

"God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Stephen and Agnes Ward* as requested by their loved ones.

Weekly – Hosts Offering are available.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26, 2011

4:30PM Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 27, 2011

9:00 AM Brian Aubertine

11:00 AM Al Oliveira, 17th

5:00 PM Community Mass

Eduarda Andrade

Mary Oliveira Horn

Henry Perles

Jean Paul Daigle

Lorena Rodrigues

Roland Hebert

Rev. Douglas Hawkins

Catherine Louise Daly

Victims of Natural Disasters

Humanitarian Volunteers

Monday, March 28, 2011

9:00AM In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

9:00 AM Jose Marmel

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

9:00 AM Inez Goulart

Thursday, March 31, 2011

9:00AM Americo Moniz

Friday, April 1, 2011

9:00AM Catherine & William Fornaciari

Saturday, April 2, 2011

4:30 PM Ann & Ted Wallace

Sunday, April 3, 2011

9:00 AM Stephen & Agnes Ward

11:00 PM Anthony W. Luzzo, 3rd

5:00PM Our Parish Family

Just a Reminder...Rehearsal for the "Living Stations" for KIC/EDGE will be held Wednesday, April 13 from 4-6pm!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

There are classes today at Bishop Stang High School for Grades 1-5 at 10:15 Through 11:30am. Please continue to keep up your excellent attendance as there are only a few more classes remaining. Also do not forget your Lenten resolutions as we prepare for the glorious celebration of *Easter*.

God bless, Peter Healy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th at 7pm sharp in the parish hall. Continuing with our goals, next is

YOUTH. The importance of helping today's youth, who become tomorrow's leaders is also a huge focus of the Order. Many local councils sponsor Columbian Squire Circles, the Order's official youth organization for Catholic young men ages 10-18, which provides them the unique opportunity to develop leadership skills. There are other activities such as the essay contest, substance abuse poster contest and free throw championship and many more.

Thank you and God bless, Vivat Jesus, Peter Healy, P.G.K



Prayer Corner: Please continue to remember in your prayers: *Helen Rovas, Roger, Catherine Louise Daly, Edna Soares, Lucrecia Vieira, 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, Melissa Lambert, Jane, Kathy, Janet Pictou, Lauren Ladiou-Saunders, Frank Sylvia, Adeline Levesque, Annie, Annette, Lori, 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, John Jr., Vanessa, Susan McHugh, Coty, Adam Alfonso*, and those intentions that have been spoken and unspoken in our hearts.

NOTICE: If you've ever been a patient in a hospital, you know how comforting it is to receive our Eucharistic Lord when you are sick and suffering. Would you consider bringing the Eucharist to patients at St. Luke Hospital? If you are, ask Fr. Greg to support your desire by giving you a letter of suitability and contact the office of Pastoral Care at St. Luke Hospital at 508.997.1515 Ext.2491.....Leave a message for either Fr. Thibault or Denise Benjamin. Thanks for considering giving your time to this invaluable ministry!

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The volunteer for the week of March 27 through April 2 is **Betty King** (508-997-4458).

Scholarship application deadline – May 1, 2011.

St. Julie's Ladies Guild Scholarship applications are available in 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!

Jewelry Sale.....April 9, 2011

We are in need of your lightly used Costume and Fine Jewelry. You may call Isabel at 508/992-5464 for pickup... or drop off your "treasures" at the parish office.

Children's Liturgy April Schedule: 4/3 Children's Mass
4/10 Our last Children's Liturgy

From Father's Desk.....

Subsidiarity

"It is a fundamental principle of social philosophy, fixed and unchangeable, that one should not withdraw from individuals and commit to the community what they can accomplish by their own enterprise and industry." (Pope Pius XI, *Quadragesimo Anno*, 79)

Within any group discussing the life of faith in this modern world, there is always more than enough lamenting to be done about the state of things as they are. In fact, those of us who moderate discussions within Bible Study, "Why Catholic," Awakening Faith, or the book groups, have to be cautious about letting things degrade into a gripe session.

Recently, one concern which was the topic of conversation was the observation that, increasingly, it seems like the government and public school systems are encroaching on areas once the exclusive domain of parents. The primary, though not exclusive, area of concerns are issues surrounding sexual ethics, ("safe-sex" programs, abortion notification, homosexuality and "same-sex" marriage, etc.) Without doubt, many school teachers resent being in a position in which their primary work is interrupted by the necessity to contend with issues which should have been dealt with within the home, (basic hygiene, nutrition . . . in addition to the more controversial matters). Apparently, the problems of teen pregnancy, bullying, and other serious matters compel school systems to step into a breach left by more than a few, negligent (or simply incapable) parents: Such interventions are meant to inform young people about dangers, proper attitudes and values, as well as apprise them of where they can turn for protection or assistance.

We must assume the best intentions of most public servants in these matters, but we encounter terrible difficulties as a Faith community when they effectively usurp the rights of parents to teach their children moral and social principles which accord with what they believe in faith.

Regrettably, as a parish, we encounter an analogy to this situation in the wide-spread abdication of parents in the responsibility of teaching their children the basics of faith. This responsibility has, largely, been "delegated" to the Religious Education Programs of the parishes. However, these programs are not structured to do anything more than augment what is supposed to be learned in the home. As the Rite of Baptism teaches us, the parents are the primary teachers of faith, not the parish.

Even Pastors and Parishes need to be respectful of parental rights with respect to teaching sensitive matters to their children. If, for example, we teach on matters of human sexuality---even from the strictest Catholic viewpoint---parents have every right to exempt their children from such presentations if they have any concerns about the content, timing or delivery of such a message.

As you can see in the contrasting examples I've put forth, it is important to see in this term, **not only the assertion of rights, but also the demand for responsibility**. It is all fine and good to have a right, but if it is also a responsibility which remains un-fulfilled then, as we hear it said, "nature abhors a vacuum." Someone will "fill in the blank" with another religion, or philosophy, or value system.

In a way, this principle of Catholic Social Teaching gives us a sense of great potential as families and as a Church to be agents of social change according to the Gospel of our Lord. On the other hand, it also magnifies the sense of tragedy in that we are not what we ought to be. To adapt some phraseology from an old science fiction movie, it seems as if we've been "assimilated." And the question remains, "is resistance futile?"

Fr. Greg

Thank you...to all who have made donations to the book table located in the parish hall. Please continue to check for titles which might be helpful to you.

{Donations are given to our parish St. Vincent DePaul Society}

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome *Charlotte Lorren Winterhalter, Nicholas James Stefanik, Erik Joshua Medeiros, and Alexander Paul Couto* 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.

PROGRAMS OF INTEREST –

- Adoption By Choice April 19 at CSS Fall River (6:30-8:30pm) 508/674-4681 <http://www.cssdioc.org>
- Emmaus Retreat Weekend April 8-10 Cathedral Camp, E. Freetown. Contact Debbie 508-646-3902 or visit the website www.emmausretreats.com
- Theology on Tap – April 12 contact Crystal Medeiros at 508-678-2828 cmedeiros@dfreec.com
- Courage will meet – April 30 @7pm Call Fr. Richard Wilson 508-992-9408 for more information.

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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 **4th Sunday of Lent; 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; and John 9:1-41**. Come be part of the learning, conversation and prayer.

COLLECTIONS:

Sunday, March 20th Regular	5,852.00
Maintenance	920.00
Anchor	13.00

The ANNUAL APPEAL Contributions to date total \$36,080.00. During these hard economic times we thank those who are still able to contribute. We pray for those experiencing financial hardships and unable to give at this time. May God bless you .

Please remember.....

A Special Diocesan Collection under Catholic Relief Services/Caritas Japan will be taken this weekend for the victims of the Japanese Earthquake! Your prayers and support are needed.

Faith-filled Adults

Recently I read an article written by Fr. Michael Himes of Boston College. Himes submitted this particular article, the first in a series written for Lent, on Ash Wednesday. Looking ahead to Easter Himes considered the goals he hoped to attain by the time Easter arrived. He conveyed in his article that the season of Lent lived well should, among other things, prepare us to renew our Baptismal promises on Easter with integrity. Himes admits that it takes him 40 days of prayer, fasting and sacrifice to be able to respond “I do” with complete honesty to the questions put to the Baptized at the Easter Liturgy.

Since in a few days we will have reached the halfway point in this season of Lent, it might be a good time for us to recall the promises we will be asked to renew at Easter. How’s it going? Are you on the right track? Is it time to add something else to your practices of Lent? Perhaps you have been faithful to the sacrifice (something you gave up) you committed to at the start. Do you need to consider adding more prayer, some adoration time, the Stations of the Cross or spiritual reading to your preparation? Take some time, if you will, to reflect in prayer and ask yourself if your practices and disciplines this Lent are getting you ready for Easter when Father will say:

Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church. Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God’s children? Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? So you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation

RCIA ~ The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please pray for our RCIA candidate Brittany Medeiros as she prepares to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. 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

The Journey to God Continues...

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 continues. 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, 7:00-8:30pm** (March 31 and April 7, 14) in the Parish Conference Room. Free will donations accepted. If you were not able to make it to previous sessions you are still welcome to attend this inspirational program.

The Return of the Prodigal Son- Some copies are still available to read at home. Contact Paula if you would like a copy reserved for you. 508 993 2351 x 109 or paula@saintjulies.org

MARCH 27, 2011



Lessons from the Spirituality Of Blessed Mother Teresa Calcutta for Every Catholic

**April 11-14, 2011
12 Noon and 7 pm**

**St. Mary's Church
343 Tarkiln Hill Rd., New Bedford**

Fr. William Petrie, SS.CC. will give identical talks
twice a day, during Mass at noon and at 7pm.

Lenten Confessions will be offered each day at 11am
and 6pm.

*Come to the Mission and Allow
Mother Teresa to Strengthen Your
Lent and Life!*