

**MASS INTENTIONS****THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00	Denise Plantier
Sunday	8:00	Leo McSweeney, Lew Ouellette, Patrick Reynolds Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	June Liberty
Monday	8:00	Mike Day
Tuesday	8:00	Tom Hawko
Wed	8:00	Barbara Nadeau
Thursday	8:00	Communion Service
Friday	8:00	John Moran

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday	5:00	Curt Sweeney
Sunday	8:00	Leo Kaufmann, Elizabeth Benson, Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Jose Pedro Braza-Cacho

**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 Kascsak, 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

**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****COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

November 12 Regular	\$ 7,084.00
Harvest Sunday	\$ 4,877.00
Annual Appeal	\$60,010.00

**2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The second collection this weekend is the Campaign for Human Development which helps those living in poverty across the country by empowering local communities to address the challenges they face. Twenty-five percent of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND**

The Knights of Columbus are holding a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday after both masses, offering blueberry, cranberry and plain pancakes, sausage, coffee and OJ —for \$6 per adult, \$2.50 for kids under 12, and free for those under 7, with a family limit of \$15.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT - THE HOLIDAYS**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet THIS Sunday, November 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center **with discussion centered on the upcoming Holidays**. These year-round monthly group meetings focus on the various aspects of grieving. The presentations and round-table discussions provide information to assist the bereaved as they move forward with their new life. For further information, please call Barbara at 508-240-1090, or Liz at 508-896-4916.

**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 (11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20). All are welcome!

**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.

### INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

St. Joan of Arc will host the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service this Sunday, November 19, at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

### 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.

### 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

### THRIFT SHOP THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Thrift Shop will be closed this week and will reopen on Monday, November 27, ready for Christmas shopping. **Donations will not be accepted until we re-open in the New Year.** Holiday blessings to all!

### K/C COAT COLLECTION UPDATE

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Joan of Arc parishioners for their charity and generosity in donating over 300 coats to our recent Coat Collection for the Lower Cape Outreach Council, which will distribute the coats to those in need in our community. We are grateful for your support of this special giving opportunity.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

A few more volunteers are needed for work on the Brewster houses on Saturday, December 2. Please leave your name at the Habitat box in the church's main foyer.

### 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.**

### **FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

We look forward to seeing our Kindergarten through Grade 5 students this Monday, November 20. Please remind your child to take the St. Joan of Arc bus. Also, a friendly reminder that there are no evening classes this Monday.

### **THANKSGIVING MASS WITH FR. JOHN**

Our Kindergarten through Grade 5 students will celebrate a special afternoon mass of “Thanksgiving” this Monday, November 20, at 3 p.m. All families and parishioners are welcome to attend this service.

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

As part of the Diocesan Safe Child Curriculum, our Grade 6-8 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; the importance of safe practices on the Internet; and strategies for recognizing and responding to bullying.

### **RCIA —**

#### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Have you or anyone close to you ever given thought to becoming a Catholic Christian? Perhaps now is a good time for inquiry. RCIA is a small, faith-sharing community that helps answer such questions and provides a vehicle for either becoming a baptized Catholic adult or being confirmed in the Church. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 for further information.

## WISE AND VALIANT

A woman, diagnosed with inoperable esophageal cancer, decided that in her remaining few months of life, she would plant a garden. This surprised everyone, especially her family, because she had never gardened in her whole life! She set to it with gusto and soon they were all involved – husband, children, neighbors, friends. The garden produced more than vegetables. It produced deeper friendships; a sense of community; the good feelings of being able to do something meaningful and supportive for someone for whom they cared. Eventually the cancer took her from them, but they continued to reap the joy and the memories and the shared bond that had been cultivated in her garden. The harvest was plentiful, indeed, in the garden of this very valiant woman!

This Sunday's first reading might be easily dismissed as a cultural chauvinistic image of a faithful wife whose role is simply to be at the beck and call of husband and family. But Scripture scholars tell us that, in reality, the woman described in this final poem at the end of the Book of Proverbs is actually the apex of all the collective wisdom of the Hebraic traditions. She is the epitome of the wise and faithful servants of the Gospel, who we are told, used the gifts entrusted to them to enrich their Master's kingdom. In like manner this Biblical woman gratefully receives all she has been given, does more with it, and dedicates her life to the good of those who need her. She knows how to create something lasting and meaningful with the time and talent she has.

The 'valiant' woman of the Book of Proverbs – much like the woman with cancer– goes about living each day with an open-hearted spirit. She is astute in the home, garden, or market place. From her 'hearth', no one is excluded or goes away empty– her generous hospitality reaches out to the poor and the lonely; her arms embrace, not only her own family, but the needy and the languishing. Even in difficult times she is a source of comfort and stability – able "*to laugh at the days to come*" and to trust in the God who provides. Because of her wisdom, she mirrors the image of Holy One who created her, and brings honor, respect, and joy to her household.

May we all use whatever our resources and whatever our allotment of time on this earth to bring joy, sustenance, and hope not only to our "household", but to a hurting and desperate world. In this way we become valiant co-creators of God's great vision – a 'kingdom' of compassion, kindness, and mercy right here and now.