
Masses for the Week

Saturday August 9, 2008

5:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Jude

Sunday August 10, 2008

8:00 AM Jacob & Vera Omelcruk

9:30 AM Antonio Covello

11:00 AM Jimmy Colbert

12:30 PM Margherita Maiello

5:00 PM Harry Hennessey

Monday August 11, 2008

7:30 AM Angelo Casserino

12:00 PM James Paul Culver

Tuesday August 12, 2008

7:30 AM Robert J. Barletta

12:00 PM Vito Nicholas Vittore

Wednesday August 13, 2008

7:30 AM Paulo Marko Pacifocador

12:00 PM Paolo Rossi

Thursday August 14, 2008

7:30 AM Guild- Richard Mendolia;

In Thanksgiving of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

12:00 PM Mary & James Connolly

7:00 PM Robert J. Barletta

Friday August 15, 2008-Assumption of BVM

7:30 AM Dennis Forgit

12:00 PM Mary & Michael Banousky

8:00 PM Deceased Members of the Davin Family

Saturday August 16, 2008

8:30 AM Eric Colon

5:00 PM Peter Kruk

Sunday August 17, 2008

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Jude

9:30 AM Margherita Maiello

11:00 AM Harry Hennessey

12:30 PM Madonna Del Soccorso

5:00 PM Salvatore Guarino

Let Us Pray

For the Sick

Douglas Prichard; Matthew Gandarilles; Angelo Pompei; Frances Naglieri; Sabrina Kay Viniski; Lori Rudek; Benjamin Archer; Vic Mendolia; Anna Saccomagno; Anthony Naglieri; Francis Butler; Ronald Plourde; Danielle Bruno; Baby Raymond Michael Dhyne; Jennie Paruolo; Joseph Romo; Louis DeLorenzo; Edward Lowth; Melanie Clougher; James & Evelyn McGrath; Hal Nevins; Philip Libasci; Ana Maria Ferrer; Donnie Sassanelli; William & Christopher Scharrer; Richard Delaney; Margaret Marking; Kristine Cuervo; Daniel Els; Julia Vaglio; Rosalie Signorelli; Carol Bonuito; Madeline Wolpert; Anna Buffa, Anthony DeTomaso Sr.; Michael DeLuca; Dolores Eddie; Christopher Barnes; Ann Kazanecki; Richard Thomas; Joann Dillman; Shannon Stefania; Deacon Ken Geoghan; David Alekel; Laura Savino; Edward Farrington; Barbara Cremona

Weekly Collections

Weekly need to meet expenses:		\$10,000.00
Regular Collection	August 3rd	\$ 8,437.48
Monthly Maintenance Collection		<u>\$ 2,826.00</u>
Thank you!		\$ 11,263.48

Scripture Readings

Monday August 11

Saint Clare, virgin

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

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Tuesday August 12

Weekday

Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

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Wednesday August 13

Weekday

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

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Thursday August 14

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr

Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1

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Friday August 15

Assumption of Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57

Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

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Saturday August 16

Weekday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

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Sunday August 17

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Baptisms



ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Alaysiah Hoursey; Miguel Angel Bruno III; Richard Preston Scott Eyton-Jones; Logan Thomas Boccasini; Joseph Jonathon Morales; Jonathan Justin Pestanio; Marin Gwen Kellerman; Matthew John Falzone; Joseph Anthony Koukouras

May God bless them and their families

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar Flower donation for the weekend of August 9th & 10th is:
In Loving Memory of Vera & Jacob Omelcruk.

Weekends available for September thru December 2008.

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of August 11th is donated
In Memory of P.F.C. Charles P. DeTomaso.

You can arrange now for weeks of 2009.

Altar Server BBQ!

You and your family are cordially invited to a BBQ in appreciation of your devoted service to the Altar Server Ministry.

Date: Saturday, August 16, 2008

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place: St. Jude Parish Center

R.S.V.P. by Sunday, August 10th to Mrs. Dankowski

@ 395-1774 with # attending.

Please come say "Goodbye" to our servers who will be 'retiring' from the ministry.

Attention Parishioners of St. Jude

Most of our rectory and outreach office furniture is
"Well Worn," to put it nicely.

Father Greg is looking for someone who may possibly
know where we can obtain new or gently used office furniture
for a reasonable price.

If you do, please call the rectory. Thank you!!!

Outreach School Supply Drive

It is that time of year again when Outreach collects school
supplies for those disadvantaged children in our community.
We hope you will be able to help us, as you always have in the
past, to meet the demand for what the children must have to
start school in September. Some suggestions as to what they
need are: 1" & 3" Loose-leaf binders & paper, all colors of
composition notebooks, colored folders, pens & pencils, blunt
scissors, washable markers, highlighters, index cards,
backpacks, 3 & 5 subject notebooks and any other items.
Through your generosity we can help the children get off to a
good start. Please leave the items in the rear of the church or
at Outreach. Thank you.

The Feast of the Assumption of The Most Blessed Virgin Mary

This Friday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of
The Most Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of
Obligation. All Catholics are bound to attend Mass on this
feast day. The schedule of Masses:

Thursday, August 14th

7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 15th

7:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 8:00 p.m.

All Ministry Leaders

The calendar is currently being formatted. If you need dates
for the coming year, you must fill out a Building Use Form
before August 31, 2008. Drop all request at the rectory or you
may email Judy at j.moran@yahoo.com

Do not assume that your dates will be held from last year.
Please note- the Marcellus room will no longer be available.

Maria S.S. del Soccorso

Next Sunday, August 17th, following the 12:30 Mass, there
will be a procession from the church to the shrine for the Lady
Maria S.S. del Soccorso. **Six people are needed to help carry
the statue.** Please call Frank and Nina Carmarda at 281-6240
if you can help. Thank you.

Faith Formation

*Registration for Faith Formation classes for 2008-09 school
years will continue until September 30, 2008. Classes are
limited. Please call 281-2835, Tues., Wed., or Thurs .from
9:30 to noon for details.*

To register a NEW child coming into our program come in
person to the office with your child's original baptismal
certificate and the registration fee. The form will be given to
you upon arrival.

There is a need for Catechists to teach the faith to the youth of
our Parish. Applications are being accepted, a formal
interview and background check is required. Catechists are
required to take formation courses throughout the year. Please
call the faith formation office if you are interested. Catechists
must be over 18.

The Faith Formation Office will be CLOSED the week of
September 8-12, 2008.

ST. JUDE GIFT SHOP-TEMPORARY CLOSING

On Sunday, September 7th the St. Jude gift shop will be closing temporarily. The gift shop will be having a clearance sale from now until the 7th on many items to avoid excess inventory having to be stored. Come in and browse, maybe consider starting your Christmas shopping early. We plan to re-open the gift shop in the Shrine Church when renovations are completed in the future.

WEED & SEED PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Justice, through its Community Development Office is inviting our local community to apply for the "Weed & Seed Communities Competitive Program." If chosen, our local community will receive one million dollars over five years, and St. Jude parish would receive a portion of that if we participate. We are looking for one or several individuals who are interested in representing our parish over the five year period. If interested, please contact the rectory for details.

Parish Stewardship

We are looking for parishioners interested in forming a St. Jude Stewardship Committee. The Diocese of Rockville Centre is holding the 2008 Stewardship Symposium on October 25th with special keynote address by Reverend J. Glenn Murray SJ. This day offers a well-rounded program with workshop tracks that target specific groupings of parish leadership, along with a special presentation by the Executive Director of ICSC, Mr. Michael Murphy. Transportation will be provided from Medford and Hampton Bays. Anyone interested in participating, please call the rectory.

Annulment Informational Meeting

Presenter Msgr. Charles Guarino of the Diocese of Rockville Centre will explain the annulment process and will begin the question and answer time of discovery by addressing the following questions:

- What is the difference between a civil divorce and a Church annulment?
- Who can petition the Tribunal for an annulment?
- How do I go about getting started?
- Who is involved in the process?
- How long does the process take?
- How much does an annulment cost?
- What if an annulment is not granted?
- What is my status in the Church?
- Are there any other services in the Church offered to divorced people?

For more information please contact Kathleen Logan, Associate Director of Family Ministry, (516) 678-5800 ext.236 or email klogan@drvc.org

Free Seminar for Seniors

A free Seminar is being offered.

"Keeping It Simple-Elder Law 101"

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Villa Monaco, West Islip, NY

Breakfast and refreshments provided, seating is limited.

RSVP to Susan Tame 1-800-680-1717

at Vincent J. Russo & Associates, p.c.

Long Island/ Metro Retrouvaille

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE NOW-

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend beginning Friday, September 5, 2008 please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille.

Where God Is

Major movements of fire, wind, and earth do get us thinking. It is in the face of natural disasters that we ask the big questions. Fire destroys a home. Why is this happening? An earthquake takes dozens of lives. Where is God? We ask questions of fellow human beings too: Who will help us? Can you help? We may ask more troubling ones: Why didn't more people help here? How often do we face questions from yet another angle? When we're safe and we see and hear about troubled places and troubled people, what should we do? Some folks do go to these places to help. The tough questions may be how and why did they help? Are they extraordinary people? How did they know to go there? How did they have the time to go? Did they have the Spirit in Jesus, who could calm things down? Were they like Jesus, who could walk on the waves? Were they like Peter? Which Peter? The impetuous disciple who stepped out of the boat? Or the surprised, scared Peter who looked down and sank? Was Peter aware of what he risked? What do we fear more, going or not going? Do we fear walking on the waves? Sinking if we get out too deep? God knew Elijah would be impressed by the noise and drama of rocks crushing and winds destroying everything in his path. Who can say why God's movements ever cause destruction? Still, it was not, and is not, in the noise and chaos that God's voice comes to would-be prophets. God comes to the heart. That place, as Paul says, may be where great sorrow and constant anguish are. But it is a place where both God's voice and human voices are understood, where both God and humans are moved to heal.

DAN FINUCANE

From the Pastor

August 10, 2008

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gift of Faith

Somewhere along the line in our religious education, we learned a version of an *act of faith*. I will freely admit that even though it was one of numerous articles we had to ‘know by heart’ before being confirmed. I do not have it precisely committed to memory, like the *act of contrition*. I do believe, however, that I would be able to give the general idea of this theological virtue if asked. A version from the catechism goes thus:

“O my God! I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your Divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.”

Truly, it would not be too difficult to memorize. It is beautiful in its simplicity, expressing what our basic Catholic Christian belief is: the gift we were given in baptism, which then continues to grow, develop, and be nourished through personal and communal prayer, the Sacred Scriptures, Confession and Holy Communion, our *openness* to the working of the Holy Spirit; and trust in the guidance of Holy Mother Church.

Sometimes individuals express the idea to me that, “I believe in God, but my faith is weak.” O.K., then, but now *what are you going to do strengthen it?* “You mean **I have to do something about it?**” Yes, indeed! – Faith requires a response; and not that we just have what might be described as a ‘vague, uninformed, lazy faith’ – it is something we have to actively exercise. We can’t just expect that God is going to ‘make it happen’ if He really wants us to have it. The above *act of faith* hardly tells the whole story of what we believe, but it is very specific about Whom and what is the foundation upon which we build our eternal relationship. To simply believe in some “god” out there, to whom I may utter an occasional prayer, who has little or nothing to do with my life - or I with his - would not motivate me either.

After He saves Peter from sinking, our blessed Lord says to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Mt. 14:30) Jesus did not then tell him and the others that He no longer wanted to have anything to do with them because they had fear and doubts. Precisely because they were weak in faith, He called them all the more to trust in Him and His Father. He does the same with each of us.

If we know anyone who has walked away from God and the practice of their faith, we have the opportunity to stretch out our hands to them, to be Christ, to bring them back into the boat of the Church – the place we all need to be. When we feel that God can’t love us, forgive us, doesn’t want to see us in His house, etc., all the junk I’ve heard time and again (often as fairly pathetic excuses) – those **are not** the times to stay away from Him, as too many choose to do, but the time to place ourselves into His loving and merciful hands and start again.

Because my faith is weak, I know I need Jesus. I thank Him for always holding out His hand to me.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg