
Masses for the Week

Saturday August 30, 2008

5:00 PM Maddalena Padlucci

Sunday August 31, 2008

8:00 AM Feast of Madonna Della Guardia

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.

Monday September 1, 2008 LABOR DAY

9:00 AM Fred Kobasiuk

Tuesday September 2, 2008

7:30 AM Paul Cellura

12:00 PM Thomas Bellomo

Wednesday September 3, 2008

7:30 AM Albert Bornschien

12:00 PM Richard Haasnoot

Thursday September 4, 2008

7:30 AM Mary Manceri

12:00 PM Guild- Pasquale Simeone; Deacon Tom Gross;
Joseph Tolve; Marge Marino

Friday September 5, 2008

7:30 AM Isiah Steinburg

12:00 PM Marie Nicosia

Saturday September 6, 2008

8:30 AM Patrick Hickey

5:00 PM Frank & Emily Cerar

(Tenth Anniversary in Heaven)

Sunday September 7, 2008

8:00 AM Salvatore Bonanno

9:30 AM Thomas Kevin Boothe II

11:00 AM Patricia Davin

12:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Jude

5:00 PM Margherita Maiello

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 Ciccerelli; Filomena Leone; Leona & Kenneth Adams; Richard Zolnowski; Thomas Lupski Jr.; Baby Stephen Thomas Anthony Rocco; Bryan Gorycki

For the Deceased

Paul Peluso; Margaret Alfonso; Faro Lupo; Janina Dederle

Weekly Collections

Weekly need to meet expenses	\$10,000.00
Regular collection August 24th	<u>\$ 7,949.43</u>
Deficit	\$(2,050.57)
Diocesan Mission Appeal	\$ 3,803.00
Dominican Republic	Thank you!

Scripture Readings

Monday September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

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Tuesday September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

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Wednesday September 3

*Saint Gregory the Great,
pope and doctor of the Church*

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

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Thursday September 4

Weekday

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

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Friday September 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

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Saturday September 6

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

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Sunday September 7

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Baptisms



We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Natalie Samlihan; Jessica Marie Rocco; Carolyn Nicole Ommundsen; Rosa Aida Shiminski; Nathaniel Anthony Clareen-Aiello; Lorenzo Luigi Napolitano; Olivia Juanita Rodriguez; Meaghan Elizabeth Moriarty

May God bless them and their families.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN 2009

Please refer to the Pastor's Letter for full details of changes to the Mass schedule for weekdays and weekends. Thank You!!

Holiday

Monday, September 1st is Labor Day, a national holiday. There will be one Mass that day, at 9:00 AM. All parish offices will be closed.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar Flower donation for the weekend of August 30th & 31st is:
In Memory of James & Elizabeth Dermody.

Weekends available for October thru December 2008.

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of September 1st is donated In Honor of Douglas & Sally Prichard.

You can arrange now for the weeks of 2009.

Rosary Altar Society Membership Drive

This week after Mass, there will be Rosarians handing out information on their society. Any ladies interested in joining can see one of our Rosarians as you leave. Please don't hesitate to stop and ask questions. Their dedication to the parish and devotion to the Blessed Mother is what makes this society special.

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Saturday & Sunday, September 13th & 14th members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be outside after Masses selling chances. Drawing will be held on Saturday, November 8th at the annual dance honoring "Hibernian of the Year".

1st Prize- 6day, 5night vacation for 2 at the Irish Village in Cape Cod

2nd Prize-Waterford crystal

3rd Prize-Dinner for 2 at a local restaurant

Chances are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

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.

First Friday Devotions

Friday, September 5th is First Friday. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 8- 9 PM. We encourage all of our parishioners to participate in the Hour of Adoration.

First Saturday Devotions

The First Saturday of each month is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Please join in the praying of the Rosary and the First Saturday Devotion prayers, September 6th at 8 AM and followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served after the Mass in the Parish Center.

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.

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, Mon. – Fri. from 10:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for details

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

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.

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!

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!

In Christ's Hands

Jeremiah is losing his mind. He talks to God in strong language. *You duped me! And I let it happen. Fine, you win. I will speak. No, I will not speak. But I'm weary trying to contain your Word.* Jeremiah wrestles with God. He is first enticed, then overpowered. He feels like an idiot—everyone is laughing at him. He is moved, pushed, pulled. If he refuses to speak the Word of God, it will burn its way out of him anyway. Is he out of control? Is this a good thing? What can he do? Is he lost? What does this Scripture reading, this prophet, offer us? Is Jeremiah our role model? Is Scripture tempting us to madness? What does it usually teach? Usually we are challenged to be thoughtful, to be sober, to be balanced. We know we must learn wisdom. Then why is Jeremiah so over the top? At some time Jesus asks each of us if we are ready to throw our whole life into a decision for him. And answering this request could make us look like idiots. If this confuses or frightens us, we have no less a companion than Peter. Peter has just broken through with the insight that Jesus is the Messiah. And immediately he tries to explain to Jesus what that means. Jesus tells Peter to get behind him. Is Peter lost? No. From there, he is again able to follow Jesus. We may lose control of our life if we follow Christ, but we will not be throwing our life away. Romans tells us—putting yourself in the hands of the living God is a sacrifice. In Christ we do not deny this world, but we are not held by it either. We are made new. Saint Paul's imagery is that of our putting a sacrifice on an altar. Wine and bread become something else in Christ's hands. So do we.
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J. V. Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus

Next weekend September 6th & 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.

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.

Catholic University Collection

Next weekend Sept 6th & 7th is the Annual Diocesan Collection for the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. The Catholic University in Washington D.C. Founded in 1887, CUA offers undergraduate, graduate, professional and doctoral degrees in more than 50 disciplines. The collection underwrites scholarships to help financially deserving students complete their education at CUA. Please give generously.

RCIA

**The Parish of St. Jude
Welcomes any
Adult Non – Catholic
Who Would Like To Find Out More About The
CATHOLIC CHURCH
and
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 31, 2008

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

Recently, I happened upon a rectory lunch and dinner sign-in sheet, probably from 2001 or 2002. It has five names on it: Fr. Mirro, Msgr. Fagan, Fr. Baidoo, Fr. Salazar, and Fr. Lourdino. The latter, as I have been told, was a summer assistant. The first four, as most of you well know, were full time priests here at St. Jude. In six or seven years, the picture has changed dramatically; not just here, but in most every other parish of the diocese.

Though it has not been officially confirmed in writing, Fr. Augustine telephoned to inform us that, though he does intend to eventually return to the diocese, he will not be able to do so in the immediate future. Consequently, St. Jude is now a two priest parish. Had the downsizing not happened this year, it would certainly have within a year or two. Despite nine new men ordained this past June - praise God! - the number of active, able-bodied diocesan priests continues to decrease annually. In saying this, I do not wish to dishearten anyone, but simply to state the truth of the situation, knowing that the Good Shepherd is ever with us and will never abandon His flock. Though it will not occur overnight, I am praying and trusting that there will be vocations from our parish for the future life of the Church here on Long Island. And so, due to this situation as it is and will be for a while to come, some changes to the Mass schedule will be taking place.

As of Sunday, January 4, 2009, the 12:30 p.m. Mass (the least attended) will be phased out. The 11:00a.m. will move to 11:30a.m. *The Saturday 5:00p.m.; the Sunday 8:00, 9:30, and 5:00p.m. Masses all will remain the same.* Though we are very blessed to have Fr. James Leone assisting, he is not always available when he is up North here, and certainly not at all during the winter months. Also, the ability to get other priests to assist on weekends is (as noted above) becoming more and more difficult. Should Fr. Todd or I get the flu or such, and be unable to celebrate, covering five weekend Masses would be less burdensome than six. As it is, the law of the Church states that a priest is to celebrate only one Mass a day, twice for a just cause; "and even, if pastoral need requires it, three times on Sundays and holy days of obligation." (Canon 905) This, though never envisioned to be a regular thing, too often is the case.

Whereas our average weekend attendance is less than 1,300 for six Masses, five weekend celebrations will still comfortably seat 2,500 persons. Limited seating will not be an issue.

Similarly, as of Monday, January 5, 2009 our two regular weekday *Masses will become one 9:00a.m. celebration.* Since the 7:30 averages about 20 persons and the 12:00 noon about double that number, it is foreseen that most who participate in these two liturgies will still be able to attend the Mass at 9:00a.m. With the number of funerals we offer here at St. Jude, we will still have many weekdays with multiple Masses celebrated. The Saturday morning Mass will remain at 8:30a.m.

Please be aware that (with consultation) I have not made these decisions lightly. I know the people of this parish to be most compassionate and kind, and I thank you for all your understanding, support and prayers. Be assured of mine for you.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg