

*Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."
- Mt 21:5*



Sanctuary Lamp
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the *Deceased Members of the Cabral and Tavares Families* as requested by their loved ones.
Weekly – Hosts Offerings are offered this week for our *homebound parishioners*.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 16, 2011
4:30PM Gracien and Georgine Metras

Sunday, April 17, 2011
9:00 AM Maria, Gloria & Manuel Chaves
11:00 AM the Frank Neves Family
5:00PM Our Parish Family

Monday, April 18, 2011
9:00AM Tobias & Maria Mare
Margarida Arruda

Tuesday, April 19, 2011
9:00 AM Joseph Szala

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
9:00 AM Marie Juttlestad

Holy Thursday April 21, 2011
7:00 PM Matt Benoit

Good Friday April 22, 2011
3:00 PM *Veneration of the Cross*

Holy Saturday April 16, 2011
7:00 PM Mary & Manuel Pedro
Our Parish Family

Easter Sunday April 17, 2011
9:00 AM Peter Martin
11:00 AM Evelyn Perry
NO..... 5:00PM Mass this evening

COLLECTIONS:

Sunday, April 10th Regular	5,818.00
Maintenance	738.00
Catholic Relief	210.00

The Collection on *Good Friday* supports the great needs for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. God bless you!

Prayer Corner: Please remember in your prayers: *Helen Rovas, Logan, Irene, Cloe Olivia Harding, Roger, John Carvalho, Lucrecia Vieira, Edna Soares, Rosemarie Benoit, Annmarie Anderson, Madeline, James, Mel Marmello & baby, Julie Deterra, Jane, Carol, Cloe, John F. Pimentel J., Caleb Vezina, George, Lydia Ramalho, Melissa M., June Collins, Nancy Gomes, Janice Santos, Lydia Rodrigues, Yvette Thompson, Teri Gifford, John Carvalho, Lauren Ladiou-Saunders, Lori, Deane Freitas, Lucille, John Patrick, Janet Pictou, 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). Names will be published for **one month** unless the request is for continued prayer and you notify the office.

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:
The volunteer for the week of April 17 through April 23 is **Jean Labelle (508-994-4259)**.

There will be Coffee and Donuts this Sunday after the 9 and 11am Masses.
Congratulations to our recent Booster Club Winners!!!
Leonora Carvalho, Wayne Hamlet, Joyce Rodericks, Abel Jardin and Robert Brooks. See you at the Banquet April 29th at White's.

Youth Faith Formation
There are NO classes today or next Sunday for Grades 1-5 at Bishop Stang High School because of Spring vacation and Easter. So wishing everyone a great vacation and please don't forget we are preparing for Easter the following week. Please continue with your Lenten promises so as to be ready for Easter Sunday. This year we do not have class on Palm Sunday so I ask you all to have your parents take you to Mass and also on Easter Sunday. For our second grade students please don't forget we have **Retreat** and **Practice** on May 4th and May 5th. Saturday, April 30th is Retreat Day – 9am to 12 noon in the parish hall. This is **mandatory** for all students making First Holy Communion. Have a fun and safe vacation.
God bless, Peter Healy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –
Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28th in the parish hall at 7pm sharp. This is a Social Meeting so all bring something to snack on. Please don't forget we are still preparing for Easter so don't forget our Lenten resolutions so we'll be able to have a joyfull Easter.
The Patriotic Degree. Until 1900 the principles of the Order were *Charity, Unity and Fraternity*. On February 22 of that year *Patriotism* was added with the First Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. Sometimes called the Patriotic Degree, it is open to Third Degree Knights in good standing who have been members of the order for at least one year. Our Lady Queen of the Rosary and Queen of the Knights, pray for us.
Vivat Jesus, Peter Healy, P.G.K



Condolences.....Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of – *Albertina Barboza, Malcolm Lopes, and Maria Alves*, who have recently passed away. May they find comfort in knowing that their loved ones are in God's tender loving care.

FROM FATHER'S DESK.....

Attachment to a Form

“There are many ways to skin a cat,” are there not? But, of course, there are ways which definitely ought to be avoided! For example, no one ought to employ dynamite for the job, lest his intention be to splatter the animal. In other words, there are definite parameters which govern the “many ways to skin” the cat.

My concern is, of course, not cats, but rather “parameters.” In many areas of church life and worship, there are definite parameters as to what accords with Sacred Tradition, proper liturgy, and ethics, among other things. Liturgy, (Catholic worship), is an area of concern which is notorious for battles over what should be deemed appropriate or inappropriate. For example, decades ago, the priest celebrated the Mass with his back to the congregation, facing an elaborate altar, and served by many well trained minor-ministers. Now, the priest faces the people, presiding at an altar that has taken on more the appearance of a table. Which is the more correct form? Which is more valid or true? I am not old enough to have experienced the older form, but over the years I have heard many people who remember it express indignation that the priest was so separate from the people, and that he (rudely) had his back to them. Conversely, many others lament the loss of that form, and see the revisions wrought in the wake of Vatican II a profound corruption. Sometimes a little “blood” gets spilled when these two camps encounter each other.

I am not trying to act as if I am aloof with respect to this argument or any other. In point of fact, I use it only as an example. My point is that what is often framed in an either-or form, or in a greater/lesser form, probably ought to be spoken of more in terms of valid emphases. The older form of the Mass, for example, emphasized the sacrificial nature of the Mass more than the supper. Whereas, the form we currently use, seems to emphasize the “supper” dimension over the sacrifice. Neither form excludes the essential elements of a true and full Eucharistic Liturgy: and yet, I think that it is safe to say that, neither form is perfect. The fact of the matter is that human expression will always fall short with respect to the eternal mysteries. It is certainly reasonable for Church leaders to ask which form better conveys God’s truth to his people in any given time and place: however, there is a naiveté’ which leads to the belief that old forms will bring back the “good old days,” and “newer forms” will lead to a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. All too often, in my opinion, both positions detract from our ability to mine the depths of what we already have at hand.

Fr. Greg



Meditation: If God is willing to look at us with all our weaknesses and see the good, could we not look at others the same?

Bible Study Break

Bible Study at St Julie’s will be taking a break for Holy Week and Easter. Watch the bulletin for information about the next session.

Book Groups

Our parish book groups for Lent have concluded. Our readers enjoyed the reading, reflection and conversation. Many thanks to our book group leaders Barbara Parnell, Brenda Gomes, Peggy Cabral, Elizabeth Silva, Barbara Gilstein and Paula Raposo. We hope that those of you who read at home found the reading fruitful.

RCIA ~ The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please pray for our RCIA candidate Brittany Medeiros as she prepares to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. 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

NOTICE: If any parishioners are interested in making earrings for *Chemotherapy* patients, please contact Carole Morris at 508/994-8741. No experience in bead making is necessary, it is easy to learn and personally rewarding.

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Every year on Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) palm branches are handed out and blessed. The blessed branches serve as a powerful reminder of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. We keep palm branches all year long for two reasons. First, they symbolize our desire to accompany Christ through *Holy Week*. Second, they symbolize Jesus’ desire to enter our homes and accompany us on our journey as we face our own Good Fridays. Taking the palms home and placing them behind a crucifix or holy picture is a powerful reminder of that. It is important that we remember what they symbolize.

Faith-filled Adults

The waving of palms at Mass this weekend signals that Holy Week is about to begin. You have heard about the meaning, significance and importance of this three day season the church calls **Triduum** through the weekly catechesis before Mass. It is our hope that understanding the meaning behind the “smells and bells” of what we could call the “high season” of the liturgical year serves to enhance your participation in these beautiful liturgies. Attending the services of the Easter Triduum is something you won’t want to miss.

Although the liturgy of the Triduum is experienced in the church itself, have you considered what it means to experience the season of Triduum during the time you spend “out in the world”? Following are some thoughts for your reflection. The **Holy Thursday** Liturgy (Mass) emphasizes two things, the institution of the Eucharist and the washing of the feet of the disciples. Take these two and view them as a whole. Do you begin to understand the relationship between service and Eucharist? In your prayer on Holy Thursday ask God how you are called to feed others through the service that we call discipleship?

During the liturgy of **Good Friday** we come forth to venerate the cross, the instrument which was utilized to bring about Our Lord’s death. When you stop and think about it, we are kissing the thing that brought Jesus to his death! Yet we venerate the cross because as Catholic Christians we understand the paradox of the cross, that through dying on the cross the perfect sacrifice (Christ) made possible new life for all. Reflect if you will on some of the losses or what we might call “little deaths” you have experienced. Can you ‘venerate’ these “little deaths” or endings in your life, grieving the loss while searching for signs of new life? In your prayer on Good Friday ask God how you are being called to something new.

The **Easter vigil** as well as the all the Easter liturgies remind us that it is through our baptism that we entered into new life that Christ won for us through his death and resurrection. Consider how your baptism invites you to live. The grace you received on that day (no matter how long ago it was) is still vital and active. Grace is the life of God within you. As the Easter season approaches what are some ways that you might open your heart to that grace? **Have a blessed grace filled Triduum!**

Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation

Awakening Faith ~Spring 2011

Invitations are now available in the pews and in a basket at the entrance of church. Please take one! This invitation envelope will make it easier for you to invite someone you know to a closer relationship with Christ. Offer to accompany them to the program. The next six week session of Awakening Faith will begin on Tuesday evening May 3rd at 7PM in the parish conference rooms. For more information please email paula@saintjulies.org or phone 508 993 2351 x109.

Pro-life Reflection

As we enter Holy week and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that Our Lord Jesus Christ made, **let us not be afraid to sacrifice to protect and defend life.**

APRIL 17, 2011

GOOD NEWS!

Palm Sunday – April 17, 2011

Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Few fears in this world compare to a child's terror when, momentarily lost in a crowd of adults, she can't find her parent.

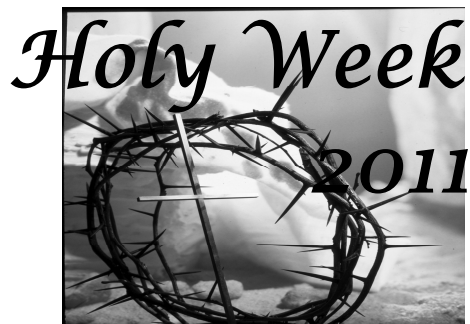
She looks around, sees no one familiar, and assumes her parent has disappeared. It's a moment of sheer panic, of feeling abandoned by the one she loves most. The loneliness of that moment is palpable.

If we put ourselves in that child's place, we get a sense of the loneliness and abandonment Jesus experienced in his Passion, which we recall on this Palm Sunday. We often focus solely on Jesus' physical suffering-which was indeed great-instead of on Jesus' emotional suffering during the last hours of his life.

In a week's time, the crowds laud him as a king and then call for his execution. A disciple who followed him faithfully for years sells him for silver. Committed followers fall asleep and then flee. The "rock" swears to stay by Jesus' side through everything and then, with a few words, denies ever knowing him. Before long, Jesus is left completely alone. On the Cross, he even questions whether God, too, has abandoned him. The pain of his loneliness is profound.

This Holy Week we have the opportunity to stay awake with Jesus on his journey to the cross, the grave, and beyond. We can taste and touch and feel his suffering, the loneliness he willingly took on so the loneliness of death would be silenced forever.

Perhaps we can find moments this week to accompany someone else struggling with loneliness or abandonment-a frightened nursing home resident, a grieving widower, an emotional teenager. Holy Week is a most appropriate time to "stay awake" with someone else in his or her suffering as we celebrate the gift of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.



Holy Thursday, April 21, 2011—7PM

Feast of the Lord's Supper...Washing of the Feet

Good Friday, April 22, 2011

3PM – *Veneration of the Cross*

7PM – *Living Stations (presented by Edge/KIC)*

Holy Saturday—April 23, 2011—7:30PM

Blessing of the Fire

The Easter Proclamation

Dramatic Presentation of God's Word of Salvation