

*Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. - Mt 3:13-15*



**Sanctuary Lamp**  
 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Ernest J. Charbonneau* as requested by his loved ones.  
**Weekly – Hosts Offering** Our Parish Family!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 8, 2011  
 4:30PM Alda Poitras

Sunday, January 9, 2011  
 9:00 AM Dean & Gloria D. Medeiros  
 11:00AM Joseph C. Canastra  
 5:00PM Our Parish Family

Monday, January 10, 2011  
 9:00AM John Barrows

Tuesday, January 11, 2011  
 9:00 AM In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 12, 2011  
 9:00 AM Manuel J. Soares

Thursday, January 13, 2011  
 9:00AM Ernest J. Charbonneau (10<sup>th</sup>)

Friday, January 14, 2011  
 9:00AM Sandra Oldham (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Saturday, January 15, 2011  
 4:30 PM K of C Pro Life Mass

Sunday, January 16, 2011  
 9:00 AM Theresa Roderiques  
 11:00 AM Arsene Morin  
**5:00 PM** Our Parish Family

**COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Sunday, Dec.26<sup>th</sup> Regular</b>	<b>4,692.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>830.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>8,308.00</b>
<b>January 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular</b>	<b>5,432.28</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>465.00</b>
<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God – January 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<b>1,740.00</b>

**ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY**

**The regular Monthly meeting will be held on Tues., January 9, 2011 at 7pm in the Rectory library. Members are asked to attend.**

We will continue to collect food donations throughout the year. There is a basket at the main entrance to church. With the present economic times we extend our gratitude for your past generosity and continued support. God bless you and continued blessings in the New Year.

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



**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

The volunteer for the week of January 9, 2011 through January 15, 2011 is *Vera Correia (508-993-2819)*.

**There will be a Malassadas Sale this Sunday, January 9 from 9am to 12:30pm.**

**Prayer Corner:** Please remember in your prayers; *Lydia Ramalho, Alison, Ernie Carreiro, baby Charlotte, Cecelia Gonsalves, Melissa M., Marie Alves, June Collins, Mary Gaughan, Kathy Gardner, Nancy Gomes, Janice Santos, Lydia Rodrigues, Yvette Thompson, Teri Gifford, 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 our prayer this week be offered for wisdom and honesty in our elected officials as they guide our local and national government. May we continue to seek the protection of Our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the United States. Your intention for prayer is welcome. Please call the parish office 508/993-2351x101.

**Youth Faith Formation**

There are classes today for Grades 1-5 at Bishop Stang High School (10:15-11:30am) God bless, Peter Healy

**NOTICE from the Office of Child Protection**

Did you know that there is no "typical" sexual abuse offender? They come from all walks of life, all professions, all races/ethnicities, all levels of income and all geographic areas. There is no easy way to spot an abuser, so parents must be aware of their children's activities and friends and be vigilant about personal safety. To learn more about how to keep your child safe, please call Debra Jones at (508) 674-4681.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –**

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7pm sharp in the parish hall. This year we need to have better attendance by all members but especially by the Council Officers, who are required to attend all meetings if at all possible. The next Fourth Degree meeting will be on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Oriental Pearl Restaurant on Rte 6 in Westport.



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

**HOLY HOUR ADORATION**  
**Tuesday evening – 7pm**  
**(No Confessions will be available this week during Adoration.)**

FROM FATHER'S DESK...

Faith & Idealism

It is my perception that the culture in which we live is a culture of exaggeration and hyperbole. Most of these tendencies are expressed through commercial advertising and media: I mean, really; was the last snowstorm really "the Blizzard of 2010?" Those were the words displayed on my television screen on the evening news on the day after! It seems like every significant snowstorm is now called a "blizzard," in an attempt to recapture the excitement and drama of 1978.

And, of course, this is nothing compared to the regularity with which we are bombarded by the exaggerated claims of consumer products, or the relentless barrage of lofty promises we hear during a political season. I mean, really, is that soap 99.99% pure?

There are plenty of other examples, but suffice it to say, we are routinely pummeled by such things to the extent that we lose touch with what a "blizzard" really is, or when something is truly "awesome" or "incredible." Where do we go from here? I mean, if such routine exaggeration and over-statement of ordinary realities are necessary to get your and my attention, what happens when we grow cynical? [I don't know about you, but I'm already there.] If everything is "AWESOME," then nothing is truly "awesome."

The importance of this topic occurs to me in the celebration of Mass; wherein we are routinely exposed to the loftiest of lofty claims . . . Eternal Life, Resurrection, Glory, Heaven, etc. **Along with the many distractions this life brings to bear on us, day in and day out, I wonder if our over-exposure to exaggeration blunts the impact of the promises in which we place our greatest hope.**

If there is anything to what I am suggesting here, then we all need to consider our approach to Mass, and the degree to which we are conscious of what we celebrate. If our "idealism" has been worn down by exaggerated claims elsewhere in life, we need to cultivate a faith which resists putting the Mass and our Faith in the same "world" of claims and promises.

I submit this as a simple consideration within our ongoing "catechesis" on the Mass during this liturgical year. As we "walk around" the mystery we celebrate, it is in the subtleties that much can be disclosed to our conscious minds and hearts

Fr. Greg

*Thank you.....for the many prayers, cards, gifts and good wishes during this Christmas Season. May the New Year bring each of you abundant blessings and peace through the love of the Christ Child.*

*Fr. Greg, Deacon Claude and all the Staff*

**DIOCESAN DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting will be held at St. Julie's parish conference room on Thursday, January 13th from 7-8:30pm. A meeting on Thursday, January 27th has also been scheduled. There is no charge and meetings are open to all separated/divorced persons. Contact Bob Menard for more info (508-673-2997 or 508-965-2919).

**Christian One Liners**  
Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you sit in their pew!

**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

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

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**St. Julies' Parish Young Adults** will meet Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the parish conference room. All are welcome!

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**Prayer to Mary Immaculate**  
**Patroness of the United States**

**Blessed Mother Mary, we turn to you in prayer for all people in these United States. We again place ourselves in your care, in the gentle hands that cradled the Child Jesus.**

**We ask you to make us more alive in your faith, more generous in your love, more trusting in your hope. Teach us to imitate Jesus, as you did, and always to follow Him with your courage.**

**Mother Mary, help us to become a people who hunger for justice and who burn with compassion for those who suffer in our midst. Make us a people who cherish and defend the dignity of every human person. Free us from all selfishness and self-interest, that we truly might be the builders of the Kingdom of God.**

**Immaculate Mary, help us to stand among the family of nations as a people of compassion, generosity, and peace. Make us a people of vision and courage, who will gift this world with new life, new hope, and the unity for which your Son died.**

**O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who turn with confidence to you today. Amen.**

**Faith-filled Adults**

There has been a sense of eager anticipation around our parish lately...have you felt it? One of the first strong experiences I took note of was back on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18/19<sup>th</sup>. If you recall that was the weekend when Fr. Greg commissioned all of us to invite someone we knew to consider deepening their faith, or reconnecting to the Catholic Church through the Awakening Faith Program. Many parishioners chose to bring an invitation (or more) home with them that day. Volunteers helped restocked the pews after each Mass that weekend...a very good sign! In the history of this parish many things have been handed out to take home, flyers, rice bowls, postcards and subscription envelopes to name a few. As the volunteers and I stood at the doors of the church we watched people heading home. Anticipation and hope was visible in many people's faces that day. Some smiled, nodded or gestured in a way that expressed both hope and commitment indicating that they had an invitation envelope was in hand or pocket. Many of you expressed that you were happy to have a tool with which to invite people to the faith you cherish and a closer relationship to the God you love. Since that time we welcomed many friends to our celebration of the Christmas Liturgies, and with the help of dedicated volunteers mailed 1200 invitations to Awakening Faith.

The team of facilitators has been prepared. The preparations have been made and now we pray. Pray for those who the Holy Spirit is urging to deepen their faith. Pray that they will be open to the possibilities God has in mind for them. Pray for those who will lead the small groups and for our parish family at large that we will, as followers of Christ, lead others to him. This is indeed a time of hopeful anticipation...may it also be a time of fervent prayer.

**Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation**

**Bible Study**

Bible Study will resume on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. We will learn about and reflect on the readings for Mass from the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 and John 1:29-34**. Won't you consider making a resolution in 2011 to come to know God more deeply through God's revelation in Scripture?

**Baby Bottle Thank You**

Prolife ministry at St. Julie's received a letter from A Woman's Concern thanking us for our generous donation of \$1,248.14 from the Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign! Thank you!!!

**Reflecting on Life**

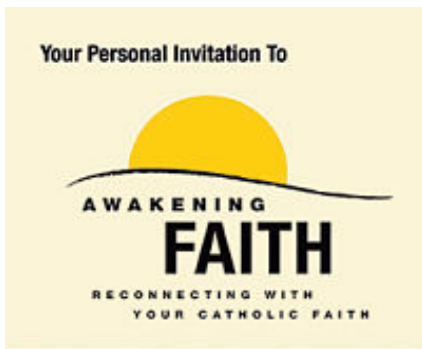
This weekend, as we celebrate the Lord's Baptism we reflect on the meaning of baptism itself. This sacrament offers many pro-life lessons. Baptism teaches that God chooses us before we choose him, for every life belongs to him. Baptism is not just about that baby, but about the whole church welcoming her. All the members of the Church extend their hearts and arms in welcome of that new life.

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*Meditation:* Sometimes it seems the world is out of control. I want to fix it, but I can't. Dear Lord, give me the faith to trust you to take care of things outside my control.

***JANUARY 9, 2011***

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7PM in the Parish Conference Room  
Topic based conversations about faith  
Conversation in small facilitated groups

- Jan 11 Spirituality: What's the Buzz?**
- Jan 18 Who is Jesus?**
- Jan 25 Do We Need the Spirit?**
- Feb 1 Can I Accept God's Mercy?**
- Feb 8 Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful?**
- Feb 15 The Church and Me**

### **Questions about Awakening Faith**

- I have encouraged someone to attend Awakening Faith....may I accompany them and attend the sessions?  

**Yes!**
- I attend Mass or a regular or fairly regular basis....even though I haven't been "away from the church" I think I'd like to deepen my understanding of some of the basics of my faith...may I attend Awakening Faith?  

**Yes!**
- Will St. Julie's be offering the Awakening Faith Program again at some future date during 2011?  

**Yes!**
- Is it alright if I just try one session to see if I like the Awakening Faith Program?  

**Yes!**

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