

ST. JULIA PARISH



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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
142 LINCOLN ROAD LINCOLN, MA

DECEMBER 22, 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.

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**.



FOURTH SUDAY OF ADVENT GOSPEL MEDITATION

Each Advent season, we prepare to welcome Jesus into the inns and stables of our hearts. But Jesus' coming wasn't welcomed by everyone with choirs of angels. For St. Joseph, the first coming of Jesus was a bit more complicated. "When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit." For Joseph, opening his heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at best, appearing to all the world like a man who had impregnated his wife out of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a cuckold, raising the child of another man. God doesn't always appear the way we expect.

For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit relationally complicated. Perhaps over the past few months, a loved one has died. This Christmas, you're taking it upon yourself to keep up the traditions and hold the family together. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps it's a difficult relative (or two or three) and it's all you can do to bite your tongue and swallow your pride while they're under your roof. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming strife, discord, and tension.

Yet "do not be afraid," the angel says. Do not be afraid. Why? Because we celebrate the birth of "Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Before Jesus' earthly ministry would begin, Jesus would lose his father, Joseph. God is with us in our grief. Wherever Jesus went, he stirred up controversy and faced down challenging personalities. God is with us in our stress. The trick is, like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled with natural virtue in that he didn't want to "expose [Mary] to shame." Yet he was prepared to "divorce her quietly" all the same. Our natural abilities only take us so far. Where is receiving Jesus complicated this Christmas season? Are you relying on your own strength to get you through, or are you truly ready to accept the grace of Emmanuel, God with us?

This Week

Masses as Scheduled

Friday, December 27

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



St. Julia Parish Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM in St. Julia Church with pageant

4:00 PM in St. Julia Parish Center Hall

6:00 PM in St. Joseph Church with choir
[Music beginning at 5:30PM]

8:00 PM in St. Julia Church with choir
[Music beginning at 7:30PM]

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

7:30 AM, St. Joseph Church

9:00 AM, St. Julia Church

10:30 AM, St. Joseph Church

[Music beginning at 10:15AM]

12:00 PM, St. Julia Church

No 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Day



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21/22 2019

MASS INTENTIONS And Prayers Requested

Mon., Dec. 23	7:00AM	Joseph A. Glynn, Sr.
Tues., Dec. 24	7:00AM	Theresa Greaves
Wed., Dec. 25	9:00AM	Italo DiNitto
Thurs., Dec. 26	7:00AM	Mary Benson
Sat., Dec. 28	4:00PM	Tom & Bette Hinchey
Sun., Dec. 29	7:30AM	James Nicholson

CONFESSORS: December 28 Fr. Mahoney
January 4 Fr. Mahoney

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT TRUST—Each Christmas, we have the opportunity to support our priests through the Christmas collection that benefits the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. With the goal of ensuring the health and well-being of our 564 priests in good standing, the Trust offers preventive health and wellness programs, offers one-on-one support and advocacy to priests with health concerns, and operates Regina Cleri, a state-of-the-art facility where senior priests live in community. Please support our priests, who through their ministry create stronger communities for all, by making a gift to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust at clergytrust.org or by giving generously to this year's Christmas collection.

*"For unto you is born ... a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord."*

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Luke 2:11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
 Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
 Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

DECEMBER 29

First Reading: Kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins — a house raised in justice to you. (Sir 3:14)

Psalm: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Ps 128)

Second Reading: And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. (Col 3:15)

Gospel: When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” (Mt 2:13a)



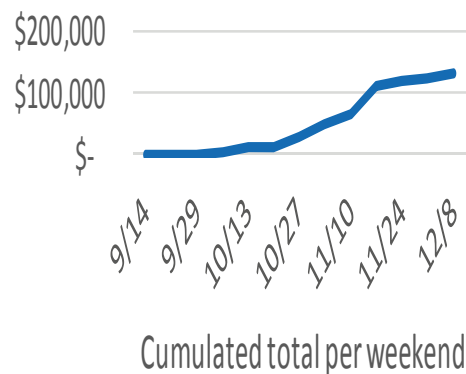
SUPPORTING OUR PARISH'S MISSION

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
Weekend of Nov. 16/17 [\$2,077 in 51 Envelopes]	\$5,521
July 7—Dec 8 <i>Includes Mail-Ins</i>	\$125,636
Online Giving Total <i>July 7—Dec 1</i>	\$77,289
Grand Total	\$202,925
Y-T-D Offertory Avg	\$8,822
Budgeted Total for FY20	\$440,000
Budgeted Avg/Wk	\$8,462
Grand Annual Budget	\$300,000
Grand Annual Received to Date	\$129,807

FINANCIAL REPORTING IN THE BULLETIN

To accommodate the bulletin company's publishing deadlines, the reporting of the parish's Offertory and Grand Annual collections will be reported at a later time.

Grand Annual





GRADES 1-6

Upcoming Events:

Did you know...how the Jewish people married at the time of Jesus? Usually the parents of the man and woman would meet, and arrange for the two people to marry. The man and the woman would become “betrothed”, which meant engaged. This engagement was as legal as a marriage, and was not to be broken except for special reasons. They would be engaged for about a year, during which the parents would meet and come up with a marriage contract, which would state what the Bride’s dowry would be—what kind of animals, household goods, etc, would be provided for by the Bride’s family. The husband and his family were to prepare a home for the new family. Once the year was up, the husband and his family/ friends would travel to the home of the Bride, and then the new husband would escort her to her new home. The Bride would be covered in veils and jewels, and her Bridal party and family would go to her new home with her. Then they would have a big party, inviting everyone to eat and drink for as many as three days!



We hear that Joseph was engaged to Mary, but during that engagement he found out Mary was to have a baby, and he knew that he was not the father. He thought Mary should marry whomever the real father was. In a dream, an angel told Joseph that God was the true father, and that God wanted Joseph to marry Mary and raise the baby Jesus as his own son. So, Joseph obeyed God, and took very good care of Jesus, keeping him safe, teaching him about God, and trained him how to be a carpenter like him.

Find your statue of Joseph in your nativity set, and thank him for his love for Jesus!



Abide Leadership Retreat

January 24-26, 2020

Prindle Pond Retreat Center (Charlton, MA)

What happens during the Leadership Retreat?

The leadership retreat is a two-night overnight retreat (Friday night through midday Sunday) where new members of the Abide Leadership Team are put through an intensive leadership training development program and work together to plan and design Abide. The weekend includes fun icebreakers, workshop activities and adult talks, mass, and other fun surprises along the way! It’s also an amazing opportunities to build friendships with teens from across New England!

What’s required of leaders? What are they expected to do?

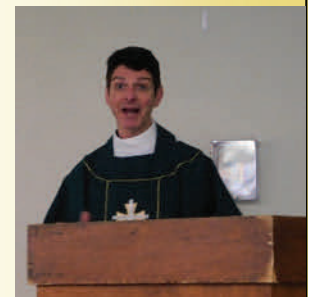
The Abide Leaders quite literally lead the entire Abide event (under adult supervision, of course!). Leaders design the event itself, then take a leadership role during the event itself. Last year’s team helped in the following ways:

- Organizing the schedule / activities for Abide and helping to plan the event itself
- 5 students elected to write and give speeches
- Running small-group discussions with attendees



Please contact
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for more info.



A Special Gift at Christmas (You're never too late)

As a community we are all called to actively participate in our liturgies through song, prayer, silence, and ritual action. This Christmas we are asking if you are willing to share the gift of your service in liturgical ministries as greeters, lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, music ministers, or to assume other roles for the liturgies we celebrate as a parish. Our Sacristans, Musicians, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Ushers and Altar Servers, as well as our families who present the Gifts at Mass, all add to the heart of the Eucharistic celebration. Those ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound are vital to our parish family. Our liturgy is greatly enriched by the participation of all of our liturgical ministers who bring their special gifts.

Training and guidance is provided to everyone who is interested in serving in these special ways. The youth of our parish are **especially** welcome and encouraged to participate!

Dear Friends,

Saint Julia's Grand Annual Appeal contributions have now reached a little less 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

NATURE IS RESTORED

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature.

St. Peter Chrysologus

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you would like to donate a Poinsettia in memory of loved ones, **in Lincoln**, please place their names in an envelope with an offering of \$15.00. Envelopes marked "Christmas Flowers, St. Joseph" may be placed in the collection basket or in the collection box at the entrance of the church. Please make the checks payable to St. Julia Parish.



In Weston: The provided envelope can be used to make Christmas Flower donations of any amount.



More than 100 presents for children of the Catholic tri-parish collaborative in Dorchester have been delivered. St Julia's parishioners were even more generous responding to the specific needs of children in families served by our local SVDP. Thank you all!

While the Justice Commission will continue to collect winter coats for St Francis' house and sneakers for needy children in the summer of 2020 we will also continue to build awareness of Pope Francis' call to "Care for Our Common Home". Upgrading fluorescent bulbs with dimmable LED at St Julia's, encouraging parishioners to bring compostable food waste on Sunday mornings and replacing old windows at the rectory in Lincoln is part of a campaign to reduce energy expenses and help the environment. Audits will continue in 2020 to help us responsibly replace aging infrastructure. Quoting Pope St John Paul II in paragraph 64 of Laudato Si: Christians in their turn "realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith."

Our next Social Justice meeting will take place January 28th in the Parish Center. Please consider joining us or e-mail cmcgarry@stjulia.org