



© C.B.P.Co.

DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PASTORAL PLAN FOR REOPENING ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

A priest of our diocese recently coined the phrase: **JUST BECAUSE WE CAN DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD!** In other words, just because we are now able to gather for public Masses, does not mean that everyone should. In fact, the fewer people who attend Masses during this early phase of re-openings in Massachusetts, the better it will be for us all. This part of Cape Cod is heavily populated by retirees many of whom are in their senior years. As we all know, our senior citizens seem to be the most likely to succumb to the dreaded COVID-19 virus. We want those “golden years” to be enjoyed with good health and happiness!

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, issued by Bishop da Cunha, remains in effect until further notice. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk (due to age, preexisting health conditions, or in close proximity to vulnerable people) are encouraged to remain home at this time. If you or a close loved one shows any symptoms of illness, please do not come to church.

Per state regulations, gatherings cannot exceed 40% of a house of worship's occupancy capacity. Taking into account social distancing of 6 feet between people (or households), means only approximately 3 people in every other pew.

Bishop da Cunha has asked that the celebration of public Masses begin on the weekend of May 30th/31st, the Solemnity of Pentecost. Confessions will take place in the Chapel from 4:00pm until 4:30pm on Saturday. Please wait outside the Chapel doors maintaining the 6 feet distancing protocol. **The weekend Mass schedule here at St. Joan of Arc Church will return to the regular schedule of Masses... Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am. The church will remain closed, however, Monday through Friday.** I will continue to celebrate a private Mass during the week and include the Mass intentions listed in our parish bulletin at those Masses. Mass intentions are available. Please email the Parish Office to schedule a Mass intention for a family member or loved one of your own.

All worshippers will enter the church through the Main Entrance. For safety and order, a person will not be able to choose a specific seat. A specially trained group of ushers will be used to assist people to their seats. Once we reach our occupancy limit, we will not be able to admit others. Charity, cooperation and understanding are asked of all.

Everyone entering the church will be required to wear a mask or other face covering. Please provide your own masks. While there will be hand sanitizer available at the entrance, please consider providing your own, if you can, as supply is limited.

There will be receptacles at the entrance of the church in which you may place your contribution to the parish as you enter. You may place both 1st and 2nd collections together. On-line giving is encouraged via our parish website. Thank you so much for your support, especially at this extraordinary time.

The offertory procession (bringing up of the bread and wine) is eliminated. The usual sign of peace will continue to be eliminated. You may offer the sign of peace with a head nod and wave. The holy water fonts at the doors of the church will remain empty. Missals/ hymnals have been removed as it will be difficult to sanitize them. Singing will be eliminated from our worship until further notice.

Holy Communion will be distributed at the usual time during the Mass. Those receiving Communion will approach row by row (keeping the 6 feet safe distancing protocol) and section by section. Please remain seated until your row is called. The priest will be distributing Communion with sanitized hands while wearing a mask. Communicants may lower their mask just prior to receiving Holy Communion.

Following the Final Blessing, please immediately, reverently and quietly leave the church by the door closest to your pew maintaining the 6 feet distancing protocol. Upon exiting the church, please DO NOT congregate near the doors of the church. After each Mass, the tops of the benches, door handles and other high traffic areas will be sanitized.

Scheduling for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will be suspended for the time being. As mentioned above, receptacles will be available at the Main Entrance to the church for your donations. All parish ministries and events will remain suspended until further notice. The church will be closed following each Mass. The Parish Office, Faith Formation Office and Thrift Shop will remain closed.

I encourage everyone who makes the prudent judgment for themselves not to return to church for Mass, to instead participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and view other good quality spiritual programming on Catholic TV, found on your local cable Channel 268 or on EWTN, Channel 56. Mass is televised each Sunday at 11:00am on Channel 6. You can also view daily Mass online at <http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass>.

Let us remember one another in prayer especially those most in need of our prayers at this time. Let us commit ourselves to prayer for an end to the COVID-19 coronavirus.



79th Annual Catholic Appeal
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL

See All the People - The 79th Annual Catholic Appeal begins June 1. Since 1942, the Appeal has helped people in all phases of life — from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Your support sustains the numerous agencies, programs, and ministries providing food and shelter, educating children and adults, and meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. If your circumstances permit, we encourage you to support the Appeal. **To view this year's Appeal video featuring Bishop da Cunha, please visit our parish website or go to www.catholicfoundationsema.org/video-gallery.** As in years past an informational brochure and contribution card has been mailed to all parishioners. If your circumstances permit you to make a one-time gift or a pledge, please complete the enclosed contribution card, insert it in the enclosed envelope and mail it to the **Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Fall River, 450 Highland Avenue, Fall River, MA 02720**. You may make your check payable to the "Catholic Appeal." You can also make secure online donations by visiting www.givefrdiocese.org/2020.

If you are unable to make a financial gift, the gift of your prayers in support of these ministries is greatly appreciated.

THE ENERGY AND GRACE OF THE SPIRIT

The glassblower's art is a process that has changed little in the last 3,000 years. A long, narrow metal tube is dipped into a pot of sand, soda, lime and any number of metal and chemicals. The artisan blows carefully into the tube to create a bubble – and glass is formed. As the artisan continues to blow into the tube, the glassmaker will shape and form the bubble into the final piece – a vase; a bowl, a pane of glass. During the shaping process, the piece is frequently returned to the furnace in order to keep it soft enough to work.

By the breath of the glassblower and the fire of the kiln, sand is transformed into glass – glass that protects and preserves – glass that warms and illuminates.

Just as the art of the glassblower is transformative; so, too, is the art of the musician: In the last years of the great cellist Pablo Casals, arthritis and other physical problems caused him debilitating pain. Yet, a miracle often occurred when he painfully seat himself on the piano bench in his home – his fingers slowly unlocked and reached for the keys like the buds of a plant toward sunlight. His back straightened and his breath flowed more freely. The energy and grace of the music visibly poured through his frail body bringing the power of transformation not only to his own being – but to anyone who happened to be fortunate enough to bear witness to the music that flowed through him.

In the story of Pentecost, the Spirit of God is experienced through images of fire; breath; and transforming energy. The Hebrew word for Spirit is *ruah* meaning *breath* or *air* – from the Greek word, *pneuma*. The “*tongues of fire*” over the heads of these early disciples is symbolic of the passion ignited within them. Their hearts were set on fire with the energy of Divine Love. Like the music of the great Casals – the fire generated by the passion this community of faith became a *love song* that inspired and exhilarated all who gathered to listen.

This same “*love song*” continues to flow through our home communities; our neighborhood communities; our church communities; our virtual communities – everywhere we gather together with generosity of spirit. May we allow our imperfect selves to become perfectly formed by the Divine Glassblower – transformed into a creation that warms and illuminates – a melody that inspires and uplifts not only ourselves, but every living being in the Community of the World with whom we are connected by One and the same Holy Spirit.

SAINT ROCCO—PRAY FOR US

Saint Rocco (AKA "Saint Roch") was born in Montpellier, France in the 14th century to a noble family. Legend has it that his mother had been barren until she prayed to the Virgin Mary. Saint Rocco's birth was made all the more miraculous by a birthmark resembling a red cross on his chest.

His parents died when he was twenty years old, at which point he gave away all his worldly possessions and set out on a pilgrimage to Rome. At the time, Italy was suffering from a plague epidemic. Saint Rocco cared selflessly for the sick, effecting many miraculous cures by making the sign of the cross or laying his hands on them.

In Piacenza, however, he finally fell ill. He was driven out of town and into the forest, where he made a hut for himself out of leaves and branches. Miraculously, a spring arose near his hut to provide him with water and a local dog began bringing him bread to eat. The dog would also lick his wounds clean, eventually healing him.

He returned to Montpellier looking like a wild man with unkempt hair and a long beard. Unrecognized by the townspeople, he was thrown in prison as a spy. He remained there for five years before dying, unwilling to reveal his identity out of humility. The townspeople recognized the birthmark across his chest, and he was venerated as a folk saint almost immediately after his death. But he was not officially canonized until the 17th century. He is traditionally depicted in religious art with a wound on his thigh, a dog (often seen bringing him a loaf of bread), pilgrim's hat and staff. Saint Rocco is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church as the protector against the plague and all contagious diseases. Let us pray for St. Rocco's intercession for protection from the Coronavirus.



Saint Rocco Prayer for Healing and Protection

During your travels on earth,
God worked His miraculous healing
through your intercession.

Many were cured of the plague
from your prayers and the sign of the cross.

We implore you Saint Rocco
to intercede before the throne of God.
Send forth a blessing of protection from
Contagious diseases and the Coronavirus.

Bless us Heavenly Father with your healing grace.
We ask this in the name of your Divine Son, Jesus.

Amen

Stained glass window photographed inside Saint Francis Xavier
Catholic Church, Newark, NJ

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP
THESE LISTS UP TO DATE**

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, 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 Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Benscoter, Agnes Wolfgang, Fr. Paul Smith, Marilyn Drewes, Ray Castriotta, Julianne Sullivan, Robert Grudzina, Marge LaGrassa, Jim Lewis, Joyce Loechner, Frank Salomone, Chad Larivee, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Gerry Csaposs, Addie Priess, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kasczak, Patty Camarra, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, Donna Hibbert, Margaret Royce, Beth Nixon, Anne O'Brien, Ben McMahan, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Stephen Moreau, Paula Madeiro, Paul Brandon, Rita Folger, Gerri DiCristina, Kathleen Kilmer, Marguerite Forren, Mary Pickard, Deepthi Moola, Steve Novick, Ernie T., Eleanor Symecko, Joseph Wignot, Hector Pelletier, Bob Cunnane, Thomas McSparron

**PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE
MEN AND WOMEN**

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 Tamaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Prufer, Christian P. Goodman, Trevor Lafontaine, Connor Lafontaine, Colin Bracken, Michael Bracken

FR. BILL'S HOMILIES ON SJA WEBSITE

Audio recordings of Fr. Bill's homilies are uploaded to our Parish Website each week. Go to www.joanarc.org to find the audio link on our home page.

Please keep these deceased loved ones in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Louie Coppola
Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
10:00 Dr. Samuel Aristides
Monday 8:00 Nathan & Mary Anthony
Tuesday 8:00 Joseph & Carmella Cicerchia
Wed 8:00 Nick Shephard
Fri 8:00 John Hickey

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Mary Anthony
Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
10:00 Charlie Wolff

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Susanne K. Albert, Betty Gosselin

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 6-7 Ecclesiastical Students
June 13 14 Harvest Sunday

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

May 24 Regular \$2,320.00 (env. only)

Your generosity to St. Joan of Arc is greatly appreciated.,,

GABRIEL SYSTEM ON-LINE GIVING

We are so grateful to all who have donated through the envelope system or through Gabriel, our new on-line giving program. **Whether you choose to continue with the envelopes or donate on-line, we encourage everyone to register with Gabriel so we can build an up-to-date parish census including emails and mobile phone numbers to better handle situations like this going forward.** **Directions:** On the left-hand side of the SJA website home page scroll down beneath the photo of the church until you see the Online Giving Icon. Click the icon which gives you two options: one to register and one to donate. Once we establish a member portal — down the road — registered donors will have the ability to manage and track donations.

FINDaPARISH.com

*The Most Complete
Online National
Directory of
Catholic Parishes*

Check It Out Today!



Complimentary First Exam For New Clients

Animal Hospital of Orleans

65 FINLAY ROAD, ORLEANS, MA 02653

508-255-1194

Wellness Exams • Laser Therapy • Surgery • Dentistry
Radiology • Dog and Cat Boarding • Day Care and Baths

Cape Cod Hearing Services, Inc.

Christine M. Chad, Au.D. CCC-A, FAAA
and Jamie Loschen, Au.D. CCC-A
Clinical Doctors of Audiology



*Hearing Aids and
Assistive Listening Devices*

68 Camp Street Unit 3
Hyannis, MA 02601

(508) 790-0063

cchearingservices@gmail.com

ONE PARISH

Grow in your faith,
find a Mass, and
connect with your
Catholic Community
with OneParish!



Download Our Free App or Visit
MY.ONEPARISH.COM



Nickerson

Funeral Home

An Affiliate of Alderwoods/Service Corp. Int'l • 1529 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77219

Christopher Luciano, Manager
77 Eldredge Park Way | Orleans, MA 02653

(508) 255.0259

www.nickersonfunerals.com



181 Route 137, Harwich, MA
508-255-0098

- Hunter Douglas Showroom
 - Benjamin Moore
 - Mural • Wallpaper
 - Fabrics • Hardware
- Parishioner*



LAKE FARM KENNELS, INC.

53 Finlay Road, Orleans, MA 02653

508-255-7214

— Loving Care For Your Pets —
Pet Boarding • Baths • Grooming
Pet Supplies • Day Care
Lakefarmkennels.com

3G'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC.

New Work • Remodeling

Repairs • Electric Sewer Rooter
Air Conditioning

~ 24 Hour Emergency Service ~

Commercial, Residential

M.P. Lic.# 9339

188 Main St. Rte. 2B Dennisport, MA

508-398-3846

www.3gpsplumbing.net

Open Arms Home Health
Care Services



BECAUSE WE ARE FAMILY
THE NARDINI PARISHIONERS

With Open Arms
we will
compassionately
care for you
in your home.

25 Cedardale Rd.
Harwich, MA 02645
774.368.0640

Call to make an
Appointment TODAY!!

Andrea's Quality Cleaning Service, LLC

We don't cut corners,
we clean corners!

508.896.6791
508.250.3569

Storm & Home Watch Service

www.Andreas-Cleaning.com



DESMOND WELL DRILLING, INC.

WELLS • PUMPS • TANKS

IRRIGATION WATER WELLS

5 RAYBER ROAD, ORLEANS

508-240-1000 — 800-649-6527

**catholicmatch[®]
Massachusetts**



CatholicMatch.com/myMA



Breakfast & Lunch
508-255-3740
Route 6A, Orleans, MA
5:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon-Sun
Breakfast served all day
www.theholocapecod.com

Consider
Remembering
Your Parish in
Your Will.
For further information,
please call the Parish Office.

O'LEARY
LANDSCAPING & IRRIGATION

SERVICES INCLUDE
Complete Property Management & Construction
Mowing-Fertilizing-Thatching-Aeration-Sod & Hydroseeded Lawns
Sprinkler Systems Installation & Maintenance
Stone Walls & Patios • Walkways & Driveways
Cobblestone Aprons & Edging
Outdoor Kitchens & Fire Pits • Outdoor Accent Lighting

www.olearylandscaping.com • 508-432-5198

Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!

CALL BY 12:00 TO RECEIVE
75% OFF LABOR*

Receive a \$25 Lowe's Gift Card
with FREE in-home estimate!

Call today for your FREE estimate and in-home demonstration

CALL NOW 978-615-1406

LeafGuard[®]
is guaranteed
never to clog or
we'll clean it for
FREE!

- Seamless, one-piece system keeps out leaves, pine needles, and debris
- Eliminates the risk of falling off a ladder to clean clogged gutters
- Durable, all-weather tested system not a flimsy attachment

**UNLEASH
LeafGuard[®]**
Get it. And forget it.®

Anchorage Home Watch
A Division of Jon R. Fuller Locksmith
184 Main St., E. Orleans, MA 02643-0667
508-255-6108 phone 508-240-2100 fax
anchoragehomewatch@yahoo.com

(508) 896-6732
**Herbert L.
Gumpright, D.D.S.**
2452 Main Street, Brewster
www.jpalluch.com

**Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship
of the Sea of the United States of America**

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email
atleeen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com