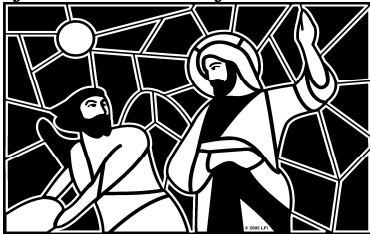


The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." - Mt 4:3-4



Sanctuary Lamp
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Lauren Madruga*, as requested by her loved ones.
Weekly – Hosts Offering for the intentions of those seeking employment.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 12, 2011
4:30PM M/M Manuel Vital

Sunday, March 13, 2011
9:00 AM Mary & Anthony Paiva
11:00 PM Arthur S. Bagana and Joseph & Mary Bagana
5:00PM Our Parish Family

Monday, March 14, 2011
9:00AM Matt Benoit

Tuesday, March 15, 2011
9:00 AM Adelino Antonio

Wednesday, March 16, 2011
9:00 AM Yvonne Morin

Thursday, March 17, 2011
9:00AM The Nunes Family

Friday, March 18, 2011
9:00AM Lauren Madruga

Saturday, March 19, 2011
4:30 PM Laureana & Ludovina Andrade

Sunday, March 20, 2011
9:00 AM Stephen & Agnes Ward
11:00 AM Anthony W. Luzzo, 3rd
5:00 PM Our Parish Family

Children's Liturgy

April Schedule:

4/3 Children's Mass

4/10 Our last Children's Liturgy

We end early this year so the children can partake in the symbolic readings of Palm Sunday. We wish your families a most blessed Easter Season! See you in the Fall.

Gloria, Jen, Rica, Sheri & Teri

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The volunteer for the week of March 13 through March 19 is *Cynthia Smith (508-992-6930)*.

MALASSADAS BREAKFAST next Sunday, March 20 from 8:30am to 12noon. Come join us for breakfast and fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recent Booster Club Winners: *Jane Magnant, Maria Machado, Elaine Meredith, Alexander Phillips and Robert Peckam*.

St. Julie's Ladies Guild Scholarship applications are available and may be picked up at the Parish office. Any high school senior who has been accepted at a 2 or 4 year school and who is/or has been an active participant in the parish may apply!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

There are classes today at Bishop Stang High School 10:15-11:30am for Grades 1 thru 5. God bless, Peter Healy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –

The next meeting will be held Thurs., March 24th at 7pm sharp as a *Social* evening. The 4th Degree meeting will be held Thurs., March 17th at the Oriental Pearl at 7pm. Our goal of **Community** is commitment by actively and financially supporting the Catholic Church as well as our communities. Knights of Columbus supports Special Olympics, Pro-Life and safeguards the environment all over the world. Please remember our promise to attend the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent as a group with our families at 7pm.

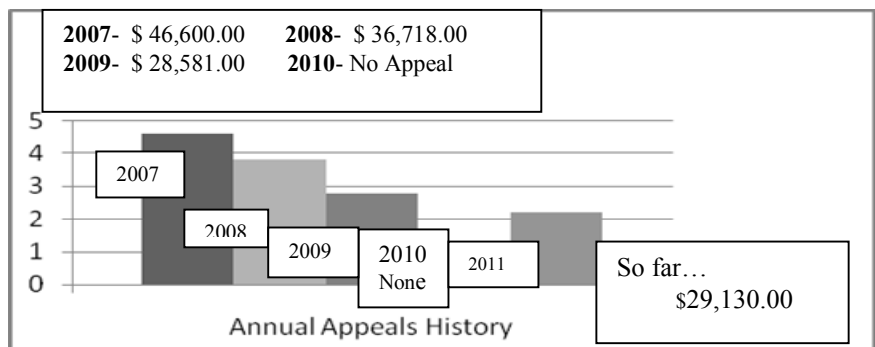


Vivat Jesus, Peter Healy, P.G.K

Prayer Corner: Many of our prayers have been heard and answered in God's mercy and grace.

Please continue to remember in your prayers: *Virginia Pelletier, Rosemarie Benoit, Brian Braley, Alice Lester, Annmarie Anderson, Carissa Martino, Madeline, Mel Marmello & baby, Julie Deterra, Jane, Carol, Cloe, John F. Pimentel J., Caleb Vezina, George, Lydia Ramalho, Alison, Ernie Carreiro, baby Charlotte, Cecelia Gonsalves, Melissa M., Marie Alves, June Collins, 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 Pictou, 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, 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.*

2011 Annual Appeal.....Mailing=2,280/Contributors = 349



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

From Father's Desk...

Earthbound

The immediate connotation which accompanies the word sin is the notion of actions which are contrary to the good for which God has created us, (or something like that). We are less familiar with the sense of the word pertaining to our "condition" as people with a "fallen nature . . ." a wounded nature. While this is not an entirely alien notion, it is simply not emphasized as much as the other.

Lent, of course, leads us to focus on both senses of the word Sin. We are offered multiple opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation through the confession of our personal sins, and the undertaking of a penance: This is essential to a proper observance of Lent. On the other hand, Lent brings us face to face with our undue attachment to the things of this life: We are encouraged to "give up" or "sacrifice" certain things; not because they are bad or evil in themselves, but because we need to challenge our sinful disposition to cling too tightly to temporary realities . . . as if we could not possibly live without them. Often the things we tend to forgo could, perhaps, be called "low level addictions" in our everyday lives; things like sweets, alcohol, television, shopping, etc. Sacrificing one or more of these things for 40 days and 40 nights exposes the degree to which we are "hooked" by things which are not essential, and reminds us of our status as "sojourners" in the world, (those who are just passing through).

There are those who are all too ready to dismiss such practices as exercises in "self-justification," or "meaningless rules," or what-have-you: However, by encouraging them, the Church does not suggest that we can "save ourselves" or "make ourselves holy," nor are communal disciplines like abstaining from meat on Fridays just arbitrary rules imposed upon us. All of these things are seasonal testimonies to the imperative that we must "break free" and "let go" in order to enter in the Kingdom of God. In fact, we may say that they are a concrete response to Jesus' paradoxical teaching, "He who saves his life in this world, loses it: And he who loses his life for my sake and the sake of the Gospel will save it."

An analogy which some may find helpful can be found in the realm of physical exercise. Within this realm of human activity, you will hear an odd expression of encouragement, "feel the burn." Roughly speaking, these words affirm that the pain of working muscles in exercise is a sign that the exercise is effecting a change for the better in the body. Similarly, we engage the practices of Lent, not only as acts of repentance, but because we are trying to open ourselves to the Grace of Christ which will elevate our lives beyond the ordinary attachments and low-level addictions.

Our condition is such that, if left unchallenged by our spiritual disciplines, we will remain earthbound and unable to respond appropriately to the saving Grace of Jesus. Every year we come to this sacred season to challenge this propensity, and to seek renewal of our awareness that, in fact, we are just passing through.

Fr. Greg

Joseph's Apprentices....Prayer, Service, Fellowship

Sponsored by Bishop Stang High School

Service Dates for 2011 are April 19, 20, 21

If you are aware of an individual or family whose limited resources may not allow for the minor maintenance repairs afforded by this program, please share this information with Fr. Greg or the parish office by Wed., March 30. (Projects will include painting, cleaning minor repairs, yard work, cleaning basements, attics, garages, etc. for the elderly and/or poor who otherwise many not be able to have this work done.)

Condolences.....Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of –*Joseph Sobral, Joseph Prenda, Roland Hebert, Joyce Jackson, Olivia Telesmanick, Eleanor Medeiros and Thomas Coleman*, who have recently passed away. May they find comfort in knowing that their loved ones are in God's tender loving care.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Next Sat., March 19th the Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet in the parish library at 9am. Come and join us as we share our time and talents in the making of prayer shawls. All are welcome. Shawls are available in the parish office, as are directions for making them. Hope you can join us!

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.

Note of Thanks.....

St. Julie's Ladies Guild would like to extend their appreciation to everyone who supported our "Lobster Roll Dinner." It was great to see our parish community enjoy an evening shared with family and friends.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who are considering receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Contact Paula Raposo at paula@saintjulies.org

Divorced and Separation Meetings:

Meetings will be held February 24, March 10 and March 31 at St. Julie Billiart Conference Room from 7-9pm. For information please call Bob Menard 508-673-2997.

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| Sunday, March 6th Regular | 5,433.00 |
| Maintenance | 2,516.00 |
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Faith-filled Adults

This weekend at the 11 o'clock Mass our parish will celebrate the RCIA **Rite of Sending**. At this time we will send forth to Bishop Coleman, with our prayers, our candidate Brittany Medeiros who is preparing to receive the Easter sacraments. Later in the afternoon she will participate in a rite named, "the **Call to Continuing Conversion**" with other RCIA candidates from throughout our diocese. This rite is proper for the baptized who are preparing for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

The Rite of Sending will begin after the homily. At this time Brittany will be formally introduced to Fr. Greg. On behalf of the RCIA team and the parish family, Father will be asked to recognize the progress that Brittany has made in her spiritual formation. After coming forward with her sponsor Father Greg will ask the sponsor, Maria Mota, to affirm that Brittany is ready to receive the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist.

The Prayers of Intercession, through which the rite continues, are an invitation to each and every one of us to accompany Brittany on her journey to the Easter Sacraments and beyond. Listen closely to the words. We pray that she will be free from selfishness, that her sponsor may be a living example of the Gospel, that her teachers may convey to her the beauty of God's word, and that she may share her joy she has found in Christ Jesus with others. Finally we pray for our community, that we may during the season of Lent, grow in charity and be constant in prayer. The journey of Lent is not that different for us than it is for Brittany and the other candidates and catechumens in our diocese is it? Are we not all striving to grow closer to our Savior throughout the 40 days of Lent? Brittany is a living reminder to us that we are all on this journey together. We are blessed to have her with us. Let us keep each other in prayer this Lent and always.

Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation

The Journey to God

St. Julie's Adult Faith Formation welcomes Bud Miller who will present a 5-Session **Lenten Reflection series** on advancing in Prayer and the Spiritual Life. Come be instructed and guided by the wisdom and experience of five saints: St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Francis De Sales, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Faustina Kowalska. **Thursday Evenings, 7:00pm-8:30pm** (March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14). parish conference room. Free will donations accepted.

Parish Book Groups

The Return of the Prodigal Son ~ Folks who registered for a book group or asked for a copy of the book to read at home, please pick up your book from the basket at the back of the church. Book groups will begin meeting next week, the week of March 14th. Contact Paula Raposo 508-993-2351x109 or paula@saintjulies.org for more information.

Bible Study

Consider adding Bible Study to your spiritual practices this Lent. Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10AM and Wednesday evenings at 7PM. This week we will delve into and reflect upon the readings for Mass from the **2nd Sunday of Lent; Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 and Matthew 17:1-9**. Come be part of the learning, conversation and prayer.

MARCH 13, 2011

Lent 2011

Tues. 10AM, **Wed.** 7PM

Study on Lenten Scriptures
Conference Room

Holy Hour: Tuesday

Noon- 8PM, (Confessions, 7- 8PM)

Sign Up Sheet @ Entrance



Friday, Stations of the Cross, 7PM in the
Church

Saturday: Confessions 3:30-4:15

[Don't hesitate to make an appointment
for Confession with the Pastor]

New Bedford Area Lenten Mission

April 11-14 @ St. Mary, New Bedford

Fr. William Petrie, Sacred Hearts Frs

Mass @ Noon & 7PM preceded by **Confessions**