges. For a brochure contact Rev. Hamel at 508-995-5235, or email [PNHamel@aol.com](mailto:PNHamel@aol.com), with *Pilgrimage to Holy Land* in subject box.



### **FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

**Grades 1-5      Mondays      2:20—4:00 p.m.**  
**Grades 6-10    Monday        6:00---7:30 p.m.**

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We look forward to seeing our Grade 1 through 10 students this Monday, November 27.

### **DECEMBER FAMILY MASS**

Please join us at the 10 a.m. Mass next weekend as we celebrate the liturgy with our students and their families. All are welcome to join us after Mass for juice, coffee, and donuts in the Parish Center.

### **GRADE 9 AND 10 DECEMBER TEEN NITE**

Teen Nite for our Confirmation students is Tuesday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. We will work together on a service project, share a meal, and celebrate the season with a Yankee Swap. Please bring a wrapped gift of under \$10 with you.

### **FALL RIVER DIOCESAN MOVIE UPDATE**

As part of the Diocesan Safe Child Curriculum, our Grade 9-10 Confirmation students viewed a Catholic Social Service movie regarding personal safety and relationships. The movie provided an opportunity to remind students about various points of personal safety and the importance of developing healthy and respect-filled relationships.

### **NEW BEGINNINGS . . .**

Are you interested in deepening your spirituality, learning more about Jesus, and growing in the community as a member of the Church? Then RCIA might be for you! The Parish offers RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) as a way of exploring these important life issues and to discern whether initiation into the Catholic Christian Community is for you. Please call Judy Burt Walker for further information at 508-255-1257, or Father John at the Rectory.

## CHRIST AT THE DOOR

Nikos Kazantzakis presented an image of Christ in his famous work entitled *The Greek Passion*: It seems that a monk who had devoted his entire life to seeking enlightenment, set out on his much anticipated journey to the Holy Sepulcher: *to walk three times around it, to kneel, and to return home a new person*. But, no sooner had he set out when he encountered a ragged man hunched to the ground, picking whatever he could find along the path to feed himself.

The poor man engaged the monk in conversation, asking where he was going and why. Finally, he inquired just how much money the monk had saved for the trip. When the monk told him “Thirty pounds”, the beggar spoke of his hungry wife and his starving children. Then he said: “Father, give *me* the thirty pounds, *walk three times around me, kneel, and go back into your monastery.*”

Before he could give it a second thought, the monk found himself handing over the entire thirty pounds, walking around the poor man three times, and kneeling. Then he slowly got to his feet. He went back through the great doors of the monastery a changed man. He had recognized the beggar as Christ — not in some holy place far away, but right outside his very door.

On this solemn Feast of Christ the King, we hear Jesus’ “last lecture” about what is most important in his kingdom. Nothing is said about what doctrines we are to believe in; what holy places we are to visit; or what rituals we need to embrace in order to “make it” spiritually. Instead, Jesus simply reminds us to keep the end in mind. And what is this ultimate goal — the thing that truly matters in God’s mind? It is feeding people who are hungry, quenching their thirst, clothing their nakedness, visiting them in prison. In the midst of the final heavenly drama Jesus reveals his ultimate concern for all of humankind. That concern is what Martin Luther King describes as: “*the least, the lost, and the last*”; or what Pope Francis calls “*the outskirts of humanity*”.

When we join Jesus *at the outskirts*, we come to recognize that Jesus *is* the jailed one; the hungry one; the abandoned; the tortured; the addict; the suffering one. At the outskirts, we behold the life of God animating the lives of all who draw breath. Seeing Christ — King and Shepherd — in *the least, the lost, and the last* changes us. Each moment becomes pregnant with gratitude. Each encounter with another provides an opportunity to recognize *Christ at the door* and to exercise the power of love — the transforming force of the Kingdom!