



Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.
— *Baruch 5:7*

Monday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Louise Gagnon

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Leo Le Beau
11:00 a.m. The Deceased Members of the
Ladies' Guild

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Jack Denaro (7th anniv.)

Thursday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Families of the Sandy Hook
Elementary School Tragedy

Friday, December 14

8:00 a.m. George Kaliyadan
11:00 a.m. Helen & Stanley Szczesiul

Saturday, December 15

4:00 p.m. Carol Keough

Sunday, December 16

8:30 a.m. Myron Liskiewicz
(42nd anniv.)
10:00 a.m. Fred Calabrese
11:30 a.m. Janice R. Connors

THIS WEEK AROUND OUR PARISH December 10-16, 2018

12/11	11:00 a.m.	Ladies' Guild Mass/ Mtg.	P.C.
12/12	8:00 a.m.	Mass/Adoration	Church
	9:00 a.m.	Exercise	P.C.
	9:30-10:45 a.m.	Advent Book Group	P.C.
	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Min.	LL/Church
	**2:00 p.m.	Prayer Group	P.C.
12/13	8:45-10:00 a.m.	Faith Sharing	P.C.
12/15	9:00 a.m. -Noon	Children's' Shopping Day	P.C.
	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Advent Retreat	Church
12/16	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.	Coffee/Donuts	LL/Church
	(after Mass)		

PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory:	\$ 5,925.00
SVDP Harvest Sunday:	\$ 4,028.00

RITE OF WELCOMING for our RCIA candidates, **Sunday, December 9**, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us in welcoming and praying for; Steve McLeod, Rachael Weber, and Chris Mecurio. They will receive their Confirmation on April 27, at the Easter Vigil.

NEXT WEEKEND, December 17-18, there will be a second collection for Christmas Flowers. Thank you in helping to make our church look so beautiful during this Joyous Season!

ATTENTION ALL ADORERS AND VISITORS:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Wednesday during Advent, following the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass upstairs in the church, for an hour. We will be interceding for the renewal of our parish and for vocations. Please join the staff and parish ministries in raising our voices together for these important intentions.

ADVENT BOOK GROUP, on **Wednesday, December 12**, from 9:30 to 10:45, there will be a Book Discussion Group with the book, *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom, in which she shares her personal journey of faith, suffering and forgiveness as a concentration camp survivor. Copies of the book are available for \$11 in the parish office. Please see Tina to register. The discussion will be led by Kathy Russo. Hope to see you there!

ADVENT MINI RETREAT:

Give yourself the gift of a beautiful spiritual experience this Advent! On **Saturday, December 15**, we will have a musical mini-retreat in the church from 10:00-11:30 a.m. In a change from our previous announcements, musicians Mark and Nancy Girardin will be leading us. The cost to attend is \$10. Please register with Tina in the parish office. Contact Kathy Russo with any questions. All are invited and welcome! Hope to see you there!

ANOTHER PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION HAS BEEN ADDED! Lifetouch is providing a directory at **no cost** to our parish, and every family photographed will receive a **complimentary directory and a free 8 x 10 portrait**.

You can **sign up for photography** online at our church website, ourladyofthecape.org or by calling Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281. There is no sitting fee. All photography will take place in the parish hall.

Photography dates:

Thursday, December 27, 2:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 28, 12:00-7:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you in our parish directory!

USHERS/GREETERS are needed at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. If you would like to join this important ministry, please call the parish office, 508-385-3252, ext. 10.

THRIFT SHOP**Do some holiday shopping with us!!**

- **Weekly Specials:** 50% off orange tags (clothing & linens only), \$1.00 per item on pink tags (clothing & linens only), 50% off shoes, belts, scarves and handbags.
- **Check out our pop-up sales for extra savings!**
- **Location:** Luke's Plaza, Rte. 6A, Brewster.
- **Hours** Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

We welcome donations Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Kindly consider donating *gently* used clothing, books, jewelry, linens, toys and household items. Sorry, but no electrical or electronic items (nothing with a plug).

We are now accepting ONLY fall/winter donations.

Thank you for helping us help others!



THE DRESS A CHILD program sponsored by the Ladies' Guild is nearing conclusion. We want to thank all those who have taken wish lists already. While many

wish lists have been fulfilled, we still have several children waiting for their lists to be taken. We ask that you consider contacting a member of the committee for a wish list. Please contact Kathy Weeks, 508-258-0661 or Susan Curtis, 774-323-3116. All gifts must be delivered to the Parish center on **Tuesday, December 11** before 11:00 a.m. Thanks to all for your generous support.

CHILDRENS' SHOPPING DAY DONATIONS

NEEDED: The wrappers need donations of medium, medium/large and large gift bags. New or gently used items (kids and adults of all ages, pets, and **ALWAYS** need men's items.) A bin will be in the Parish Center just before the large gathering room. Donations can be dropped off until **Monday, December 10**. A bin will also be placed in the Church entry.

CHILDREN'S SHOPPING DAY, Saturday,

December 15, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Children ages 4 years old through grade 5 may purchase Christmas gifts accompanied by an elf (no parents are allowed in the shopping area to assure Christmas surprises). Gifts are priced at 50 cents, \$1 and \$2. Shoppers purchase tickets to use as payment in the gift room. If you have any questions, please call Lauren Doucette, 508-274-8150 or Catherine Ricks, 337-739-4338.

OUR LADY OF THE CAPE MEN'S CLUB, will be holding its annual Christmas luncheon on **December 16** at the Yarmouth House at 12 noon. An invitation with complete details has been sent to all members. Please R.S.V.P. by December 10th.

**WEEKLY SANCTUARY LAMP**

SPONSOR: Norma Jean Westman

In memory of William Westman, Sr., loving husband.

Please call the parish office, 508-385--3252, ext. 10, to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for one week, a gift donation of \$20.

FLU SEASON: During the flu season we will refrain from serving the Precious Blood at Mass. Receiving from the cup will resume on Palm Sunday.

HAITI "GOAT" LETTERS have been mailed. If you have not yet responded, please consider sending in your contribution soon. There is still time to send a gift certificate to someone for a Christmas gift. What a wonderful gift to give, while you help others to receive. Please contact the parish office if you did not receive your letter in the mail. Thank you!

LADIES' GUILD MONTHLY MASS/MEETING, will be held on **Tuesday December 11**, beginning with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Performing will be, "Two Plus One" The four member musical group, has played at various venues in the Mid Cape area. It includes a pianist, saxophonist, drummer, and vocalist. They perform enhanced stylings from The Great American Song Book, including familiar tunes from the big band era. Enjoy a Christmas program with a Sing-A-Long.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2018: If you have not filled out the volunteer sheet for the Christmas dinner, the sheets are available after each Mass. Every donation, whether food or your time, is much appreciated. Our Christmas Dinner brings much joy and companionship to individuals who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Please contact Kathy DeMeyer, 508-776-6040 or email: kdemeyer@comcast.net with any questions. (Please do not call the parish office).

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:

Join Fr. William Kaliyadan, Pastor of Our Lady of the Cape, on a ten day pilgrimage to the Holy Land on **December 2, 2019**. This will be a beautiful journey that is both spiritually and socially enriching and exciting. During this pilgrimage to the Holy Land, we discover the roots of our faith as we see the sites, walk the holy ground where Jesus our Savior walked, and pray the prayers which have helped form the faith we hold as sacred. For more information, please email: wkaliyadan@gmail.com or call Fr. William at 508-737- 8103.

Reflection: Second Sunday of Advent

Remembered by God

(2nd Sunday of Advent: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-11; Luke 3:1-6)

At the end of her Apparition, Our Lady of La Salette rose above the children, as Maximin tried to seize one of the roses around her feet. She seemed to look at the only point on the horizon where one could see beyond the surrounding mountains.

What made me think of this is a sentence in our first reading: “Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.”

I will not claim that Mary was thinking precisely of this text from Baruch but, still, the match is nearly perfect. It was surely just such a vision and hope that inspired her to grace us with her presence.

And there is more. Devoted as we are to the Beautiful Lady, our hearts are attuned to the themes of mourning, glory, peace, worship, mercy and justice, all of which are found in the same reading.

What moves me most powerfully is the image of Jerusalem’s children returning to her, “rejoicing that they are remembered by God.” A similar thought is expressed in Psalm 136:23, “The Lord remembered us in our low estate, for his mercy endures forever.”

A very famous passage from Isaiah 49 says the same, but from a negative perspective. “But Zion said, ‘The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.’ Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.”

St. Paul writes to the Philippians, “God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.” He not only longs to be with them, but he desires every spiritual good for them. The encounter with God is the goal.

John the Baptist was the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, sent to prepare God’s people for just such an encounter. Mary at La Salette carries on the same tradition.

To facilitate the encounter, we need to remove any obstacle that might prevent or even delay it. If we can rejoice that God has remembered us, perhaps then we will never forget him.

By, Fr. Rene Butler, M.S.

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ADULTS, will be offered on **Wednesdays**, at 9:00 a.m., in the parish center. The class will be taught by Judy Boucher, certified dance and aerobic instructor. Bring a floor mat or beach towel. A small donation to the parish will be accepted.

Our Lady of the Cape Parish

Brewster, Massachusetts

Pastoral Team

Rev. Dr. William V. Kaliyadan, M.S., Pastor

Rev. John Dolan, M.S.

Rev. Raymond Vaillancourt, M.S.

Priscilla Silva, Director of Religious Education

Kathy Russo, Adult Faith Formation & Spirituality

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Parish Phone Directory

Parish Office & Rectory:	385-3252		
Parish Fax:	385-6864	Prayer Line:	896-3800
Parish Mass Schedule:	385-3252		896-9781
Religious Education:	385-2115	Thrift Shop:	896-5377
St. Vincent de Paul Hotline:	385-7582		

General Information

Daily Masses: Monday thru Friday at 8:00 am
Friday at 11 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-3:45 or by appointment

Hearing Impaired Units are available at both churches in the sacristies.

Baptisms: Registration and preparation session required. Call the parish office 3 months prior to baptism (child need not be born).

Weddings: By appointment. Call six months in advance.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office immediately if any one in the family is seriously ill.

Communion for Homebound: Please keep us informed of our sick and others who may be incapacitated so that we might minister to those in need, at home, in the hospital or a nursing home.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Fridays Noon- 7:00 p.m.

Parish Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 to 1:00 & 2:00 to 4:00

Weekend Mass Schedule

Our Lady of the Cape Church

September-May	Memorial Day thru Columbus Day
Saturdays: 4:00 pm	Saturdays: 4:00 pm
Sundays: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am	Sundays: 7, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

Immaculate Conception Chapel

East Brewster, MA

Memorial Day-June	July – Labor Day
Saturdays: 5:00 pm	Saturdays: 5:00 pm
Sundays: 9:30 am	Sundays: 8:00 & 9:30 am

The Chapel is closed after Labor Day until Memorial Day Weekend.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time. Make our church a home away from your home. If you attend Our Lady of the Cape Parish regularly and consider this your parish, please take time to register at the Parish Office.

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify Tina in the Parish Office.

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