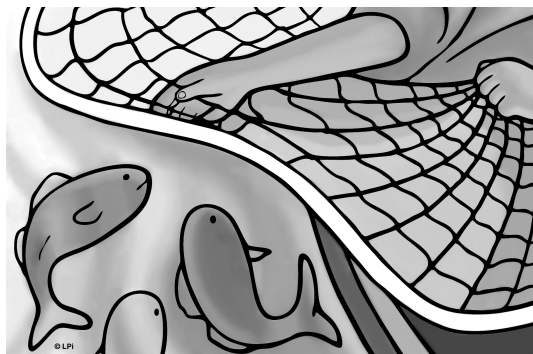


ST. JULIE BILLIART CHURCH

*As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mk 1:16-17*



DARTMOUTH, MA

**ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

The volunteer for the week of January 22nd through the 29th is **Betty Ann Silva, (508)996-5267**. Our next meeting will be February 7th at 6:30 PM, Mass for all deceased members. During our meeting we will have a FUN auction!!! All members are reminded to bring auction items!!! This will be a great, fun night for all Guild Members as we raise funds to help our parish. Also, please remember our jewelry sale coming in April!!



COLLECTIONS

January 15 (includes 5 PM Mass on Jan.8)

Regular Collection \$5,230.00
Maintenance \$520.00
Communications \$1,630.00

DECEMBER: FINANCIAL HISTORY

EXPENSES

Salaries/Stipends
Utilities
Pensions/Insurance \$6,710.55..
Services / Maintenance \$18,729.65



TOTAL EXPENSES

INCOME (includes E-Giving \$1,546.00)
\$50,731.17

OPERATIONAL BALANCE\$4,711.88

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21st

4:30 PM Rosalina Grace

Sunday, January 22nd

9:00 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 AM Arthur Bagana (11th)

Joseph & Mary Bagana

5:00 PM Peter Martin

Monday, January 23rd

9:00AM Susan Arvaisa

Tuesday, January 24th

9:00AM Steven King

Wednesday, January 25th

9:00 AM Deacon Claude LeBlanc

Thursday, January 26th

9:00 AM Rita Freitas

Friday, January 27th

9:00 AM Steven King

Saturday, January 28th

4:30 PM Ernesto Custodio

Claudino and Custodio Families

Sunday, January 29th

9:00 AM Theodore & Leonor

Correia & Zachary Furtado

11:00 AM Emily Reis Gonsalves

& Reis Family

5:00 PM Our Parish Family

Weekly Hosts. The hosts this week are being offered this week for our parish family.

Sanctuary Lamp The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of the Bagana Family.

Holy Hour of Adoration
Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 PM

St. Julie's E-Giving

Those of you who are currently using online bill paying services will be pleased to hear that we are launching a new giving service called "E-Giving." E-giving is designed to enable you to contribute online and transfer funds electronically. This method of giving will provide the same confidentiality that you are accustomed to plus the convenience that online services offer. We understand this method of giving may not be for everyone and our regular offering time will continue to be a part of our Sunday morning services. If you would like to participate, or are just curious, see our website www.saintjuliues.org and click on the "my offering" icon for details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Our next meeting is a social meeting and will take place on Thursday, January 26th at 7:00 PM sharp. Our goal for the coming year is that each one of us bring in one new member. Some brother Knights are already on their way. Fr. McGivney pray for us. Vivat Jesus, God Bless. Peter Healy, PGK

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:

There are classes today for grades 1-5 at Bishop Stang High School from 10:15-11:30. Please make every effort to be on time so classes can start on time. Also, please make every effort to be on time when picking your children up at the end of class. Thank you and God Bless, Peter Healy



Prayer Shawl Ministry: The prayer shawl ministry meets monthly. All are welcome to join us. Please contact the parish office for meeting information or if you would like to receive a shawl for yourself or someone you know who would like to receive one.

From Father's Desk...

Levels of Financial Giving

... from maintenance to growth.

I will not "beat around the bush" ... we need to take in more money in our offertory collections than we currently take per each week of the year. Last year I took steps to stop financial "hemorrhaging" and to reduce it to the slow bleed that it is today. Nevertheless, it remains a "bleeding" which needs to be stopped and reversed.

When expenses exceed income, of course, it is a problem which needs to be attacked from both ends. The spending needs to be decreased and the income must be increased. It was necessary to impose some severe cuts on certain staff positions in order to stem the flow from our savings. These savings came at the cost of some services, and it has necessitated an ongoing re-evaluation of my initial strategy to build up youth ministry and to offer education programming for adults.

As far as utilities, grounds and maintenance, we have made some cuts in landscaping, and we have employed some conservation strategies in order to reduce our energy bills. But, any strategy which is based on deferral of maintenance can only cost the parish more money in the long run. You cannot simply ignore a leaking roof or a falling window, or cracked pavement without exposing the parish to greater liabilities than the investment necessary to do repairs or for preventative maintenance.

Fixing the "pastoral" problems is a much more difficult problem to measure than fixing buildings or equipment. If upwards of 70% of your parishioners don't go to Mass regularly, and there are thousands of non-practicing Catholics within your parish boundaries, you have a big problem. **Unlike the "tried and true" methods available to someone who wants to fix a roof or a boiler, pastoral ministry in this day and age relies on experimentation.** No one seems to have a clear answer to the malaise of our secularized culture, which places the value of Pee Wee Football, and Cheerleading over the value of Faith Formation and Worshipping God.

By contrast to our northeastern Catholic culture, many Protestant congregations around this country practice *tithing* ... some to the tune of 10% of family incomes! With the funds which flow from this level of giving they hire full time "Youth Pastors" and they provide all sorts of services to their people. I have never specified how much people should give, and I am loathe to do any such thing. However, **we must be clear that we are not currently taking in enough money to sustain what we have and what we do ... never mind what ought to be done!**

Therefore, at the urging of the parish finance council, I am asking that everyone re-consider their weekly giving habits, and to give some prayerful reflection on if and how you might be able to do better. Can you double what you give? Can you increase your giving by 30%? What are you realistically able to manage?

The key phrase I have been employing whenever I address this issue is "**planned giving:**" The tithing system employed in those Protestant churches I mentioned above involves a clear plan for giving; not a last minute grab for whatever is at hand. Certainly, the old fashioned envelope system, and the new E-giving system are geared toward this sort of planning and deliberation. Please take a second look at one of those methods as you consider this important message.

Fr. Greg



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

God calls each of us in different ways and at different times during our lives. Many times God speaks to us through an important event, like the birth of a child or the death of a loved one. At times we may experience God as a stirring in the heart or restlessness. If you (or someone you know) are experiencing a gentle nudge from God and have yet to receive one or all of the Sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, consider finding out more about the RCIA process at St. Julie's. Inquiring about the RCIA is just that... an inquiry. The RCIA is an opportunity through which you can ask questions, explore, pray, learn and consider if Jesus is inviting you to become fully initiated in the Catholic faith.

The RCIA process at St. Julie's parish is a year round process by which adults explore and discern the possibility of full membership in the Catholic Church. For more information speak with Fr. Greg or Paula Raposo 508-993-2351 x109, email paula@saintjulies.org or visit website <http://www.saintjulies.org/ministries/rcia-the-rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>

Divorce & Separation Meeting

January 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Tonight we will have an open meeting where one is free to discuss personal difficulties regarding separation or divorce. Refreshments will be available.

Contact Bob Menard at (508)673-2997 or Joann Dupre at (508)993-0589 for more information.

Volunteer Opportunity

Southcoast VNA Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide care and comfort to patients and their families and to assist with fundraising events and administrative tasks. There is a free 2 day training session, held on February 2 & 3 at the Fairhaven office. Please call Lindsay Coe at 508-973-3219 for more information.

JANUARY 22, 2012

Prayer Corner:

Please remember in your prayers:



Veronica, Aislinn, Lorraine Gagne, Bill H., David B. Cabral, Mildred Lovgren, Rick Crowley, Lucille, Michael & Haley, Connie, Raymond, Terri Benevides, Jenny Andre, Jenna, Roger, Noah Fernandes, Joe Vargas, Renata, Lawrence Barboza, Bridget Kowalczyk, Mike, Annette, Richard, Robert Brooks, Lois, Mary Corliss, John Leclair, Diane Antone, Lydia Ramalho, Helen, Pauline Gagnon, Steve, Christopher, James Dalton, Adelina Andrade, Maria, Lynn Carreiro, Mary Gaughan, Nathan Gauthier, Kenny Waters, Linda, Elaine, Olivia, Len Correia, Terry Dufresne, Debbie Furtado, Genevieve Poente, Bob, Annette, Helen Rovas, Logan, Cloe Olivia Harding, John Carvalho, Rosemarie Benoit, Annmarie Anderson, Madeline, James, Julie Deterra, Jane, Carol, Cloe, John F., Pimentel J., Caleb Vezina, George, June Collins, Nancy Gomes, Janice Santos, Lydia Rodrigues, Yvette Thompson, Teri Gifford, John Carvalho, Lori, Deane Freitas, Lucille, John Patrick, Janet Pictou, and those heartfelt intentions that are both spoken and unspoken.

Our offering of condolences are given to the families and friends of Irene Law and Raimundo Delgado.

We continue to pray for healing in body, spirit and faith for all our parishioners and loved ones.

*To add or remove someone from this prayer list please call the parish office. Names are published for **one month** unless the request is for continued prayer. **ALSO...** Prayer intention and request cards can be found in a basket at the front of the church. **Children from the Kids in Christ and EDGE will continually pray for these intentions during the week and Tuesday evening adoration.***

Taking Time Out

“On Courage” is the next mini-retreat of the Spirituality for Everyday Living monthly series.

Taking Time Out will be held on Wednesday, February 8th at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Fr. Stan Kolasa will celebrate Mass at 9:00 AM before the retreat. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required.

Contact Peggy at

508-548-9149 or

timeoutretreats@comcast.net.

Essay Contest: grades 6-12

The Pro-Life Apostolate is sponsoring its Annual Essay Contest to focus on the upcoming anniversary date of Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton. Our theme this year is “I came so that all might have life and have it to the full!” Contact the parish office for further information. Deadline for submission is February 10, 2012.

JANUARY 22, 2012

Community Bulletin Board

Be sure to check the community bulletin board at the side entrance to the church for other local events and seminars.

Handicapped Parking Spots New & Old



Over the next couple of weeks we are going to add **4 new handicapped parking spots** within the lower parking lot, directly across from the parish office. These will be directly across from the existing spots and afford easier access for those with disabilities to the front and side doors of the Church. The new spots will be designated “**Weekend Only**,” whereas, the existing spots alongside the Church will remain as they are. Please refrain from parking in these if you do not have a handicapped tag. Dartmouth Police are observing and giving lawbreakers a different sort of “tag.”

Catholic Schools Week A+ for America Saint Joseph School

Fairhaven, MA

www.saintjosephschool.org

You are cordially invited to attend St. Joseph's school Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 1:00 PM.

Diocesan Scholarship Announcement:

The Diocese of Fall River is once again, through the St. Mary's Education Fund, making “need-based” scholarships available for the 2012-2013 school year. Students presently enrolled, or who are registered for the 2012-2013 school year in one of the 21 Diocesan elementary or middle schools, are eligible to apply. Any parent interested in having their child attend one of the Catholic elementary or middle schools in the Diocese of Fall River should contact the principal of the school in which they have interest. Once accepted and registered they may apply for this “need-based” scholarship aid. Applications may be obtained at any of the schools.

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