

ST. JULIA PARISH



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
142 LINCOLN ROAD LINCOLN, MA

DECEMBER 29, 2019

ST. JULIA CHURCH
374 BOSTON POST ROAD WESTON, MA

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)

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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.

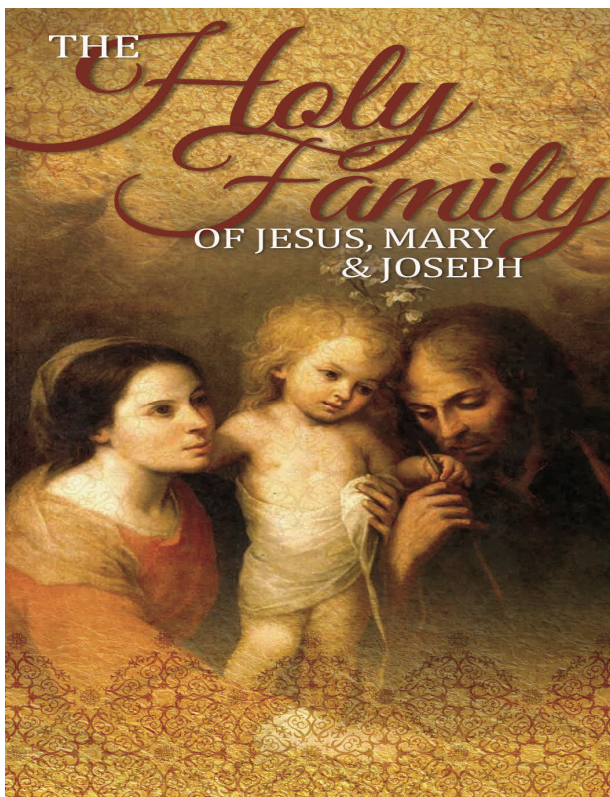
ROSARY IN ST JULIA CHURCH:

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**.



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.



This Week

Masses as Scheduled

Tuesday, January 1

Holy Day of Obligation, See Mass Schedule

Friday, January 3

Adoration, 9:30—10:30AM,
St. Joseph Church;
12 Noon—1PM, St. Julia Church



The feast of the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1st, 2020**, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Tuesday, December 31st,
4:00PM St Julia Church

Wednesday, January 1st
9:00AM Mass in St. Julia Church; and
10:30AM in St. Joseph Church.

Dear Friends,

Saint Julia's Grand Annual Appeal contributions have now reached a little more than half of our budgeted goal of \$300,000.00. I am very grateful to those who have already responded to help provide for our parish's financial stability. The Grand Annual Appeal constitutes a significant part of the ordinary income necessary for our various ministries, utilities, property maintenance, salaries and evangelization efforts. I encourage all to assist our parish in meeting its fiscal obligations by generously contributing to our Grand Annual Appeal. Copies of our 2019 Financial Report are available at the entrances of our churches. Thank you to all who help and support our parish in so many ways!

With gratitude,
Fr. Mark

THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 28/29 2019

MASS INTENTIONS And Prayers Requested

We pray for Geraldine Jones, whose funeral was celebrated recently.

Sat., Dec. 28	4:00PM	Tom & Bette Hinchey
Sun., Dec. 29	7:30AM	James Nicholson
Wed., Jan. 1	9:00AM	Italo DiNitto
Thurs., Jan. 2	7:00AM	William Greaves

CONFESSORS:	January 4	Fr. Mahoney
	January 11	Fr. Mahoney



LET US REMEMBER.....

"In the thick of the busiest time of year, it is important to remain grounded in why do what we do. We do it because there are people in our community who are hungry. Those people are our neighbors, our family, and our friends. We do it because we don't want any child to go to bed hungry, and we do it for the dignity of the mom or dad struggling to make ends meet."

Taken from an Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul statement.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

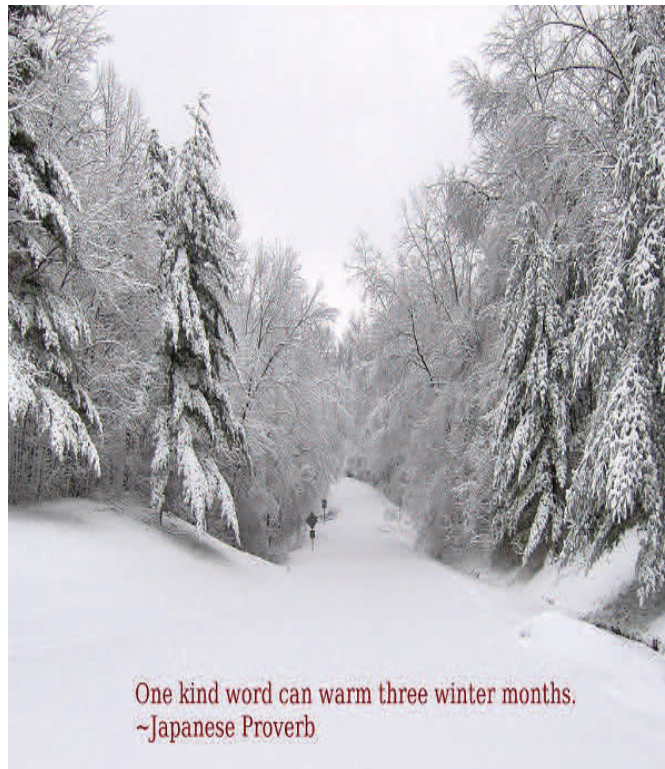
JANUARY 5

First Reading: Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalms: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading: The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:6)

Gospel: They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Mt 2:11b)



One kind word can warm three winter months.
 ~Japanese Proverb

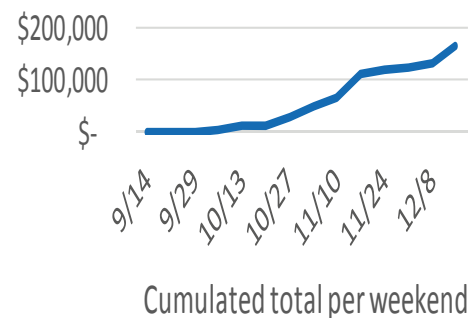
SUPPORTING OUR PARISH'S MISSION

Weekend of Dec. 14/15 [\$2,290 in 58 Envelopes]	\$5,805
Weekend of Dec. 7/8 [\$2,167 in 58 Envelopes]	\$6,193
Weekend of 11/30/12/1 [\$1,881 in 59 Envelopes]	\$7,028
Weekend of Nov. 23/24 [\$1,890 in 55 Envelopes]	\$10,412
July 7—Dec 15 <i>Includes Mail-Ins</i>	\$130,991
Online Giving Total <i>July 7—Dec 15</i>	\$80,265
Grand Total	\$211,256
Y-T-D Offertory Avg	\$8,802
Budgeted Total for FY20	\$440,000
Budgeted Avg/Wk	\$8,462
Grand Annual Budget	\$300,000
Grand Annual Received to Date	\$164,407

FINANCIAL REPORTING IN THE BULLETIN

To accommodate the bulletin company's publishing deadlines during the past few weeks, the financial reporting of the parish's Offertory, Grand Annual and Christmas Collections will be reported at a later time.

Grand Annual





GRADES 1-6

Upcoming Events:

December 29/30: No classes

January 5/6: Classes return

Did you know... that the Bible does not tell us where in Egypt the Holy Family escaped to, nor do we know the exact age of Jesus when they escaped. We are told by some that he was still a tiny baby, but others say that he may have been as old as two or three. We do not know how old he was when they returned to Israel—he could have been as young as one and as old as six! The Bible did not give us these details,



but there are many traditions in Egypt as to where they traveled, where they stayed, and some miracles that took place because of the presence of Jesus. Many churches and monasteries have been built on these locations for people to visit. We do know that the Pyramids of Giza had been built, so the Holy Family would have seen them if they passed nearby. The important part of the story is the way the Holy Family obeyed God in every manner—they followed the commandments, they worshipped God, and they listened for God's Word. Mary obeyed God and said "yes" to being the mother of his son. Joseph obeyed God and became husband and father to Mary and her baby. Joseph obeyed God and brought his wife and child to safety. They obeyed God and returned to Israel when God said that it was time.



POPS AT ITS BEST!!!! See the accompanying photograph of Ann and Bruce Belason who organized the refreshments for the annual Christmas Pops concerts. For many years Nancy Cronin, Bruce and Ann have worked hard to publicize and prepare wonderful desserts for this awesome occasion.



This year St Julia's High school and Middle school students have been so helpful with our parish Thanksgiving Drive, Picnic, SVdP Walkathon, Bristol Lodge, Pine st, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and preparing food packages at the Pantry in Lincoln and we will add this excellent concert to our list of Youth Ministry activities next year. Thank you Ann and Nancy and Bruce for your leadership and guidance.

Social Justice Commission Update



The Social Justice commission will meet on the last Tuesday of each month alternating between Lincoln and Weston. Our next meeting takes place on January 28th at 7pm in the Parish Center Conference Room, St Julia's in Weston.

At our December meeting we highlighted the following:

The Coat Drive for St Francis House this year will also include a request for white socks. Containers will be placed at the back of both Churches in January. (see this week's bulletin)

Efforts will continue to be made to reduce energy waste, especially at St Joseph's in Lincoln where the process of replacing older inefficient windows and fixtures continues.

Successful Social Justice efforts often requires working with interfaith groups. In the past St Julia's partnered with other Churches to renovate homes in low income areas of Boston <https://www.rebuildingtogetherboston.org/>

This work can continue with **Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence** <macopgv@gmail.com>

Our group also spoke about the importance of the recent Papal statement against the use of the death penalty and the role of groups like Catholic Mobilizing Network as they seek to prevent the reinstatement of federal executions. <https://catholicismobilizing.org/>



There is more work to be done and we need help prioritizing parish concerns. Please consider joining us January 28th

Pope Francis said in *Evangelii Gaudium*, "realities are more important than ideas" (2013). Catholic Social Justice is informed by the prophetic challenge offered by the experience of those suffering from injustice: women, communities of color, the economically exploited, and all whose dignity is denied by unjust systems and structures.

THE ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE



This annual event will begin next Weekend. If a new winter coat was on your Christmas list, and you were lucky enough to receive a new coat, consider donating your used coat to our drive.

ALSO, WHITE SOCKS ARE A MUCH NEEDED ITEM.

More details will be available in the bulletin and on the parish website. Drop-off bins will be located in both churches.

The Annual St. Francis House Coat Drive is sponsored by the Social Justice Commission.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION—January 4th: 8AM Mass in St. Julia Church, Litany + Rosary, Movie and Refreshments in the Parish Center Conference Room. This year we will be showing the movie, "Fatima: A Message of Hope " 100th Anniversary Special Edition. All are welcome. Contact Carol Wells for more information. 617-538-4610.

Successful bake sale for NPH:

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos our partner agency in Central America which provides loving homes for thousands of children received \$500 from the 4th grade Bake Sale on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The treats were delicious and everyone worked hard to make this such a successful fund-raiser for a great organization OUR LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS

