

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday	5:00	Joe DiBrigida
Sunday	8:00	Ralph & Frances Jerome, John & Helen Grace Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Joseph Fischl
Monday	8:00	Tom Hawko
Tuesday	8:00	Patricia O’Keefe
Wed	8:00	Rosemarie Kinney
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
	5:00	Charles Moulton
Friday	8:00	Margaret Deegan
	Noon	Christine Clinkan

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5:00	Charles Nuzzo
Sunday	8:00	Mark Dundas/Louis DiGiovanni Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Raymond Newman

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 Pruffer

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Catherine Villano, Grace Luippold

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

Annual Appeal	\$62,175.00
November 26 Regular	\$ 8,034.00

2nd COLLECTIONS

This weekend’s second collection helps buy flowers and decorations for the Christmas season.

Next week’s second collection supports retired religious — women and men who cared for the sick, aided the needy, and educated countless children.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Holy Day will be observed with a Vigil Mass at 5:00 on Thursday, December 7, and Masses at 8 and Noon on Friday, December 8.

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. All are welcome to join us this Wednesday, December 6.

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 **NEXT 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!!

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Copies of *Waiting in Joyful Hope*, are available in the foyers for your use as daily reflections during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 24, and Christmas Day Masses will be at 8 and 10 a.m. January 1 is **not** a holy day this year, so we will only have the regular 8 a.m. Mass on Monday, January 1.

## CURSILLO ULTREYA

There will be a Cursillo Ultreya gathering at the Holy Trinity Parish Center, across the street from the church, this 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.

## 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

## 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 JPII 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.

## HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS

Students wishing to enter a Diocesan Catholic High School (e.g., SJPII in Hyannis) should report to the school of their choice this Saturday, December 9, by 7:45 a.m. for testing at 8 a.m. The application and exam procedure will last until 11:30 a.m. and a \$20 fee is payable at the time of application. Info on courses, activities and financial aide will be given; students need bring no records, nor do parents need to attend.

## 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.

## LA SALETTE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Our Lady of the Cape Ladies Guild is organizing a bus trip to the Festival of Lights on Friday, December 15, from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost of \$25 per person includes bus fare, beverages and snacks and a light "box meal" for the way home. Seating is limited, so call Betty Richard at 508-385-4005 by Sunday, December 10, to secure a seat. The Festival includes a concert by Father Pat, and a tour of the beautiful grounds and the stunning lights at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette.



## **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 Kindergarten through Grade 10 students on Monday, December 4. Don't forget to remind your afternoon student to ride the St. Joan of Arc bus to class..

## **DECEMBER FAMILY MASS**

Thank you to all our students and families for participating in the 10 a.m. Family Mass on this first Sunday of Advent. All are welcome to join us after Mass in the Parish Center for juice, coffee and donuts.

## **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.

## **HARK! THE HEALD ANGELS SING . . .**

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be on Monday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. Family, friends, parishioners — absolutely everyone — is invited to share the Christmas spirit with our shepherds and sheep, Bethlehem stars, angels, wise men, and baby Jesus. Come and celebrate with us the season of Christ's birth. All students, grade K—10, should arrive at the Parish center by 5:45 p.m. to get costumed and prepare for your parts.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS**

All families are welcome to participate in our special Christmas Eve Family Mass on Sunday, December 24, at 4:00 p.m.

## **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.

## SIGNS AND WONDERS

On a trip to a remote little village in Botswana where there were no newspaper deliveries, paved roads, or even electricity, Foreign Affairs columnist Tom Freidman discovered that he could “read” the news right outside his tent. The wetlands were bisected by hippo trails, and the dirt roads were marked by animal and insect tracks. His guide would lean out of the jeep and study the “road signs” of the lion prints deep and far apart as they strode after prey; the carcass of a small antelope — obviously a kill — dragged off into the brush; and the little indentations of hyena tracks which signaled a recent stop at a watering hole. Every mile, it seemed, you could read a different news event if you were awake and alert to the signs.

In his book *Gracias*, Henry Nouwen describes his journey and the signposts which marked his sojourn in Peru and Bolivia. As exotic as the trip was, Nouwen was also on a spiritual quest for discernment — for signals and signs of God’s desire and directives for him at a “cross-roads” period life. One such signal came to him from the perceptive Advent homily given by Oscar Uzin:

*Be alert — be alert so that you will recognize your God in your husband, your wife, your children, your friends, your teachers — but also, in all that you read in the daily papers. The Lord is always coming to you. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize God’s presence at any moment of your life.”*

For Nouwen these words were prophetic. He was *alert* to this invitation that beckoned him to open wide the door of his heart to a deeper, more challenging chapter of his life as a follower of Jesus. For Nouwen, Oscar Uzin became the “doorkeeper” of today’s Gospel — the One who invites us to open our hearts — the One who reminds us to watch for God’s unexpected appearances in our lives.

Advent, then, is a season of expectation and waiting; of mysterious signs and wonders; of welcome alertness to the Divine Potter who seeks to shape the clay of our lives. May we not be so consumed with the “busy-ness” of consumerism that we fail to “read” the signs and signals of God’s presence among us — the signs of forgiveness; signals of kindness; the markings of hopefulness. May we not miss starry nights holding deep mystery; evergreens of quiet dignity; and twinkling lights of joyfulness. May we faithfully follow the Gospel advice and “*stay awake*” to the birthing of Christ in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world