



First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

“You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.” — Matthew 24:44

Monday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Paul Bibeault

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Thomas Maier

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Jasmine Palandjian

Thursday, December 5

8:00 a.m. John McGuire

Friday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Charlene Barlow
(Birthday Remembrance)
11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parish Family

Saturday, December 7

4:00 p.m. Helen Pettit

Sunday, December 8

8:30 a.m. Paul Caravette
10:00 a.m. Stanley Szczesiul
11:30 a.m. Memory of Sandy Hook,
Connecticut Tragedy

USE OF CHALICES DURING COLD AND FLU SEASON: Consistent with prior years, due to cold and flu season now being upon us, we will suspend the use of chalices when giving out Holy Communion. Beginning this weekend, the **First Sunday of Advent**, we will be giving out hosts only. We will resume giving the Precious Blood on Palm Sunday, the weekend of April 4 and 5, 2020.

ADORATION FOR PARISH RENEWAL AND VOCATIONS:

Join us as we gather to pray for the renewal of our parish and for Vocations, every **Wednesday** morning of Advent, **December 4, 11, and 18**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, directly following the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass. We will pray in Adoration before the Eucharist and there will be time for silent, as well as group prayer.

Parish staff will be present, and we invite all parishioners and visitors to come to Mass and stay to pray. If you cannot participate, please consider uniting with us in prayer, however briefly, at work, at home or wherever you are.

Advent is a wonderful time for us to pray and intercede for the renewal of our parish and for vocations.

Let's raise our voices together!

ADVENT FAITH SHARING: The Faith Sharing Group invites all members of the parish to join them in reflecting and faith-sharing on selections from some of the most famous sermons written by St. John Henry Newman. These selections are taken from the book “Waiting for Christ” (Meditations for Advent and Christmas).

Fathers William and Ray will facilitate the sessions which will be held on **November 21, December 5, 12, 19** from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. in the parish center. If you choose to buy the book it is available from Amazon.

December 5: On the Fitness of the Glories of Mary (cf. Handouts)-Fr. Ray

December 12: Religious Joy (cf. Handouts)-Fr. Ray

December 19: Christ Hidden from the World (pg. 96)-Fr. William

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S

SHOPPING DAY on Saturday, December 7: 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 needed*, men's items). A bin will be in the Parish Center for shopping day collection.

THIS WEEK AROUND OUR PARISH

December 2-8, 2019

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| 12/2 | 6:00 p.m. | Men's Ministry Meeting | P.C. |
| 12/3 | 9:30 a.m. | Ladies' Guild Exec. Board Mtg. | P.C. |
| 12/4 | 8:00 a.m. | Adoration for Vocations/Renewal of Parish | Church |
| | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Catholic Social Teachings | P.C. |
| 12/5 | 8:45-10:00 a.m. | Advent Faith Sharing | P.C. |
| 12/6 | 10:00 a.m. | Free Hearing Testing | P.C. |
| | 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. | Adoration | LL/Church |
| 12/7 | 9:00 a.m. | Children's Shopping Day | P.C. |
| 12/8 | 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. | Parish Nurses | LL/Church |
| | 2:00-4:00 p.m. | Advent Musical Retreat | Church |

THE WEEKLY COLLECTION figures will not be published this week because the bulletin had to be sent to the publisher earlier than usual due to the holiday. A full report will be in the bulletin as soon as possible.

THRIFT SHOP

Now's the season for our Fabulous Christmas Boutique!

- **Weekly Specials:** 50% off orange tags or stickers; \$1.00 on pink tags or stickers; 50% off belts, scarves, ties, handbags, hats, books and framed, matted art.
- **See our Pop-up specials for surprise sales!**
- **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.

Please Note: We welcome Autumn/Winter donations **Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Kindly consider donating clean *gently* used clothing, books, jewelry, linens, toys, and household items. Please no electrical or electronic items (nothing with a plug) and no Christmas decorations and no large childcare items. Interested in volunteering, contact Barbara Konecnik at 508-896-8670 Trainer or Anne LeMaitre 508-274-5839, Thrift Shop Manager. **Thank you for thinking of us!**

MUSICAL ADVENT MINI-RETREAT: Get into the true spirit of Christmas this Advent season by joining us for a musical Advent mini-retreat on Sunday afternoon, **December 8**, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.! Mark and Nancy Girardin will be giving a very moving performance of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary for us. It will be a great way to help prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Afterward, we will have fellowship, cake and coffee in the lower level of the church. All are invited and welcome! Bring your family and friends!

THE LADIES' GUILD GENERAL MEETING will be held **Tuesday, December 10**. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by a catered luncheon and business meeting. Our program will be "A Christmas Medley" presented by The Cranberry Shores Choral Group.

We are in the final week of the **DRESS A CHILD** program sponsored by the Ladies Guild. We want to thank all those who have taken wish lists already. However, we still have a few wish lists to fulfill. We ask that you consider contacting Arlene Martancik at 508-385-3623 or Patricia MacConnell at 508-505-7419. All gifts must be delivered to the Parish center on **Tuesday, December 10** before 11:00 a.m. Thanks to all for your generous support.

THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Can you spare 3 hours a week? Want to make new friends? Become a volunteer at OLOC Thrift Shop; ladies, gentlemen, teens (16 years old or over) welcome. For complete details and training date and time please call Barbara Konecnik, 508-896-8670 or Anne LeMaitre, 508-274-5839.



WEEKLY SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSOR: Clotilde Farrell

In Memory of my Grandchildren; Jessie & Liam, and their Grandpa, Bill Farrell

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: The Ladies' Guild of Our Lady of the Cape is organizing a bus trip on **Friday, December 6** to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro. We will hear a concert by Father Pat at 3:00 p.m. and have ample time to visit the marvelous gift shop, visit the Creche Museum, tour the grounds and see the dazzling Festival of Lights at nightfall. What better way to get into the Christmas Spirit? Tickets are \$30, which includes bus fare, beverages and snacks, and a light box meal for the route home. Please make check payable to: OLC Ladies' Guild, drop off at parish office.

We will leave the Parish Center at 1:00 p.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Please call Judy Fasano at 508-896-8869 or email: judyfasano@hotmail.com, for reservations or any questions.



COPING WITH LOSS DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

If it seems difficult to begin thinking about the holidays due to the loss of a loved one, please think about coming to a bereavement support group workshop, "**Coping with Loss during the**

Holidays." This one day workshop is being offered for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one within the past two years. The workshop will be held at Our Lady of the Cape Parish Center on **Sunday, December 15** from 12:15 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. The program will conclude with a closing ritual to honor our deceased loved ones. Pre-registration is required. This program is open to anyone in the Greater Cape Cod area.

For additional information or to register, please call Judi Pregot at 508-896-8355.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2019! Our Lady of the Cape Christmas Dinner gives much joy and companionship to Cape Codders who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Meals are also delivered to the homebound and the police and firemen on duty on the joyous day. Last year we served 220 meals at the parish center and delivered 250 plus meals. **Volunteer Sheets are available in the pews, on the tables at the entrances of the church and in the parish office.** We need you to make this a Special Day. For more information call the parish office, 508-385-3252, x 10.



Dear Parishioners,

As your pastor, I am grateful for each one of your countless hours of ministry and invaluable contributions to the life of the parish. Together, we make a vibrant and beautiful family that ministers to many beyond our boundaries. I pray that this attitude of Thanksgiving may take us gently into the Advent Spirit of glad preparation. One of the great souls of our Christian tradition, Meister Eckhart, had it right when he wrote: "If the only prayer you say in your whole life is 'THANK YOU' – that would suffice."

I'd like to thank every volunteer. It amazes me to know we have 625 volunteers who actively serve our church to make it a beautiful place of worship and ministry (Nurses: 5; Rosary: 21; Haiti: 12; Hospitality: 10; Altar servers: 25; Lectors: 32; EM: 150; Choir: 30; Greeters: 37; EM Homebound: 45; EM Nursing Home: 38; Alpha team: 10; Baptismal team: 6; Anniversaries: 6; Catechists: 15 ; Martha Ministry: 20; Lazarus: 21; Prayer Shawl: 13; SVDP: 30; Christmas dinner: 80; Sacristans: 4; Decoration: 5; Golf Giving Back 10; Respect Life: 6; Ladies Guild 172; Men's Ministry 50; IC Chapel: 6).

You have arranged flowers, poured coffee, played music, taught children, guided our youth, served at the altar, prepared many for the sacraments, ministered to the bereaving families, visited the sick, distributed the Eucharist, proclaimed the Word, fed the hungry, cared for the lonely, worked at the Parish Fair or at the Thrift Shop and so many, many other things. I thank you, deeply and sincerely for every minute you have given to the Lord and to this church.

I'd like to thank everyone who has worked as part of the staff, especially Fr. John, Fr. Ray, Tina, Kathy, Meg, Kyle, Paula, Trish, John and Dave. I want to thank all the members of the Pastoral Council and Finance Council for their guidance.

Each week, as I offer Mass for you, I stand before you and ask for prayers for myself as well as the Priests who serve our parish. Your prayers provide encouragement and strength for us and also bind us together as a family of faith. Know that we are praying for you, for your loved ones and your intentions. May you find great joy in giving thanks to God for the blessings in your life!

In Joyful Hope of Advent

Fr. William Kaliyadan, M.S.
Pastor

Our Lady of the Cape Parish Pastoral Team

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

Rev. John Dolan, M.S.

Rev. Raymond Vaillancourt, M.S.

Kathy Russo, Adult Faith Formation & Spirituality

Tina Labossiere, Administrative Assistant

Paula Laliberte, Bookkeeper

Kyle Davis, Music Ministry

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.

Parish Mission Statement

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.

Our Lady of the Cape Parish is a welcoming Catholic community served by the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. Through our worship and ministries we invite, evangelize and serve all people, making Christ known by sharing His reconciling love.