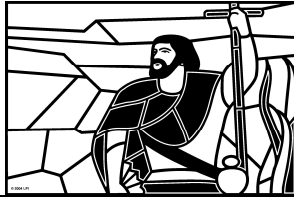


In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea (and) saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

-Mt 3:1-3



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Thomas F. Patenaude* as requested by his family.

Weekly – Hosts Offering - In the memory of *Robert J. Ouellette*.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 4, 2010

4:30 PM Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 5, 2010

9:00 AM Manuel Vital (40th)

11:00 AM Kenneth & Loretta Chapman

5:00 PM The John O'Neil Family

Monday, December 6, 2010

9:00AM Maurice Morrisseau (19th)

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

9:00 AM Charles Almeida

VIGIL...Immaculate Conception of Mary

5:30 PM Clovis & Juliette Fecteau

Immaculate Conception of Mary

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

9:00 AM Mike Rymsey

7:00 PM Karen I. Quail (22nd)

Thursday, December 9, 2010

9:00AM Manuel Tavares & Wife

Friday, December 10, 2010

9:00AM Robert J. Ouellette

Saturday, December 11, 2010

4:30 PM Walter & Estelle Korzybski

Sunday, December 12, 2010

9:00 AM Brazelina & Manuel Souza

11:00 AM Armand Bolduc (28th)

5:00 PM Our parish Family

HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Tuesday evening – 7pm

CONFESSIONS Available during Adoration

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The volunteer for the week of December 5th through the 11th 2010 is **Diane Ferro (508/996-6194)**. The Guild is hold a **Cake, Cookie, and Lollipop Sale** after all the Masses this weekend.

Prayer Corner: Please remember in your prayers: *Marie Alves, Jack & June Collins, Nancy Gervasio, Diane Mello, Kathy Gardner, Nancy Gomes, Janice Santos, Lydia Rodrigues, Yvette Thompson, Teri Gifford, Maria, Al LaFrancois, Priscilla Sprague, Alice Pfeninger, Melissa Lambert, John Carvalho, Joseph C. Bence, Jane, Kathy, Janet Pictou, Paula Murphy, Ann Barboza, Lauren Ladiou-Saunders, Frank Sylvia, Adeline Levesque, Annie, Annette, Lori, Gil Perreira, Mabel Janusz, Jenny Andre, Cindy Azevedo, Mary, Elaine, Jeff, Jay, Arlene, Delores, Mary Ann Dupere, Deane Freitas, Baby Sarah, Baby Violet, Donald Lavoie, Lucille, Irene, Manny, Kristin Canto, Stephen Canto, Debbie, Genevieve, Bobby Belliveau, Rose, Steve, Logan, Mary O'Neil, John Jr., Vanessa, Susan McHugh, Coty, Adam Alfonso, and those intentions that have been spoken and unspoken in our hearts. Please remember our parishioners who are homebound. Your intention for prayer is welcome. If you would like to have someone prayed for or wish to remove a name, please call the parish office (508/993-2351x101).*

Parish Nurse Ministry

The next meeting of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held Saturday, December 11th at 9am in the parish library. All are welcome! Come and join us to learn more about this ministry. If you would like to receive a shawl or give a shawl to someone, please contact the parish office. We have shawls available.

Youth Faith Formation

There are classes today for Grades 1-5 at Bishop Stang High School (10:15-11:30am). Now that we are in the Season of Advent let us remember that we are preparing for the coming of our Savior on Christmas Day.

Thank you and God bless, Peter Healy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –

Our next meeting will be held on Thurs., Dec. 9th at 7pm sharp in the parish hall.

Brothers, at Christmas, we'll gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He came to earth out of love for humanity and became flesh. He gave His life for all our sins so that we may have everlasting life. His life on earth and service to others reminds us of His unconditional love, a love that guides us and inspires us to live our lives with mercy, compassion and service in His name.

In the true meaning of Christmas, we reflect on the commitment and dedication to helping others, consistent with our principle of charity. We join together as one cohesive body, upholding the values we believe in as we stand in unity. We share our love among one another and with our families in the spirit of fraternity. Because of our relentless patriotism, we have the love and enjoy the many wonderful traditions of this blessed holiday in America. Therefore, let us extend our gratitude to the men and women of the Armed Forces who are putting their lives on the line to defend our freedom, secure our homeland and bring peace and safety overseas.

This Christmas, let us give thanks and praise to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon the Knights of Columbus and in each of our lives. May the joy of the holiday renew us in our commitment to working together in bringing forth His Kingdom here on earth. Mary Queen of the Knights, pray for us. Vivat Jesus, Fraternally yours,
Peter Healy, PGK

Meditation: Truly it is the spirit in a mortal, the breath of the Almighty, that makes for understanding. Job 32:8



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From Father's Desk.....

The Cynical New England Catholic?

It is my experience that we are a very cynical and/or suspicious people in this little corner of the world. I hear it so often from people who have moved here from other places: I've been in parishes with transplants from California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and even New Jersey, and all have expressed their difficulties in getting to know people in our area, and the tendency for neighbors to keep their distance from one another. Being a native of the region, I'm not sure how to explain it to newcomers. I don't know why we have the appearance of "coldness" or "insularity" to others. In part, I imagine that it might have something to do with living in a "corner" of the country: While we have a dense population, we aren't exactly a cross roads for the country, (this is my amateur sociological guess).

A deeper suspicion I harbor about these issues concerns the failure of major institutions to maintain the trust of the people: Namely, the Church and the Government have repeatedly betrayed and disappointed the people who had, formerly, entrusted themselves to these institutions. I don't think that I'm imagining that our State has a reputation for corrupt politics in the form of cronyism, graft, and all sorts of back-room wheeling and dealing. Over and over again we've seen it in the newspapers, and on television, and it makes us angry at first, and later we become numb and indifferent. Add to this that, whenever I hear people talk about the Church, it often sounds exactly the same as when they are talking about the government: people are more than ready to express bitter cynicism about the institution.

The question this raises for me, as a preacher/pastor, is "To what extent has this become an obstacle to the idealism necessary for faith?" Take the following analogy: You have seen the same campaign commercial on television fifteen or twenty times now, and each time you hear the candidate make promises you say to yourself, "Yeah, yeah yeah! Promises promises! But wait till he's elected, and see what a bunch of baloney it was!" (I have to admit it: That's what I do.) They make super-lofty claims about the future, and we know well that these are just words, and we've heard them all before.

Similarly, the claims of our Faith are rather lofty . . . Heaven, Eternal Life, Glory, and Resurrection! The modern context for our hearing this proclamation is one wherein enthusiasm for, and trust in the institutional Church is rather low. I wonder the extent to which the suspicion and cynicism cultivated over the years isn't a major obstacle to the growth and vibrancy of our community as a witness to the Gospel and to Christ? Do we think "Baloney?"

What I am saying has the appearance of a gross generalization and, of course, this is unjust to those for whom it does not apply. It may be better to think of the matter in terms of the "culture" or "atmosphere" in which we are living. I find an important bit of perspective in the following words from Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna, (in a presentation he gave to the late Pope John Paul II): *The Church is seen too much as a human work, too little as the place of grace . . . the knowledge that on earth we are pilgrims . . . protects us from the utopias of a Church already ideal and perfected here on earth. . . But, as it was with Jesus Christ, so it is with the Church: the most important thing about her remains invisible, just as the divinity of the Christ who walked on earth was invisible and only accessible to faith . . . Anyone who looks for the Church's success in her institutions is easily disappointed, indeed embittered. He is hoping for fruit from a peel, is confusing the peel with the fruit it protects and contains. On the other hand, if we are to endure and tolerate the everyday troubles of our Church institutions, it will help us if we recognize the institutions as the necessary peel of the fruit within . . . the person who is not spellbound by the success of the Church's institutions, but looks for the invisible saving power hidden within them, will time and again see something of . . . the Church's glory coming from within, shining forth in her external accoutrements.*

FR. GREG

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome *Kamryn Joseph Oliveira* and *Gianna Rae Almeida* into our community through the Sacrament of Baptism. May they grow in their awareness of the Lord's great love for them and celebrate that love in the Lord's family.

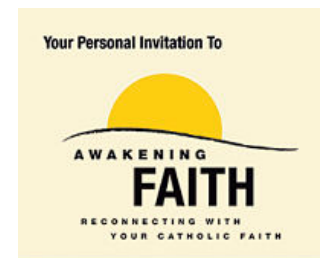
The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all the generous parishioners, youth groups, Ladies Guild, K of C and private organizations who have once again contributed to the huge success of this year's *Annual Holiday Season Food Drive*. Twenty-one families in need were assisted within the parish and the parish emergency food cupboard was completely restocked for the upcoming year. Other organizations assisted with this year's surplus food included the Dartmouth Council on Aging, the Veterans' Transition Home and the Solanus Casey food pantry. In keeping with past tradition and in view of the continuing economic problems, the Society will continue to maintain a receptacle at the main church entrance for contributions of non-expired, non-perishable food items weekly throughout the up-coming year. The demand for food continues to be very great. All weekly donations will be very much appreciated. *Thank you and God bless.*

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Faith-filled Adults

In the weeks to come you will be hearing quite a bit about a new faith formation opportunity for adults that will be offered at St. Julie's in January. This program, called "*Awakening Faith*," was developed by the Paulist Fathers for use in Catholic parishes. "*Awakening Faith*" is a six week program that encourages Catholics to *deepen* their connection to or to *reconnect* with Christ through their parish community.

"*Awakening Faith*" at its foundation is about inviting and being invited. It is about welcoming and being welcomed. Today, as we will listen to the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, we hear Saint Paul's words to the first century citizens of Rome. Paul writes, "*Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.*" St. Paul's words reflect the spirit of "*Awakening Faith*" as well as the spirit of a parish community as welcoming as St. Julie's.

Welcome is very often preceded by invitation. Offering an invitation to someone to reconnect or to deepen their faith is at times a moment of hesitation for Catholics though. As we admit and explore the reasons for our moments of shyness when it comes to offering (or accepting for that matter) an invitation to a deeper connection to Christ let's begin by asking God's guidance in prayer. I now invite you to pray this prayer as a parish community during the season of Advent. Advent after all is a great season of invitation and potential. As we prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus this Christmas let us also prepare our hearts to welcome each other, those already present here as well as new friends, to our parish family.

***Loving God,
create in us an ever-growing faith,
with hearts open and centered in you.
Awaken within us the fire of your Spirit,
so that your love may fill us more fully,
and flow throughout our lives.
Increase within us a desire to reach out,
to invite and to share, to welcome and accept.
Awaken the faith of all your children,
especially those who have grown distant from you,
those ready to hear an invitation
to the love you alone can bring.
Awaken us, loving God,
to see the fullness of your grace and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study

Join us **Tuesdays at 10 AM** or **Wednesdays at 7PM** Tuesday Nov.30th and Wednesday Dec. 1st in the parish conference room as we explore and unpack the meaning of the Scriptures which will be proclaimed at Mass the following weekend. **The Third Sunday of Advent, Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.** Why not prepare your heart to receive Jesus the Word made flesh at Christmas by exploring God's Holy Word.

DIOCESAN DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be held at St. Julie's parish conference Room on Thursday, December 9th from 7-8:30pm. The open meeting is specifically designed to discuss the upcoming Holidays of Christmas and New Year. Contact Bob Menard for more info (508-673-2997 or 508-965-2919).

DECEMBER 5, 2010

Culture of Prayer Culture of Life

As we enter this Advent season, we focus on the coming of new life, the birth of Jesus. St. Julie's new Pro-Life committee is focused on all stages of life, from conception through natural death.

A culture of prayer gives equal consideration to all life issues, including euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, human trafficking, abortion and capital punishment. If you are unable to join us due to work or family commitments, illness or other constraints, consider joining us in prayer. With prayer, God will raise what we need to work toward life. Without prayer, we are nothing.

Last week we distributed an insert in your bulletin, "Responding in Love – A Year of Pro-Life Prayer Intentions", designed to be displayed on your refrigerator or tucked in your Bible. If you did not receive an insert, they are available at the entrance to the Church or at <http://www.saintjulies.org/wp-content/uploads/Pro-Life-Weekly-Prayer-Bulletin-Insert1.pdf>.

Please join us in person or in prayer next Monday evening, **December 6 at 7PM** in the conference room. Fr. Greg will be speaking on "**The Dignity of the Human Person**". Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Julie Pro-Life Committee



Responding in Love

<http://www.saintjulies.org/ministries/parish-organizations/pro-life/>

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