

# ST. JULIA PARISH



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142 LINCOLN ROAD LINCOLN, MA

**MARCH 31, 2019**

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**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**.



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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## **GOSPEL MEDITATION FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!





# This Week

## Wednesday, April 3

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

## Friday, April 5

Adoration, 12 Noon—1PM, St. Julia Church  
 SVDP Presentation, 12:30PM, St. Julia Parish Hall

**SVD Easter:** 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.



The grocery gift cards offer our clients an opportunity to serve their family a special Easter meal. 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. Thank you very much. Thank you for your generosity.



Coffee and Muffins will be served after the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's house next week (April 7th). Any donations will be used to offset the costs of the NPH trip.

Also, Jean Francois Seide, who is Haitian graduate "pequeno" is going to talk about NPH and the fundraiser "Irish hearts for Orphans" at some of our Masses. At the 10.30am Mass, 2 teenagers from our parish who will be going to the Dominican Republic in June will speak about why they are travelling to the NPH ranch.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
 MARCH 30/31, 2019

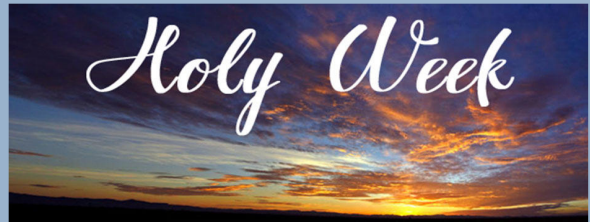
## MASS INTENTIONS And Prayers Requested

We pray for Shirley Crawford, whose funeral was celebrated recently.

Sat., March 30	4:00PM	Carmela Pulcini
Tues., April 2	9:00AM	Estela Serafini
Thurs., April 4	7:00AM	Eileen Thibeault
Sat., April 6	4:00PM	Francis & June Murphy
Sun., April 7	10:30AM	John & Mary Subilosky

<b>CONFESSORS:</b>	April 3	Fr. Mahoney
	April 6	Fr. Mahoney
	April 10	Fr. Mahoney

## Holy Week



**Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper**, 7:30PM in St. Julia Church, followed by Eucharistic Procession, Prayer and Adoration in the Parish Center until 9:30PM.

[No Morning Masses on Holy Thursday].

**Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion** [with Holy Communion], 7:30PM in St. Julia Church. [No Mass on Good Friday];

Stations of the Cross in St. Julia Church at 12 Noon and St. Joseph Church at 3:00PM.

**Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil**, 8:00PM in St. Julia Church. [No Morning Mass or 4PM Mass on Holy Saturday].

### Easter Sunday:

**St. Joseph Church:** Masses at 7:30, 10:30AM.

**St. Julia Church:** Masses at 9:00AM; 12:00PM; no 5PM Mass.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

### APRIL 7

**First Reading:** Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; See, I am doing something new! (Is 43:18-19a)

**Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

**Second Reading:** I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)

**Gospel:** "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (Jn 8:7a)

## LIVE THE LITURGY

God does not coerce us into anything. Rather, He gives us the freedom and the means to live like adults, taking responsibility for our choices and the direction our lives take. As our loving Father, He desires that our home be made with Him but understands when we choose to pursue our own passions and desires, which lead us away from Him. We have to learn our own lessons if conversion is to be tangible and real. We cannot return to God simply because we are told to or because we are expected to. We have to come to God freely, and when we do, God is there with loving, open arms ready to welcome us back home. We can celebrate because we were dead and have found life again!

**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 23/24	\$5,744
Weekend of March 16/17	\$4,899
Weekend of March 9/10	\$4,821
Weekend of March 2/3	\$4,376
March 2—March 24 [Includes mail-ins]	\$19,840
Online Giving	\$10,183
Total	\$30,023
Avg/March 2 thru March 24 (4 weeks)	\$ 7,506
Budgeted Total for FY 2019	\$ 440,000
Budgeted Avg/Week	\$ 8,462
<b>Grand Annual/Budgeted Amt.</b>	<b>\$218,690/ \$295,000</b>

### 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](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to view the latest video about the Appeal.



## GRADES 1-6

**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.

**April 7/8:** Classes for all grades.

**April 7:** Grade 1 will host the Family Mass and Café Julia. Details will be mailed to the Grade 1 families.

Did you know...

...that the parable of Prodigal Son is one of the most important stories that Jesus told? It is important because through this story, he teaches us what the relationship between God and all people is like. In the story, the Father represents God. The Father loves both of his children very much, despite their behaviors. This unconditional love remains even when we “turn away” from the Father.



We are sometimes like the younger son, when we choose to do something that we know will disappoint God. We are sometimes like the older son, when we think we deserve something because we are being “good” children. Both actions are sins. Everything that we have is given to us by a generous God, who treats us as a perfect Father treats his children. God gives us what we need, and often graces us with something extra. This Lent, we are to practice being grateful for what we have, recognizing that it is God’s generosity, and not our own power, that blesses us with any abundance. We all make mistakes and poor choices—so we don’t “deserve” anything wonderful. But God loves us unconditionally, so God will keep giving us blessings.

Thank God for that!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Classes meet as normal this weekend : This is the 2nd last class for Confirmation students. Important reminder that every Wednesday in lent Confessions are available at St Julia's from 6.30-8pm. This is especially significant for those receiving the sacrament April 28th.

Confessions are also available as part of a youth focused prayer and worship service at St Ann's Church in Wayland, April 3rd. Transportation is available from St Julia's at 6.45pm. This is also a great way to make up for a missed class. Permission slips will be distributed at classes this weekend.

The van for Pine St, when we serve food to homeless people at New England's largest shelter, leaves the parish parking lot at 4pm on Monday April 1st. We return by 7pm.

Easter weekend is coming up! On the evening of Good Friday Weston and Lincoln teens will join others from Wellesley, Wayland and Lexington, for ABIDE, an unforgettable overnight retreat and service experience. Last year more than 100 teens came together at St Brigid's in Lexington for 24 hours of prayer, fasting service, and community building. What a great way to prepare for Easter!! We will leave on Good Friday at 4pm and return to St Julia's by 5pm on Holy Saturday.

This year 7th and 8th grade students are invited on Holy Saturday from 10am - 5pm to work on a special project where they actually build beds that are used for local children when their families struggle with homelessness.





The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) will be celebrated on

**Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8PM, April 3 through April 17th.** Confessions will be celebrated in St. Julia Church. All are most welcome.

### EASTER SUNDAY

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Like us, our priests in good standing are troubled by the current events taking place in the Church, and yet they are still here to answer our calls. For decades our senior priests have been here to help us. Help care for their health and wellbeing by graciously supporting them with a contribution to the upcoming Easter Collection for the Clergy Health & Retirement Trust.

**Have you wondered exactly what SVdP does and would like to learn more about our Parish SVdP Food Pantry?** On Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.



**GOF—HELPING HANDS AT WORK!!!!**



**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](mailto: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](mailto:millerathas@hotmail.com)], 617-962-5599, with questions or contributions.