

"Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." -Mt 24:40-42



Sanctuary Lamp
 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Joseph George* as requested by his family.
Weekly – Hosts Offering - For the intentions of our Parish Families.

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, November 27, 2010
 4:30 PM Arnold Fraga (10th)
Sunday, November 28, 2010
 9:00 AM Matt Benoiut
 11:00 AM Stephen Custadio (7th)
5:00 PM Our Parish Family
Monday, November 29, 2010
 9:00AM Marie Simone Lafferty
Tuesday, November 30, 2010
 9:00 AM Antone & mary Pinto
Wednesday, December 1, 2010
 9:00 AM Donald Maynard
Thursday, December 2, 2010
 9:00AM Joseph George (11th)
Friday, December 3, 2010
 9:00AM Mry & Rufino Moniz
Saturday, December 4, 2010
 4:30 PM Our Parish Family
Sunday, December 5, 2010
 9:00 AM Kenneth & Loretta Chapman
 11:00 AM The John O’Neill Family
5:00 PM Manuel Vital (40th)

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

There are classes today 10:15am-11:30am for Grades 1-5 at Bishop Stang High School. There will also be class next Sunday, December 5th. Today we are starting the Holy Season of Advent so as we know now we start paying special attention as to how we are going to prepare during Advent for the Glorious coming and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas.

God bless, Peter Healy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9th at 7pm sharp in the parish hall and will conclude promptly at 8pm. This will be the only meeting in December now that we are beginning the Holy Season of Advent so we should use this time of preparation for extra prayer and meditation. This way the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas will be more meaningful for us.



Mary Queen of the Knights, pray for us. Vivat Jesus, *Peter Healy, PGK*

KIC/EDGE would like to thank all the adult volunteers that made “Thanksgiving for Seniors” such a huge success. To all that peeled, cut, baked, decorated and generously donated goods know that you are deeply appreciated. Youth volunteers did an amazing job! To all the seniors who came to share this meal, we will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Finally thanks to the head chefs Mike Medeiros and Mike McHenry who without them this event would not have been possible!

ST. JULIE’S LADIES’ GUILD

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The volunteer for the week of Nov.28th thru Dec. 4th is **Vicki Harrison (508/997-7374)**. The Guild Christmas Meeting will be held Dec. 1st. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30pm. Kara Plant, a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Festival Chorus will entertain with songs from Broadway shows and Christmas Carols.

FUTURE EVENTS: The Guild will sponsor a **Cake, Cookie and Lollipop Sale** next weekend after the Masses. Also, the Ladies Guild will be collecting lightly used *Costume* and *Fine Jewelry* for an April Fundraiser. More details on this event will appear after the New Year.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Saturday, Dec. 11th at 9am in the Parish Library. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to receive a shawl please contact the parish office.

Prayer Corner: Please remember in your prayers: *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. 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).*

HOLY HOUR ADORATION
Now Tuesday evening – 7pm
 CONFESSIONS Available during Adoration

COLLECTIONS:
Due to the Holiday printing Schedule, the reports will be published next week.

Prayer:
 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Romans 12:12

From Father's Desk.....



Just to let you know

There are many people for whom it does not occur to register in the parish.

Why is registration important?

Registration enables us to communicate more effectively with you.

Registration is a form of covenant commitment to the parish family.

Do I have to register in the parish in which I live?

Technically, your "proper pastor" is the one who has oversight of the geographical area in which you live, (the "territorial" definition).

However, a major commentary on Canon Law suggests a shift at Vatican II from emphasizing "territory" to emphasizing "persons." Hence, a parish is, primarily, "a community of the Christian faithful."

In truth, our practice reflects this second point of view. We turn no one away if they wish to register.

In either case, remaining anonymous and un-committed is not envisioned in the Bible, Canon Law or Church theology.

How Do I register?

Simply call our parish office and we will send out a welcome packet containing information and the proper form. You may also speak to the priest after Mass on the weekend.

Don't be bashful...Register today!

Fr. Greg

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 need to be made by Sunday, December 19th to allow processing and distribution by Christmas. Your unconditional love, caring and generosity in this program is a blessing. *Thank you.*

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Ministry of Hospitality, our parish greeters
Welcome! What a wonderful word and what a warm feeling to be greeted by fellow parishioners at the door of St. Julie's. As part of our ministry we greet others and hand out bulletins to both the adults and the children. Sometimes we provide directions or information about the parish and its programs. We are also there to lend a hand to anyone who may need a little assistance in entering the building. It's so gratifying to have others seek us out for a greeting as they enter St. Julie's. Come join our ministry. It only takes a friendly smile. If you are interested, please contact us,

Maria Mota dosanjos64@yahoo.com or
Barbara Gilstein barbara.gils@gmail.com

St. Julie Pro-Life Committee

The new Pro-Life Committee held its first meeting last Monday, Nov. 8. Our speaker was David Creamer of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's (Seekonk) Pro-Life Group. Minutes for the meeting are available at the website's Pro-Life page:

<http://www.saintjulies.org/ministries/parish-organizations/pro-life/> We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, **Monday, December 6 at 7PM.**

RCIA ~ The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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. Jesus gently invites each person, saying in a special way to those who are searching, "Come, you will see." Is Jesus inviting you or someone you know to become fully initiated in the Catholic faith? If so contact Paula Raposo, Fr. Greg, or Deacon Claude for more information. 508-993-2351 x 109 or paula@saintjulies.org

NOTE ongoing projects at St. Julie's

- Used cell phones
- Aluminum tabs
- Cancelled stamps
- Food donations/St. Vincent DePaul
- Brick Memorials/Mary's Garden
- Steeple/Roof Fund

Faith-filled Adults

Chances are, just a few days ago many of you either welcomed someone into your home to celebrate Thanksgiving, or vice versa. No doubt a good deal of preparation was involved to assure that everyone felt welcomed, appreciated and full of gratitude. Your small or maybe not so small gathering of family last Thursday is in reality a microcosm of the Body of Christ. There is much to learn by reflecting on the parallels found between family gatherings in the home and parish family gatherings. As a matter of fact the family is often spoken of in “Catholic circles” as the *domestic church*. I think it is only fair to acknowledge that not every gathering in the domestic church, or the parish, resembles a Norman Rockwell painting. There can be tension, agendas can be pushed, be they hidden or not so hidden. For example, how might you or someone in your family interact with the adult child, or grandchild who doesn’t call as often as you would like? What does it feel like to be that child? Do they look forward to “hearing about it again?” Are they feeling welcomed or appreciated as a member of the family that day? If they have lost sight of their value to the family community, are they reminded of it? Will they start to look for ways to stay connected or are they going to do what they can to avoid being criticized in the future?

The point of entering into this comparative reflection, and yes indeed bringing it to prayer, is to help each member of our parish family to name and then be intentional about the ways that they feel welcomed and are in turn welcoming to others. This is the same intentionality with which you might prepare yourselves for a family gathering in your home, the domestic church. What can we learn from family experiences can truly serve to guide us when we gather around the table of the Lord’s Supper, or at any parish event.

It is important for us to reflect on the commonalities between Church and domestic church at this moment in our parish life. This January our parish will begin a program developed by the Paulist Fathers called Awakening Faith. Awakening Faith encourages Catholics to deepen their connection to Christ through their parish community. Just like any family gathering each person engages in some kind of intentional preparation so that everyone is able to gather in the spirit intended. Let us begin now to prepare our hearts to welcome each other as well as new members to our parish family.

Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study Resumes!

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 Second Sunday of Advent, Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12.** Why not prepare your heart to receive Jesus the Word made flesh at Christmas by exploring God’s Holy Word.

Catholic TV Program on the Portuguese Channel

Wednesday, December 1 and 15 at 9:30am

“Is It Possible To Live the Peace of Christmas In Our Times?”



THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is a central liturgical symbol of the Advent season. It integrates several elements that predate Christian faith. For ancient peoples, the wreath was a symbol of the life-giving rhythms of nature and evergreen was a hopeful sign of life in the midst of winter. The candles on the wreath are rooted in the ancient observance of the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, but also the turning point when the sun's life-giving light begins to increase. Lighting one additional candle each week thus signifies the movement of both the sun and the *Son of God*.

Because of these historical ties to presumed pagan practices, there were times in the Church's history when the use of evergreen decorations was condemned. In time, however, the Advent wreath became a focus of the liturgical season because it reflects key dimensions of Christian faith—the circular, eternal nature of God's love even in harsh times and the light of Christ that so permeates the night that “the darkness could not overcome it.” The purple candles signify longing, expectation, and hope, while the pink candle, lit during the third week, represents joy.

Meditation—

Emmanuel, God-With-Us, arrives poor, vulnerable, homeless, exiled, unwelcome at the inn. We know the story well, but the implications go deep: God not content to simply pass through and visit like a tourist, flitting from one sight to another with no long-term commitment. The scriptures make it clear that God is invested in humanity, taking on our flesh, seeing our wounds up close, fully inhabiting our life.

At the heart of Advent we follow the same path God chose for Jesus: embracing our humanity truly and completely by passionately and wholeheartedly investing ourselves in the ordinary moments of our lives. At the heart of Advent, then everyday life is an arena for doing justice and making peace in the smallest and most humdrum of moments.

Against the backdrop of the pre-Christmas rush, Advent reminds us what matters and what endures, for no act of love is ever lost, forgotten or wasted. So come, let us enter with love into the heart of this season, into the ordinary events of every day in the company of Emmanuel, our God forever with us.

Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.