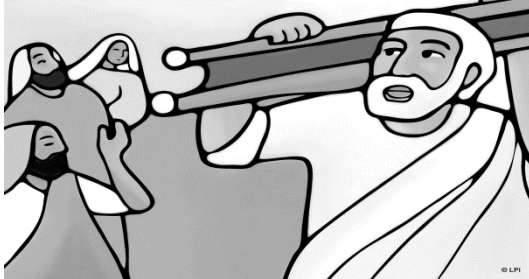


Jesus said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."


— Mk 2:11-12



FEBRUARY
WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 12, 2012

Collections	\$5,406.00
Maintenance	\$2,205.00
Home Mission	\$157.00
Anchor	\$463.00

(2011 CONTRIBUTION FORMS FOR THOSE WHO USE BUDGET ENVELOPES MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE PARISH OFFICE)



THE ANCHOR

The Anchor subscription drive is now underway. We encourage your participation as a means to grow in faith and stay informed of issues. Our parish is assessed 600 subscriptions which we are obliged to pay. If you wish to receive the Anchor or renew your current subscription, please fill out a Blue envelope in the pamphlet rack or the one received in your budget envelopes. Any contribution toward the \$20 is appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18th
 4:30 PM Manuel & Adelaide Cardoso

Sunday, February 19th
 9:00 AM Mario Travassos
 11:00 AM Virginia Xavier
 5:00 PM Our Parish Family

Monday, February 20th
 9:00AM Palmeda Silva

Tuesday, February 21st
 9:00AM Gary Cogliano

Wednesday, February 22nd
 9:00 AM Jose Marmelo
 7:00 PM Community Mass:
 Ann C. Mahoney
 Bill & Rocky King & Family
 Richard & Mary Brown
 Sylvester Sylvia
 Salvatore Lombardo
 Donald Vital

Thursday, February 23rd
 9:00 AM Steven G. King

Friday, February 24th
 9:00 AM Stella & Matthew Cimochoowski


Saturday, February 25th
 4:30 PM Scott Amaral

Sunday, February 26th
 9:00 AM Rita Freitas
 11:00 AM Jose DaVeiga
 5:00 PM Our Parish Family

The hosts this week are being offered in memory of **Manuel F. Moinheiro**.
 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of **Joseph George & Gloria Medeiros**.

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: The volunteer for the week of February 19th through the 25th is Betty Ann Silva, (508) 996-5267.




Meat pies may be picked up this weekend after the Masses in the church hall. Our delicious lobster/chowder dinner is scheduled for March 2nd. The adult dinner price is \$16.00. The children's option (grilled cheese) is \$5.00. Tickets will be available for purchase after the Masses on February 25th and 26th. Our next meeting for the Ladies will be held on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 PM. Our Lenten speaker during this meeting will be Jean Revil.

BOOSTER CLUB WINNERS: The following names were drawn at the Ladies Guild Meeting on February 7, 2012: Mary Griffin, William Harrison, Phyllis Pratt, Herman Cauto, Michelle Goddard, Dolores Vasconcellos, Susan Andrew and Joanne Long.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Our next meeting, a social meeting, will be on Thursday, February 23rd at 7 PM in the church hall. There is a good possibility that we may have a First Degree conferred again. Congratulations to Russell Pinto who made his Third Degree on Sunday February 12, 2012. Also, our Italian night dinner is going to be held on Saturday February 24th in the church hall starting after the 4:30 PM Mass. More information will be forthcoming. Fr. McGivney, pray for us. Thank you and God Bless. Vivat Jesus, *Peter Healy, PGK*



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:

There are no classes for grades 1-5 today, Sunday February 19th or next Sunday, February 26th. Classes will resume at the usual time and place on Sunday March 4th. The 9:00 Mass on Sunday, March 4th will be a Mass for our second grade students who will be making their First Holy Communion in May. This Mass MUST be attended by all students making First Communion with their parents and/or guardians. First Penance for our second graders will take place on Saturday, March 24th at 9:00 AM. Parents and/or guardians should be present. Thank you and God Bless, *Peter Healy*

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION
 Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:00 PM

From Father's Desk...

Contraception Controversy

The recent and highly publicized conflict between the U.S. Catholic Bishops and the Obama administration on a policy that might require Catholic institutions to provide insurance coverage to employees for contraception brings to the fore an issue which is and has been rather thorny in the life of the Church for the past fifty years or so. I prefer not to speak of the political matter of the separation of Church and State so much as the issue of the Church's teaching on Contraception itself. It is a topic which you will rarely ever hear about from most priests, (me included); mostly because it pertains to the most private of realms and, because as celibates, we are awkwardly situated in respect to the matter, (to put it . . . awkwardly). I fully acknowledge that this is a teaching of the Church that very many, if not the majority, of Catholics reject. Many of you who are reading this article now may be among the deeply skeptical, or those who find the teaching nonsensical.

What is the teaching? In its essence, it is that there is an intrinsic relationship between the sexual act and the procreation of children. In other words, *"by its very nature"* it is ordered to the bringing forth of children. In a sense, this is self-evident. The organs and fluids involved in this natural human act are designed, precisely, to create children. The moral question which arises is whether it is morally licit to directly interrupt this natural process of human generation. The issues which provoke this question are familiar and logical. They are concerns about responsible parenthood, economics, overpopulation, dangerous pregnancies, etc. Therefore, the logic follows, *"Could it not be admitted . . . that procreative finality applies to the totality of married life rather than to each single act?"* In other words, if there is a general openness to having children in marriage, cannot employing methods of contraception to prevent pregnancy be valid and acceptable on some occasions?

To the chagrin of many, at the time of the encyclical's release and up to this very day, the answer has been *"No."* Basing himself on the "natural moral law," (the Law of God imprinted on our nature), the Pope explains with this comparison:

Men rightly observe that a conjugal act imposed on one's partner without regard to his or her condition or personal and reasonable wishes in the matter, is no true act of love, and therefore offends the moral order in its particular application to the intimate relationship of husband and wife. If they further reflect, they must also recognize that an act of mutual love which impairs the capacity to transmit life which God the Creator, through specific laws, has built into it, frustrates His design which constitutes the norm of marriage, and contradicts the will of the Author of life.

In one scenario, the act is forced against the will or desire of one of the partners, and so the *"unifying"* aspect of the act is excluded. Something which is intrinsic to the act, cultivating mutual love, is missing. In the second scenario, an effort is made by one or both spouses to prevent conception, and so the *"procreative"* aspect is excluded. Both aspects---unity and procreation---are intrinsic to the act. It is easy for us to regard the first example as repugnant. The Pope wants us to see the same in the second. *"Hence to use this divine gift while depriving it, even if only partially, of its meaning and purpose, is equally repugnant to the nature of man and of woman, and is consequently in opposition to the plan of God and His holy will."*

There is much more to the teaching than I can address in this small column; but, perhaps it gives you a "flavor" for the logic. You may be among the many who struggle greatly with this teaching and what it means to live it out in the world. Indeed, the document alludes to the necessity for "heroic" virtue in living the married life. As is true of all things in our Faith, the horizon of the Church's teachings are eternal union with God and the transformation we expect at the consummation of Christ's saving work.

Fr. Greg



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 or visit website <http://www.saintjulies.org/ministries/rcia-the-rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>

UPCOMING COLLECTION

(February 25)

The Catholic University of America

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the US, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Your generosity is appreciated.

Prayer Corner:

Please remember in your prayers:



Stanley Syzkmonicz, Skyler, Sheila, Maureen, Jim, Kathleen Sacco, Scarlet, Nick, Veronica, Aislinn, Lorraine Gagne, Bill H., Lucille, Michael & Haley, Connie, Raymond, Terri Benevides, Jenny Andre, Jenna, Roger, Noah Fernandes, Joe Vargas, Renata, Lawrence Barboza, Bridget Kowalczyk, Mike, Annette, Richard, Robert Brooks, Mary Corliss, John Leclair, Diane Antone, Lydia Ramalho, Helen, Pauline Gagnon, Steve, Christopher, James Dalton, Adelina Andrade, Maria, Lynn Carreiro, Mary Gaughan, Nathan Gauthier, Kenny Waters, Linda, Elaine, Olivia, Len Correia, Terry Dufresne, Debbie Furtado, Genevieve Poente, Bob, Annette, Helen Rovas, Logan, Cloe Olivia Harding, John Carvalho, Rosemarie Benoit, Madeline, James, 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, Lori, Deane Freitas, Lucille, John Patrick, Janet Pictou, and those heartfelt intentions that are both spoken and unspoken.

Our offering of condolences are given to the families and friends of Eugenia Mathews, Cheryl DeMello, Alice Soares, Elsie Botelho, Mary Ann Imbeau, Prudent Pedro and Gilbert Sylvia. May the peace of our Lord be with you and your families as you remember those who have passed on to live in peace with our Heavenly Father.

To add or remove someone from this prayer list please call the parish office. Names are published for **one month** unless the request is for continued prayer. **ALSO...** Prayer intention and request cards can be found in a basket at the front of the church. **Children from the Kids in Christ and EDGE will continually pray for these intentions during the week and Tuesday evening adoration.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE EFFORT FROM FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH APRIL 1. IN ADDITION TO 40 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR AN END TO ABORTION IN AMERICA, PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO PRAY OUTSIDE OF THE ABORTION CLINIC. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT 4ODFLATTLEBORO@COMCAST.NET. ALL ARE WELCOME!

NOTICE: If any parishioners are interested in making earrings for *chemotherapy* patients please contact Carole Morris at (508) 994-8741. No experience in bead making is necessary. It's easy to learn and personally rewarding. Women & Infants in Providence and Hawthorne Cancer Center locally are current recipients of this caring Ministry.

FEBRUARY 19, 2012

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
ST. JULIE'S PARISH
WIDOW/WIDOWERS' GROUP
Monday, February 27, 2012
6:30 to 8:00pm**

Do any of these sound familiar??

"I feel much worse now than when he/she first died....."

"Friends and family keep asking me to go out but I don't feel like it....."

"We had plans, but now....."

"I don't know how I am going to get through our Anniversary....."

The first of six (6) Monday evening meetings will begin on February 27....Come to listen. Come to learn. Come to share. Come to be understood. Come to be together.....

To register and for meeting location at St. Julie's, contact Pat Cashmore
(508) 971-4191.

The Donovan House

The Donovan House has been a sober transitional housing program for women and their children since 2001. This secure facility is in need of diapers (size 3, 4, 5, 6), slightly used or in good condition baby items such as: monitors, car seats, strollers, etc. Personal items, such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other toiletries are also requested. Please bring your donations to the parish office. Your generosity and kindness is deeply appreciated.

NOTE: Ongoing projects at St. Julie's: Used cell phones, aluminum tabs, cancelled stamps, religious articles, nonperishable food donation (St. Vincent de Paul), brick memorials (Mary's garden).

Living the Eucharist begins on Monday February 20th. Those who registered should hear from their group leader before the first session.