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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 11:15am & 5:00pm
Holy Days As Announced
Daily Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday: 7:00am
Saturday 8:00am
Civic Holidays 8:00am

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 7:30am & 10:30am
Holy Days As Announced
Daily Tuesday & Friday 9:00am
Morning Prayer/Rosary Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am
Family Rosary Tuesday 7:00pm

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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.



Dear Parishioners,

These past weeks, we have been given rich guidance from our bishops to help us navigate the issues of both religious freedom in relation to matters of reproductive morality, and also physician-assisted suicide as a matter presenting itself in a statewide referendum vote. This time, so filled with public moral issues, gets us thinking that each person is called to be faithful to conscience. Here I offer you a mini-summary of what our Church teaches about conscience; the next paragraph relies on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Conscience is a judgment of reason by which the human person recognizes the moral quality of some specific action. In each person's conscience, he or she is alone with God, whose voice echoes in one's very depths. Each one must follow faithfully what he or she knows to be right and just. While each one must act in accord with the certain judgment of one's conscience, it is very important to remember that one's conscience must be formed well, in general but also with respect to specific issues. Time and energy for reflection, self-examination and healthy introspection are essential for this to happen. Educating one's conscience, with the wisdom provided by Church teaching, is indispensable for Christian living. This education is particularly crucial since nowadays we are subject to so many voices angling for our attention and commitment. Negative influences and temptations toward sin threaten good conscience formation, but their threat can keep us aware of needing to live by sound, holy principles. Objective standards of moral conduct, even when they may be difficult to apply to concrete acts under consideration, need to be sought out, be well understood and be used as an alternative approach to blind choice or biased decision-making. Freedom in the deepest sense is not the power to "do whatever I want" but rather the capacity to choose and do what is right and loving. We can take to mind and heart that the more someone does what is good, the freer that person becomes.

Lent, of course, is a season that serves as a school of freedom, a chance to live profoundly. By giving up --- through fasting --- and by giving --- through prayer and charity --- we grow in the ways that really count in life: the ways of love, holiness, peace, joy and hope in the promises of Christ. We accept to carry somehow the cross with Christ for the many weeks of Lent, always keeping Easter and the gifts God gave at Baptism in mind as we do. Be sure to see the list, included here again this week, of our wonderful parish Lenten opportunities.

Father George Evans

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 18/19, 2012

Mass Intentions



And Prayers Requested

Tues., February 21	9:00AM	Eva M. Nowak
Fri., February 24	9:00AM	Walter M. Grocki, Jr.
Sat., February 25	8:00AM	James Mullen

CONFESSORS:	February 25	Fr. Evans
	March 3	Fr. Hennessey

ADULTS NEEDED FOR ST. JOSEPH CHURCH: SETTING UP FOR ALL MASSES, AND SERVING WEEKDAY MASSES. Grateful for the wonderful parishioner-volunteers who have assisted for so long, our parish very much needs some additional parishioners who can arrive approximately 30 minutes before a Mass, carry out a short list of simple tasks, and then close up after Mass is concluded. The altar-serving at weekday Masses is an easily learned and possible separate task. The commitment would be flexible and according to each volunteering parishioner's availability. If you can help, contact Ursula Nowak at 781-259-4297, or unowak@stjuluia.org.



**ST. JULIA PARISH
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**St. Julia Church, Mass at 7:00 AM,
12:10 PM Mass, Prayer Service at 7:30 PM**

**St. Joseph Church, Mass at 9:00 AM,
4:00 PM Prayer Service**

**[These times are updated from those of
many weeks ago.]**



Monday, February 20

Presidents Day Observed
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 21

Bible Study, 9:00AM

Wednesday, February 22

Yoga, 5:30PM

Friday, February 24

Eucharistic Adoration, St. Julia Parish
Conference Room, 12 Noon—3:00PM



A SUGGESTION FOR LENT: Everyone is invited to come experience a Lenten series of evening prayer in the style of Taizé on Tuesdays during Lent.

Come and experience the peace and joy of God in the stillness of your heart this Lenten season – Tuesdays at 7:30pm at St Joseph Church on Feb 28, March 13, and March 27; and at St Julia

Parish Hall on March 6, March 20, and April 3.

For more information see the website or email jtylko@stjulia.org.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU for Lent begins on Wednesday, February 29th. Come and receive the forgiving

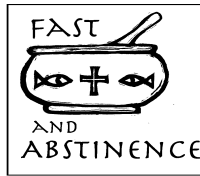
love of God in the Sacrament. Every Church and Chapel in the Archdiocese of Boston should be open for Confessions on Wednesday evenings 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4]. For more information and resources regarding this initiative, please visit www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org.

REACH Beyond Domestic Violence thanks all the members of St. Julia Parish who supported our holiday gift program this year. Thanks to the participation of faith communities like the St. Julia's, we provided gifts to 232 families. It is through the generosity of individuals and organizations like yours that we are able to share the spirit of the season and spread joy to domestic violence survivors and their families.

THE 2012 CATHOLIC DIRECTORY is now available. The cost is \$15.00. Please call the Parish office to reserve a copy.

ST JULIA CHURCH SENIOR CHOIR - Experience the joy and fellowship of being a music minister in the liturgy at the 11:15 Mass at St. Julia Church.

During Lent we are preparing our special music programs to celebrate the Masses scheduled during the Easter Holy Week. We practice on Sundays at 10:45 AM in the Music Room on the second floor of the Meeting Hall. Practice also takes place from 8-9 PM on Thursdays. Contact Brain Moll for information (617-548-5841; bcmoll@yahoo.com).



ASH WEDESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY: No meat, no eating between meals. Ages [14-59 only]
FRIDAYS OF LENT: No meat.

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CALLING ALL 20-SOMETHING ADULTS: Several young adults have expressed interest in forming a *Why Catholic?* group on Monday evenings, starting February 27th. Interested? Contact caritteer@stjulia.org.

DO YOU KNOW A 3rd, 4th or 5th GRADER WHO LIKES TO SING? For a friendly and positive singing audition please come to St. Julia Church on Saturday, February 25. The Music Director of the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School will be here to audition prospective students from 10am to 12noon. The Choir School is the only Catholic Day School for Choir Boys in the country, and it has a rigorous academic curriculum, with small class sizes, for grades 4-8. No prior musical training is necessary. For more information, contact John Robinson at 617-868-658, or bostonboychoir@comcast.net.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

February School Vacation

There will be no classes from Sunday, February 19th through Sunday, February 26th, due to the school vacation week. Classes will resume on Monday, February 27.

Don't forget Ash Wednesday is February 22 – in the middle of the vacation week. Begin this Lent by attending Mass on Ash Wednesday!

Confirmation Program

Students who expect to be confirmed this May received two packets last week. One packet contains forms for Confirmation that must be returned by April 2nd. The other packet contains forms for the Confirmation retreat which must be returned by February 29th. Any student who did not attend the meeting to receive these forms must pick them up in the Religious Education office ASAP.

Religious Education Office Closed

Please note that our Religious Education staff will not be keeping regular office hours during the school vacation week. If you need to get in touch with Anne Marie, Cathy or Ann please e-mail at the addresses listed on the front of the bulletin.



SHARING THE WEALTH: We have been given a number of HP black and color ink cartridges #14 to be used for HP d125, d135, d145, d155, 7110, 7130, and 7140.

We would be happy to share them with whomever can use. Call or stop by the parish office.

2012 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be Friday, March 2nd, at 12 noon to the St Julia Parish Center. Join with members of local denominations and with Christians around the world. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women who observe a common day of prayer on the First Friday of March.

Every year one country prepares the Worship Service. The Christian women of Malaysia have prepared the 2012 Service with a theme of "Let Justice Prevail." These faith-filled women invite us to spend an hour with them, praying and praising God, enjoying their music and learning about their country. Their chosen biblical readings speak to the peace, patience, persistence and prayer that are necessary for justice to prevail. Plan to attend this inspiring, spiritual opportunity as the entire world prays the same prayers and listens to the thoughtful message of our Malaysian sisters. All are welcome. Light refreshments, including Malaysian food will follow. For information contact Nancy Cronin @ncronin@stjulia.org, or call the parish office.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, in the streets of Rio and New Orleans and in the canals of Venice, Carnival reaches its height. We stand on the brink of Lenten discipline and order, of sacrifice and prayer, and like a diver for pearls, we take a deep breath of life's abundance before immersing ourselves. Literally "Good-bye to the Flesh," these once were days for clearing out the barnyard and having one last good roast before turning to fish, to eggs and cheese and porridges. In some places, masks and disguises are worn as a reminder that all falsehood must be stripped away in Lent and our true identity as the baptized must prosper. In others, the green, purple, and gold beads tossed in playful salute have their origins not only in the gifts of the magi, but also entwine the liturgical colors of Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter.

The message, sadly missed by many, is: embrace the Lenten journey, and find your life transformed. Dedicate the next few days to savoring life's wonders, to the abundance of tables laden with great food and surrounded by the laughter of dear friends. Then, as you step forward to receive ashes on your brow, you will have already acquired a yearning for the renewing splash of Easter's waters.

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SUPPORTING OUR PARISH'S MISSION

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: January 11/12: \$7,084. Thanks!
SECOND COLLECTION, Church in Africa, Central & Eastern Europe: \$1,769.

2011-2012 GRAND ANNUAL: \$190,102 so far.

Please remember St. Julia Parish in your Estate Planning.



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Ash Wednesday: at St. Joseph Church, Mass at 9AM, Prayer Service at 4PM
at St. Julia Church, Mass at 7AM and 12:10 PM, Prayer Service at 7:30PM



Why Catholic? A series of 6 weekly gatherings during Lent. Pick the day and time that works for you and join fellow parishioners to meet in small faith-sharing groups and explore this year's theme: **Prayer**. Come to grow in your faith, share with your community, and learn as your children are learning. Register at our website or call 781-899-2611.

Reconciliation Opportunities During Lent: "The Light Is On For You"

Wednesdays during Lent (except Ash Wednesday), 6:30 to 8PM at both churches. There will be opportunity for Reconciliation during class times for most Religious Education students.



Taizé Prayer: Everyone is invited to come and experience a Lenten series of evening prayer in the style of Taizé on Tuesdays during Lent. Taizé is a form of contemplative prayer that combines simple music, silence, and meditative prayer, based on the model set by the Taizé Community, founded in 1940 in southeastern France.

We'll meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm alternately at our two churches - starting at St. Joseph church on February 28.



Operation Rice Bowl: Bring home an old-fashioned paper rice bowl, put it in a conspicuous place to fill with money during lent! Bring your rice bowl back on Palm Sunday, April 1st and you will be making a concrete contribution to the good work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) around the world.

Not many of us will ever be able to travel out to the parts of the world that desperately need food and medical help, but we are able to stock the bags of those who go and bring the support and relief that so many people need. *CRS is rated A+ by the American Institute of Philanthropy.*

Lenten Prayer Circle: A prayer circle of friends, where every day during lent, someone prays for the needs of others, and no one's intention is excluded. Would you like to be part of our parish **Lenten Prayer Circle?** Contact Alpheen Menachery at amenachery@stjulia.org, or fill out the intention sheet located either of our churches. Pick a day to pray or jot down your prayer request.



Daily Lenten Prayer Booklets Available: Feel free to pick up a copy of *Turning Stones into Gems* or the Lent for Kids booklet, *Welcome Jesus*. Each is available at both of our churches. Take one home for the family or share one with a friend. The 5-minutes investment each day can be like a compass during this year's journey of Lent.



Stations of the Cross: Feel free to stop by St. Joseph Church to pray the stations anytime during Lent. We will gather as a community for Stations on Good Friday, April 6 at 12 noon at St. Julia Church and 3PM at St. Joseph Church.

Question of the Week will be featured in the bulletin and on the parish website for each Lenten Sunday.



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Conscience Rights, Religious Liberty Violated by Sweeping HHS Contraceptive Mandate

On January 20, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reaffirmed a rule that virtually all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception.

The exemption provided for "religious employers" is so narrow that it fails to cover the vast majority of faith-based organizations, including Catholic hospitals, universities, and service organizations that help millions every year. Ironically, not even Jesus & his disciples would have qualified, because of their commitment to serve others.

President Obama's February 10 offer of a limited and unclear compromise does not change the urgent need for legislation to correct such threats to religious liberty and conscience rights. The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act has been introduced in Congress (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) to ensure that those who participate in the health care system "retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions." It is more important than ever that Members of Congress be urged to co-sponsor this measure – or thanked if they are already co-sponsoring the bill. For the list of current co-sponsors, please check **H.R. 1179** and **S.1467** at: **thomas.loc.gov**.

ACTION: Contact your U.S. Representative by e-mail, phone, or FAX letter:

- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices.
- Send your email to congress through www.usccb.org/conscience.

Additional contact info can be found on Members' web sites at: **www.house.gov** and **www.senate.gov**

MESSAGE: "Please co-sponsor the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) and help enact it into law. The Obama administration's decision to require even religious institutions to provide coverage of sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that can cause an abortion, makes passage of this measure especially urgent. Please ensure that the rights of conscience of all participants in our nation's health care system are respected."

WHEN: Now is the time to build cosponsors. Please act today! Thanks!

For more background information, go to www.usccb.org/conscience.



WHO ARE THE CLERGY WHO LEAD US AT MASS IN ST. JULIA PARISH?

Most of our Sunday and weekday Masses, in both churches at all the Mass times, are celebrated by **Fr. Evans, pastor**, or **Fr. Hennessey**, parochial vicar.

Weekly, on Sunday mornings, **Fr. Gerard Demers**, who comes to us from the Marist community on Isabella Street in Boston, celebrates one Mass in one of our two churches.

Weekend Masses, at different Mass times and in both churches, are celebrated occasionally by the following priests: **Fr. Paul Rouse**, senior Boston priest residing in South Boston; **Fr. Gregory Hoppough** of the Stigmatine Fathers, serving at Blessed John Seminary in Weston; and **Fr. Christopher O'Connor**, a Boston priest serving at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. Each of them helps in one or more other parishes on the many weekends when he is not with us.

Occasionally **Fr. Lawrence Drennan**, senior priest and onetime pastor of the former St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, celebrates a Sunday Mass in St. Joseph Church.

Our permanent **Deacon Guy St. Sauveur**, who lives in Bedford with his wife, Sheila, diaconates and frequently also preaches at two Masses in one or both of our churches on most weekends. Not a one-year intern (as have been past years' seminarian-deacons), he has been assigned by Cardinal Sean to serve our parish along with our two priests.

On some Fridays, **Fr. George Vartzelis**, senior Boston priest residing at Regina Cleri Residence in Boston, celebrates a weekday Mass in St. Joseph Church.

At one or two Sunday Masses in St. Julia Church each month, **Fr. Joseph Casey** is the homilist. Fr. Casey has been assisting in St. Julia Church for nearly 60 years. He is a Jesuit from the Campion Center in Weston.

We can be grateful for all the help the visiting priests offer our parish. Their faith and insights enrich us.



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OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon. through Fri.

RECONCILIATION:

St. Julia Church, 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, Noon to 3:00 PM

First Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

St. Joseph Church: Every First Friday, 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

ROSARY IN ST JULIA CHURCH: After daily Mass.

BAPTISM

Monthly at St. Julia Church or at a Mass in either Church.

Please call the Parish Office to make advance arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Please schedule at least six months before intended date.

BULLETIN NOTICES should be proposed, by e-mail if possible, to the Parish Office by Tuesday morning.

New Parish Registration / Update

*If you are just beginning to worship with us in St. Julia Parish, **WELCOME!** We invite you to register as a member of our parish. Kindly complete this information form and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Please introduce yourself when you have a chance!*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

_____ **This is a new registration (A complete form will be sent to you by mail.)**

This is an update for:

_____ **Change of Name**

_____ **Change of Address**

_____ **Request for Envelopes**

_____ **Moving out of Parish**

_____ **Someone in Hospital**

_____ **Someone Homebound**