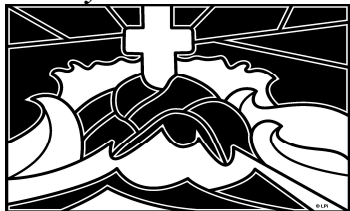


"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock." - Mt 7:24-25



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Adelino Antonio*. as requested by his loved ones.

Weekly – Hosts Offering for the intention of the Costa Family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 5, 2011

4:30PM Bianca Silva

Sunday, March 6, 2011

9:00 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 PM Jose Cardoso

5:00PM Sara & Thomas Harland

Monday, March 7, 2011

9:00AM Rosaire & Blanche Constant

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

9:00 AM Cecelia M. Blazewicz

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

9:00 AM Raymond Brasells

7:00 PM Frank C. Santos

Thursday, March 10, 2011

9:00AM Arlene Correia and

Daniel Santos

Friday, March 11, 2011

9:00AM Miguel & Flavia Carvalho

And Maria Pine

Saturday, March 12, 2011

4:30 PM M/M Manuel Vital

Sunday, March 13, 2011

9:00 AM Mary & Anthony Paiva

11:00 AM Arthur S. Bagana and

Joseph & Mary Bagana

5:00 PM Our Parish Family

HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Tuesday evening – 7pm

Confessions available during Adoration.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

At today's 9am Mass we welcome all our 2nd grade Students who are preparing for First Holy Communion and also their Parents and Guardians. There are classes today for Grades 1-5 (10:15 – 11:30am) at Bishop Stang High School.

God bless. Peter Healy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –

Thanks to all our Brothers who attended the Social Meeting, which was well attended. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7pm sharp. Bring a Friend. To continue with our goals – *Faith* as Knights our Faith is our foundation. Dedicated to the Catholic Church's growth and her good works, we support religious outreach, promote vocations, and provide financial support for seminarians and postulates. Tis way, we help support our Church and strengthen our personal faith. Vivat Jesus, Peter Healy, P.G.K



St. Julie Billiart Church Bereavement Ministry 494 Slocum Road, N. Dartmouth, MA 02747

A series of 6 Monday evenings of a **Widows and Widowers Support Group** will be held from 6:30 to 8pm. For more information please call: Pat Cashmore at (508) 971-4191

Prayer Corner: Please remember in your prayers: *Virginia Pelletier, 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. You are welcome to call and place people on the prayer intentions with the individual's permission. People are placed on this list for one month at a time, unless we are advised that there is a greater need for prayer. Parish Office 508/993-2351.*

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The volunteer for the week of March 6 through March 12 is **Betty Viera (508-999-6850).**

NOTICE:

The Fall River Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) is having a *Day of Reflection* on Saturday, March 26 at St. Julie 's Church. Deacon Robert Faria will be the speaker. Registration: 9:15-9:45am. Reflection begins at 10am and will close at 2pm. Cost is \$15, which includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Contact Helen Stager for more details at 508/992-6680.

ST. VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tues., March 8, 2011 at 7pm in the parish library. Members should plan to attend.

We welcome Father Paul Farin of Cross International Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries.

From Father's Desk...

Basics of Biblical Interpretation

An adequate treatment of this topic requires a good deal more space than is afforded by this bulletin column; but there are some key things we can say about interpreting the Bible from a Catholic viewpoint.

First off, this is a very important topic for us Catholics since we live in a sea of other Christianities whose creed is "the Bible alone is the source of truth." This is a very compelling creed, since the Bible is a very tangible (touchable/seeable) source of God's revelation. Catholicism, by contrast, includes a much less tangible concept of Sacred Tradition, (the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church): It is understood that Sacred Tradition cannot contradict the teachings found in the Bible. The Second Vatican Council explains it as follows: To the successors of the apostles, sacred Tradition hands on in its full purity God's word, which was entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. Thus, by the light of the Spirit of truth, these successors can in their preaching preserve this word of God faithfully, explain it, and make it more widely known."

Here are some basic principles to help us understand how we interpret the Bible in our Faith:

- 1. A basic principle to which one could point is the notion that there is a "unity" to all truth. What is true is true: And there are many "true" things which are not found in the Bible, (mathematical truths, scientific truths, etc).
2. The Bible is not really one book, nor does it contain only one type of literature. Some truths are conveyed in "allegory", (perhaps the story of Jonah); others are in the form of song, (the Psalms); still others are in the form of poetry, (The Song of Songs). A truth can be told in many ways: It is just necessary to understand what the message is as distinct from the form of language that conveys the message. For example, if the story of Creation is understood "allegorically," to convey the truth that our creation is not an accident of a purely material universe, but by the will of a personal God, then we have no real conflict with scientific discoveries which contradict the details of the allegory, (i.e. the Earth is 45 million years old vs. 6000 years old). On the other hand, if we don't recognize different forms of expression, and insist that every detail is "true," (as happens in fundamentalist Christianity), then we encounter conflict with reason and science, as well as the principle that there is a unity of all truth. More must be said, but this is a start. Please . . . join us at Bible Study! Fr. Greg

Pro-life Meeting

Stephen Marcotte, director of 40 Days for Life in Attleboro, will speak at the Pro-Life Committee meeting on Monday, March 7 at 7PM. Please join us in person or in prayer next Monday evening in the conference room. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

Meditation: Lord, I cannot claim to be living on higher ground than others. When I stoop to lend a lifting hand, show me that I can reach across.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Saturday, March 19th at 9am in the parish library. 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!

NOTICE: The Fall River Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses invite you to a Presentation by Fr. Andrew Johnson, Chaplain at Charlton Memorial Hospital on The Face of the Suffering Christ. Saturday, March 26 from 8:30-11:30am at St. Anne's Hospital (Nannery Conference Room). \$15 Fee includes morning refreshments, presentation and lunch. Registration deadline March 20. Call Betty at 508-678-2373 for more information.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome Bliss Christi Imbriglio, Olivia Ann Camacho and Olivia Hills-Medeiros into our community through the Sacrament of Baptism. May they grow in their awareness of the Lord's great love for them and celebrate that love in the Lord's family.

COLLECTIONS:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Sunday, Feb. 27th Regular 5,226.00; Maintenance 905.00; Anchor 175.00

F.Y.I. St. Julie's Parish is assessed 600 subscriptions for the Anchor which we are responsible to pay. Your partial or full payment helps defray the cost. Also, if you currently receive the Anchor and are not interested in it, please contact the parish office for a cancellation.

[To date we have received \$2,106.00 for this new year's subscriptions.]

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 1st Sunday of Lent; Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19 and Matthew 4:1-11. Come be part of the learning, conversation and prayer.

Faith-filled Adults

There are two seasons which seem to have taken a long time to arrive this year...Lent and Spring. Would you agree that we are ready for both? Even though with all the sanding, shoveling and scrapping of the past months one might make the case that we who live in the Northeast have already engaged in a period of significant sacrifice it is almost time to welcome the season of Lent, with its ashes, purple vestments, prayer and sacrifices of a different kind.

Lent, like Spring, involves preparation, if the season to follow (Easter) is to be fully enjoyed. Just the other day I heard that folks who live significantly south of us had already begun to rake their yards. At this time of the year, especially after all the snow we had this winter, just the thought of raking sounded very good to me. I can picture in my mind's eye working to get the flower beds clean of leaves and debris. I imagine the first buds poking through the ground and the grass beginning to green once more. I began to consider the work it would take to get my yard looking its summer best. I think about the lugging, digging and dragging the bags of leaves to the bottom of the driveway to be picked up by the town. Even though Spring will involve a good amount of work, I welcome it's arrival as I know it heralds a summer of outdoor activity which I have missed!

Lent is like that too. I wonder...do we welcome the season of Lent the way we welcome the season of Spring? Do we consider embracing the act of spiritual raking, digging and dragging to the curb of any old dead leaves that have accumulated in the corners of our souls with the same eager anticipation as we clean our flower beds? Does the thought of cleaning out all that has accumulated over time to make room for new growth give you a feeling of hope for what lies ahead? Is it possible to actually get excited about the arrival of Lent? I think it is! Prayer, fasting, sacrificial giving, spiritual reading, studying scripture, the stations of the cross, are all ways to prune, rake and fertilize our way to Easter. Indeed, Lent not only prepares us for the joy of Easter, Lent anticipates the joy of Easter. HAPPY LENT! Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation

For Lent ~ Parish Book Groups

This Lent we will read Henri Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, based on his reflections on the Rembrandt painting called *Prodigal Son*. He reflected on a print of the painting and over time on how he had been the younger (prodigal) son, the elder son and the father in the Gospel story. What struck him "like a thunderbolt," though, was a friend's admonition: "Whether you are the younger son or the elder son, you are called to be the father. The book is both autobiographical and a call to the sometimes lonely and challenging role of spiritual fatherhood. **An important word** about masculine and inclusive language: While the three main characters in the prodigal son story are all men, Henri is careful in this book to point out how the spiritual characteristics that he describes – even the call to be a better father – are **applicable to both men and women**. *Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church. Registration continues through March 8th. Contact Paula Raposo 508-993-2351x109 or paula@saintjulies.org for more information*

MARCH 6, 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 Heart Fathers

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