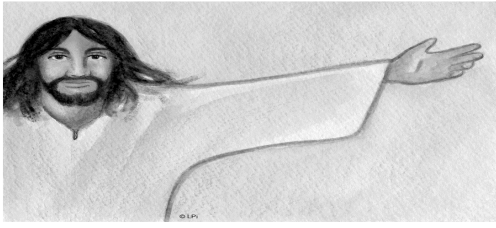


Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" –
Mk 13:33, 37



COLLECTIONS *Weekend of November 20th*
Due to Thanksgiving holiday publication schedule, the collection figures were not available prior to the printing of this week's bulletin. The collection figures for the weekend of November 20th will appear in next week's bulletin.

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The volunteer for the week of November 27th through December 3rd is **Bev Morriseau (508) 997-7619.**

Ladies, please come and enjoy some Christmas spirit at 6:30 p.m. The children's choir will entertain us after our wonderful pot roast dinner. Our next monthly meeting will be February 7th.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 26th

4:30 PM Mary & Joseph Costa

Sunday, November 27th

9:00 AM Manuel F. Monheiro

11:00 AM D. Dennis Moniz

5:00 PM Our Parish Family

Monday, November 28th

9:00AM John Pimental

Tuesday, November 29th

9:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Anibel P. Ferro

Wednesday, November 30th

9:00 AM Clara Silveira

Thursday, December 1st

9:00 AM Eleanor Medeiros

Friday, December 2nd

9:00 AM Joseph George

Saturday, December 3rd

4:30 PM Arnold Fraga (11th)

Sunday, December 4th

9:00 AM Stephen Custadio (8th)

11:00 AM John O'Neil Family

5:00 PM Our Parish Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. sharp in the church hall. This will be the only meeting in December due to Christmas. Now that we are in the season of Advent, let us remember to prepare prayerfull for the coming of our Divine Saviour at Christmas. God Bless and Vivat Jesus, *Peter Healy, PGK*



Prayer Shawl Ministry:

The next meeting of the Prayer Ministry will be held on Saturday 10th at 9:00 am in the parish library. knitters and crocheters are welcome to come our ministry. If you would like to receive a shawl or know someone who would like to receive one, they are available by contacting the parish office.



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Sanctuary Lamp The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Joseph George as requested by his loved ones.

Weekly Hosts are being offered this week for the George Family.

KIDS IN CHRIST/EDGE
Students who would like to take part in the Living Nativity on Christmas Eve 4:30 Mass need to contact Mrs. Bandarra (508) 995-9728 or sign up on any EDGE evening ASAP. There are a limited number of parts.

Advent Prayer...
Good and gracious God, you know how much clutter fills my mind and heart these days. Help me to pay attention to your presence in my life. Help me to look for and find opportunities this Advent to become more aware of how you touch my life each day. May I become evermore a sign of your love in the world. Amen.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:

I'm sure everybody had enough turkey for a while. There are classes today from 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. at Bishop Stang High School. Please be on time so as not to delay the start of classes. On Sunday, December 4th we request the third graders and their parents to attend the 9:00 Mass.

Thank you and God Bless, *Peter Healy, DRE*

From Father's Desk...

Changes in the Mass

It seems to me rather like "fighting city hall" to implore people to just "get over" their resistance to change, but I'd like to take a stab at – at the very least--- getting us to challenge ourselves on the matter. When I arrived at St. Julie's as pastor, the difficulty of the change from one pastor to another was, for a time, palpable and a bit uncomfortable. I fully expected this because, people generally dislike change. As time has progressed, this discomfort has faded, and other experiences of this sort have emerged. They are especially noticeable in the areas of Church décor, and alteration as well as in the area of music. The level of anxiety and dismay that are expressed in these areas can be startling. The placement and type of flowers, hangings, nativity scenes, and so forth all arouse in individuals very strong emotions at times. Dare I say that, sometimes, these issues are blown all out of proportion? In truth, there will inevitably be a tension between the subjective preferences of individuals within a community such that a democratic vote would never yield a satisfying solution. Some like their music up-tempo and more contemporary, some like it slow and contemplative.



When we change from one to another, we hear some expressions of appreciation, but also loud and emphatic protests.



On the other hand, there are objective standards for what falls within the realm of proper or appropriate. It is when we reach the very edges of this realm that we have the most disagreements.

In the more serious area of Church doctrine, we also experience change, difference and development. "The teachings of Christ and the doctrines of the Church continue to develop over time as human language evolves, human thought expands, and human experience unfolds," (from Five Great Catholic Ideas, Fr. Edward Wm. Clark, pg. 137, Crossroad Publishing Co, 1998. . . a very good read!). In reaction to changes in the expression of Church teaching from one generation to the next, people will be heard to protest, "the Church has changed her teaching," (often an excuse to dismiss the Church as not being credible or relevant). The truth is that such changes are not changes of "doctrine" but valid developments in the expression of Church teaching. Change is inevitable whenever time is part of the picture and, in fact, Church teaching unfolds for us in time, and as creatures of time. In the words of the famous Cardinal Newman, "in a higher world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often," (Ibid.).

.....Fr. Greg

High School Application Day!

The Catholic high schools in the Diocese will conduct an Entrance Examination on Saturday December 3rd. Testing at Bishop Stang begins at 8:00 am. Students are asked to arrive by 7:45 am. The examination and application procedure will last until approximately 11:30 am. There will be a \$20.00 fee, payable at the time of application. The students need to bring no records with them, nor must the parents accompany them.



Life Teen Updates

Upcoming Confirmation Retreat

Please pray for all of our Life Teen Confirmation Candidates, Core Members, Support Team and Peer Ministers as we prepare for our upcoming 3-day retreat scheduled for December 2nd, 3rd and 4th at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown. Please pray that we will all keep our hearts open to God's word and that we become strengthened as we journey together as one in His name.

The Giving Tree

St. Julie's Parish will once again participate in the Diocesan Catholic Social Service "Giving Tree" program. Please take a gift tag from the tree for someone in need and return the gift **unwrapped with the tag secured on the item.** All returns should be made by Sunday, December 18th to allow processing and distribution by Christmas. God bless you for your unconditional giving and prayers for the needy.

Prayer Corner:

Please remember in your prayers:



Connie, Jen & Kurt, Raymond, Mike, Terri Benevides, Jenny Andre, Jenna, Roger, Noah Fernandes, Joe Vargas, Renata, Lawrence Barboza, Terri Benevides, Bridget Kowalczyk, Mike, Annette, Michael A. Macedo, 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, Jenny Andre, Kenny Waters, Linda, Elaine, Jenna, Olivia, Len Correia, Terry Dufresne, Debbie Furtado, Genevieve Poente, Bob, Annette, Helen Rovas, Logan, Cloe Olivia Harding, Roger, 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 spoke 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.



Edge Updates!!!

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE

8TH GRADE

- December 5th Edge Night has been changed to Saturday, December 3rd. **THERE IS NO EDGE NIGHT** on Monday December 5th.
- Deanery Chastity Talk by well-known guest speaker - Jason Everett
- This event will take place at St. Anthony's
- Please arrive at St. Julies parking lot no later than 4:15pm
- The bus is scheduled to depart St. Julies at 4:30pm and return around 8:00-8:15pm
- Fr. Greg and Barbara Bandarra will lead the 8th graders on this very special event

RCIA~ Rite of Welcome and Acceptance

During the 9:00 Mass this Sunday our parish **welcomes** Wendy Nowell and her son Max, who began the RCIA process at St. Julie's this year. Baptized as an infant in the Catholic Church, Wendy now seeks religious formation leading her toward the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. During the **Rite of Welcome** as a *candidate for full communion in the church*, Wendy will declare her intent publicly before our parish community.

As our liturgy begins Max, who is not yet baptized, will be greeted at the door of our church. By means of prayers and blessings which are part of the **Rite of Acceptance** Max will be welcomed as a Catechumen as he prepares for Baptism and Holy Communion.

Wendy is accompanied by her **parish sponsor** Maria Mota, while Max is companioned by his parish sponsor, Alec DaSilva. Along with the RCIA team, as parish sponsors Maria and Alec represent **the parish community's role** in the formation of our catechumen and candidate. In understanding that Maria and Alec represent all of us, we realize that each of us has a role in Wendy and Max's formation, through our prayers for them and by the experience we give them by living as a community of faith.

If you are reading this before the 9:00 Mass, you have an important role in our liturgy today. Along with Wendy and Max's parish sponsors Father Greg will ask you, our community gathered for Mass, this question: **"Are you ready to help this candidate follow Christ."** Please respond with an enthusiastic and sincere... **WE ARE!** By this question Father is really asking **every parishioner** of St. Julie's if we are willing to demonstrate our love for one another, our faith in Christ and commit to pray for Wendy and Max as they prepare to receive the Sacraments at Easter. If you are attending a Mass other than the 9:00 this weekend I ask that you also consider Father's question in your heart and that you will also respond...**WE ARE!**

A particularly beautiful part of the rite we celebrate today is called the *Signing of the Senses*. Although this rite is for the catechumen and candidate it serves as a reminder to the entire parish community of the ways God reaches out to us through our senses. For your reflection, here are the words that will be prayed by the celebrant of the Mass during the signing of Wendy and Max by their sponsors.

Receive the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of your baptism into Christ's saving death and resurrection. ...on your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord...on your eyes that you may see the glory of God...on your lips, that you may respond to the Word of God...over your heart, that Christ may dwell there...on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yolk of Christ...on your hands, that Christ may be known in the work which you do... on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.

May this prayer be a reminder to you of the way God touches you and calls you to share in the fullness of life in God's Church and in God's world. *Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our RCIA team and process.*

*Paula Raposo, Adult
Faith Formation*

