

*Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." -Mt 11:4-5*



### **Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Charles Pires, Sr. and Benjamin Rodrigues* as requested by their loved ones.

**Weekly – Hosts Offering** - In the memory of *Mary C. M. Sabino*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 11, 2010

4:30 PM Walter & Estelle Korzybski

Sunday, December 12, 2010

9:00 AM Brazelina & Manuel Souza

11:00 AM Armand Bolduc (28<sup>th</sup>)

**5:00 PM** Our Parish Family

Monday, December 13, 2010

9:00AM Albino DaSilva

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

9:00 AM Roland Lamarre

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

9:00 AM Francisco & Maria Machado

Thursday, December 16, 2010

9:00AM Charles Pires, Sr. and Benjamin Rodrigues

Friday, December 17, 2010

9:00AM Alfred & Cecelia Szala

Saturday, December 18, 2010

4:30 PM Michael Silva

Sunday, December 19, 2010

9:00 AM Joseph Levasseur

11:00 AM The Viera Family

**5:00 PM** Our Parish Family

### **HOLY HOUR ADORATION**

**Tuesday evening – 7pm**

CONFESSIONS Available during Adoration

### **COLLECTIONS:**

Sunday, Dec. 5/Regular	\$6,070.79
Maintenance	2,133.00

**Prayer Corner:** Please remember in your prayers: *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. Please remember our parishioners who are homebound. 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).*

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



### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

The volunteer for the week of December 12<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 is **Cynthia Smith (508/992-6930)**.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the recent *Booster Club Winners!*

**Nancy Martin, Michael Amaral, Donald Pratt and Anna Soares.**

### **Parish Nurse Ministry**

The next meeting of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 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. We have shawls available.

### **ST. JULIE'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Young adults from age 20-30 are invited to "Coffee & Catechism" on Saturday, December 18 at 9am in the Conference Room. Come and enjoy fellowship.

### **Youth Faith Formation**

There are classes today 10:15-11:30 for Grades 1-5 at Bishop Stang.. The priest wears Pink vestments today to signify joy in this third week of Advent and in the coming of the Christ child at Christmas. Reminder that all students who have made their First Communion should take the opportunity at this time to go to Reconciliation. God bless, Peter Healy

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –**

Let us remember that we are in the Season of Advent so we should be preparing daily for our Savior's birth on Christmas Day. May Mary Queen of the Rosary and Queen of the Knights, pray for us. Vivat Jesus. Peter Healy, P.G.K.



### **DIOCESAN DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting will be held at St. Julie's parish conference Room on Thursday, December 30th from 7-8:30pm. This evening our video presentation will be, "*When Tempers Flare*." This presentation will be a guide on **Understanding and Managing Anger**. Discussion will follow. Contact Bob Menard for more info (508-673-2997 or 508-965-2919).

### **NOTE ongoing projects at St. Julie's**

Aluminum tabs, Cancelled stamps, Food donations/St. Vincent DePaul, Brick Memorials/Mary's Garden, Steeple/Roof Fund, Used cell phones and new in our hall is a Book table (just make a donation). Thank you for your help in these projects. God bless

From Father's Desk.....

God in the Flesh

A fact that seems to be totally obscured by the craziness of the Christmas Season, as we ordinarily experience it, is the immensely scandalous proclamation which is made by the Church of Christ in this holiest of holy times. The word "scandal" needs to be understood in its original sense as "something which is a stumbling block." In a sense, we should all be "stumbling," at least a little bit, in the face of the reality that the all-powerful, all-mighty, infinite God has entered the world in the form of a tiny, vulnerable, helpless, human baby! It is impossible to wrap our heads around this mystery, and so we tend to "gloss over it" and we remain content with the "cuteness" factor of the baby and the animals in the stable of Bethlehem.

Consider that when God pierces through the barrier separating time and eternity---as is our proclamation at Christmas---the "absolutely perfect" is touching the "damaged imperfect," and the "infinite" is entering into the "finite-limited." Logically there is going to have to be an immense accommodation for the difference . . . and infinite difference! That God would see fit to do this is, in the truest sense of the word, AWESOME! We should be "awestruck" in our contemplation of this mystery! The thought that, while Jesus was being swaddled in the Manger at Bethlehem, he was, at the very same time, holding the very fabric of reality together, (in virtue of his perfect union with the Father and the Spirit), is absolutely mind blowing, (*"through him all things were created . . . In him everything continues in being,"* Col. 1:16-17).

Contemplation of the mystery in this way puts us in touch with the reason for our call to give our lives over to Jesus. The poignancy of the manger scene and the swaddled baby in Mary's lap underscores the incredible gentleness by which the Almighty made that transit from eternity into our realm of time. Not only that, but He did so in that form which is most relatable to us . . . the human person.

*"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God . . . the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race."* John 1:1-14

Are you awestruck yet? Can you perceive what is so amazing here? In assuming our human form, it is honored and elevated beyond our wildest dreams. God could have assumed any form he wanted: He could have been angelic, or pure energy, or a voice piercing the clouds. Instead, we get the baby born in to a poor family on the run in Bethlehem.

We will never be able to comprehend this mystery in a complete way, but the exercise of contemplating it at a deeper level than is afforded by the pictures and decorations are one which promises to be fruitful. Do yourself the favor of sitting with the Gospels of the season to fortify your prayer life: this is one way to overcome mere sentimentalism with a genuine experience of awe.

Fr. Greg

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, Fr. Greg, or Deacon Claude for more information. 508-993-2351 x 109 or paula@saintjulies.org

**Giving Tree.....**

Thank you for taking a tag from the Giving Tree. Gifts need to be unwrapped with the tag secured on the item. All gifts need to be returned by next Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. God bless you for your unconditional giving and prayers.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We welcome Harrison James Camille and Domenic John Gioiosa 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.

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MEDITATION: *Christians are strengthened in communion and bear witness of the Gospel of Love and Peace to all. Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.* 2Corinthians 5:18-19

**Faith-filled Adults**

This Tuesday and Wednesday past, we put the following question to the folks who attended our parish Bible Study: “Do you think that the coming of Christ is more of an event or a process?” The responses to the question varied, however most people agreed that the coming of Christ is a little bit of both, an event as well as a process. It became apparent as our conversation moved forward that in-between two great events, the Incarnation (the coming of Christ at Christmas) and the Second Coming of Christ (at the end of time), there exists an ongoing process through which Christ comes to us over and over again.

We went on to consider the ways in which the moments of redemption which we have experienced, might be recognized as ways in which Christ (the event) continues to come into our lives (the process). These moments, which certainly vary from person to person, can be understood as small “comings of Christ” which occur between the two great events of the Christmas and the Second Coming. Some of us may find that are getting better at noticing these “small comings of Christ” as life goes on. Whether we notices them or not (Christ often comes to us in gentle ways) we as Catholic Christians do believe that each life has many moments when Christ draws close. Ultimately the questions becomes how do I respond?

Thinking about the concept of “process and event” when it comes to meeting Christ is something very important to keep in mind as our parish prepares to offer the *Awakening Faith Program* this January. During the weeks ahead we will be asked both individually and as a parish to reach out to friends (some of whom you know, some we are yet to meet) and family members who may be ready to explore the possibility of deepening their relationship with Christ. Often times these friends may not be mindful of, or perhaps have even forgotten, that Christ is calling them to a deeper relationship, to a process of coming to know him better. Next Sunday (and Saturday too) has been designated as *Awakening Faith “Invitation Sunday.”* At that time you will be asked to accept or pass along, or maybe both, an invitation to participate in the process we all depend on, a process that connects us more deeply to Christ, the Event, which we will celebrate with much joy at Christmas. Please join all of us as continue to pray the Awakening Faith prayer found in the bulletin.

**Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation**

**Please pray for those yet to be born**

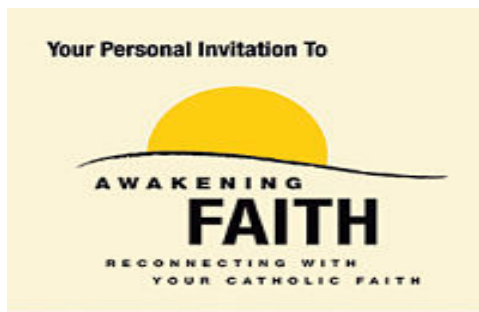
December 12<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, who is the Patroness of the Unborn. In this, the third week of Advent, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming our Lord Jesus, we wait in a trusting hope that through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe our prayers will heard and abortion will end.

**Bible Study**

Join us **Tuesdays at 10 AM** or **Wednesdays at 7PM** in the parish conference room as we explore and unpack the meaning of the Scriptures which will be proclaimed at Mass the following weekend. **The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Isaiah 7:10-14, 10; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24.** Why not prepare your heart to receive Jesus the Word made flesh at Christmas by exploring God’s Holy Word.

**DECEMBER 12, 2010**

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**Coming to St Julie's January 2011  
December 18/19 is "Invitation Sunday"**

*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.*



### **2010 Christmas**

#### **Schedule of Masses**

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>...Vigil Mass-4:30 pm with Nativity Play  
Midnight Mass (12 am)

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ...10:00am  
**(There will be no Saturday 4:30pm Mass)**

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>...9:00am & 11:00am **(NO 5:00pm)**

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### **2010/2011 Solemnity of the Mother of God**

#### **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>...Vigil Mass – 5:30pm

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>... Mass – 9:00am  
Mass – 4:30pm

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Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>...Masses 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:30pm