
Masses for the Week

Saturday August 23, 2008

5:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Jude

Sunday August 24, 2008

8:00 AM Salvatore Bonanno

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Jude

11:00 AM Harry Hennessey

12:30 PM Margherita Maiello

5:00 PM James Colbert

Monday August 25, 2008

7:30 AM Jason Hughes

12:00 PM Robert J. Barletta

Tuesday August 26, 2008

7:30 AM Hugo Surdi

12:00 PM Domenica & Pietro Cucci

Wednesday August 27, 2008

7:30 AM Joan Bassano

12:00 PM Angelina Cincotta

Thursday August 28, 2008

7:30 AM Guild- Rose Gallo; Pasquale Simeone

12:00 PM Mary Rodas

Friday August 29, 2008

7:30 AM Lucy Leone

12:00 PM Magdalena Kampwart

Saturday August 30, 2008

8:30 AM Patricia Kelleher

5:00 PM Maddalena Padlucci

Sunday August 31, 2008

8:00 AM Feast of Madonna Della Guadia

9:30 AM Antonio Covello

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Jude

12:30 PM Nick & Tina Mazic

5:00 PM Stanley J. Topoleski Jr.

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; 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; Michael Cicerelli; Filomena Leone; Leona & Kenneth Adams

For the Deceased

Philip A. Libasci; Frances Cafiero; Patricia Anne Guarino; Phyllis Skelly; Edward Ralph Curcio; Vincent Nasta; Dennis Martin Dargos Sr.

Weekly Collections

Weekly need to meet expenses	\$10,000.00
Regular collection August 17th	<u>\$ 7,065.55</u>
Deficit	\$(2,934.45)

Holy Day- Assumption BVM \$2156.00 Thank You

Scripture Readings

Monday August 25

Weekday

2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

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Tuesday August 26

Weekday

2 Th 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

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Wednesday August 27

Saint Monica

2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

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Thursday August 28

Saint Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

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Friday August 29

The Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mk 6:17-29

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Saturday August 30

Weekday

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

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Sunday August 31

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Baptisms



ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Jacob Frank Cooke; Joshua Dylan Cummings;
Gavin Patrick Miller; Aiden Michael Beattie;
Nicholas William Seguna; Ella Ryan Gammon

May God bless them and their families.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar Flower donation for the weekend of August 23rd & 24th is:
In Memory of the Souls of the Unborn.

Weekends available for October thru December 2008.

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of August 25th is donated
In Loving Memory of Thomas Kevin Boothe.

You can arrange now for weeks of 2009.

ATTENTION-All Ministry Leaders

Please browse the Ministry section at the St. Jude website at www.StJudeMB.org to ensure that the ministry information is current and correct. Please send updated contact information, ministry mission statements, regular meeting schedules etc. to Joe Vernice at email address jvernice@stjudemb.org. Also, if you have any special notices, events, meetings etc. and want them posted on the website, please email the information to Joe Vernice at least one week before you want it published.

Military Request

A parishioner has informed us there is a need for men's large and X-large T-shirts and boxers. A woman sends packages to Iraq. If you could help, please drop items off at the rectory.

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.

Respect Life Committee

There will be a meeting of the St. Jude Respect Life Committee to plan a program for Respect Life Month in October on Wednesday, August 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the church. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to help or would like more information, you can call Bill Doyle at 631-525-3336.

J. V. Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus

The weekend of Sat. September 6th & Sunday Sept. 7th the J. V. Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets outside the church after all Masses, except Sunday at 5:00p.m. Chances can be purchased at \$1.00 per chance or \$10.00 for a book of 14.

This is a great opportunity for Catholic men to join the Knights, as well as ladies to join the Columbiettes.

Funds raised are used to support many charitable causes throughout New York State, just to mention a few such as Religious vocations, pro-life organizations, youth groups, Special Olympics and religious support for our armed forces.

Thank you for your support of the Council.

"A Good Old Dance"

Come Dance With Us! Mike Virostko and his LIVE 40's & 50's Swing Band Dancing to the Music of the Hit Parade Era. Singles and Couples "Welcome".

Saturday, August 30, 2008 7p.m. to 10p.m. Admission \$10.00
St. Sylvester's Parish Center 68 Ohio Ave
Medford, NY 11763

For more information call 730-3333 or visit our website
www.goodolddanceband.com.

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.

The gift shop is open Sundays 9a.m to 1:30p.m.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

School opens on Wednesday, September 3rd. The school has openings available in there Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 4th grade, and 6th grade. Call 878-1033 if interested.

Faith Formation

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

We have a need for Catechists to teach the faith to the youth of our Parish. If you are over 18, you may apply, with a formal interview and background check to follow. All of our catechists take continuing formation courses throughout the year. Please call the faith formation office if you are interested.

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

Catechist Orientation Meeting on Saturday, September 13, 2008 from 1-3:00 p.m., Parish Center Main Hall. ALL CATECHISTS TEACHING CLASSES IN 2008-09 ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND. Please bring a luncheon treat to share so that we can take care of business and munch at the same time. Enjoy these last few weeks of summer; fall will soon be here and then we'll be complaining about the cold! See you all soon!

A New Sort Of Messiah

Jesus asks his disciples to answer a critical question. Who do people say I am? How did the disciples understand him? Peter calls him the Messiah. Jesus blesses that insight. Peter and his answer are so important, Jesus will build his church there—a connection of heaven and earth will be rooted there. So why does Jesus tell them not to tell anyone he is the Messiah? Christians are used to defining Messiah through our understanding of Jesus. In the first century, a variety of different expectations and definitions were available. Zealots wanted to throw off Roman rule. Give us a messiah who will lead us against those destroying our country! Let's go to war like the Maccabees, who fought two centuries earlier. Is God any less on our side? Priests and Sadducees kept the Temple running. Are we not meant to fulfill the law of Moses? The Romans have kept the Temple open. Do we need a Messiah? Would that not create real problems? Pharisees were willing to interpret the Law in new ways. They are open to new leadership. Notice this group in the Gospels. Jesus often argues with them. They come to him with questions. He respects those who are arguing on the cutting edge of their tradition. He eats with them. Do they want a Messiah? Maybe... Did the first century want a Messiah? These folks wanted a bunch of them. Depending whom you asked, the job description varied. If the disciples preached the "Messiah," would they understand who Jesus was? Those who experienced the power of God in Jesus couldn't use any older categories. The sick, the poor, the illiterate who could not read the law, let alone follow it—they were not taken seriously by any of the groups. They were drawn to this preacher from Galilee. Those who embraced him as the Risen One found a new sort of Messiah.

DAN FINUCANE

Come to St. Jude's Bingo! Every Saturday night at 7:30p.m. at the McGraw Street Bingo Hall in Shirley. Come and have some fun and support St. Jude Parish at the same time!

RCIA

**The Parish of St. Jude
Welcomes any
Adult Non - Catholic
Who Would Like To Find Out More**

About The CATHOLIC CHURCH

OR

ANY CATHOLIC

**Who Would Like To Complete The
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION.**

**(Baptism, Confirmation and/or
Communion)**

**The group will be beginning Monday, September
8th at 7:45 p.m. for reception of sacraments in
2009.**

**It is very important that you come and stay
for every class.**

**Please fill out and return to rectory,
Attn: St. Jude RCIA**

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS : _____

SACRAMENTS NEEDED: please check what applies

- Baptism**
 Confirmation
 Communion

**() PLEASE CHECK IF BAPTIZED OTHER THAN
ROMAN CATHOLIC**

From the Pastor

August 24, 2008

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But, I Don’t Get Anything Out of It.”

Dear Brother and sisters of St. Jude,

How many times, when talking with someone who is not a regular Mass attendee, have you heard that above statement? Perhaps many of us have even said it, whether consciously or subconsciously, at some point in our lives. I do trust, however, that most of us come to the Eucharist for higher motives than simply, “What’s in it for me?”

People have various and sundry reasons for not participating in the Eucharist and keeping holy the Sabbath day. Some of these reasons are legitimate: illness, emergencies, severe phobias, etc. I also know that some people have had bad experiences with parents, priests or religious in their youth. They have been hurt, and so their image of God and the Church is not a good one. I am personally grateful that this was not my experience, and I pray that such people may find healing, peace, and a home in the Church. But many reasons are not legitimate; there is no need to enumerate these; and some are really quite pathetic. It is amazing how many excuses we can find if we want to get out of something we really know we ought to be doing.

When talking to parents at baptism preparation, or at the baptism ceremony, or before first Communion or confirmation, I sometimes use an analogy to which they can relate. As many of our young people play soccer or baseball or other sports: *What would you think of bringing your children to the practices, but rarely, if ever, showing up for a game?* It sounds absurd, but that is what happens when children are regularly brought to religious instruction, but not to Sunday and Holy Day Mass. There is a great disconnect here from what is minimal Catholic practice, and the living of the Christian life which flows from the strength we get from the Eucharist and the sacraments.

When someone says, “**I don’t get anything out of it.**” I immediately say, “**But what do you put into it?**” “**Huh? Put into it?**” Sorry to say, I suppose the idea was never offered to them, and perhaps the command to Sunday and Holy Day obligation was the most they were given. (I touched on this in my letter a few weeks back.) We all need to be challenged out-of-ourselves to greater fidelity to the love God has given us.

It is like married couples. If a husband says to himself, “I’m not getting out of this marriage what I wanted,” the next question he should be asking is, “Well, what am I putting into it?” It is the same with our faith, but even more so. A marriage is comprised of an imperfect man and an imperfect woman (sorry to break the news!) Both have to have the will to make it work. My relationship with God is comprised of an imperfect person (me), and the Blessed Trinity, Who is perfect. If something is wrong with the relationship, I can be quite sure it must be on my end, because God doesn’t make mistakes. If I have decided beforehand that I’m not going to like something, I’m probably going to be right. Where there is little or no openness to the movement Holy Spirit, we can be fairly certain that not too much good is going to occur. Can I ever truly do enough for God, to return what He has done for me? Eucharist means **thanksgiving**, not, “you’re giving and I’m taking.” Our attitude makes all the difference.

Let us remember the story of the non-Catholic woman whom the authoress, Flannery O’Connor, brought to Mass several times. She soon made known that she wanted to become a Catholic. When asked why, she said, (my paraphrase) “Well, the sermons are awful and the music is fairly bad. I figured there had to be some really good reason the people kept coming back every Sunday.” Indeed, there was, and indeed, there is. Please, God, many will find their way to give of themselves to the love of our blessed Lord in the Eucharist, who wills to give us more than we can imagine.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg