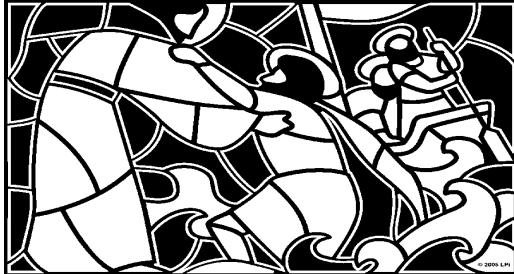


*But when he saw how (strong) the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

-Mt 14:30-31



**Sanctuary Lamp** The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Leeman & Agnes French **Weekly.**— **Hosts Offerings** are being offered this week for Mary C. Halloran

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
4:30 PM Arthur Barao

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
9:00 AM Loretta & Eliot Casey  
11:00 AM Rev. John F. Hogan

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
9:00AM Leeman & Agnes French

Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
9:00 AM Joaquim & Mary Silva

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
9:00 AM Mary C. Halloran

Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
9:00AM Edward Ready

Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 2011  
9:00AM Robert Correia

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 2011  
4:30 PM The Pimental Family

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 2011  
9:00 AM Juvenal Sousa  
11:00 AM Nicholas S. Nicholas & Norman Boucher

**Adoration –  
Tuesday evenings 7-8 pm**

**COLLECTIONS:**  
Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> \$6,553.00  
Maintenance \$855.00

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



**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

The volunteer for the week of August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup> is **Anne Fraga (508-999-6519)**

The Ladies Guild is inviting ladies of the parish 18 years of age or older to become members. Our monthly meetings will resume Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. As a member you will be able to participate in activities that assist the parish as well as to enjoy social time which includes a special program each month. The annual membership fee of \$10 may be placed in the church collection basket. For more information please contact Isabel Medeiros (508) 992.5464.

**Youth Faith Formation**

Registration for the Religious Education for grades 1-5 will be on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. sharp in the church. All necessary paperwork will be available for completion during this time. This may be the last opportunity to register for the coming year's religious education program. Thank you & God bless, Peter Healy

**Prayer Corner:** Please remember in your prayers: *Mary Corliss, John Leclair, Diane Antone, Lydia Ramalho, Helen, Pauline Gagnon, Steve, Christopher, Maria, James Dalton, Adelina Andrade, Maria, Steve Massoud, Lynn Carreiro, Mary Gaughan, Riley Rose, Nathan Gauthier, Jenny Andre, Kenny Waters, Linda, Elaine, Jenna, Olivia, Len Correia, Terry Dufresne, Tyler Swanson, Debbie Furtado, Genevieve Poente, Bob, Annette, Mabel Janusz, Helen Rovas, Logan, Cloe Olivia Harding, Roger, John Carvalho, Rosemarie Benoit, Annmarie Anderson, Madeline, James, Mel Marmello & baby, Julie Deterra, Jane, Carol, Cloe, John F. Pimentel J., Caleb Vezina, George, June Collins, Nancy Gomes, Janice Santos, Lydia Rodrigues, Yvette Thompson, Teri Gifford, John Carvalho, Lauren Ladino-Saunders, Lori, Deane Freitas, Lucille, John Patrick, Janet Pictou, and those intentions that have been spoken and unspoken in our hearts. **We continue to pray for healing in body, spirit and faith for all our parishioners and loved ones.** 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.*

**Parish Nurse Ministry**

Prayer shawls are available. If you would like to receive or give a shawl to someone please contact the parish office. This ministry has brought much comfort, delight and prayer to those who receive the prayer shawl.

**Walkers Needed**

Our walking group continues to meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:30pm in the parking lot near the parish offices. Join us for some exercise, weather permitting

**Program Offered at St. Julie's**

**The Mysteries and Miracles Of the Mass...Revealed!!!**

The final meeting of a detailed discussion related to the upcoming Mass Changes will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 until 8:00 p.m.

## From Father's Desk.....

### Nature is Dead . . . and we killed it!

Sometimes I look at my dog with envy. She is perfectly innocent, and incapable of sinning. Even when she removes all the trash from the trash can, and spreads it throughout the rectory, she is only acting according to her nature as a scavenger, and she cannot be accused of sin. On the other hand, my dog is equally incapable of virtue. She doesn't do anything for anyone based on any motive other than her own survival and well-being. This is where my envy of her ends necessarily.

There are key behavioral differences between human beings and animals. Animals follow the laws of their nature and have no choice in the matter. They have no free will. By contrast, human beings have been given the facility of reason and free will by our Creator. We are given the power to perform a task. We possess the power of reason to analyze nature and to discern what is true, right and good for us, and what will lead us to a true realization of our lives. We also have the power to ignore or reject what we see with our own eyes or to create our own "make believe" nature if we wish . . . at our own peril.

This distinguishing trait of human beings is at the root of the problem we are having with issues such as the controversies over "same sex marriage," and abortion. We have a clash between two fundamentally divergent understandings of what it means to be human. In the predominant culture, a person's life is considered to be their own project... to do with what they please . . . whatever makes them happy. In traditional thinking, happiness is found by applying reason to nature. In a more specifically Christian expression, we would say that God has imprinted the instructions for happiness on our nature, and given us the power to discover how to live fully human lives.

Hence, in the case of human sexuality, we all struggle with "directives" emanating from the level of our feelings and the natural attraction telling us, "I am attracted to her," and "I desire him." This is a bit of information with which to, perhaps, begin a search for happiness, but it is not the only information. Passion or desire can often lead us astray. We know that we can't just eat anything we want, whenever we want without potential health problems. There are natural limitations or constraints which govern eating and drinking. And what about sexual attraction? If a man experiences a strong attraction to his own sister, or a woman to her own brother, do we think it is right or good for either of the parties to proceed with a sexual relationship and marriage? Our nature tells us, quite clearly, that this is neither good nor is it a way to happiness. Inbreeding is a cause of suffering and unhappiness in the human person and in society; so the feelings of attraction must be resisted according to the dictates of what reason knows to be true from nature. For those who are feeling the feelings or experiencing the desires, this is a very painful circumstance, and we should have compassion for them; but it simply cannot be!

Consider substituting a sibling with a parent in these scenarios and it really gets bizarre and distasteful. Is it just because of our "social conditioning" and old "hang ups" that we have such negative gut level reactions to these ideas? No! It is clearly "un-natural" for a man to marry his mother, or a daughter her father, is it not?

For now, society continues to forbid the practice of incest; but the rational basis for upholding this is severely eroded by the ongoing denial of human nature. In a paraphrase of the philosopher Nietzsche, "Nature is dead, and we killed it."  
*Fr. Greg*

## St. Vincent's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Run

Sunday August 21, 2011

This 50 mile Bike Run will travel through the scenic back roads of Freetown, Dartmouth and Fall River, ending back at St. Vincent's for a cookout, raffle, and silent auction. Trophies for favorite bike as judged by St. Vincent's youth will be awarded. Advance registration is \$20 for drivers, \$15 for Active Military and Veterans, and \$5 for a passenger.

Please contact Melissa Dick at 508.235.3228 or email [melissad@stvincentshome.org](mailto:melissad@stvincentshome.org).

### Parish Office Hours

*The parish office will continue an abbreviated schedule of hours this week. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 until 3:00. Thank you to all for your continued prayers for Teri Gumkowski, our Office Administrator, as she enjoys a rigorous recovery period and is doing quite well. Thank you to our committed volunteers who have stepped up in Teri's absence. Your time, talents, and devotion are well appreciated by all!!*



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**RCIA ~**

***The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults***

God calls each of us in different ways and at different times during our lives. Many times God speaks to us through an important event, like the birth of a child or the death of a loved one. At times we may experience God as a stirring in the heart or restlessness. If you (or someone you know) are experiencing a gentle nudge from God and have yet to receive one or all of the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, consider finding out more about the RCIA process at St. Julie's. Inquiring about the RCIA is just that... an inquiry. The RCIA is an opportunity through which you can ask questions, explore, pray, learn and consider if Jesus is inviting you to become fully initiated in the Catholic faith.

*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.*

For more information speak with Fr. Greg or Paula Raposo 508-993-2351 x109, email [paula@saintjulies.org](mailto:paula@saintjulies.org) or visit our parish website <http://www.saintjulies.org/ministries/rcia-the-rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>

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**Website News and Facebook Messages**

Have you friended your parish on Facebook yet? Search for **St Julie Billiard**. If you would like to advertise your parish event or news on our Saint Julie Billiard website or post it on our parish Facebook page send your message via email to [paula@saintjulies.org](mailto:paula@saintjulies.org)

**Mission Appeal –  
Diocese of Kandy, Sri Lanka**

A native priest from Sri Lanka will be visiting St. Julie's on August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. An appeal for spiritual and financial support is being made to our parish family. The many people in the diocese of Kandy are working hard to improve their small and impoverished community. Our help is vital to their mission, in that their resources are substantially limited.

**Polish "International" Festival**

Sunday August 14, 2011

St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, New Bedford

Starts at 11 a.m. with Mass and continues throughout the day.

Music... Food... Fun!!!

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**COURAGE:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish at St. James Church is offering a support group for Catholics wounded by same-sex attraction (SSA), who gather to seek God's wisdom, mercy and love. The next meeting of Courage will be held on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. For location information, please call Fr. Richard Wilson at 508.992.9408.

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**SEPTEMBERFEST  
COUNTRY AUCTION**  
*Sunday, September 25, 2011*



Get those creative minds going ...

Do you have your scissors, ribbons, baskets, and filler ready? Then we really need your help!

For this year's Country Auction we are going to see just how creative we can be!

We are looking for baskets with the following themes:

- \* **Spa/Pampering** – for those who need re-charging
- \* **Fine Dining** – for those foodies and wine connoisseurs or folks who just like to set a nice table and entertain
- \* **Tis the Season** – for those who love to decorate around the holidays – any holidays
- \* **Children** – for children of all ages except those special newborns who have their own category
- \* **Newborn** - for those on their way or newly born
- \* **Hobby** – for those who love to read, golf, scrapbook, knit, watch movies, or any other hobby out there

Mark your calendars. Baskets will be due by Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> ...if possible, although we take them right up to the day of the event!

CREATIVE GENIUS (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

EXPERTISE (Theme): \_\_\_\_\_

AGENT'S NUMBER (Telephone Number):  
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