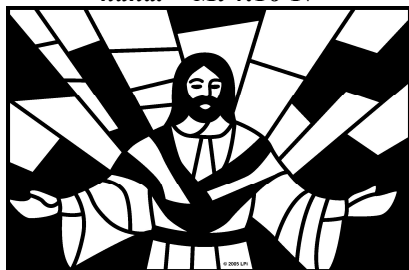


"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." -Mt 4:16-17



Sanctuary Lamp and Weekly Hosts Offering

This week the Sanctuary Lamp and hosts will be offered in memory of *John & Antonieta Medeiros* and *Abel & Maria Melo*.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 22, 2011

4:30PM John McKinnon

Sunday, January 23, 2011

9:00 AM Boleslaw Mikolajczak

11:00AM Our Parish Family

5:00PM Antonio, Helen and Manuel Pavao

Monday, January 24, 2011

9:00AM Florence Carvalho

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

9:00 AM Jose Linhares and Helen & Beatrice DeMello

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

9:00 AM Timothy Porter

Thursday, January 27 2011

9:00AM Atty. Richard Bentley

Friday, January 28, 2011

9:00AM Andre R. Gaudette

Saturday, January 29, 2011

4:30 PM Elizabeth Hunter

Sunday, January 30, 2011

9:00 AM Eric & John Raposa

11:00 AM Community Mass:
Emily Reis Gonsalves & Family
Lucien Rock
In Thanksgiving
Evarista Miguel & Donald Miguel
Louis Medeiros & Family
Carlos DaRosa
Manuel Vargas
Rachel Cunha
Herani Lancastra
Mariana Correia & Family

5:00 PM Our Parish Family

Prayer Corner: Please remember in your prayers: *Cloe, John F. Pimentel J., Caleb Vezina, Annemarie Anderson, George, Lydia Ramalho, Alison, Ernie Carreiro, baby Charlotte, Cecelia Gonsalves, Melissa M., Marie Alves, June Collins, Mary Gaughan, Kathy Gardner, Nancy Gomes, Janice Santos, Lydia Rodrigues, Yvette Thompson, Teri Gifford, Priscilla Sprague, Alice Pfeninger, Melissa Lambert, John Carvalho, Joseph C. Bence, Jane, Kathy, Janet Picou, Paula Murphy, Ann Barboza, Lauren Ladiou-Saunders, Frank Sylvia, Adeline Levesque, Annie, Annette, Lori, Mabel Janusz, Jenny Andre, Cindy Azevedo, Mary, Elaine, Jeff, Jay, Arlene, Delores, Mary Ann Dupere, Deane Freitas, Baby Sarah, Baby Violet, 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. Please call the parish office 508/993-2351x101.*

The "Prayer Corner" has been a gift of hope, peace, healing and acceptance as our lives unfold in our needs and God's grace. Thank you for your continued intentions and dedication in prayer.

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The volunteer for the week of January 23, 2011 through January 29, 2011 is **Betty Viera (508-992-5464)**.

Malassadas is available this Sunday morning!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

There are classes today for Grades 1-5 at Bishop Stang High School 10:15-11:30am. On Sunday, Feb. 6th, **all Second Grade Students are required** to attend the 9am Children's Mass. Students will sit together with their classmates. Parents can choose their own seating. Some students will be selected to read and others to bring up the offertory gifts.

Thank you & God bless, Peter Healy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7pm in the parish hall. Please try and attend these important meetings. Council officers must be present unless some emergency prevents them. When we reflect on our history, it's inspiring to see how Father McGivneys' dedication has given rise to an organization that has touched so many. Decades later, councils number in the thousands and our members in the millions. In total, the Knights of Columbus have raised over a million dollars for charitable causes and our hopes and dreams for tomorrow are greater, because the need is too. Please speak to friends and tell them what it's all about. Thank you and God bless, Vivat Jesus.

Peter Healy, P.G.K.



Pray the Rosary

Join us on Tuesday afternoons during the month of February at 1pm in the church. Everyone welcome to come and pray. Any questions please call Betty Ann at 508-996-5267

DIOCESAN DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 27th in the parish Conference Room. Contact Bob Menard for more info (508-673-2997 or 508-965-2919).

NOTICE: Open House Espirito Santo Parochial School, Fall River for prospective students and their families on Thurs. 2/3/11 from 6:30-8:00pm.

Serving students preschool thru grade 8. Call 508-672-2229 for more info.

From Father's Desk.....

Moral Extremes

It is never permitted to do evil in order to accomplish something good. I state this fundamental principle of Catholic morality from the outset, lest someone misunderstand the subtleties of what follows:

In the history of Church moral teachings there have been two tendencies which fall on opposite ends of the spectrum of extremes: laxism and rigorism. In simple language, laxism tends to over emphasize personal freedom, whereas rigorism might be described as an overly strict interpretation of the law. Those are not precise definitions, but I think that they convey the gist of what the terms mean. A laxist approach to morality can lead to a rationalization of bad behavior or bad moral choices. A rigorist approach can create terrible crises of conscience by constricting personal freedoms within too narrow a range of actions or choices. In the first case, there is too much trust in the "natural goodness" of a person. In the second case, the tendency is to regard the person as so depraved as to be utterly out of control of him or herself.

As a concrete example of this distinction, I point to Home Coming Weekend 1986: The guys at the academy wanted permission to have their girlfriends stay in the dormitory over the weekend. While the administration debated this request, the Catholic Chaplain intervened with a warning to the young men, "you are not wooden soldiers . . ." meaning, of course, that if one wishes to avoid the temptation of sexual relations outside of marriage, it would be foolish to share a bedroom with the woman of your affections who is not your wife. Even if each young man were a devout, practicing Catholic, (which was certainly not the case), it would be extremely naïve to think that the will to do "the right" or "the good" could withstand the passion of occupying the same bed together, overnight, (most likely under the influence of adult beverages).

The chaplain's response ought not to be seen as "rigorist," but rather a reasonable approach to human fallen nature. This approach goes by the old fashioned sounding idea of "occasions of sin." **We do, indeed, need to avoid significant temptations which might overwhelm our will: this is how we cooperate with Grace! Grace is not magic! It "builds on nature," as the ancient saying goes.**

On the other hand, if the chaplain were a rigorist, he might exclude ordinary hand-holding, or hugging, and deem this gestures "sinful," because they have put one in an "occasion of sin." In most cases, this is probably an exaggeration: Sexual attraction has not been reduced by sin to the level of a depraved, animalistic appetite for stimulation! There is, of course, a genuine value to be cultivated (with care and caution), within which human touch can play a valid role.

All of this might seem academic, but you might find use for it as a means for reflecting on a variety of experiences within the Church and within your own personal history as a member of the Faithful.

Fr. Greg

Awakening Faith.... January 11 – Feb 15 @ 7PM...please continue to pray

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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jewelry Sale

The Ladies Guild will be holding a Jewelry Sale in April.

Please save your lightly used Costume and Fine Jewlery. You may call Isabel at 508/992-5464 for pickup or drop off your "treasures" at the parish office.

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.

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

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EMMAUS a Catholic retreat program open to people of all Christian faiths will be held at Cathedral Camp, E. Freetown, MA on Feb. 11-13th. For more info please contact Debbie Sousa at 508/646-3902 or visit their website at www.emmausretreats.com or email them at publicity@emmausretreats.com

COLLECTIONS:

Sunday, January 16th Regular	4,965.00
Maintenance	245.00
Communication	1,531.00

HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Tuesday evening – 7pm

Confessions available during Adoration.

Meditation: I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Christ, give me the strength to hang on during the hard times, and the faith to know you'll be with me until I come out on the other side.

Faith-filled Adults

Have you ever wondered why as Catholics we still “bother” to read the Old Testament? After all we have the New Testament, the story of Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and the founding of the first Christian communities. What else do we need?

The text of the Old Testament is important for several reasons beyond the fact that it is part of the Catholic Canon of Scripture. We cannot fully understand the New Testament unless we understand the Old Testament too. In the Old Testament we read of how God first began to reveal Godself to humankind. We read about the times people turned away from God and how God loved them back into relationship. We also read about the promises that God made, many of these are spoken through the prophets, like Isaiah in today’s first reading.

As Matthew wrote his gospel he pointed out many connections for his audience and for us between the text of the Old Testament and the ministry and mission of Jesus. Matthew’s gospel is often spoken of as the gospel of fulfillment. Matthew wrote often of the ways that Jesus fulfilled the promises and prophecies written long before his birth. Understanding the words that the prophets spoke many years before the birth of Christ helps us to understand more fully the meaning of Jesus’ message and ministry.

Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study

Bible Study continues Tuesday mornings at 10AM and Wednesday evenings at 7PM. This week we will delve into and reflect upon the readings for Mass from the **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 and Matthew 5:1-12a**. Won’t you consider making a resolution in 2011 to come to know God more deeply through God’s revelation in Scripture?

Pro-Life is Anti-Death

“Ending the death penalty would be one important step away from a culture of death and toward building a culture of life” – United States Catholic Bishops, 2005. *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*

A Prayer to Abolish the Death Penalty

God of Compassion, You let your rain fall on the just and the unjust. Expand and deepen our hearts so that we may love as you love, even those among us who have caused the greatest pain by taking life. For there is in our land a great cry for vengeance as we fill up death rows and kill the killers in the name of justice, in the name of peace. Jesus, our brother, you suffered execution at the hands of the state but you did not let hatred overcome you. Help us to reach out to victims of violence so that our enduring love may help them heal. Holy Spirit of God, You strengthen us in the struggle for justice. Help us to work tirelessly for the abolition of state-sanctioned death and to renew our society in its very heart so that violence will be no more. Amen.--Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J.

To receive more information regarding the Catholic Church’s work on the death penalty, please visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Web site at <http://www.usccb.org/deathpenalty/>

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- Schedule of Mass times... including Holy Days
- Schedules for Parish Ministries, Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and Hospitality
- A daily guide to the Liturgy of the Hours
- Weekly Bible Study Questions
- Links and background on the Sunday Readings
- Religious Education Schedules
- News and Cancellations
- Booster Club Winners
- Minutes from the Pro-life group meetings
- Link to the Edge and LifeTeen website
- Answers to questions about joining or reconnecting to the Catholic Church
- Opportunities for ongoing Adult Faith Formation
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