
Masses for the Week

Saturday September 13, 2008

5:00 PM Salvatore Guarino

Sunday, September 14, 2008

8:00 AM Fred Kobasiuk

9:30 AM Theresa Struckhoff

11:00 AM Lillian Resta

12:30 PM Salvatore Guarino

5:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Jude

Monday, September 15, 2008

7:30 AM Norman Schneider

12:00 PM Annette DeVoe

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

7:30 AM Carol Huber (Living)

12:00 PM Rose Gallo

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

7:30 AM Gino Mallardi

12:00 PM Ronald Bona, Sr.

Thursday, September 18, 2008

7:30 AM Guild- Mary Hussey

12:00 PM John Klimas

Friday, September 19, 2008

7:30 AM Isiah Steinburg

12:00 PM Ursula Margaret Hennessey

Saturday, September 20, 2008

8:30 AM Patricia Kelleher

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 21, 2008

8:00 AM Harry Alberina

9:30 AM Theresa Struckhoff

11:00 AM Dolores Armbruster

12:30 PM Margherita Maiello

5:00 PM John Martinolich

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, 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; Anthony Saccomagno; Joseph P. Garufi, and Grace Vigani.

For the Deceased

Jean Anna Basile; Dorothy Caleira; Jennifer Lynn Ryan

Weekly Collections

Weekly need to meet expenses	\$10,000.00
Regular collection September 7th	<u>8,553.10</u>
Deficit	(\$1,446.90)
2nd collection Catholic University collection	\$2,140.00
	Thank you!

Scripture Readings

Monday September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday September 9

Saint Peter Claver, priest
1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday September 10

Weekday 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday September 11

Weekday 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday September 12

Weekday 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church
1 Cor 10:14-22 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Baptisms



We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Benjamin James Magee; Priscilla Angel Cuevas and Kayla Natalia Owens.

May God bless them and their families.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar Flower donation for the weekend of September 13th & 14th
In Memory of Sally Patti
Weekends available for October thru November 2008.

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of September 15th is donated ~ **Loved ones of the Vecchio Family**
You can arrange now for the weeks of 2009.

Fall Sprucing Up

On Saturday, September 27th, the Altar Guild will be doing some fall sprucing up of our Church. We need help to keep the Lord's house clean and tidy. We are in need of some lemon oil, furniture polish, rags and or a bucket or pail. Thanks, we will begin at 10 AM. See you there!

Gennesaret Retreat

A **Gennesaret Retreat** for those facing serious illness. A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned September 19th, 20th & 21st at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bayshore, NY. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about the weekend, please call: Colette Fanelli (631) 665-7052.

ST. JUDE BLOOD DRIVE

St. Jude's will be hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, October 2, 2008, from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please remember there is always a critical need for blood and we urge all volunteers to be as generous as possible to give the gift of life and save a life. Outreach volunteers will be taking pledges after Sunday Masses in the Reconciliation room off the church vestibule. Please sign up at that time, if that is not possible, then call Outreach at 281-5634 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs. Thank you for your support.

2009 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Parish Mass Book is open for 2009. You may arrange for Mass Intentions for your loved ones from January '09 through Dec. 31, 2009. Each person will be allowed to arrange up to 4 Masses. Masses CANNOT be arranged by phone. There are currently Thursday Guild Masses available for 2008.

L.I. Coalition for Life

SOUNDS of LIFE CONCERT: A concert for the youth will be held at 7 PM on Sat. Sept. 27, 2008 at the St. Joseph College Clare Rose Playhouse, Sunrise Highway, Patchogue. Free admission, Teens, Twenties and all welcome. Featuring Lindsey Carter, The Ryan Larkin Band and Be Alive, presented by LI Coalition for Life and produced by Lakehouse Ministries.

Faith Formation

Confirmation Prep level Students- Paperwork has been mailed to remind you that you must be interviewed before being registered for the 08-09 school year. If you have not yet been interviewed please call 281-2835 for an appointment; the end of Registration is Sept. 30th. Please note that if this is not done in time you will have to wait until next year as there is no catch up classes.

Confirmation Prep 1 Enrollment ceremony is on Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 7-8PM in our Church. Remember to bring your Commitment form. Students and parents are required to attend.

Confirmation Prep 2 Convocation is on Monday, September 29th from 7-8PM in our Church. Parents and students are required to attend.

Registration for Faith Formation classes will continue until Sept. 30, 2008. To enroll a NEW child into the program you must come in person with an original Baptism certificate and registration fee and a form will be provided.

First Day of Faith Formation classes will begin the week of October 6th. Everyone will have a "Meet the Teacher" class the first week.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY- is September 21st. All Catechists will receive a blessing at the Mass they attend.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGES 6-12

Would you like to sing or play an instrument such as a flute or the trumpet, (etc.) with our **Children's Choir**?

I bet you do!

COME and JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIR!!

Rehearsals are on Friday at 7:30 pm in the Church

We will pray and sing together at the 9:30a.m. Sunday Mass.

Any questions please call the rectory 281-5743 and leave a message for Michael, Virginia or Bob Hudock. Thank you

MASTICS – MORICHES – SHIRLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Join us as we celebrate Literacy Suffolk Inc.'s 30th Anniversary. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Literacy and the many resources and services available at your Community Library.

**Thursday, September 25, 2008
Open house 5-8 pm
at the Community Library**

Refreshments will be served

The St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity- Secular Franciscan Order will be hosting an event called the TRANSITUS –commemorating the passing of St. Francis of Assisi- on Friday October 3rd at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 510 Narragansett Avenue, East Patchogue, NY at 7-7:45 PM in the Church. Refreshments follow. For information you can call 286-9133.

THE GOOD NEWS

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

What was it like to be around him? Some Christians think Jesus' divinity meant that an all-knowing, divine person masqueraded as a human. He might look like he needed sleep or food or some time to himself—but he was really above all that. He might ask questions, but he already knew the answers. Couldn't he have stepped out of this human role any time? Hecklers at his death suggested that. He was tempted early in his ministry to do just that.

Do we believe Christ struggled? If he didn't, how could he ever understand us? Did he only pretend to suffer? It is fascinating that one of the earliest temptations among those who heard the Gospel, one of the first Christian heresies, was Docetism (from the Greek word meaning "to seem"). This was the belief that the Son of God only pretended to suffer and die on the cross. Christians continue to be tempted to this view.

How human was Jesus? So human he could die. How connected was Jesus to us humans? So connected he would rather die than give up on us or separate himself from us. Why not give up all this pain and frustration? Why not change stones to bread? Why not throw some divine power around? Show the Romans who the boss is! Show the sinners who is right here! Show the weak just who has the clout, here and now, once and for all. Why don't you use your power?! That was not the route Jesus, the Son, took. He refused to exploit equality with God. He refused to exploit divine power. Instead, Jesus emptied himself. Jesus is there.

What did that accomplish?

No matter how weak, how empty, how deeply we are caught up in trouble, even caught up in death, Jesus has been there. Jesus is there. The Good News of Christ risen means this: **God would not—will not—let death be the final word.**

Dan Finucane

11th ANNUAL BIRTHRIGHT "WALK FOR LIFE"

Saturday, October 11, 2008 9a.m. to 1p.m. Indian Island Park, Rte. 105 Riverhead, NY. Please come walk with us for Life. Birthright is a non-profit organization completely staffed by volunteers and offers counseling, assistance, transportation, clothing, parenting classes, referrals for medical care and adoption and positive alternatives to abortions.

Volunteers will be outside after Mass on Saturday Sept. 27th and Sunday, Sept 28th for donors and to sign up walkers, and sponsors for the 11th Annual 2 mile Walkathon. For more information please call 728-8900 to speak to a volunteer.

Singles News

Divorced & Separated Support Group-

Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Manorville has a support group for people who are going through a separation or divorce, and for people living a single life. A general orientation meeting will be held on Monday, September 22nd at 7p.m. in the St. Paul wing of the church. **All separated, divorced, widowed and adult singles are invited to attend.** For more information, please call 631-369-7142 or 631-369-1273.

Join us for dinner this fall! St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church in Riverhead has a group for divorced, separated and single Catholics living on the East end of Long Island. On Wednesday, September 24; Tuesday, October 21; Thursday, November 13; and Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., the group will meet for dinner at Digger O'Dell's Restaurant located at 58 West Main Street, Riverhead, NY. Please RSVP by the day before each dinner. Call for information and reservations: 631-727-1069.

FREE FOOD FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS

The Commodity Supplement Food Program/FAN (funded by USDA, NYSDOH, and administered by Catholic Charities) is offering free food for **seniors age 60 and over**, who meet income guidelines. The food package includes cheese, milk, starches, cereals, juices, canned fish, meats, fruits, vegetables and more. Income guidelines for seniors are as follows:

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME FOR SENIORS

Senior SINGLE- \$1,127.00 Senior COUPLE-\$1,517.00
For more info please call (631) 491-4169

"Voice of Our Youth" Contest

How do you see the Catholic Ministries Appeal at work in your community, your school, your Parish?

We want to hear from you!

Send us your essay and our judging panel will select a winning essay from all entries.

Contest Rules:

- Essay entries should be no longer than 1,000 words
- Contest is open to all youth ages 12-17
- All entries must be received by October 1, 2008

Essays should be mailed to: or email bkilarjian@drvc.org

Barbara Kiljian- Essay Contest
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Diocese of Rockville Centre
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Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

From the Pastor

September 14, 2008

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Relics

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

Today's feast has a very interesting history surrounding it. One reason for its celebration is to commemorate the finding of the true cross of our Lord in Jerusalem by the Empress St. Helena in the year 320. The other is to mark the anniversary of the dedication of the church (in 335) known as the *Anastasis*, built by Helena's son, Constantine, above the empty grave of Jesus; also a basilica, the *Martyrium*; and a shrine, *Calvarium*, marking the place of the crucifixion. These were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The present church of the *Holy Sepulcher* which stands there now was erected by the crusaders in 1149. Through history, many legends grew as to how the cross of our Savior was found. Many of these, beginning as early as the mid-Fourth Century, also recount various miracles; a number of which tell of dead people restored to life through contact with the Holy Cross. Needless to say, over the centuries, pieces of it were taken as relics for churches throughout the world. Our own Fr. James Leone is in possession of one of these, and we are most fortunate to be able to make use of it this day.

Unlike the relics of saints, which we usually *venerate* by a kiss (as we do here with the relic of St. Jude after the Thursday novena), relics of the Holy Cross are to be *worshipped*, typically by a genuflection. Why should we genuflect to a little piece of wood? Well, we bend the knee (or bow profoundly if our knees aren't so good) to our Lord's sacramental Presence in the Eucharist, where He is present whole and entire: body, blood, soul and divinity, under either the species of Bread or of Wine, through the words of consecration by a validly ordained priest. If the wood of the cross received the Precious Blood of Jesus as He hung upon it for our salvation, we rightly *adore* this Presence of our Lord in the same manner we do with Him sacramentally on the altar.

A relic (first class) usually consists of a whole body, skin or bones or objects that had contact with the saint's body during his or her lifetime. Representative relics are objects placed in contact with the body or the grave. As with the above mentioned relic of the True Cross, no first class relic is to be produced for veneration of the faithful without proper papers of authentication, (written in Latin) having an official Episcopal (bishop's) seal and a description of the relic and the reliquary in which it is contained. This is to ensure that abuses and phony "relics" are not produced for veneration.

The reason relics have been sought after for centuries, is very human and incarnational: just as we treasure certain objects from one of our beloved dead, we treasure the opportunity to have physical contact with God's best friends who walked among us here on this earth – holy ones' who shared in the same weak flesh and blood as us, who now are in God's presence in heaven forever – where we long to one day be through their intercession. We want to be connected to them. Let us truly work and pray for it, and ask them to pray for us.

If we share in the cross of our Lord here on earth, He promises we will have a place with Him in Paradise.

"We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world."

In Christ,
Fr. Greg

St. JUDE'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

**HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THE DEATH OF A SPOUSE?
FOR SUPPORT, THERE WILL BE EIGHT SESSIONS STARTING
FRIDAY OCTOBER 3rd, 7:00PM- 8:30PM. TO REGISTER OR FOR
MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY AT
281-5743 EXT 4. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO
START OF SESSION.**

EMPATHY...

- To receive positive feedback that the experiences of grief are normal-
"I'm not going crazy".
- To know that others- "just like me" have been there too, and have
survived.

ACCEPTANCE...

- To be encouraged to share pain, fears and frustrations.
 - To be enabled to tell your story- repeatedly.
- To be able to share the physical, emotional and spiritual pain of loss
and to be understood by a caring group of friends.

SAFETY (CONFIDENTIALITY)...

- To ask for help and receive encouragement.
 - To give to others as they give to you.
 - To revive and review memories.
- To receive the strength to let go- to say goodbye.

GROWTH...

- To test the appropriateness of decisions.
- To find more effective coping strategies.
 - To tolerate unanswerable questions.
- To become open to God's presence in your life.
- To experience God's love through His Church in the companionship
 - of sisters and brothers in faith.



FOOD + FUN = FUNDS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

10:00A.M. to 12:00P.M.

ST. JUDES PARISH CENTER

Gather your friends and family for a Cooking Show Fund-raiser, all proceeds to benefit St. Jude Church. Everyone that attends will be able to try our innovative tools, learn to prepare impressive recipes quickly, enjoy the tasty results, and relax and have fun. Following the demonstration, we invite guests to place orders in an effort to raise money for your church.

For more information or to make reservation please call Barbara 281-0800, Teri 399-0788 or the rectory 281-5743. If you are unable to attend but want to support your church call Kathy, your Pampered Chef consultant at 727-5788 to place an outside order.