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Saint Julie Billiart Parish
A Roman Catholic Faith Community
494 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, Massachusetts

The Nativity OF THE LORD

“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”

- Lk 2:11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Our Mission

As a people in the Roman Catholic tradition, called together by Christ, we seek to grow in faith, hope and love. We gather to be fed and healed by Word and Sacrament, which strengthens us to build Christ's Kingdom on earth and sustains us on our pilgrim way to heaven. Through our call to evangelize we invite all to join us on our journey of faith as we serve, teach, proclaim and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus. “May Jesus live in all our hearts.”

St. Julie Billiart

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9am and 11am
Sunday 5pm - refer to Gr. 9 schedule
Monday - Thursday 9am
Rosary - 30 min before weekday Mass
Holy Days 9am & 6pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:15pm
or by appointment

The Season of Christmas

December 25, 2018 ~ January 13, 2019

TODAY begins the season of Christmas. This is a time to experience the joy born from waiting and anticipating the coming of Christ our Savior. We, at St. Julie's, hope you will join us as we try to stay mindful of the gift of Christmas celebrating, throughout these days, the special feasts of the Christmas Season, which has just now begun.

It is our hope that the prayers, practices and reflections found on these pages, will help you to enter more fully into the great season of Christmas.



This Christmas season, and with it the coming of the Year of our Lord 2019, brings an additional sense of excitement to our parish family here at St. Julie's as we eagerly anticipate the celebration of our 50th anniversary as a parish.

As we give thanks for the fifty years of our parish, we are especially grateful to the founding parishioners who sacrificed and labored to make a new parish a reality in 1969. We now have over 2,300 families who call St. Julie's home. In their spirit, I pray that each of us will find time during this jubilee year to increase our participation at our parish and joining the parish community often for Mass and parish programs.

We are also grateful to all who have supported the Capital Campaign with its theme of "Participate, Renovate, Celebrate." The renovations are well under way with the bathrooms complete, the parish hall and kitchen will soon be looking great as well.

In spite of our joy and celebration, I realize that we have had some difficult years as a church and that many people are deeply hurt and unsure about being Catholic today. Please know that I share your concern and that I want to help bring about healing and new vision for our church and our parish. If you would like to schedule a time to meet with me personally, or if you would like to talk to me about getting back into fuller participation in the life of the parish, please call or email me. FrRoy@saintjulies.org 508 993 2351 x 3.

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas Season and a Very Happy 2019.

Father Roy

Along with Father Roy, the entire pastoral staff of St. Julie's wishes you and those you love an experience of the grace and peace that the birth of our Savior has brought to our world. God has come among us! Rejoice!!!

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Dec 26th is the **Feast of St. Stephen**, the first martyr. You may be familiar with this feast, as it is mentioned in the familiar carol *Good King Wenceslas*. Where was Wenceslas going when he set out on this feast day? To give alms to a poor peasant. Who can you show charity to today?

Dec 30th we celebrate another special feast of the Christmas Season, the **Feast of the Holy Family**.

Jan 1st is the celebration of the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God** as well as the **World Day of Peace**. The Holy Father's traditional World Day of Peace message can be found via the Vatican Website. Peace to you~

Jan 6, Epiphany, celebrates the time that the Magi or wisemen brought gifts to honor the child Jesus. What gifts will you bring to our Lord on this day?

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Masses: December 24, 4:30 & Midnight
December 25, 10am

Feast of the Holy Family: Saturday December 29, 4:30pm
Sunday December 30, 9 & 11am

The Solemnity of Mary: December 31, 6pm
January 1, 10am

The Feast of Epiphany: January 5, 4:30pm
January 6, 9 & 11am

Enjoy the blessing of chalk, take some & bless your home.

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father,
help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ
brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus's sake.

Amen.

Attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson (1850–1894)

We are so happy that you chose to begin your celebration of Christmas with us. Our parish mission statement reminds of, “our call to evangelize,” which we do when, “we invite all to join us on our journey of faith.”

Evangelization is a two way street. At its root it is about sharing the message of the gospel by the way we live, act, pray and encourage ourselves and others to a deep and authentic experience of Jesus. Our parish ministries and organizations strive to evangelize.

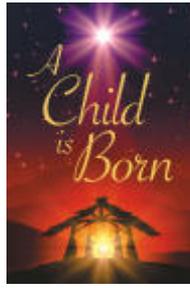
Our Ladies Guild is a community of women dedicated to assisting our parish by building a community of faith that works together for the betterment of our parish and our community. Throughout the year they host many events, both social and spiritual, that foster community and friendships within our parish and beyond.

Our Parish Welcome Committee hosts an annual dinner to welcome new parishioners, to help all get to know their new parish family.

Our Faith Formation Programs assist young and old to grow in faith and understanding through Scripture and Tradition and acts of service. This year our teens sent over 200 “Boxes of Joy” to some of the poorest of the poor for Christmas.

Our many other parish ministries serve the pastoral, sacramental, social and basic needs of our sick, elders and the poor in a variety of ways. Please visit our parish website to learn about the many ways that St. Julie's strives to be a welcoming, evangelizing community of faith.

We welcome your involvement in all we do. Join us!



The Bethlehem Peace Light

...is the light that burns in the Grotto in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Estimates are that the lamp in the Grotto has been burning for nearly 1500 years. Each year, a child from Austria fetches the light from the grotto in Bethlehem. The light is carried in two blast proof miner's lamps on a jet from Tel Aviv, Israel to Vienna, Austria from where it is distributed. Then a jet flies the miner's lamps containing the Peace Light to New York City. The goal is to help spread the light and message of peace across the continent.

In our Parish: The Bethlehem Peace Light was carried in procession into our church at our Christmas Eve Mass. Beginning at the close of Mass and at every Mass thereafter during the season of Christmas, parishioners are invited to bring either a lantern fueled by smokeless paraffin oil or a devotional candle to church, with which they may carry the Peace Light to their own home. From your homes, the Bethlehem Peace Light can be shared with family, friends and neighbors.

A prayer which is to be said when receiving the light will be found near the Peace Light.

May our lives give witness to

Our Lord Jesus, who is light and peace.

Pray this prayer as you light your own candle or lantern. Please observe all necessary fire safety precautions when transporting the Peace Light as well as when displaying it in your home.

We are grateful to the Fr. Hogan Council of the Knights of Columbus who assisted us in obtaining the Bethlehem Peace Light.



Everyone's journey is unique. Here at Saint Julie's we understand that people live, love and pray throughout many ages and stages of faith. We know that not everyone receives the sacrament of Baptism as an infant, Holy Communion while in second grade, or Confirmation as a teenager. Marriages sometimes happen in a civil ceremony. Life can be messy, family relations are often complicated. Yet, God continually invites each and every person to a closer relationship.

In light of this understanding, our parish offers adult sacrament preparation processes that are friendly and conversational in nature, suited to the particular needs of each person. Programs are also offered for children and teens who are hoping to “catch up” on their faith formation journey. We offer programs for people of all ages and stages who desire to reconnect with the practice of their faith, aiming to reacquaint and welcome them back. *St. Julie's door is always open!*



INSTRUCTION:

The head of the family and the three “kings” (other household members) take turns with the blessed chalk and proceed to the front door. The head of the household reads the corresponding words as the kings inscribe their initials onto the lintel.

Final inscription on lintel should read: 20 + C + M + B + 19

Leader:

“The three wise men, Caspar, (inscribe ‘C’ on or over the door)
 Melchior, (inscribe ‘M’ on or over the door)
 and Balthasar (inscribe ‘B’ on or over the door)
 followed the star of God’s Son who became man
 two thousand... (inscribe ‘20’ to the left of the letters)
 ...nineteen years ago. (inscribe ‘19’ to the right of the letters)

“May Christ bless our dwelling, (place + after ‘20’)
 and remain with us throughout the new year, (place + after ‘C’)
 and grant that our comings and goings (place + after ‘M’)
 will be in search of truth (place + after ‘B’)

Leader: Almighty God, incline your ear. May you bless us and all who are gathered here. Send your holy angel who will defend us and fill with grace all who live here.

All: Amen

Everyone sing:

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Verse: We three Kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar. Field and fountain, moor and mountain following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

V: Born a babe on Bethlehem’s plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again. King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.

Refrain

V: Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh Pray’r and praising, all men raising, Worship him God most high.

Refrain

V: Myrrh is mine; it’s bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Glorious now, behold Him arise, King and God sacrifice! Alleluia, Alleluia Earth to Heav’n replies.

Refrain

By the way:

The initials CMB also stand for Christus mansionem benedicat which translates as May Christ bless our home..

We pray that you and all who enter your home may enjoy a year of grace and blessings.

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING CEREMONY

Pieces of chalk will be blessed for all to take home during all Masses on the Feast to Epiphany. Jan. 5 & 6. Use the prayer below, if you choose, to bless your own.

BLESSING OF CHALK

Leader: Bless, + O Lord God, this creation, chalk, and let it be a help to mankind. Grant that those who will use it with faith in your most holy name, and with it inscribe on the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health in body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

HOUSE BLESSING

(all gather at the front door of the house)

Leader: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Amen.