

A large, colorful stained glass archway frames the text. The arch is composed of various colored glass pieces (red, blue, green, yellow, purple) and intricate leaded glass patterns. The text is centered within the arch.

GREAT  
IS OUR LORD,  
VAST IN  
POWER,  
WISDOM  
WITH  
BEYOND  
MEASURE

~ Psalm 147:5

*St. Joseph Parish Family*

*February 5, 2012 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



### **PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Charles J. Higgins, V.F.

**Deacon:** Deacon Kevin J. Winn

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### **THE PARISH OFFICE**

Monday—Friday: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

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### **FAITH FORMATION OFFICE** 781-585-6372

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### **DIRECTOR OF LITURGY:** 781-934-6323

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:** Parish Church

**Masses:** Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 AM

**Weekday Mass:** Monday—Saturday: 9:00 AM

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Confessions any time, by appointment with Pastor.

**BAPTISMS:** For Catholics, the Sacrament of Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of commitment and discipleship. One Sunday a month the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated. Please call the parish office for information regarding Baptism.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples are asked to contact St Joseph Parish at least one year in advance of the date on which you wish to be married. Our parish marriage preparation is designed to help the couple to be ready to live the Sacrament of Marriage.

### **OUR MISSION**

We, the faith community of St. Joseph Parish, Kingston-Plympton, believe that we are called daily to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ: to learn, to share, and to live the message of Jesus. Guided by the Holy Spirit we recognize that we are unique with diverse gifts from God and that as Christ's disciples we are to develop these gifts of Time-Talent-Treasure, to nurture and strengthen our families, our community, our nation, and our world.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Vice Chairperson: Walter Shea: 781-585-1864

### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Julie Cahill          Chuck Mason

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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4480:**

Grand Knight: Sean Varano: 781-582-0377

### **"L.O.V.E." LAY ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ELDERLY**

Coordinator: Marie L. Barry: 781-585-5360

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:** The RCIA is the process through which interested adults and older children are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

Contact Ann Moberg: 781-585-4912.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Meets every Tuesday morning 9:45 -11:15 am, Sept – June in Room 3 in Our Lady's Hall. Please check our website for more information.

**'MATER DEI' WOMEN'S GUILD** – Spiritual gathering – September thru May. Fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Fatima Prayer Group: Thursdays at 9:30 am. Parish Rosary: before each Daily Mass and Monday evening at 6:30 pm.

**PRAYER LINE:** Call . Deb Krueger 781-585-3013 or Michelle Davies 781-585-6489

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH CEMETERY,** Elm Street, Kingston. For information, call the Parish Office

**FOOD PANTRY:** Located at Parish Office. Open on first Thursday after 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and also last Monday each month from 9:30 –11:00 am and 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHURCH IS OPEN** every day from 7 am until 4:30 pm, for prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

**THIS WEEK'S MASSES**Saturday, February 4, 5 pm

Anniversary Mass—Anna &amp; Paolino Brogna

Sunday, February 5, 8 am

Memorial Mass—Clarence P. Potrykus

Sunday, February 5, 10 am

1st Anniversary Mass—Antone Spalluzzi

Sunday, February 5, 11:30 am

Anniversary Mass—Vito Umbro

Monday, February 6, 9 am

Birthday Memorial Mass—Eddie O'Neil

Tuesday, February 7, 9 am

'Pro Populo' Mass

Wednesday, February 8, 9 am

Memorial Mass—Trudy Lumin

Thursday, February 9, 9 am

Memorial Mass—Keith Benson

**NEXT WEEK'S MASSES**Saturday, February 11, 5 pm

5th Anniversary Mass—Thomas J. Hobin

Sunday, February 12, 8 am

1st Anniversary Mass—Benjamin Norton

Sunday, February 12, 10 am

Memorial Mass—Raul &amp; Lucinda Santos

Sunday, February 12, 11:30 am

'Pro Populo' Mass

**WE ASK GOD'S HEALING GRACES** upon those who are sick, especially: Ann Andrews, Patricia Bergeron, Justin Boddie, Olivia Bonifilio, William Bonzi, Nancy Borsari, Joan Bradley, Sharon Brown, Joseph Cadillic, Peter Caugherty, Sr. Bernadette Chapin, Margaret Clancy, Jean Cochrane, Charles Craig, Frances D'Angelo, William Dillon, Lily Rose Drysdale, Michael Duffy, Louanne Dunphy, Lisa Swanson Eddy, Rev. William English, Nicholas Enloe, Mary Ellen Fagan, Mary Fanton, Michael Fanton, Mary Ann Fernandez, Barbara Fontes, Patty Gillespie, Elizabeth Hanbury, Peter Henderson, Michael Hill, Laurie Hoberg, Ellen Darcy Hourihan, Denise Jacoppo, Fr. Bob Jones, Will Warren Jones, Fran Keane, Maddie Klein, Pat Lane, Anne Maxwell, Carol McManus, Cathy McPhee, Bob McNeil, Mary Merry, William Moran, Madison Murray, Cecilia Norton, David O'Neill, Mark Reed, Conrad Rivard, Daniel Rodriques, Pasquale Rosato, David Rossi, Debbie Ryan, Charlotte Sargent, Isaac Schreurs, Warren Sherman, Richard Silva, Larry Tinajare, Alexis Walker, Paula Watkins, Mary Van Winkle, Lillian Wilson and Paul Wilson.

**OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for the repose of the souls of Barbara Burkley and John L. Dunne.

**WE WELCOME** into our Parish Family, **Alexis Judith Kowilcik-Walker, Shealyn Margaret Pratt,** and **Chelsea Marie Stoddard** who were baptized into Christ during the month of December. Congratulations to their proud parents and families.

**LET US PRAY** for all people in the military and especially: Ryan Barry, Justin Boyd, Peter Brooks, Nadine Butterfield, Brian Connor, David D'Urso, Barbara Dustin, Paul Dustin, Christopher Feroli, Michael Kelley, Christopher LeBouvier, Edward Letsche, Michael Lilleberg, James Linnehan, Adam Lyons, Nicholas Lyons, Neil McCabe, Kevin Merry, Kevin Nagle, Anthony Romano, Nathaniel Sexton, Davon Silva, David Sjostedt,



**MISSION HAITI**—St. Joseph's is planning two upcoming trips to Haiti. One on **March 26—31, 2012** and again on **June 18—23, 2012**. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Steve Medlin very soon as plans are being made. His phone number is 781-585-6159.

Anyone interested in supporting **MISSION HAITI** may drop off monetary contributions to the Parish Office. Checks can be made out to: St. Joseph Mission Haiti.



**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY & ANNUAL SCOUT BREAKFAST** is this weekend—**February 5th**. We are celebrating Scouting's 102nd Anniversary! The breakfast is from **8 to 11:30 AM**. Everyone is invited to this community buffet breakfast at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 91 South Street, Kingston, MA. Menu: eggs, French toast, syrup, sausage, home fries, fruit, juice, coffee, tea. \$4/person, \$20/family, Donations to benefit scout programs & projects. Adventures of scouting on display! Membership information will be available.

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH PANTRY** has run very low on supplies. If anyone is able to contribute goods, this is a list of needed items: grape jelly, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, salad dressing, ketchup, mustard, hamburger helper, peanut butter, cereal, diapers, large containers of juice, soap, shampoo, paper goods including toilet paper, detergents. Goods may be brought to Mass and left in the back of the church or they may be dropped off at the pantry during office hours of 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday.

**ADORATION**—We have the opportunity to come before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration on **Thursday evenings** from **6:00 pm until 8:00 pm**. During this time of Adoration we will have quiet time, celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours (Evening Prayer) and will conclude with Benediction. Please come.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will resume their study on 2 Corinthians, this week on **February 7th, 2012**.

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY! GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY...**for the **2nd Annual St. Joseph's Father-Daughter Dance** to be held **Friday, February 10th** from **6:30-9:00pm** in Our Lady's Hall. Bring your dad, grandfather, uncle or other father-figure and encourage your friends to do the same for an evening filled with fun and laughs..and a chance to win an iPod or the 2012 American Girl Doll! Dance tickets on sale (\$10/person or \$25/family) after the masses this weekend and at all of this week's Family Faith Formation sessions.

**WE ARE LOOKING** for people to stitch our Baptismal bibs. Consists of cutting a simple pattern and basic machine stitching. The bibs are used and given to the newest members of our parish. If you are able to donate a very small amount of time to do this in your own home, please give Lou Cook a call at 781-585-8123.

**HORIZONS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN** is seeking fun-loving and dependable people to interact and play with children living in 27 family homeless shelters across Southeastern MA. A commitment of 2 hours per week is required for at least 6 months. The next regional training will be held in Taunton on **February 7 & 8, 6—8:30 PM** (both nights required). Other training dates are listed on their website. For more information call 508-510-3250 or visit us online at [www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](http://www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org).

**CRANBERRY HOSPICE**, a nonprofit organization that has provided support for people with a life-limiting illness for 30 years, will begin a nine-session volunteer training in March. Hospice volunteers help by providing companionship and support to patients and their families, providing vigil visits at the time of death, as well as helping with day-to-day activities like running errands and providing local transportation. Some volunteers help with clerical tasks or fundraising activities in the Cranberry Hospice office. Cranberry Hospice is also seeking veterans to support our Veteran's Program where we would place a veteran volunteer with our veteran patient. We also have a Pediatric Palliative Care Program, "Fragile Footprints", and are in need of volunteers for this special calling. Our team and families rely on the dedication and commitment of our volunteers to provide the extra care and open hearts that they bring with them on each visit and every phone call.

The training will be held from **6:00 to 8:30 PM** on **nine Mondays**, beginning **March 19th** at Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle in Plymouth. Those interested need to contact Karen Foster, Volunteer Coordinator, at 508-830-2762 to register, fill out an application and make an appointment for an interview prior to the start of the training.



## ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

**By Dr. Scott Hahn**  
**Raised to Serve**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalm 147:1-6

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ.

His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see Genesis 3:17-19). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars, promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see Isaiah 11:12; 61:1). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see Isaiah 42:6), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for *raising up*. The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see Mark 5:41-42). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 14:28; 16:7).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity - raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see Ephesians 2:5).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The *whole* town gathers; *all* the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the *whole* of Galilee.

*Everyone* is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see Hosea 6:1-2).

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come - that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

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### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The day has arrived; next to Christmas, this is one of the most popular days of the year---**Super Bowl Sunday**. Parties, wagers, debates and loud cries of joy or agony will mark this day as one to be discussed and remembered for the rest of the week. Even if the game is lopsided, the new commercials are always fun to watch and the half-time show is usually spectacular. There is a little something in it for everyone.

Besides strategy and skill, athletics also include sportsmanship, an attitude of fair play and respect for everyone involved: teammates, opposing team, and fans. In a sense, sports teach us about life: playing by the rules, treating others well and doing our best to succeed. Good sportsmanship sets an example, both on and off the field, for others to follow. Great athletes can be great teachers, worthy of imitation.

What kind of example do we set for others? In the Super Bowl of faith, can others see in us the Person and Presence of Jesus? Or does that only count for church? Live faith today as though the whole season of life depended on it. Because someday, it will!

~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing



## Family Faith Formation

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### **This Week is February's Family Faith Week!**

**Topic: Sacrament of the Sick—Everything you've always wanted to know!**

**Adult Presenter: Fr. Charlie Higgins**

**Sunday 2-3:30 or 4-5:30**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6-7:30**

**ALL ADULT PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SESSION OF THEIR CHOOSING!**

### **Next Catechist Prep Evenings:**

**Monday, February 27th OR Wednesday, February 29th  
7 pm  
in Our Lady's Hall**

### ***Confirmation Prep/Discipleship Training***

*Please review your Checklist to ensure that all necessary paperwork has been turned in for Confirmation.*

*Please keep our teens in your prayers, as they approach their date to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation*

