

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Josephine Vent  
 Sunday 8:00 Donald Gallucci, Karen Ticknor-Bulwidas  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Lewis Carrington  
 Monday 8:00 Alva Landry  
 Tuesday 8:00 Rosetta Welch  
 Wednesday 8:00 Larry Stone  
 Thursday 8:00 Communion Service  
 Friday 8:00 Jay Kennedy

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Bertha & Charles Meads;  
 Blanche & Herb Landwehr  
 Sunday 8:00 Don Dolan  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Charlie Wolff

**PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH**

Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Peter Cruickshank, Bill Hannon, 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, Chad Larivee, Patrick McNulty, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Gerry Csaposs, Peggy Carson, Ed Daly, Addie Priess, Tim McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kasczak, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, Paul Hendrickson, Donna Hibbert, Margaret Royce, Beth Nixon, Maureen Hall, Anne O'Brien, Ben McMahan, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Bob Flaherty, Martha Byron, Stephen Moreau, Peter Gerstberger

**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 McGahey, Edward Prufer, Christian Goodman, John Reuland

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED** Eileen Metterville

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

December 23 Regular	\$ 6,415.00
Christmas	\$13,289.00
Annual Appeal to Date	\$40,660.00

**K/C BLOOD DRIVE THIS FRIDAY**

The Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive this Friday, January 11, from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center in cooperation with Cape Cod Health Care. All the blood donated remains on the Cape. Free movie passes plus the Knights' famous clam chowder will be provided to all donors.

**THRIFT SHOP**

The Thrift Shop will re-open on Monday, January 7, with new merchandise and a well-rested volunteer staff! Donations will be gratefully accepted. Happy New Year!



**LIVING ROSARY**

All parishioners are invited to attend the Living Rosary sponsored by the St. Joan of Arc Guild on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the church, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Center. Please join us as we offer the Rosary for the success of the Respect Life March in Washington, D.C. later in January.

**BE STILL**

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. this Wednesday, January 9, for a period of reflection and stillness facilitated by Judy Burt Walker.



*"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
 We saw his star at its rising  
 and have come to do him homage."*

## 2019 WALL CALENDARS

St. Joan of Arc Parish wall calendars for the New Year are available in the foyers for all who want one. We are grateful to Chris Luciano, General Manager of Nickerson Funeral Home, for supplying these to the Parish.

## RETREAT FOR MEN

***Everybody Dies — but Not Everyone Lives!*** The retreat will be led by Mr. Ernie Collamati and Deacon Bruce Bonneau at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA, February 8—10. Many people as they approach death do not regret what they have done, but what they did not do or tried. This retreat addresses questions such as: *What fears do we have that prevent us from truly living? Can we see regrets not as failures but places for hope? Can we live while we are dying and not die while we are living?* For more information or to register, contact Deacon Bruce Bonneau at 508-678-2828, ext 13, or email [bbonneau@dfrcs.org](mailto:bbonneau@dfrcs.org).

## HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION

The Human Rights Celebration sponsored by Church Women United of Cape Cod recognizes persons and organizations in Cape Cod communities doing extraordinary work on behalf of the least among us — a national award given in a local setting. The 2019 Celebration will honor Rev. Roderick MacDonald and Natalie Ryan of Engage Falmouth, beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22 at Our Lady of Victory Parish, 230 S. Main Street, Centerville. The cost is \$10. Call Marilyn Lariviere at 508-776-6059 for further information.

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office is hosting a discernment weekend for Men, ages 18-45, at the Betania II Spiritual Life and Marian Center, 154 Summer St., Medway, MA from Friday, February 22 to Sunday February 24. See posted flyers in church foyers for more info. If interested, please contact Fr. Jack Schrader at [frschrader@fallrivervocations.org](mailto:frschrader@fallrivervocations.org) or 508-895-6161.

## SEASONAL REMINDERS

With the flu season upon us, we are implementing certain policies and making recommendations which have arisen out of concern for the health and well-being of our parishioners and community.



Firstly, we will refrain from offering the cup at Mass until

Holy Thursday. The Sign of Peace may be offered with words and a smile rather than a handshake. It is also preferable that you receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue at this time.

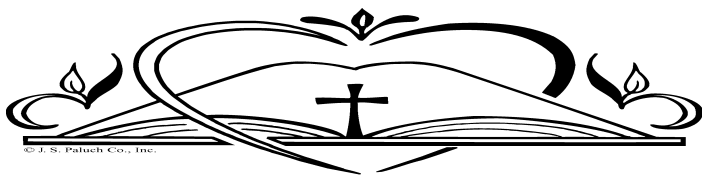
**If you suspect you are ill, or weather conditions are hazardous, you may remain at home**, possibly participating in the Mass on TV, radio or Internet. Throughout these winter months, **when school is canceled or on delayed start because of snow, the weekday Mass will be canceled as well.** The intentions will be transferred and included with the intentions of the next weekday Mass. This policy is intended for your safety as well as to expedite snow removal in our parking lots. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Consider planning a weekend away for just the two of you to renew your marriage relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples who have a good marriage and want to make it even better! Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married a short time or many years. See the poster in the foyers, call 800-710-WWME, or call Carmella and Al Alfano at 508-255-4448. Upcoming weekends are January 18-20 in South Kingston, RI; March 8—10 in Duxbury, MA; April 13—14 in Brewster, MA, June 8—9 in Medway, MA.

## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND/BUDAPEST

Join Fr. Marcel Bouchard and Fr. George Bellenoit July 30-August 10, 2019 on a pilgrimage to Poland and Budapest to follow the lives of the great saints John Paul II, Sr. Faustina, and Maximilian Kolbe. This exciting adventure will lift your spirits, and delight your senses! For more information, to request a brochure, please contact Randy Pinto 321-987-8173 or email [randypinto1@gmail.com](mailto:randypinto1@gmail.com).



### **FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE**

All Kindergarten through Grade 10 students return to their regularly scheduled time this Monday, January 7. Please remind your afternoon student to ride the SJA Bus to class. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

### **BREAKING NEWS — CONFIRMATION DATE**

We have received word that our Confirmation date is **Saturday, March 16, 2019**, at 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc. Additional details and updates expected in the upcoming weeks.

### **JANUARY FAMILY MASS**

Our first Family Mass of the New Year is next Sunday, January 13, at 10 a.m. Please come and share this special liturgy with our students and their families. Afterwards, all are welcome to join us in the Parish Center for refreshments.

### **IMPORTANT GRADE 10 PARENT MEETING**

There is an important Grade 10 Confirmation Parents Meeting on Monday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. We will review the upcoming scheduled events — especially the February 10 Retreat. Parents — please remember to bring your Parent Prayer letters as well as any additional retreat letters to the meeting.

### **TEEN NITE FOR GRADES 9 & 10**

Teen Nite is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, at 6 p.m. Teens will be working on a community service project, followed by dinner. Please plan to attend since these evenings count towards service hours for Confirmation.

### **PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

As our parishioner Nicole O'Leary continues her vocation discernment with the Little Sisters of the Poor, let us offer her our support and encouragement. Let us remember Nicole and all those discerning a vocation in the Church, in our prayers.

*Lord God, the Provider of all our needs. Manifest in your Church, the Holy Spirit whom you so abundantly bestowed on Our Lady and the apostles at Pentecost. Bless St. Joan of Arc Parish with an increase of men and women to minister in the Church. Form our parish in your image to be the sacred environment for listening to the Spirit that these young men and women may hear your call and respond with generous hearts. May they give themselves, their time, and their talents to serve your Son, Jesus Christ and the Church. Amen.*

## WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

He spends his days in his lab studying microscopic images and pouring over computer printouts. He directs a team of researchers in chasing down every possible clue to the potential cure to cancer or Parkinson's or Alzheimer's...His is the search for *healing*.

She leads a seminar in English at the women's prison. Her nervousness evaporates after a few minutes with the six women in her group. She quickly realizes that their cool detachment is really fear, that each has a hunger to learn. So she is constantly looking for literature that will challenge them and make them think, that might help them re-start their lives and succeed. Her class has become a search for *hope*.

For what do we search? Do we follow the *constant star* of meaning; purpose; peace; justice; God and the things of God? Or are we quick to follow the *shooting stars* of prestige; power; fame – stars that shine brightly, but soon burn out? Much like the Magi, who were seekers outside the Jewish tradition of their time; we search for that which is bigger than our small selves – that which brings light to our souls; meaning to our lives. Each of us comes with questions and expectations; talents and cultural backgrounds –each with his/her unique gifts. Are we willing, like these wise men, to humbly lay these gifts at the feet of the Christ Child to be used for the well-being of all?

Together with the Prophet Isaiah, the Magi show us the possibilities of a bigger vision –the vision of *all nations* – all creation pressing toward *Jerusalem* – the *new Kingdom* described in the Scriptures. The birth of Jesus ushers in the “*infancy of a new age*” – one that reminds us that this God of Love is bigger than particular rituals and traditions – that God is always waiting to encounter us anew, somewhere beyond our expectations.

Thus, laden with their precious gifts, these wise searchers, like many searchers throughout history, followed the “road less travelled”. The Magi discovered their heart's dream in an unexpected manger in a foreign land. It took them but a moment to embrace their *epiphany* – the moment of wonder and delight experienced when they finally found that for which they yearned.

May we, too, surrender to the wonder and awe of the Holy Mystery that surrounds us – the Divine which continually seeks to awaken us to its Presence. As we walk life's path, may we fix our gaze on the great “*star*” of God: on the light of compassion, mercy, and peace. God's gift of the New Year is an invitation to re-calibrate our lives' direction, to rediscover the *Star* that leads us to a sense of meaning and hope as we seek God in our own Bethlehems and Jerusalems.