

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Csaposs, Riordan & Madden Families  
 Sunday 8:00 Leo Miller, Matthew Kane  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 John Hull  
 4:00 Clayton Ingham  
 7:00 Berube, Moreau, Hendrickson, Kemp Families  
 Monday 8:00 Mark Dundas & Louis DiGiovanni  
 10:00 Michael Allard  
 Tuesday 8:00 Sarah Foster  
 Wed 8:00 Ray Newman  
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service  
 Friday 8:00 Jane Carroll

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Mary Cacciola  
 Sunday 8:00 Rosemary Hanson  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Norie Leonard

**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, 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** James Roberts

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

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

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

Annual Appeal	\$71,140.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 2,101.00
December 10 Regular	\$ 7,717.00
December 10 Retired Religious	\$ 3,486.00

**CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Vigil Masses will be celebrated at 4 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 24, and Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated 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.

**Lectors & EM's Note Well:** Disregard the schedule for January 1.

**SVDP GIVING TREE GRATITUDE**

Thank you to all who participated in our Giving Tree outreach. Your gifts made someone's Christmas a bit brighter and their winter a bit warmer. Thank you on behalf of the recipients which include members of needy families, the St. Joseph shelter in Hyannis and SKIP in Provincetown, as well as Lower Cape Outreach Council, Cape Cod Children's Place, and A Baby Center in Hyannis.

**BE STILL**

Our Wednesday morning centering prayer and meditation resumes in the New Year on Wednesday, January 17, at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.

**BISHOP DA CUNHA'S CHRISTMAS GREETING**

Please go to our website, [www.joanarc.org.](http://www.joanarc.org.), for a video of Bishop Edgar da Cunha's Christmas greeting. Also, please find Bishop da Cunha's printed Christmas message at the doors of the church.

 <p><b>Pastor's Corner</b></p>	<p>The Parish staff and I wish all of you a very happy and holy Celebration of our Lord's Birth. May His peace be yours this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">With love and prayers,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Fr. John</p>
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## LIVING ROSARY

All parishioners are invited to the Living Rosary being presented by the St. Joan of Arc Guild, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Respect Life Ministry on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The Living Rosary will be composed of members of the participating parish organizations who will be positioned around the perimeter of the church in the form of a rosary, with each participant representing one of the rosary beads and leading one of the rosary prayers. The intention of the Living Rosary will be for the success of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 19. Following the Living Rosary, all are invited to the Parish Center for refreshments and fellowship. Any members of the St. Joan of Arc community who would like to be part of the Living Rosary are asked to contact Kathy Culik at 774-207-0911 or by email at SJAGuild@c4.net.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER AT OLC

Our Lady of the Cape Parish invites anyone who wishes to share a meal with others to Christmas dinner in their parish center at 12 noon on Christmas Day. If you are unable to drive, transportation to the dinner can be arranged and Meals-on-Wheels will deliver to those living within a reasonable distance from the church. Call Dave Danish at 508-896-7613 or email him at Ddanish@comcast.net to make a reservation.

## 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.

## DIOCESAN EXECUTIVE JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Fall River is seeking to fill its newly created full-time position of **Executive Director for The Catholic Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts.** This fundraising leader will broaden, deepen and expand the relationships with current and future donors and will work closely with Bishop da Cunha and the Board of Directors to ensure appropriate strategies are developed and implemented. For a full job description, go to [www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org) and click on "Employment Opportunities" or contact Peter Powers of Diocesan Human Resources at 508-985-6507 or by email at [ppowers@dioc.-fr.org](mailto:ppowers@dioc.-fr.org)

## THRIFT SHOP

After a very busy fall and Christmas sale season, the Thrift Shop will remain closed until Monday, January 8. We are not accepting donations before then. Merry Christmas to all.

## PRO-LIFE ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

The Pro-Life Apostolate is sponsoring its Annual Essay Contest to focus on the upcoming anniversary date of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, the decisions which legalized abortion-on-demand in this country. Our theme this year is ***Be Not Afraid***, which calls us to reflect on the constant presence of Jesus in our lives through whatever storms or trials we face. Essays will be grouped and judged in two categories according to grade level: Grades 6—8, and Grades 9—12. First Prize winners will be awarded \$150 cash and Second Prize will be \$75 cash.

## SOLAR PANELS— UPDATE

My September Annual Appeal Letter stated that we hope to put solar panels on the south facing roof of the church NEXT year. However, our solar panel committee has 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 selected E2 Solar out of Dennis, MA to design and install our solar panel system. **E2 Solar has already completed the design of our solar panel system. Now, 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.

I am grateful to all who have already made their Annual Appeal donation, resulting in a total of **\$71,140** to date. If you haven't yet contributed, 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



## **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 CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

All of us in the Faith Formation Ministry wish our students and their families, as well as the whole Parish Family, a most blessed and joyous Christmas. May the love of family and friends surround you with peace and hope during this celebration of Christ's birth.

## **CALENDAR REMINDER**

Faith Formation classes resume on Monday, January 22 for Grades 1-10 students. Look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

## **TAKE A BOW**

A BIG THANK YOU to all the Faith Formation students for the delightful performance of the Christmas Story. It was a beautiful way to bring the spirit of Christmas to our Parish. Thank you to our catechists and volunteers for making this evening a "true Christmas miracle". Thank you to the proud parents, Lisa and Dan Clayton, for their son, Sean Donald, who made his debut performance as Baby Jesus. A big round of applause to all the families, friends, and parishioners who came to witness this special evening production.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS**

Christmas Eve Family Mass is this Sunday, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. We hope to see as many of our families and students as possible at this special liturgy. Students will be participating as lectors, altar servers, offertory collectors, bearers of the crèche figures to the manger, and signing *Silent Night* after communion. We are excited about our Christmas Eve Family Mass and look forward to celebrating this special season of hope and joy with St. Joan of Arc families.

## UNEXPECTED HOSPITALITY

In his book, *“Once Upon a Time in Africa”*, Maryknoll Father Joseph Healey recounts a true story of a young couple expecting their first child. It was late on the evening of December 24 when the expectant mother-to-be had a sense that something was amiss. The couple was alone – all their neighbors had gone away to visit family for Christmas celebrations or were preparing for guests themselves. They decided to go to the nearest maternity hospital, but there was no one to attend to them because the doctors and nurses were on strike and the watchman wanted a bribe before he would let them in.

They had travelled to the hospital on foot — personal automobiles were a luxury few could afford. So, panicked and downhearted, the husband and wife began their trek home. On the way they passed a homeless family who were obviously living on this street – just as many were forced to do in the current political climate. They immediately recognized the emergency situation of the couple and made a comfortable place for the pregnant woman to lie down. Then they helped with her delivery. She gave birth to a healthy baby boy whom they named Samuel. Street children gave the newborn simple gifts, including their only toys: glue and a ripped ball. The couple made their way home, deeply grateful for the help offered by this homeless family.

Could Mary and Joseph and the Child Jesus have been better cared for?

As we busy ourselves with final preparations for Christmas, we might remember this story and the hospitality of a homeless family in an African township. Perhaps it will be a reminder that those whom we welcome — those who share the holiday with us — are Christ, and that the love of God is in our midst.

This Christmas, may we not only offer the hospitality of our table to our families and invited guests; but may we be mindful of the “emergency situations” around us — perhaps someone is in need of a smile, a listening ear, needs an errand run for them. May we be “angels” of good tidings, not just on Christmas, but each and every day as we offer one another the simple gifts of a compassionate heart, spontaneous small acts of kindness, and the warmth of welcome that speaks of the birth of God’s love in the here and now — just as it spoke of the birth of Jesus over 2000 years ago.