

ST. JULIA PARISH



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142 LINCOLN ROAD LINCOLN, MA

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JANUARY 5, 2020

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.



This Week

Masses as Scheduled

Friday, January 10

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



St. Francis House
Rebuilding Lives.

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE WINTER COLLECTION: The St. Francis House Winter Clothing Drive is underway. St. Francis House serves approximately 35 clothing appointments per day, **175** full sets of clothing per week!

Please join us in helping our brothers and sisters by donating clean, practical clothing. Your efforts and generosity are appreciated by the thousands who come to St. Francis House each year for a fresh pair of clothes in times of need.

Items in highest demand are as follows: **men's pants [especially jeans], footwear [boots], sweaters and sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves and scarves. New, unused socks [still packaged] for men and women, t-shirts and women's plus size clothing of all types are much in demand. SOCKS ARE A MUCH NEEDED ITEM THIS YEAR!!!**



Drop-off bins are located in both churches. **This important clothing drive runs until January 27th.**

All items must be clean, in good condition, at most, gently used. Both men's and women's items are always needed, but **the biggest demand is MEN'S ITEMS.**

Men's New Footwear—sizes 9-14

Men's Jeans—sizes 30-38

Men's Coats & Jackets

Men's New Underwear and Socks

White T-shirts—M- 5XL

Men's Shirts—These are given out daily.

Men's Hats, Gloves and Scarves

Men's Seaters, Sweatshirts & Hoodies



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 4/5, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

And Prayers Requested

Tues., Jan. 7	9:00AM	Ann Schdelmeyer [Living]
Sun., Jan., 12	10:30AM	Katherine McLaughlin

CONFESSORS:	January 11	Fr. Mahoney
	January 18	Fr. Mahoney



GIFTS AND MORE GIFTS MAKING THE TRIP TO BRING SMILES TO MANY FACES!!!!



Thanks to Pat Dacey and her elves....and all who contributed!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

JANUARY 12

First Reading: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. (Is 42:1)

Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29)

Second Reading: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. (Acts 10:38a)

Gospel: After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. (Mt 3:16)

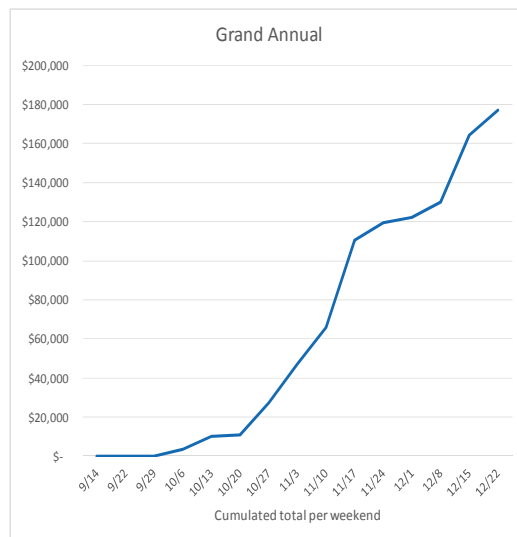


SUPPORTING OUR PARISH'S MISSION

Weekend of Dec. 21/22 [\$2,182 in 51 Envelopes]	\$5,545
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
July 7—Dec 22 <i>Includes Mail-Ins</i>	\$136,537
Online Giving Total <i>July 7—Dec 22</i>	\$82,838
Grand Total	\$21,374
Y-T-D Offertory Avg	\$8,774
Budgeted Total for FY20	\$440,000
Budgeted Avg/Wk	\$8,462
Grand Annual Budget	\$300,000
Grand Annual Received to Date	\$177,257

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.





GRADES 1-6

Upcoming Events:

January 5/6: Classes return, Grade 6 Hosts Café Julia and the Family Mass

Did you know... that the Bible does not tell us how many Magi, or Wisemen, brought gifts to the Baby Jesus. It only says “magi”. The tradition has become three, because there were three gifts. But it could have been many more, who all brought either Gold, Frankincense, or Myrrh. (They also were not Kings, although they may have been employed by Kings.)



So, why bring these three gifts to a baby? Today, the gold would be helpful for the college fund, but why not bring diapers or an educational toy?

St. Matthew originally wrote the Gospel for his community, who were mostly Jews. They were being challenged by other Jews to not accept Jesus. St. Matthew was showing them how well the Gentile people accepted Jesus, and it took wisdom to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. These wisemen from the East brought gifts that proved this wisdom. The Gold was for a King—Jesus’ Kingdom would be the greatest on earth. Frankincense was the incense used to honor gods—Jesus is the Son of the one true God. Myrrh is an oil used to embalm the dead, which represents the sacrifice our King and God made for the entire world.

What gift will you give Jesus today?



7th and 8th grade classes resume this weekend on Sunday mornings as usual. Next Sunday January 12th, the 7th and 8th grade classes will join interested parents for a Build the Faith presentation after Cafe Julia next week.

BUILD THE FAITH INC creation was inspired by the faith in God of Christina Dangond Lacouture, who was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer on December 12, 2012 at the age of 6 years. During her long fight against cancer, Christina gave us a beautiful testimony of strength, courage and an unbreakable faith in God. She taught us that it is indeed possible to live through the most difficult situations in life with a beautiful smile and a profound confidence in Jesus, always saying “Jesus I trust in you.” Monica, Christina's Mother will share her story and the growth in faith that has been made possible by the Grace of God. From Monica's presentation..... We believe it is possible to confront the difficult moments in life with the peace, love and strength that are derived from an unbreakable faith in God. In Christina’s memory, we continue the mission of charity and love for our neighbor inspired by Jesus Christ."



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.

Parish Pastoral Planning in 2020

The Parish Council is working on a 3-year plan to help envision how we can make St. Julia a more vibrant, spiritually rich community, and we need your help. We are asking one simple question:

What is the first thing that you would recommend we should work on?

This question will be asked of all parishioners at Masses during the weekend of January 25th and 26th. The plan writers want to consider carefully every response and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Online responses to this simple question may also be sent to Colm any time during the month of January at cmcgarry@stjulia.org

The plan writers, Chantal Buchanan, Deacon Rafe, Douglas Keene and Andrew Steneri look forward to your response

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