

“For today in the city of David, a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” Lk 2:11-12



MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil of Christmas

Saturday, December 24th

4:30 PM Andre Gaudette

Midnight Deacon Claude LeBlanc

The Nativity of the Lord:

CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 25th

10:00 AM David Cabral

Monday, December 26th

9:00AM Joseph A. Foisey

Tuesday, December 27th

9:00AM Mary Moniz

Wednesday, December 28th

9:00 AM Clara Silveira

Thursday, December 29th

9:00 AM Seth Daigle

Friday, December 30th

9:00 AM Louis Lange, Sr.

Saturday, December 31st

4:30 PM Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 1st

9:00 AM Deacon Claude LeBlanc

11:00 AM COMMUNITY MASS

Abel Ponte

Tammy Horta-Duarte

Maria Delgado

Andre Gaudette

Susan Rezendes Medeiros

Sanctuary Lamp. The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Louis Lange, Sr. as requested by his loved ones.

Weekly Hosts are being offered this week for Joseph George and Gloria Medeiros.

Holy Hour of Adoration

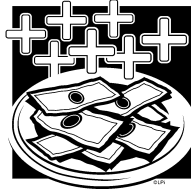
Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:00 PM



COLLECTIONS

Weekend of December 18th

Due to seasonal publication deadline changes, the figures for the weekend of December 18th have been delayed until the coming weekend.



CONSIDER . . . ST. JULIE'S E-GIVING

. . . through St. Julie's website. A new and convenient way to give financial support to our parish: E-giving does away with the need to stuff envelopes and have cash on hand. Planned giving is the best approach to parish stewardship. See our website and click on the "my offering" icon for more details: www.saintjulies.org

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: The volunteer for the week of December 25th through December 31st is **Beverly Morrisseau (508)997-7619.**

The Ladies of the Guild wish everyone a very holy and happy holiday!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Merry Christmas!! Rejoice, Rejoice for he is risen. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Our next meeting will be at 7 PM sharp on January 12th 2012 in the church hall. Let's start off the new year with a new sense of unity, fraternity and charity. Mary, Queen of the Rosary and Queen of the Knights, pray for us. Happy New Year and God Bless.



Peter Healy, PGK

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our teachers, students and parents...

He is Born!!! Our next classes at Bishop Stang High School will be January 8th 2012 at 10:15 AM until 11:30 AM for grades 1-5. Enjoy your Christmas holidays!!

God Bless, Peter Healy



Sacrament of Baptism

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our community:

Nathan Joseph Vasconcelos

Jonathan Michael Mello

Andrew Michael Faria

Mason Carvalho

Ethan James Tabares

Daytonah Marie Morin

Tucker Reid Wilcox

May you grow in your awareness of the Lord's great love for you and celebrate that love in the Lord's family.

From Father's Desk...

Rediscovering Catholicism

Christmas Day is upon us, and while our focus is on the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, it is shortly followed by the greeting of a new year. A new year brings with it the prospect of resolutions and a fresh start . . . an opportunity to make changes which will really enhance life. In the popular consciousness this often translates into a determination to embrace a regime of diet and exercise.

It is certainly a good and worthwhile thing to want to improve one's health and physical wellbeing. However, I would like to invite you to consider the deeper matters of the spirit . . . faith, salvation, worship, etc.

Consider some excerpts from Matthew Kelly's *Rediscovering Catholicism*, copies of which were distributed at our Christmas Masses this year:

"The essence of Catholicism is transformation."

"We become what we celebrate"

"I have noticed that one element of our lifestyles that is propelling the modern madness is the number of activities that children are involved in today. . . Why do our children participate in these activities? . . . entertainment? . . . social status?"

"The goal of the Christian life is holiness."

"The unfathomable adventure of salvation begins when we stop asking, "What's in it for me?" and turn humbly to God in our hearts and ask, "How may I serve?"

"The way I see it is, we've lost our sense of wonder."

"In the silence you will find God. In the silence you will find yourself."

"The two things lacking in most people's lives are intimacy with God and intimacy with self."

"We don't go to Mass to socialize. We don't go to be entertained."



We go to receive. We go to Mass to be fed and nourished by the Word of God—both in Scriptures and in Sacrament. Open your heart, open your mind, and open your spirit."

"Instead of questioning the Church's teachings with no effort to understand her point of view, or simply dismissing the Church's view as outdated and old fashioned, perhaps we should try to understand her position."

"Are we willing to change?"

.....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/>

The Giving Tree

A sincere and deeply heart-felt thank you for your generous gift-giving.



The Giving Tree Program provided gifts for approximately **950 families** in our area!! May God's Blessings be with you all.

Booster Club Winners:

Sue Andrew * William Moniz * William Harrison * Theresa Bruneau * Don Gracia * Miriam McCoy * Helen Rovas * Pat Zukowski * David Cordeiro *

Kids in Christ - EDGE

Family tubing at Nashoba Valley for all KIC/EDGE students and family members on Saturday, February 4th. Call Mrs. Bandarra at (508)995-9728 by January 20th.

Prayer Corner:

Please remember in your prayers:



Lorraine Gagne, Bill H., David B. Cabral, Mildred Lovgren, Alexzander, 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, Lauren Ladino-Saunders, Lori, Deane Freitas, Lucille, John Patrick, Janet Pictou, and those heartfelt intentions that are both spoken and unspoken.

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.***

COME FOLLOW ME:

A Young Adult weekend retreat for men and women between College Age and 35 years old who are married or single. The weekend will be held at the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham. The retreat begins on Friday January 20th. Contact Crystal-Lynn Medeiros at (508)678-2828 for more information. Registration deadline is January 13th, 2012.

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.

RETRouvaille...a Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is troubled and you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. The next New England Retrouvaille is January 13-15. To register, or for more information call 800-470-2230.
www.HelpOurMarriage.com

DECEMBER 25TH, 2011

2011 CHRISTMAS
MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, December 24th:

4:30 pm Mass (*Living Nativity*)

12:00 am. Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25th:

10:00 am Mass (*The Nativity of the Lord*)

There will not be a 5:00 Mass

Saturday, December 31st:

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 1st:

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

There will not be a 5:00 Mass

An Ode to the Lord... by Billy Phillips

The angel Gabriel approached Mary one day.
She was to carry God's child is what I say.
He told her that God has found favor in you.
Please don't tell anyone, this is what you must do.
She was betrothed to Joseph whom was upset about this.
Didn't want to make an example of her but to secretly dismiss
An angel of the Lord approached Joseph in a dream.
Do not reject her; this is how it must be.
Joseph took Mary for his wife as the angel did tell.
The baby will be named Jesus who will save us from hell.

Mary felt pains and was time to give birth.
Jesus was ready to come and breathe air on the earth.
They couldn't get a room at the inn due to having no space.
But to go to a stable where they would soon see his face.
The manger was filled with hay for the child.
The Lord was born and was so meek and so mild.
Many angels were overhead and the rejoicing did begin.
Our Lord was born to die for our sins.
The North Star shone down a really bright light.
The Shepherd nearby marveled at the awesome sight.

Three kings from the East came to Jerusalem
Looking for the boy king and want to meet him.
Approached by King Herod whom was troubled as can be.
He said, when you find him, please come back to me.
The kings followed the star and found him for sure,
Brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
Then kings were warned in the dream, don't return to the king
The good news about Jesus in which they did not bring.

The angel warned Joseph again in a dream
To take your family to Egypt is where you will flee.
When King Herod died, the three did return
To Israel they came back to the town he was born.
Thank God for sending his son down to us.
Without this blessing our end would be disastrous.
There are people around who are less fortunate than you.
Open your heart is what the Lord wants you to do.
When you open your gifts and have a smile on your face
Remember one thing, be positive and also spread His grace.