

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. -Mt 1:23-24



### Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Charles Almeida* as requested by his loved ones.

*Weekly – Hosts Offering* - In Thanksgiving!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18, 2010

4:30 PM Michael Silva

Sunday, December 19, 2010

9:00 AM Joseph Lavasseur

11:00 AM Viera Family

**5:00 PM** Our Parish Family

Monday, December 20, 2010

9:00AM Mary Moniz

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

9:00 AM Frederick J. Preneta

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

9:00 AM Frank Ottavanelli

Thursday, December 23, 2010

9:00AM Alphonse Healy (3<sup>rd</sup>)

### Vigil of Christmas

Friday, December 24, 2010

**4:30PM** Matt Benoit

**Midnight** Richard Fecteau

### The Nativity of the Lord: CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 25, 2010

**10:00 AM** Carol Brooks Facchiano

Sunday, December 26, 2010

9:00 AM Edwin Goulart

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

**NO 5:00pm Mass today!**

### HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Tuesday evening – 7pm

CONFESSIONS Available during Adoration

### Giving Tree.....

**All gifts need to be returned by this Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Gifts need to be unwrapped with the tag secured on the item. Your prayers and generosity in this endeavor are truly unconditional gifts in a work of God's love and mercy. God bless and thank you!**

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Today there are classes for Grades 1-5 at Bishop Stang High School (10:15-11:30am). There will be NO Class on Sunday, December 26. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 2, 2011 at the usual time and place. Today is our last Sunday before Christmas so we wish to take this opportunity to wish all our teachers, helpers, parents and students and their families a *very happy and blessed Christmas*. God bless, Peter Healy

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 7pm in the parish hall. Let's start the New Year off well by making every effort to attend this meeting. Since we will not be meeting again before Christmas, I want to take this opportunity to wish all Brother Knights and their families a most blessed and joyous Christmas. Vivat Jesus. Peter Healy, P.G.K.



**Prayer Corner:** Please remember in your prayers: *Ernie Carreiro, Melissa M., Marie Alves, Alison, June Collins, Mary Gaughan, 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 all caregivers those in hospice care, and those who face the holidays with uncertainty and loneliness. 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).*

### ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD



### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The volunteer for the week of December 19<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> 2010 is **Louise Lake (508-996-4685)**.

### Parish Nurse Ministry

The next meeting of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held Saturday, January 8, 2011 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. From all in this Ministry, *May God's choicest blessings be yours this Christmas season.*

### DIOCESAN DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be held at St. Julie's parish conference room on Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm. This evening our video presentation will be, "*When Tempers Flare.*" This presentation will be a guide on **Understanding and Managing Anger**. Discussion will follow. Contact Bob Menard for more info (508-673-2997 or 508-965-2919).

From Father's Desk.....

A Grim Harvest?

We have not done enough . . . The neglect of parents in catechetics and the weakness of our adult education efforts are now producing a grim harvest.(1987 statement by US Bishops concerning biblical fundamentalism)

Your pastor is an anxious man. The condition of the Church worries me in the way you have worried about your children growing up in this dangerous world. I came to St. Julie's more than 5 years ago with this nagging anxiety that we, as a local Church, were not really responding to the most fundamental problems facing us. Instead we have been coasting on "a head of steam" which had been built up by our immigrant grandparents and great-grandparents, and that "steam" is quickly running out.

Two areas of concern have been the focus of my ministry: ongoing adult education, and youth ministry. I have directed much in the way of parish resources toward these two areas for the sake of the future . . .so that there will be a local Church still in existence. In one way or other I have said this or written it many times. Still, I have a nagging sense that the underlying message here is not really being heard: there needs to be more of a shared sense of urgency with respect to the future. If we do not have lay people who are capable of talking about their faith and applying the principles of faith to everyday life, then what chance does the Church have to flourish in this time and place? And if we are not willing to support a vibrant youth ministry which draws young people into relationship with the universal church through the life of the parish, then who will fill the pews in 10 or 20 or 30 years?

What am I suggesting? What am I saying? What am I asking of you? Part of what needs to be said involves money, (or the lack thereof), necessary to sustain a ministry which meets the needs of the Church in the 21st century: but you will be hearing much more about this topic in the new year. Within this little reflection I will ask you to think and reflect with the urgency which, I think, the issue deserves. We are all preoccupied with our personal salvation and, of course, this is of ultimate importance. But, our faith has always been situated within our membership in and responsibility for the Body of Christ, (the Church). It is no longer enough to think in terms of a "pray, pay and obey" mentality which tends to "individualize" the practice of faith and make of it a "check mark" on the "to do list."

The subtext of what I am saying is that relatively few people avail themselves of the opportunities for growth through the programs we've offered within the parish. It is the smallest of minorities who return over and over to learn about the Bible and the word of God it contains for living life, or to understand the Church's teaching through the content of the Catechism. Add to this that within our Youth Ministry program; the vast majority of young people are coming to us from non-practicing families who look at Confirmation as a final "hoop" through which to jump for Church membership or affiliation, (a kind of "graduation", if you will). Recently I heard the diocesan superintendent of schools comment that it is no longer the case that parents are handing down the faith to their children, but, if anything, the children are bringing the faith home to their parents, (or reintroducing it into the home).

I do not want you to think that I am hopeless, or that I am painting everyone with the same brush. This is a summons to "urgency" along the lines of St. Paul's message of the First Sunday of Advent: "now is the time for us to wake from sleep . . . the night is spent, and the day draws near!" This is an "urgency-within-hope" . . . a hope that we can avoid a "grim harvest."

Fr. Greg

Condolences...Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of -

- Pearl Theresa Roderick
Sylvester Sylvia
Cecelia Zeitler
Dolores Walker

Who have recently passed away. May they find peace and comfort in knowing that their loved ones are in God's tender loving care.

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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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A special opportunity to attend a "Weekend of Discovery" at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA - January 14-16, 2011. Visit www.WWWMEMARI.org or 1-800-710-9963

ONGOING AT ST. JULIES The following projects are ongoing: cancelled stamps, aluminum tabs, used cell phones, baby items for Birthright, food donations for St. Vincent DePaul Society, religious articles for the missions (i.e. medals, rosaries, holy cards).

Table with 2 columns: Collection Type and Amount. Sunday, Dec. 12th Regular: 5,898.00; Maintenance: 585.00; Retired Religious: 2,007.00

Prayer...Lord Jesus, our justice and our peace, send forth your Spirit into our broken lives and world. We stand in need of your wisdom; we long to do the works of justice. Make us instruments of your peace. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Faith-filled Adults**

No doubt that you know that today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Did you also know that today is Invitation Sunday? You won't find "Invitation Sunday" listed in the missalette, yet this is an important day for our parish community. Three weeks from now our parish will sponsor a program called Awakening Faith. *Awakening Faith* is a simple process comprised of six sessions on basic elements of our Catholic faith, with opportunities for conversation and sharing. "**Invitation Sunday**" aims to prepare us to invite Catholics who are not active in our faith community to return to a more active practice of their faith. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to be about the mission of Jesus.

Many less than active Catholics are open to, and would welcome, an invitation to renew their faith and possibly become more active in a parish. The following are suggestions for you to follow as you extend an invitation to Awakening Faith to someone you know.

+ The *Awakening Faith* invitation enables you to invite an inactive Catholic to six sessions, which will begin in our parish on January 11th. Please pick up the invitation found in your pew and take a moment to read it.

+ Now think of at least one inactive Catholic you know who may be open to receiving the invitation and think about an appropriate time to give it to that person in the following week, maybe over the holidays. Focus on friends, neighbors, and co-workers. This invitation can make a positive difference in some people's lives because they have been looking for something like *Awakening Faith*.

+ You can give the invitation in a number of ways, but it should be done in a *positive and caring manner*. One way is to say, "I know that you have been talking more about the Catholic Church lately, and I thought that you might like to receive this invitation. I would be happy to accompany you because I would like to learn more about these topics myself." Your generous offer to accompany the person may be welcomed. You may be more comfortable simply giving someone the invitation flyer without entering into a conversation. Either way is fine. Our goal is to invite people to the six *Awakening Faith* sessions

Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation

***A Prolife Advent***

Advent means "arrival." How can we incorporate a prolife attitude into the advent season? There are many ways. We could send a baby gift to a mother who is awaiting the "arrival" of her baby. We could buy Christmas gifts for a family that is waiting for the "arrival" of a better economy. We could visit the elderly in nursing home who has been waiting for the "arrival" of someone to keep them company. Advent is the waiting of the arrival of Jesus who was born to give us eternal life. Advent is indeed a celebration of life.

**Bible Study Christmas Recess**

Our weekly Bible study will take a short break for the Christmas season. Bible Study will resume on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Won't you consider making a resolution in 2011 to come to know God more deeply through God's revelation in Scripture?

*DECEMBER 19, 2010*

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**CORRECTED**

**CHRISTMAS and NEW YEARS  
Weekend Mass Schedules**

**Christmas**

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>...Vigil Mass-4:30 pm with Nativity Play  
Midnight Mass (12 am)

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ...10:00am  
**(There will be no Saturday 4:30pm Mass)**

**Holy Family Sunday**

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 & 11:00am **(No 5:00pm Mass)**

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**Solemnity of the Mother of God .... January 1**

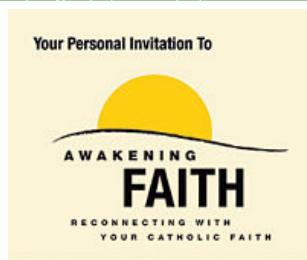
Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>...Vigil Mass – 5:30pm

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>... Mass – 9:00am

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**Epiphany**

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>...Vigil Mass – 4:30pm

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>...Masses 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm



**Coming to St Julie's January 2011  
December 18/19 is "Invitation Sunday"**

*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.*