

ST. JULIA PARISH



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

One Parish

ST. JULIA CHURCH

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
142 LINCOLN ROAD LINCOLN, MA

MARCH 24, 2019

ST. JULIA CHURCH
374 BOSTON POST ROAD WESTON, MA

Rev. Mark A. Mahoney, Pastor

Pastoral Minister	Mr. Colm McGarry	cmcgarry@stjulia.org	
Business Manager	Mr. Joshua Phelps	jphelps@stjulia.org	
Parish Secretary	Ms. Kathleen Dolan	kdolan@stjulia.org	781-899-2611
Faith Formation 1-6	Ms. Cindy Harrington	charrington@stjulia.org	781-899-8434
Faith Formation 7-12	Mr. Colm McGarry	cmcgarry@stjulia.org	
Faith Formation Secretary	Ms. Ann Beré	abere@stjulia.org	781-899-4734
Deacon	Dcn. Rafe Brown	deaconrafe@gmail.com	
Music Director	Mr. Brian Moll	bcmoll@yahoo.com	617-548-5841
Music/St. Joseph	Mr. Daniel Farretta	farretta@comcast.net	
Facilities Manager	Mr. Greg Smith	gsmith@stjulia.org	

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

Sunday:

7:30am (St. Joseph)
9:00am (St. Julia)
10:30am (St. Joseph)
12:00pm (St. Julia)
5:00pm (St. Julia)

Daily:

Monday 7 AM (St. Julia)
Tuesday 9 AM (St. Joseph)
Wednesday 7 AM (St. Julia)
Thursday 7 AM (St. Julia)
Friday 9 AM (St. Joseph)
Saturday/Holiday 8 AM (St. Julia)

COME AND WORSHIP THE LORD WITH US!

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 Christian 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.

EUCCHARIST AND VISITS TO THE SICK

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Julia Church: Every Friday, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

First Friday, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

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

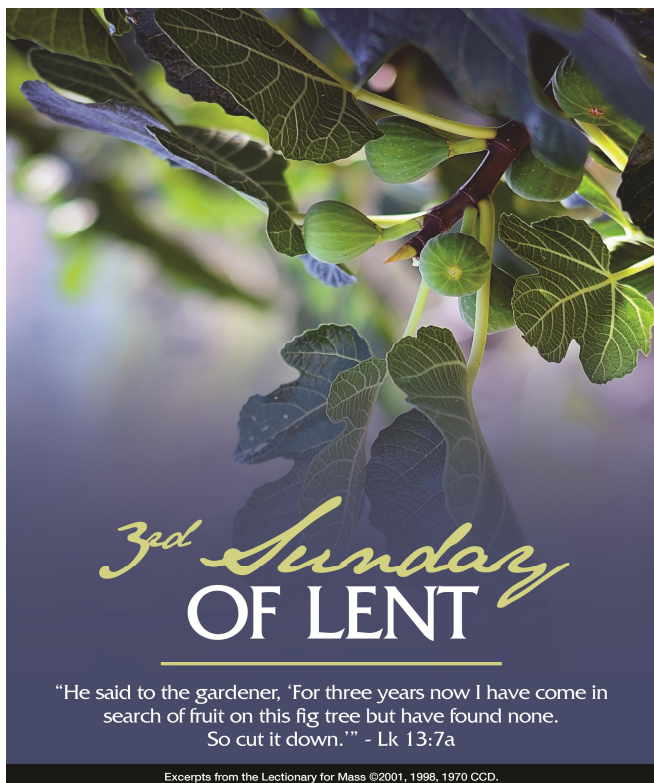
ROSARY IN ST JULIA CHURCH:

After daily Mass.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office in advance to make arrangements.

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

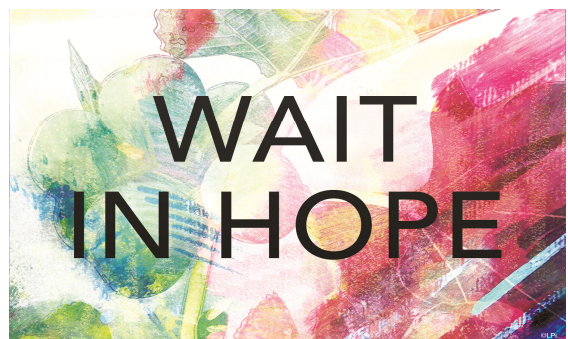


GOSPEL MEDITATION THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also ? it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.



This Week

Wednesday, March 27

Scripture Series, 10AM, St. Julia
Parish Center
The Light is On”, 6:30-8PM,
St. Julia Church

Friday, March 29

Adoration, 12 Noon—1PM, St. Julia
Church

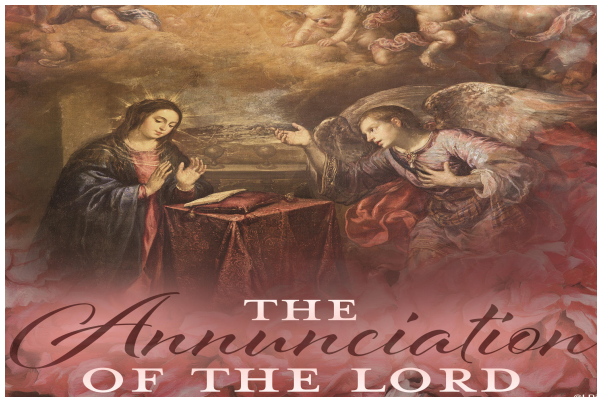


Saint Vincent DePaul plans for Easter.

Presently SVdP is serving 65 Households / 146 clients. As we have done in previous years, SVdP plans

to give our food pantry clients gift cards to the grocery store of their choice so they can purchase their Easter meal. These gift cards will be of varying amounts depending on the number in the client’s family. The grocery gift cards offer our clients an opportunity to serve their family a special Easter meal, and they are also evidence of the caring and support of our Parish. Our clients have been extremely grateful for your previous generosity.

Please make your check payable to Saint Vincent DePaul (SVdP) and in the memo section be sure to note **Easter Gift Cards**. These checks can be put in the Saint Vincent DePaul boxes that are located at the back of each church, given to the Parish office, or mailed to Saint Vincent DePaul, P.O. Box 324 Lincoln, MA 01773. Your past donations have made a wonderful difference in our clients’ lives. Thank you very much. We hope that your Easter and our clients’ Easter will be Blessed.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 23/24, 2019

MASS And Prayers Requested INTENTIONS

Sun., March 24	10:30AM	Winthrop Baylies
Wed., March 27	7:00AM	Fr. Dennis Dever
Thurs., March 28	7:00AM	Francis Thibeault

CONFESSORS:	March 27	Fr. Mahoney
	March 30	Fr. Mahoney
	April 3	Fr. Mahoney

SVDP explore "Food is Medicine" and request the help of a Dietitian.

Since mid-January 2019, several board members of the St. Julia SVdP Conference have been learning about an extensive research project conducted by Harvard Law School’s Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. This research led to the development of the Massachusetts “Food is Medicine” State Plan.

The Harvard Law School project began their research by surveying each key Community Based Organization, health-care provider and insurer, throughout Massachusetts that is involved in connecting people to “Food is Medicine” interventions. The surveys were designed to illicit responses to help researchers understand: A) How patients are connected to “Food is Medicine” services, B) The range of services provided and how they are funded, and C) Where in Massachusetts the “Food is Medicine” programming occurs.

Essentially, the resultant data overwhelmingly suggests the estimate of health-related costs of food insecurity and hunger in Massachusetts was an avoidable \$2.4 Billion cost. Based on the research conclusions, we plan to engage a certified dietician to educate our pantry staff as to how to select healthy food from our food sources e.g., the Greater Boston Food Bank, and with training by the dietician, SVdP volunteers will be able to assist our pantry clients make healthy food choices that fit their individual dietary needs/ restrictions. If you are a dietician, or know of a dietician willing to help us in this effort, please call the parish office at 781 899 2611.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MARCH 31

FIRST READING: No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan. (Jos 5:12b)

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING: All this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

GOSPEL: "Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

LIVE THE LITURGY

If salvation history teaches us anything, it's that God is very patient. Time and time again, people have wandered away from Him and He has sent prophet after prophet to lead them back. To show us just how much He does love us, He sent us His Son who revealed this unconditional love in all that he said and did. This Lenten season is an opportunity to repent and turn back. The mystery of God's presence is revealed in and through the ordinary events of life as the birth of Christ reminds us. God told Moses through the burning bush, "I am who am". And so he reminds us today. Let us turn away no more and turn back to truth.

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.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH'S MISSION

Weekend of March 16/17	\$4,899
Weekend of March 9/10	\$4,821
Weekend of March 2/3	\$4,376
Weekend of February 23/24	\$ 3,514
Feb 23—March 17 [Includes mail-ins]	\$17,610
Online Giving	\$9,653
Total	\$27,263
Avg/Week Feb 23 thru March 17 (4 weeks)	\$ 6,816
Budgeted Total for FY 2019	\$ 440,000
Budgeted Avg/Week	\$ 8,462
Grand Annual/Budgeted Amt.	\$218,690/ \$295,000

2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, it is possible to continue to advance programs for evangelization and pastoral outreach in our parish communities and schools, and in the lives of those who turn to us for assistance. For those of you still interested in making a pledge to this life-changing work, please find a donation envelopes available in the tables of the Church or visit the website at bostoncatholicappeal.org to view the latest video about the Appeal.



GRADES 1-6

March 24/25: In lieu of classes, all students and their families are expected to participate in the Helping Hands Service Project on March 24.

March 31/April 1: Classes for Grades 1, 3,4,5, and 6; No Grade 2 classes.

March 31: First Eucharist Workshop for students and at least one parent. See invitation for assigned food for potluck lunch. RSVP to Cindy Harrington to let her know how many family members will attend. This is required for all First Eucharist students.

Did you know...that God has a name? The Jewish people respect God so much, that they do not say his Hebrew name aloud, but instead call him "Adonai", which means "Lord". The translation for God's name is "I



Am Who Am." God tells Moses to just call Him "I Am". God's name has no limitations. "I Am" means I always exist, and I am always around, and I will never disappear.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit have always existed, have always been around, and will never disappear from our lives. Practice the Lenten action of Prayer by recognizing this truth, and chat with God daily in all you do—thank the Father for a sunny spring-like day, ask the Son to help you forgive someone who has hurt you, and allow the Holy Spirit to help you make the right decisions. Remember, "I Am" will always hear you.

Just be willing to accept his answer!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Instead of regularly scheduled class students in 7th and 8th grade have been asked to sign up for Helping Hands, Generations of faith. High school students who are registered for class are expected to sign up for the 1st session (but arrive early, 11.30am to help prepare the food package assembly) or the 2nd session at 2pm (and stay late to put the finished packages in the truck).

Classes resume as normal March 31st.

Have you wondered exactly what SVdP does and would like to learn more about our Parish SVdP Food Pantry? On Friday, April 5th in the Parish Center at 12:30 pm Ursula Nowak, President of SVdP, and Nancy Cronin will inspire us with their experiences volunteering with our parish St Vincent DePaul Society. SVdP is a non-profit organization serving those in our midst (primarily from Weston and Lincoln) who are in need of food or emergency monetary assistance, or who are seeking guidance about availability of other resources. Ursula and Nancy will discuss the new food pantry and its positive impact on clients. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and dessert will be served.



THANK YOU! The St. Vincent de Paul collection boxes at the exit of each church provided **\$559** in donations this past month. These funds, in addition to other generous donations, helped us provide food for our clients and also assist with car repair and dental care. Once again, thanks for supporting SVDP!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) will be celebrated on

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8PM, March 27 through April 17th. Confessions will be celebrated in St. Julia Church. All are most welcome.

Encounter Dhathcroos family who returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor



to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Save The Date

St Julia's Parish celebrates 100 years with a Gala evening Saturday May 4th 6.30pm.

Tickets will be available March 24th.

NPH USA is holding their annual **Irish Hearts for Orphans Benefit Dance** on Sunday, April 7 from 2pm-7pm at the Boston Marriott Quincy. The event is fun for the whole family and will feature live Irish music, dancing, raffles, a silent auction, and even an Irish Step lesson for kids!



YOU ARE INVITED: 6 WEEK ADULT LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES: WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING MARCH 13TH TO APRIL 17TH. 10 - 11.30 AM - St. Julia Parish Center with Fr Bob Branreuther SJ

Fr Bob has enjoyed a remarkable career of learning, teaching and ministering in Europe and the United States. Themes of Sacred Scripture that will be explored include Mystery, Revelation, Inspiration, Inerrancy, Creation, Covenant, Prophecy and selected New Testament passages. All are welcome, at no charge. Coffee will be served at 9.30am.

LENTEN PRAYER CIRCLE

Days are still available. Place your intentions in the prayer basket at either Church or email prayercircle@stjulia.org and yours will be added to the list.



The list of prayer intentions will be emailed to you. (which increases as Lent progresses and a reminder of your prayer day. Your only commitment is to take a moment to pray in a special way on your "prayer day" for the listed intentions. The prayer can be an Our Father/Hail Mary, a Rosary, a Mass offering, an Hour of Adoration, or a favorite Devotion or Prayer from your heart.



Remember when in.....

We would like your help collecting stories and anecdotes from your time at St. Julia Parish, from St. Joseph's and St. Julia's churches. Please take a moment and send

an email with your story to Colm McGarry cmcgarry@stjulia.org at or call Kathy at the parish office 781 899 2611 and provide your phone number and Betsy Czarnowski will call you. Thank you in advance.

BRISTOL LODGE: The Peg Kerwin/St. Julia group will be serving **Easter** dinner to over sixty men and women at the Bristol Lodge Soup Kitchen, Waltham. Some of the items needed to make this an enjoyable dinner are hams, side dishes such as potatoes, squash, string beans, salads, desserts, and most importantly, **SERVERS!** Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Jackie Athas [millerathas@hotmail.com], 617-962-5599, with questions or contributions.