

And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean."
-Mt 2:22b-23



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Matt Benoit* as requested by his loved ones.

Weekly – Hosts Offering - In Thanksgiving!

MASS INTENTIONS

CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 25, 2010

10:00AM Carol Brooks Facchiano
NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

Sunday, December 26, 2010

9:00 AM Edwin Goulart
11:00 AM Our Parish Family
NO 5:00PM MASS this Sunday

Monday, December 27, 2010

9:00AM Alfred Bigos

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

9:00 AM Rev. Edward J. Sharpe (23rd)

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

9:00 AM Arthur & Delores Furtado

Thursday, December 30, 2010

9:00AM Louis Lange, Sr. (9th)

Solemnity of the Mother of God

Friday, December 31, 2010

9:00 AM Seth T. Daigle
5:30PM Mario and Mary R. Santos

Epiphany

Saturday, January 1, 2011

9:00 AM Carlos DaRosa, Manuel Vargas,
and Evarista & Donald Miguel
4:30PM Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 2, 2011

9:00 AM Adam, Cecelia, Anna and
Sophie Tomasik
11:00AM Robert J. Ouellette
5:00PM Mary C. Halloran

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The volunteer for the week of December 26th through January 1, 2011 is **Beverly Morrissette (508-997-7619)**.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

There are NO Classes today for grade 1-5 at Bishop Stang High School. Classes will resume as normal next weekend, January 2, 2011 at 10:15-11:30am. Hope everyone had a Merry and Blessed Christmas. Not it is time to wish one and all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

God bless, Peter Healy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 7pm in the parish hall. Wishing all Brother Knights and their families a Happy & Healthy New Year. Mary Queen of the Rosary and Queen of the Knights, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus. Peter Healy, P.G.K.



Parish Nurse Ministry

The next meeting of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 9am in the parish library. All are welcome! Come and join us to learn more about this ministry. If you would like to receive a shawl or give a shawl to someone, please contact the parish office. *May we take this moment to wish you good health in the New Year and God's choicest blessings always.*

Prayer Corner: Please remember in your prayers: *Ernie Carreiro, Melissa M., Marie Alves, Alison, June Collins, Mary Gaughan, Nancy Gervasio, Diane Mello, Kathy Gardner, Nancy Gomes, Janice Santos, Lydia Rodrigues, Yvette Thompson, Teri Gifford, Maria, Al LaFrancois, 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, Gil Perreira, Mabel Janusz, Jenny Andre, Cindy Azevedo, Mary, Elaine, Jeff, Jay, Arlene, Delores, Mary Ann Dupere, Deane Freitas, Baby Sarah, Baby Violet, Donald Lavoie, Lucille, Irene, Manny, Kristin Canto, 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. May we keep all our men and women serving in the armed forces and who are in harms way be protected and come home to their loved ones soon. 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).*

From the Choir Director. . .

I would like to take a moment to thank the Music Ministries of St. Julie's parish for the wonderful Christmas liturgies. Our Youth Choir did a stellar job at the Christmas Vigil Mass, Friday, evening. The prelude concert and Mass were beautiful! The Adult Choir was as prayerful and professional as always for the Midnight Mass. The concert was filled with rich Advent to Christmas hymns and songs, and their music for Mass was filled with love and joy! Theresa Deneault, and her cantors Paul & Marianna Penha performed beautifully at the Christmas morning Mass to conclude our glorious Christmas celebrations.

A very heart-felt thanks to all who participated in the choirs, and music ministries, for their countless hours of rehearsal and preparation (the Adult Choir begins rehearsing for Christmas in September, and the children in October!). Thanks also to the parents of our youth who take time out of their own busy schedules to get the children here each week for rehearsal. Without them we'd have no Youth Choir. May God bless you all, and bless your New Year to come!

Mike

From Father's Desk.....

Google God

I suppose, like many people, I set up my internet browser to make Google my home page. Google is, of course, the most popular internet "search engine." You can type anything you want into the blank space, click on "search" and "go" wherever you want. For example, if I type in "Jupiter" I can virtually go to the planet Jupiter on a virtual space craft or I can find out anything that is known about that giant ball of gas which can be known. Or, if I type in the word "abyss" I may access photographs of the deepest canyons in the deepest ocean of the world. I can "virtually" access anything I want, from the biggest to the smallest, and from the sublime to the ridiculous, as well any anything else in between.

It is, upon reflection, an experience which seems to suggest access to "the infinite," and this is a very seductive thing. With the current scandal of Wikileaks in the international news of late, we understand that even the most private and sensitive things are accessible to us with the stroke of a few keys.

This is only the latest and most technologically advanced version of a temptation which has been around since the beginning of human history; going back to the Tower of Babel. I write as one who has been seduced by this, and by other such things . . . television among them. And to be "seduced" is to give up personal freedom for a promise which may or may not be deliverable. We usually associate the word "seduction" with sexual conquest wherein one person uses his/her sexual power to overcome the good inhibitions of another. I say "good inhibitions" because they are barriers which often protect important values . . . the meaning of sex, and marriage and true love and so forth.

The effects of the internet seduction can be wide ranging and many values are at stake. At the most basic level, we can be tempted to fill every moment between tasks and activities with fantastic trips through "cyber-space" . . . leaving no time for reflection about the meaning of life. Worse yet, we can do and see things that we ought not to do, and which are none of our business: and we "go there" just because we, so easily, can! Moreover, the possibilities seem to be infinite!

Christmas give us an opportunity (if we wish to take it), to consider the simplicity of God's visitation into this world . . . the visitation of the "infinite One" into our puny, finite world of things and people. A hallmark of Jesus teaching, found in the Gospel of John, is the revelation that we "do not belong to this world any more than [he] belongs to this world." Or, as St. Paul tells the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven." So, no matter how convincing something is in selling itself as a doorway to the "infinite," it is, of course, an illusion. We need to keep some distance from such things precisely because of their "seductive" power, even if they are not, in themselves, evil or bad. The true "door to the infinite" came into the world, in person, and his "way" is that of patient endurance in faith rooted in a recognition that He created us, and we belong to Him: And, beneath him, the internet is not "the infinite" but just another thing which is passing away.

Fr. Greg

HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Tuesday evening - 7pm

CONFESSIONS Available during Adoration

COURAGE: a welcoming support group for Catholics wounded by same sex attraction (SSA), who gather to seek God's wisdom, mercy and love. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 1st at 7pm. For location information, please call Fr. Richard Wilson at 508-992-9408. Join us in our search for truth that is in God alone.

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December 26, 2010

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 • Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 • Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Anyone who has ever moved to a new residence knows it's an exhausting experience. I have yet to meet someone who finds it stress-free. Imagine then, the experience of Mary and Joseph. We hear of their three moves—to Egypt, to Judea, and to Nazareth—all within a very short time. How difficult that must have been! Granted, Mary and Joseph didn't have to haul a big-screen TV or a washer/dryer combo. They also didn't have a moving truck, bubble wrap, or GPS navigation. Imagine the chaos and stress of moving without the modern conveniences we take for granted.

Yet they were led by profound trust in the providence of God. Their "holy family" life, chaotic as it was, was rooted in the belief that God was leading them and would never abandon them.

We know well the chaos beyond the Christmas season that characterizes family life today. "Soccer parents" chauffeuring children everywhere; elderly parents unable to live alone; isolated aunts or uncles in need; adolescents grappling with hormones and identity issues. The chaos can make us reticent to call family life "holy."

Yet as Mary and Joseph trusted in God's providence, Saint Paul reminds us today to "let the peace of Christ control your hearts." In the midst of the chaos of our family life, we're challenged to let Christ's peace take control. This doesn't necessarily mean we need to go to daily Mass together (though that's a great idea). But we can let the peace of Christ guide our family's everyday actions—so that conversations are more loving, conflicts are discussed with greater gentleness, and times together are celebrated more joyfully.

With Christ at its heart, ours too can be a holy family.

Janel Esker

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Faith-filled Adults

Earlier this month an internet news service from Rome quoted Pope Benedict as saying in an Advent homily, "Advent is a pressing invitation to us all to allow God to enter ever more deeply into our lives, our homes, our neighborhoods, our communities, that we may have light amidst so much darkness and so much daily fatigue".

Now that Christmas has arrived we can find ourselves still searching for the gift of the light, Our Savior Jesus, which Benedict spoke of. We certainly hope to sense the presence of the Lord in our Christmas liturgies, in the faces of those around us, in the presence of our families, friends and the strangers we have reached out to during this season of giving. This hope realistically is the ideal most Christians anticipate during Christmas. Indeed through the grace of God we do experience Christ at Christmas in these ways such as these. What about the moments when we do not have this sense, the moments when we feel certain that the search for the Christ Child continues? As we celebrate the Prince of Peace who was born on Christmas day we are cognizant of the fact that the world is not at peace. Do you find yourself asking, "Where have you gone Lord?" If only we take the time to sit in silence...the Lord comes to us, quietly, gently as a new born child, loving us the way a new-born loves, without condition. Peace comes and speaks softly, with great love, I am here. This is the kind of love that melts the heart and beckons us to draw close to our New Born King.

At the conclusion of his homily the Holy Father assured, "God is close, ... but we are often far away. Let us, then draw close, let us come into the presence of His light, let us pray to the Lord and, in the contact of prayer, let us become a light for others".

Blessed Christmas!

Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study Christmas Recess

Our weekly Bible study will take a short break for the Christmas season. Bible Study will resume on January 11th and 12th. Won't you consider making a resolution in 2011 to come to know God more deeply through God's revelation in Scripture?

Awakening Faith

Do you know someone who is away from the Church? Do you wish there was something you could do? Now there is! Starting on January 11th our parish will sponsor *Awakening Faith*. Remember to share the invitation to Awakening Faith with someone you know this Christmas. The people we love, our friends, neighbors, and co-workers, may be open to returning to the Church. Please invite Catholics you know to return to a more active practice of their faith. To learn more about ways to invite inactive Catholics to Awakening Faith see our parish website. <http://www.saintjulies.org/awakening-faith>/Additional inventions are available at the parish office. Please pray that God will bless our efforts.

DECEMBER 26, 2010

Marriages

2010

Congratulations to

Paul Sousa & Pamela Carey

Gregg Francis Curley & Lauren Jayne Fitzpatrick

Brian Matthew Fogarty & Ana Isabel Roda

Christopher David Nelson & Nicole Correia Melo

Adam John Blais & Virginia Ann Marote

Brian Daniel Baker, Jr. & Kara Elizabeth Dreher

Shawn Louis Silva & Elizabeth Pinto Coderre

Michael Robert Kayser & Kristen Amber Stelljes

Hugo Araujo Gomes & Susanne Marie Matias

Brandon Donald Silva & Michelle Maria Sousa

Jared Carl Howard & Isabel Machado Borges

Justin Michael Medeiros & Brittany Marie Fonseca

Robert Arthur Bolduc & Amanda Marie Wilkinson

*Jonathan Lazaro Couto & and
Jessica Marie Moniz Pacheco*

Sean Keith Buckley & Patricia Almeida Fernandes

Jeffrey Robert Gallant & Jennifer Ann Beaudry

Nelson Aguiar Medeiros & Charlene May Weigel

Andrew James Mazzarella & Patricia Faria

God's peace, love and blessings be yours in your new life
together and in the coming New Year.