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COME AND WORSHIP THE LORD WITH US!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (St. Julia Church)

Sunday: 7:30am (St. Joseph Church)

9:00am (St. Julia Church; Family Mass)

10:30am (St. Joseph Church)

11:15am (St. Julia Church)

5:00pm (St. Julia Church; Youth Mass)

Daily: Monday 7 AM (St. Julia Church)

Tuesday 9 AM (St. Joseph Church)

Wednesday 7 AM (St. Julia Church)

Thursday 7 AM (St. Julia Church)

Friday 9 AM (St. Joseph Church)

Saturday/Holiday 8 AM (St. Julia Church)

Pastor

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Parish Secretary

Faith Formation Director, 1-5

Youth Minister/FF 6-HS

Faith Formation Secretary

Deacon

Music Director

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THE MISSION OF SAINT JULIA PARISH

We, the parishioners of Saint Julia Parish, seek to live our belief in Christ as we worship and serve Him according to His example and teachings. With appreciation of the diverse gifts of our individual members, we strive to gain the participation of each parishioner and work to ensure that everyone feels welcome in our community of faithful. We do this while mindful of God's love for us and the power of His Spirit that makes us holy, heals our brokenness and sustains us in all the good we do. We are committed in the spirit of Christ to a stewardship to share generously our time, talent, and treasure.

OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon. through Friday.

RECONCILIATION

Parish Center Conference Room, Saturday: 3:15-3:45 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass; or contact Parish Office.

EUCARIST AND VISITS TO THE SICK

Contact Parish Office to notify of anyone ill, homebound or hospitalized.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Julia Church: Every Friday, Noon to 1:00 PM

First Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Summer Schedule Effective First Friday in June,
12 Noon to 1PM.

St. Joseph Church: Every First Friday, 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

ROSARY IN ST JULIA CHURCH: After daily Mass.

BAPTISM

Monthly at St. Julia Church or at a Mass in either Church.
Please call the Parish Office to make advance arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Please schedule at least six months before intended date.

BULLETIN NOTICES should be proposed, by e-mail if possible, to the Parish Office by Monday **morning**.



New Parish Registration / Update

If you are just beginning to worship with us in St. Julia Parish, WELCOME! We invite you to register as a member of our parish. Kindly complete this information form and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Please introduce yourself when you have a chance!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

___ **This is a new registration (A complete form will be sent to you by mail.)**

This is an update for:

___ **Change of Name**

___ **Change of Address**

___ **Request for Envelopes**

___ **Moving out of Parish**

___ **Someone in Hospital**

___ **Someone Homebound**

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER FOR COUNTERING

'FAKE NEWS'

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practice listening;

where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;

here there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;

where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;

where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;

where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;

where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;

where there is hostility, let us bring respect;

where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.”

Amen.

Pope Francis' Message for World

Communications Day 2018





Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day Observed
Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, February 21

"The Light is On", 6:30PM, St. Julia Church

Friday, February 23

Eucharistic Adoration, St. Julia Church,
12 Noon—1:00PM

**First Sunday of Lent
February 17/18, 2018**

Mass Intentions



And Prayers Requested

We pray for Gerry Sullivan's sister, Mary Donegan, who died recently in Ireland.

Fri., February 23 9:00AM Joseph McDonald

CONFESSORS:	February 21	Fr. Mahoney
	February 24	Fr. Mahoney
	February 28	Fr. Mahoney



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) will be celebrated on **Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8PM, February 21st through March 28th.**

Confessions will be celebrated in St. Julia Church. All are most welcome.

RICE BOWLS: In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crricebowl.org for more information.

Rice Bowls are in both our churches for your Lenten sacrifice.



DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR LENT

Pray for one another! With St. Julia Lenten Prayer Circle you can sign up for one day in Lent to pray for requested intentions. Pray at church, pray at home, pray anywhere, at any time. A sign-up sheet and a prayer request basket will be at both Churches.

When you sign up, you will receive a prayer intention and a reminder of your prayer day. Please sign up and place your prayer requests in the basket, and encourage others to do so. May we hold each other in prayer especially during the season of Lent. Contact Alpheen Menachery, 781-608-8864, alpheen@hotmail.com.

Lent offers a beautiful opportunity to discover the *mystery of Christ* within us.

-- Henri Nouwen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a,; Rom 8:31b-34;
 Mk 9:2-10

FEBRUARY 25

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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Let us bring the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the center once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch God's mercy with their own hands. For each penitent, it will be a source of interior peace."

Pope Francis

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH'S MISSION

Weekend of Feb. 10, 11	\$ 4,371
Weekend of Feb. 3, 4	\$ 6,323
Weekend of Jan. 27, 28	\$ 4,679
Weekend of Jan. 20, 21	\$4,656
July 1 thru Feb. 11th (Includes mail-ins)	\$207,286
Online Giving	\$ 66,315
Total	\$ 273,601
Avg/Week July 1 thru Feb. 4th [32 weeks]	\$ 8,291
Budgeted Average Week	\$ 8, 530
Grand Annual/Budgeted Amount	\$283,1520/ 295,000 = 96%

Thanks to all who have contributed to our Grand Annual. We are almost there!

Only \$11,500 left to reach our goal. Contributions of any size are welcome. Remember we are aiming for 100% participation.





FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-5

Thank you to the students in Grade 3 for hosting the Family Mass and Café Julia this past Sunday. You did a beautiful job hosting the Mass, and we all enjoyed the coffee and refreshments! You were wonderful hosts!

Important Dates to Remember:

February 18—26: No classes due to school vacation
March 4: 12:15, Generations of Faith “Scripture Stories: The Remarkable Tales of Jesus and His Friends” RSVP at charrington@stjulia.org.

March 11/12: Grades 1-4 resume classes; NO Grade 5 classes— expected to attend the 9:00 Mass AND Family Gathering—see following information.

March 11: Grade 5 students host 9:00 Mass, attend Café Julia together with parents, and attend the Family Gathering on the Seven Sacraments. All Grade 5 students and at least one parent is expected to attend. More details will be emailed to parents .

Did you know...

...that Sunday, February 18th, is the First Sunday of Lent? The season of Lent is a period of time in which we members of the Church evaluate our lives, and change our bad habits into the good habits of loving God and loving others. We practice this by giving up our bad habits, and instead focus on loving God and loving others through Prayer (talking to God), Fasting (giving up some expensive foods and habits) and Almsgiving (giving away the money we saved by not spending it on expensive foods or habits). These last two reflect ways of showing love for others.

Whenever we show love for others, we are showing love for God, because it was God who created all people, and God loves all these people!

We practice this, so we can renew our Baptismal Vows on Easter, promising God that we will be the best Christian we can be.

What is your plan this Lent? When will you pray to God every day? What expensive food or habit will you give up? Put the money you saved in the Rice Bowl which is available at the parish, which will help feed God’s poor people around the world.

Contact Cindy Harrington for more information.
charrington@stjulia.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY



FF Upcoming Dates:

No sessions Feb 18th or 25th due to Winter break!

Please mark your calendars for Generations of Faith, March 4th @ 12:15 PM

HS News:

Retreat sign ups are now open for the March 10th date. Also, check emails for information on a new retreat/service opportunity throughout MetroWest known as ABIDE!

Spring course sign ups will begin this week. The first spring class will meet March 11th @ 3:45 PM. Our spring topic is: Sacraments.

Reflection:

If you remember from a few weeks ago, we discussed the fact that if a memorial feast for a Saint occurs on a Sunday, it (rightly) gets eclipsed by that Sunday. In January, this happened to one of my favorite Saints: Thomas Aquinas. Today, my Dominican Family (the Order of Preachers) would normally celebrate a memorial for Fra. Angelico, one of the patrons of artists. Fra. Angelico was born at the end of the 14th century, joined the Dominican Order as a friar when he was about twenty, and is known worldwide today for his gorgeous frescoes. As we enter into Lent, it is always good to expand our prayer time: one of my favorite ways to do this is to pray with religious art. Our Gospel this weekend tells us of Jesus’ temptation in the desert by the devil. Perhaps Fra. Angelico can help us with our prayer this week as we meditate on this scriptures side by side with his painting: “Temptation of Christ.”



Dear parishioners,

My prayers are with all of you as we enter into Lent and look forward to the celebration of Easter! I am happy to share the exciting news that as of writing this letter, I am currently 9 weeks pregnant! First and foremost, I would like to ask for your prayers for the continued safety and growth of Baby Valenzuela. Second, I would like to ask for prayers for me and my family, because I have a condition called *hyperemesis gravidarum*, which means that all of my pregnancies come with prolonged, very severe "morning sickness."

After many conversations with Fr. Mark and the rest of the wonderful staff here at St. Julia Parish, we have decided that it is best for me to take a step down from active ministry during this time so that I can focus on my own health and safety. I will be staying on in an administrative role throughout the spring, but I will have limited office hours and will be distributing most of my duties to the very capable crew of staff and volunteers we have here at St. Julia Parish. This will be done with an eye towards leaving my position at the end of May, as family life and parish work are increasingly difficult to balance; however, the Valenzuelas won't be leaving St. Julia's! We intend to stay with this parish community and continue to worship and grow in faith with you all.

Most programs will continue to function as scheduled, but please pay attention to Youth Ministry emails for any upcoming dates as warranted. I will not be answering office phone calls on a regular basis, but will be checking emails.

I appreciate your patience and especially your prayer support!

Peace,
Mrs. Christina Valenzuela, OP
Director of Youth Formation and Ministry (Gr 6-12)

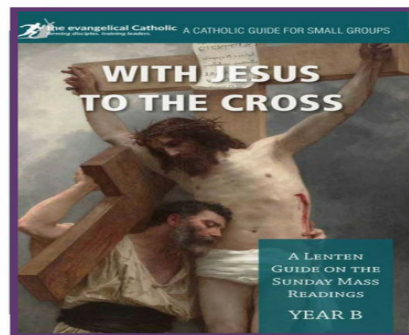
DON'T DO LENT ALONE.

GET CONNECTED TO CHRIST THROUGH A SMALL GROUP!

- Small Groups meet for 6-8 weeks beginning week of Feb 14th
- Hosted by parishioners at various times and locations
- There are no teachers in Small Groups (except the Holy Spirit!)

Delve into the Sunday readings with friends new and old to deepen your prayer life and discover how the Word of God is working in your life!

Call Chris Brandt for more details: 781-760-2878



Generations of Faith

It's time to register!!!! Sunday, March 4th at 12:15PM

St. Julia Parish will be holding its annual Generations of Faith event. Please join us as we learn about "Scripture Stories: The Remarkable Tales of Jesus and His Friends". Come and hear about the Women Disciples, the witness of the Resurrection, St. Paul, and Zacchaeus, and how Jesus transformed their lives! We also will have a Bible Character Bingo game to play!

Please register by contacting Cindy Harrington at 781-899-8434, or charrington@stjulia.org. Please indicate names of attendees, ages (Adult, Grade 1, Grade 2, etc.), and email address or phone number to get in touch with you if necessary. We look forward to seeing you!

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.** On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.



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