

"Do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." –

Jn 20:27b-29



**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Clarence & Eleanor Tracy* as requested by their loved ones.

*Weekly – Hosts Offerings* are being offered this week in memory of *Laureana and Ludovina Andrade*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 30, 2011

4:30 PM Joseph Szala

Sunday, May 1, 2011

9:00 AM Pedro J. Graca

11:00 AM K of C Marriage Renewal  
The Parish Family

**5:00 PM** Manuel & Adelaide Cardoso  
and Rachel Cunha

Monday, May 2, 2011

9:00AM Dolores Walker

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

9:00 AM Clarence & Eleanor Tracy

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

9:00 AM Frank Ottavaneli

Thursday, May 5, 2011

9:00AM Claire Landry and the  
Michaud Family

Friday, May 6, 2011

9:00AM Edwin Goulart

Saturday, May 7, 2011

4:30 PM Mary C. M. Sabino

Sunday, May 8, 2011

9:00 AM The Szala Family

11:00 AM Natividade Veiga

**5:00 PM** Our Parish Family

**COLLECTIONS:**

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Regular** 7,946.25  
**Maintenance** 977.00

**Good Friday/Holy Land** 1,407.00

**Easter/Retired & Infirm**  
**Priests** 4,753.00

**Anchor** 22.00

**ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD**



**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

The volunteer for the week of May 1 through May 7 is **Betty Viera (508-999-6850).**

**A Sincere THANK YOU...to Parishioners who generously donated their unwanted jewelry. Through your generosity The Ladies Guild Jewelry Sale profited \$2,735.00. Your support of this fundraiser greatly benefits our parish. Looking forward to another Sale in 2012, we will be asking once again for donations of any type of unwanted jewelry.**

**Prayer Corner:** Please remember in your prayers: *Annette, Mabel Janusz, 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.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The next meeting of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the parish library. We hope to see you then. If you would like to receive a shawl they are available through the parish office. Directions for making shawls are available too.

**WALKERS NEEDED!**

Starting on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, our walking group will be meeting at 5:30 in the evening. Our group walks are held on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings throughout the spring and summer (weather permitting). If you have been thinking of exercising, come and join us!

**Youth Faith Formation**

For all Second Grade Students preparing to receive First Communion, we have practice sessions on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Practice should be done by 8pm. This is **mandatory** for all. First Communion Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The Crowning of Mary will take place afterwards. Thank you and God bless. *Peter Healy \*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm sharp. The Awards Night was a very nice affair. Attendance was somewhat disappointing on behalf of all Brother Knights.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Al Shartner, his wife and all family members on the death of their son. Be assured of our prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.

Vivat Jesus, Peter Healy, P.G.K



**The 70th Diocesan Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) begins this Sunday.**

The Annual Diocesan Appeal has been mailed to our parish families. Your contribution and prayers enable the agencies and apostolates of the Diocese of Fall River to assist those in need here at home. Please support this endeavor of essential services and basic needs.

*God bless you in your generosity.*

*From Father's Desk...*

**Holy Communion**

**... it's not a chemical reaction.**

In some circles within the Church there is much debate about whether it is more appropriate to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand. The debate is fuel, primarily, by those who feel that reception of Holy Communion in the hand has led to a loss of appropriate reverence for the sacrament and the real presence of Christ therein. Moreover, there are those among the clergy arguing that American Bishops overstepped their bounds in allowing the practice of reception of Holy Communion in the hand by a misinterpretation of ruling from the Pope and/or Vatican.

Whether the latter is true or not, I cannot say, nor did I have the time to research the matter. What is more interesting to me is the comparison of the modes of reception and the judgments which are made about them. Is it self-evident that reception of communion by sticking one's tongue out to receive is more reverent than opening the palm of one's hand? It isn't to me. I can, in fact, envision either reverent or irreverent reception in either mode. I think we all know reverence and/or irreverence when we see them: Reverence should involve a disposition of prayer, reflection, honor and respect. Irreverence, by contrast, often manifests itself as callousness, indifference, mockery, negligence, etc. When someone grabs the host from the clutches of the priest, and walks away munching on the host as if it were a cracker, while joking with friends in the front pew, clearly we are dealing with an ignoramus! So too, if someone receives on the tongue, and is acting silly on the way back to his/her pew, they are manifesting terrible irreverence in the presence of the holy mystery.

Much of the debate on this matter concerns the particles of Holy Communion which might be lost in the transfer from the priest's hand to that of the communicant's hand: This is where the debate gets really interesting, because it forces us to consider the nature of the sacrament. Holy Communion does maintain the natural, material appearance of bread and wine: As is true with all matter, microscopic particles are shed because of natural forces such as friction, and electromagnetic charges. As the priest clasps his fingers on the host and raises it up to offer it to the recipient, particles are blown off by molecules of air: Some of these are inhaled by people, along with the dust in the atmosphere, and some fall to the ground. It is humanly impossible to prevent this sort of loss to the environment of some of the material which composes the host! Does this mean that we are trampling the Eucharist underfoot?

We tend to compare Holy Communion to things which are more familiar to us .like chemical compounds, or things which are a result of chemical or physical reactions. The Eucharist, however, is of another order of reality: For there to be a sacrament, there must be a sign. To quote one online blogger discussing this matter, "*a Sacrament consists of an outward sign which signifies an inward, supernatural, grace-giving reality. Both the sign and the thing signified are necessary for a valid Sacrament. Hence, if the sign is destroyed, the thing signified ceases to be present as well.*" St. Thomas Aquinas speaks of this in terms of "corruption": You can see by the following that he uses the word broadly:

*"But if the change be so great that the substance of the bread or wine would have been corrupted, then Christ's body and blood do not remain under this sacrament; and this either on the part of the qualities, as when the color, savor, and other qualities of the bread and wine are so altered as to be incompatible with the nature of bread or of wine; or else on the part of the quantity, as, for instance, if the bread be reduced to fine particles, or the wine divided into such tiny drops that the species of bread or wine no longer remain"* (Summa Theologica, III, Q. 77, Art. 4).

Much more can be said on the matter, but it does provide an opportunity for us to break free from the inadequate analogies we use to think about Holy

Communion: It is not a chemical reaction, but a mystery bound up with the reality of a sign. And, yes, of course, the utmost reverence is called for no matter which mode it is for which we opt to receive. *Fr. Greg*

**Pro-life Reflection** ...Jesus conquered death so that we may have eternal life. Abortion, euthanasia, contraception, capital punishment, poverty and violence all destroy life. We pray that the culture of death may be conquered. As we celebrate the season of Easter; we celebrate life!

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM in the parish conference rooms. For more info please email [paula@saintjulies.org](mailto:paula@saintjulies.org) or phone 508 993 2351 x109. Please pray the Awakening Faith Prayer in support of this outreach endeavor.

*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.*

**THANK YOU**  
I have had the privilege of being an intern for Paula Raposo in Adult Faith Formation for this past academic year. I would like to thank all of the parishioners with whom I've worked, Fr. Greg, the staff, and especially Paula for their warmth, kindness and time. It has been a real pleasure to be a part of this community.  
*Joyce Pinney*

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

**Owens Corning Residential Products**

Call Susie 1-800-993-1157

[www.800Basement.com](http://www.800Basement.com)

10% Discount given to parishioners.

Please consider our advertisers in recognition of their generosity.

**PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL BULLETIN NOTICES @ side entrance to church.**

### **Faith-filled Adults**

It has been said that one of the best ways to learn is to teach. I have found this to be very true indeed. For the better part of four years Fr. Greg and I (along with Fr. Karl and Fr. Jay during their time here) have developed a method, taught, and reflected on the Sunday Scriptures with adults who have a hunger to learn about God's revelation through Scripture. I will admit I was more than a bit apprehensive (well aware of just how far my knowledge of Scripture went) when Fr. Greg suggested that we begin Bible Study at St Julie's. Yet the consistent presence of our attendees bore out that something very good was happening in our twice weekly gatherings. Each week as we gathered together in prayer and conversation, we unpacked the many ways that the words of Scripture are relevant today, in our lives and in our world. The wisdom of our participants I encountered through their sharing was superseded only by the wisdom of God we encountered in both the Old and New Testament readings. Encountering the collective wisdom of adults open to learning is truly an amazing experience. I give thanks to God for the presence of each person who participated in our study of Scripture.

Lately Fr. Greg has alluded to the current financial situation in the parish. As a result of our present situation and at the urging of the parish finance council we as staff have been asked to re-evaluate and make suggestions while keeping our eye on the bottom line. In the interest of the parish budget I have volunteered to reduce my hours (and salary) at St. Julie's. I am not going away, but I won't be here as often during the week. Fruitful as our Bible Study has been the preparation for the weekly sessions demands a sizable amount of time, which does not bode well with this recent change. In the scheme of things we acknowledge the importance of Bible Study for our parishioners and are prayerfully considering alternatives for the future which honor the financial situation of the parish and the availability of staff.

While we as a parish turn this new corner in ministry I ask for your prayers and welcome your suggestions. As always our goal is to keep the best interests of the parish at the heart of our decisions. I will miss our Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings together, yet I will ever be enriched by the memory of those times and people, and look forward to the opportunities I will have to minister to you in the future.

**Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation**

### **Bible Study Break**

Watch the bulletin for information regarding Bible Study. For your home study, why not read the reading for next Sunday along with the footnotes? The readings for the Third Sunday of Easter are: Acts 2:14,22-23; 1Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35.

### **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, Father Greg, or Deacon Claude for more information. 508-993-2351 x109 or email paula@saintjulies.org*

*MAY 1, 2011*

---

*The following children are in our prayers  
as they receive Jesus the first time in Holy  
Communion this week.*

Benjamin Aubin  
Connor J. Banville  
Ethan Belval  
Ethan T. Carpentier  
Michael Cornell  
Jonathan P. Correia  
Lucas A. Da Costa  
Andrew Figlioli  
Shea Fortin  
Alex S. Graca  
Kristopher Gracia  
William Hartman  
Ryan Dean Lavoie  
Parker James Maranhos  
Ryan F. Marcelino  
Jake M. Medeiros  
Jordan Moran  
Owen Quigley-Mello  
Mason Rapoza  
Andrew J. Rego  
Kyle Samagaio  
Aidan Joseph Taffe

Mareena R. Arruda  
Caeleigh Aubin  
Emma Rose Bernier  
Sara C. Cabral  
Meghan Camaro  
Sophia Cameron  
Felicia Cidade  
Mia Fongemie Clark  
Emily Denis  
Olivia Denis  
Angelina Ferreira  
Brooke Mia Ferreira  
Emily Figueiredo  
Bianca Frazier  
Annika Furtado  
Ambur Garcia  
Sarah Anne Hartman  
Robyn M. Holmes  
Mya J. Leonardo  
Ruby Louro  
Emily K. McMahon  
Faith A. Medeiros  
Katelyn A. Medeiros  
Kelly J. Medeiros  
Kristen A. Medeiros  
Lauren A. Nielson  
Emmie H. Parker  
Lauren Raposa  
Raquel Reis  
Maia A. Rodrigues  
Hayley N. Souza  
Kaitlynn M. Sullivan  
Ryley L. Thatcher