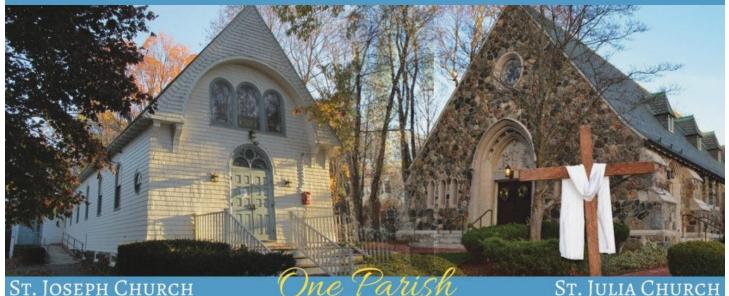
ST. JULIA PARISH



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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.

EUCHARIST AND VISITS TO THE SICK

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.**

Second Sunday of Lent

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." – Lk 9:34-35



GOSPEL MEDITATION SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!



This Week

Wednesday, March 20 The Light is On", 6:30-8PM, St. Julia Church Friday, March 22 Adoration, 12 Noon—1PM, St. Julia Church Sunday, March 24 GOF—Helping Hands, 1:15PM, St. Julia

GOF—Helping Hands, 1:15PM, St. Julia Parish Center



Helping Hands - A Generations of Faith Event— Next Sunday, March 24

HAVE YOU REGISTERED??? REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED SPACE IS LIMITED

To sign up to attend a session, please go on our website, and click on the Helping Hands slider.

Help sponsor the cost of the food and other supplies sent to Burkino Faso. We need to raise at least \$5,076.00. Checks are to be made payable to St. Julia Parish, earmarked CRS-Helping Hands. Please forward to Cindy Harrington at the Parish Center.



FLOWERS in St. Julia Church this weekend are in memory of Louis [Dan] Valente. Thank you to the Valente Family for the lovely arrangement of flowers.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 16/17, 2019



| Wed. March 20 | 7:00AM | Margaret Coyne |
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| CONFESSORS: | March 20 March 23 March 27 | Fr. Mahoney Fr. Mahoney Fr. Mahoney |



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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

| Monday: | Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 |
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| Tuesday: | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Mt 1:16, |
| | 18-21, 24a |
| Wednesday: | Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 |
| Thursday: | Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 |
| Friday: | Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, /Mt 21:33-43, |
| | 45-46 |
| Saturday: | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 |
| Sunday: | Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10- |
| | 12/Lk 13:1-9 |

MARCH 24

FIRST READING: God replied: "I am who I am." Then he added, "This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you." (Ex 3:14) **PSALM**: The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103) **SECOND READING**: Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall. (1 Cor 10:12)

GOSPEL: "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5b)

LIVE THE LITURGY

Our minds are often preoccupied with the things of this world, and we forget about the things of heaven. We live our lives as if what we see before us is all there is and almost place the truth of eternity on hold until it is absolutely necessary to confront it. We fail to see the connection between earth and heaven and to see the road of transformation we are all called to travel. When Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, they saw the truth of who he was. Earth and heaven were wed that day, just as they will one day come together for us. God desires to transfigure us as well, changing our earthly body into our heavenly one. We miss our true destiny if we don't factor this into the choices we make and the paths we choose to walk.

> **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.

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.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH'S MISSION

| Weekend of March 9/10 | \$5,646 |
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| Weekend of March 2/3 | \$4,821 |
| Weekend of February 23-24 | \$4,376 |
| Ash Wednesday Collection | \$1,199 |
| Feb 16—March 10 [Includes mail-ins] | \$18,357 |
| Online Giving | \$11,480 |
| Total | \$29,837 |
| Avg/Week Feb 16 thru March 10 (4 weeks) | \$ 7,459 |
| Budgeted Total for FY 2019 | \$ 440,000 |
| Budgeted Avg/Week | \$ 8,462 |
| Grand Annual/Budgeted Amt. | \$218,670/ \$295,000 |



GRADES 1-6

March17: Classes/Grade 5 Hosts 9:00 Mass, with a Family Gathering in Hall following the Mass, at least one parent required to attend with child.

March 18: Classes for Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4. No Grade 5 Classes.

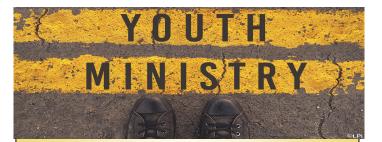
March 24/25: In lieu of classes, all students and their families are expected to participate in the Helping Hands Service Project on March 24. Please go on our website to register.

Did you know...that we always hear the Gospel story of the Transfiguration of the Lord on the second Sunday of Lent? "Transfiguration" means that the appearance of someone has changed. In



this case, it is Jesus who looks different. On top of the mountain, the apostles Peter, James and John watched as Jesus' face changed appearance, and his clothing became a bright white. Then two people appeared, whom are thought to be dead: Moses and Elijah, two people who lived hundreds of years before Jesus. Moses represents the Law of God, and Elijah represents the Prophets of God. This story shows us who Jesus truly is—the glory of God shines from within him, and he is in charge of the Law and the Prophets.

As we reflect on the Transfiguration of the Lord, we should examine how we ourselves are to be transformed this Lent. As we fast from bad habits—wasting money, time, etc.—and we are to develop good habits: think of others first by 1. Feeding the poor rather than eating an expensive gourmet meal; 2. Pray to God rather than waste time watching an anti-Christian television show; and 3. Sacrificing your time to help someone in need. These are all suggestions for Almsgiving.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Spring Classes are in full swing

Important reminders for our 9th and 10th grade students

Please sign up for helping hands March 24th, we learn about Burkina Faso in Africa and the importance of the outreach work of Catholic Relief Services. Packing food supplies is a fun part of the experience. When signing up on our parish website <u>http://stjulia.org/</u> <u>gof/</u> teens have 2 choices: If you sign up at 1:15pm , you are expected to arrive at 11.30am to empty the food containers and packing materials.

If you sign up for the 2 - 3.15pm time slot you are expected to come at 2pm , participate in the entire program and then spend half an hour bringing the assembled supplies back to the truck

All High school students who are registered for the Spring series of classes are obliged to assist in this faith filled, fun and educational service event.

THERE ARE NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ON SUNDAY MARCH 24TH. ALL OUR EFFORTS ARE FOCUSED ON OUR HELPING HANDS GENERATIONS OF FAITH EVENT. 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND ATTEND SESSION 1 OR 2. SEE YOU THERE!!

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY



What will you do to create a good habit?



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) will be

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8PM, March 13 through April 17th. Confessions will be celebrated in St. Julia Church. All are most welcome.

ENCOUNTER ANNET— In

Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children 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 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 LEN-**TEN 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.