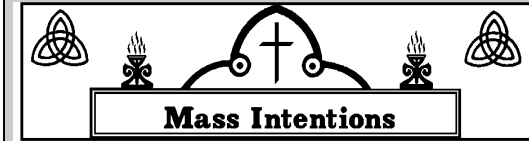


Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." – Mk 1:2b-3



Mass Intentions	
Saturday, December 3rd	
4:30 PM	Arnold Fraga (11 th)
Sunday, December 4th	
9:00 AM	Stephen Custodio (8 th)
11:00 AM	John O'Neil Family
5:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Monday, December 5th	
9:00AM	Albino DaSilva
Tuesday, December 6th	
9:00AM	Jonathan McCorkill
Wednesday, December 7th	
9:00 AM	Karen D. Qua
5:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shaker & Omer Pepin
Thursday, December 8th	
9:00 AM	Fecteau Family
7:00 PM	Community Mass: Couceiao Mar Sylvester Sylvia Emile Blier Ernesto Custodio Evelyn Dee Mary Haggan
Friday, December 9th	
9:00 AM	Mary Macedo
Saturday, December 10th	
4:30 PM	Manuel Amaral, Almerinda & Antonio Amaral Artur & Evone Isidoro
Sunday, December 11th	
9:00 AM	Louis & Margaret Viera & Family
11:00 AM	Robert J. Oullette
5:00 PM	Our Parish Family

Sanctuary Lamp The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Arnold Fraga as requested by his loved ones.

Weekly Hosts are being offered this week for the Cordeiro Family.

COLLECTIONS		Weekends of November 20th & 27th
November 20, 2011 (includes 11/13/11 5:00 PM Mass)		
Regular Collection	\$5,542.00
Maintenance	\$500.00
Campaign for Human Development.....		\$2,000.00
November 27, 2011 (includes 11/20/11 5:00 PM Mass)		
Regular Collection	\$5,691.00
Maintenance	\$1,313.00

ST. JULIE'S LADIES' GUILD



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The volunteer for the week of December 4th through December 10th is **Alice Carlson (508) 994-9739**.

Our next meeting will be held on December 7th at 6:30 PM. The program is Pot Luck dinner followed by the Children's choir of St. Julie's. Please remember to bring your tagged gift for the nursing home residents.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. sharp in the church hall. This will be our only meeting in December due to Christmas. Now that we are in the season of Advent, let us remember to prepare prayerfully for the coming of our Divine Saviour at Christmas.



God Bless and Vivat Jesus, *Peter Healy, PGK*



Prayer Shawl Ministry:

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held on Saturday December 10th at 9:00 am in the parish library. New knitters and crocheters are welcome to come and join our ministry. If you would like to receive a shawl or know someone who would like to receive one, they are available by contacting the parish office.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:

There are classes today at 10:15-11:30 AM at Bishop Stang High School for grades 1-5. We wish to thank all students and parents who participated in the non-perishable food donation for the Thanksgiving baskets for the needy families. It was organized by the St. Vincent DePaul Society and they sent us a nice card of appreciation and thanks. Remember now we are in the season of Advent so it is a time of preparation for our Lord's coming at Christmas.

Thank you and God Bless, *Peter Healy, DRE*

Divorce & Separation Meeting

December 8th 2011 at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Contact Bob Menard at 508-673-2997 or Joanne Dupre at 508-993-0589 for more information.

From Father's Desk...

What if we refused to play?

The same sort of thing happens every year: A peaceful Thanksgiving is followed by a raucous, so-called, "black Friday." People are whipped up into a frenzy by retailers who lure them in with promises of fantastic bargains on a certain small number of high end electronics or toys: As a result, human "log jams" form at the relatively small entrances to the stores and, upon the opening of the doors, a stampede ensues; the bodies of the small and weak are trampled, as well as the dignity of everyone involved.

Going back to the Cabbage Patch Doll fiasco's of the 1980's, whenever I've seen such scenes on the television news I've thought to myself, "What the h#\$@ is the matter with us!", (pardon my French). I'm being honest when I say "us" and not "them" because, though I've never camped out in front of a store or joined a crowd on "black Friday," I've been a participant in the mindless stupidity of this consumer economy in my own way. It is very seductive, is it not? The dazzling possibilities of modern electronics, and the power to turn Christmas Day into a veritable fantasy land right in your living room under an evergreen tree . . . such a diversion from the hum drum of daily life is tantalizing!

Remember when you learned those infamous words of Karl Marx in high school, "Religion is the opium of the Masses?" Opium is a very addictive drug, and any addiction is a loss of freedom; but what is the real opium in our world? We celebrate freedom loudly and proudly, but how free are we really and truly? If a person allows him or herself to be seduced, it certainly involves a partial act of "willing" or "allowing" it to happen; but it becomes a loss of freedom.

Hence, I ask us to imagine a world in which we Catholics engage our will, in concert with our faith, and we refuse to play "the game." Can you imagine the effect we would have on this culture if we refused to participate in the commercialization of Christmas? Take it a step further . . . can you imagine the culture if we refused to shop on Sunday, or allow sports or any other thing to interfere with family time?

Consider the following prophetic statements of our Popes:

- *Do not be fooled by those who see you as just another consumer in a market of undifferentiated possibilities, where choice itself becomes the good, novelty usurps beauty, and subjective experience displaces truth. (Benedict XVI, 7/17/08)*



Just when you thought
it was safe to
go to the mall!

- *It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards 'having' rather than 'being' . . . it is therefore necessary to create life-styles in which the quest for truth, beauty, goodness and communion with others for the sake of common growth are the factors which determine consumer choices, (John Paul II, Centesimus Annus #36, 1991)*

.....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/>

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A special thank you to Paul Tomasik for your past leadership. Welcome to Bob Comeau, our prayers for you in your leadership role are with you. We will pray together as a community for those who have been helped by your past and continued service to the Society.

Prayer Corner:

Please remember in your prayers:



Lucille, Michael & Haley, Connie, Jen & Kurt, Raymond, Terri Benevides, Jenny Andre, Jenna, Roger, Noah Fernandes, Joe Vargas, Renata, Lawrence Barboza, Terri Benevides, Bridget Kowalczyk, Mike, Annette, Michael A. Macedo, Richard, Robert Brooks, Lois, Mary Corliss, John Leclair, Diane Antone, Lydia Ramalho, Helen, Pauline Gagnon, Steve, Christopher, James Dalton, Adelina Andrade, Maria, Lynn Carreiro, Mary Gaughan, Nathan Gauthier, Jenny Andre, Kenny Waters, Linda, Elaine, Jenna, Olivia, Len Correia, Terry Dufresne, Debbie Furtado, Genevieve Poente, Bob, Annette, Helen Rovas, Logan, Cloe Olivia Harding, Roger, John Carvalho, Rosemarie Benoit, Annmarie Anderson, 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, Lauren Ladino-Saunders, Lori, Deane Freitas, Lucille, John Patrick, Janet Pictou, and those heartfelt intentions that are both spoken and unspoken.

We continue to pray for healing in body, spirit and faith for all our parishioners and loved ones.

*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.***

The Giving Tree

St. Julie's Parish will once again participate in the Diocesan Catholic Social Service "Giving Tree" program. Please take a gift tag from the tree for someone in need and return the gift **unwrapped with the tag secured on the item.** All gifts should be presented by **Sunday, December 18th** to allow processing and distribution by Christmas. God bless you for your unconditional giving and prayers for the needy.

RETROUVAILLE...a Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is troubled and you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. The next New England Retrouvaille is January 13-15. To register, or for more information call 800-470-2230.

www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Thank You from the St. Vincent De Paul Society

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all the generous parishioners and parish youth groups who contributed to the success of this year's annual holiday food drive. Approximately 20 needy families were served within the greater parish community as well as the Dartmouth Council on Aging and Solanus Casey Food Pantries and the Veteran's Transition Center. The parish emergency food cabinet was also fully restocked. In view of the continuing need for food assistance, the society will continue to maintain a receptacle for non-expired, non-perishable food items at the church entrance for those parishioners who would like to continue to contribute throughout the year. All weekly donations will be very much appreciated. Again, thank you for all you do in support of the mission of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

CONSIDER . . . ST. JULIE'S E-GIVING

. . . through St. Julie's website.



A new and convenient way to give financial support to our parish: E-giving does away with the need to stuff envelopes and have cash on hand.

Planned giving is the best approach to parish stewardship. See our website and click on the above "my offering" icon for more details.

The Season of Advent.

Lord God, you sent Jesus to be a sign of your "unlimited and unbroken love." May this Advent season help us to accept not just our own weaknesses and failings, but the faith, hope and love you are constantly offering us.

Donations Needed!

Ladies Guild Jewelry – We are collecting unwanted jewelry which will be sold at our 3rd Annual Used Jewelry Sale. All profits financially assist this great parish!! For pickup call Isabel Medeiros at (508) 992-5464 or drop off at the parish office.

Donovan House – There is a great need for infant diapers and pull-ups for toddlers as well as toiletries for mothers (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry soap). Please bring donated items to the parish office.

Secure the Call Foundation – We are assisting a coalition in the redistribution of used cell phones for community members who need a 911 phone in the event of an emergency. So far in 2011 St. Julie's parish has collected 55 phones! Please