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## Masses for the Week

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### Saturday September 20, 2008

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude

### Sunday, September 21, 2008

8:00 AM Harry Albertina, Jr.

9:30 AM Theresa Struckhoff

11:00 AM Dolores Armbruster

12:30 PM Margherita Maiello

5:00 PM John Martinolich

### Monday, September 22, 2008

7:30 AM Joy McBride

12:00 PM Ron Bona, Sr.

### Tuesday, September 23, 2008

7:30 AM Sabrina Szela

12:00 PM Helen Specia

### Wednesday, September 24, 2008

7:30 AM Margaret Dougherty

12:00 PM Mildred Circerelli.

### Thursday, September 25, 2008

7:30 AM Guild Mass: Carmella Atkins

12:00 PM Josephine & Dominick DiMaria

### Friday, September 26, 2008

7:30 AM Bruce Tomasek

12:00 PM Edward Szabo, Sr.

### Saturday, September 27, 2008

8:30 AM Philip Muench

5:00 PM George Casella

### Sunday, September 28, 2008

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Salvatore Guarino

11:00 AM Anthony & Caroline Suraci

12:30 PM James P. O'Regan

5:00 PM James McCormick

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## Let Us Pray

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### 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; 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 Cicerelli; Filomena Leone; Leona & Kenneth Adams; Richard Zolnowski; Thomas Lupski Jr.; Baby Stephen Thomas Anthony Rocco; Bryan Gorycki; Anthony Saccomagno; Joseph P. Garufi, Anna Marie Miller and Grace Vigani.

### For the Deceased

Albert Santino; Helen Ortiz; Joanne Macchia; Orlando Iodice

**The Mass Book is Open for 2009 from January thru December.  
Guild Masses are still available for 2008.**

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## Weekly Collections

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Weekly need to meet expenses	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
Regular collection September 14th	<b>8,817.45</b>
2nd collection - Monthly maintenance	<b>3,032.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,869.45</b>

**Thank you!**

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## Scripture Readings

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### Monday, September 22

Weekday

Prv 3:27-34 • Lk 8:16-18

### Tuesday, September 23

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 • Lk 8:19-21

### Wednesday, September 24

Weekday

Prv 30:5-9 • Lk 9:1-6

### Thursday, September 25

Weekday

Eccl 1:2-11 • Lk 9:7-9

### Friday, September 26

Weekday

Eccl 3:1-11 • Lk 9:18-22

### Saturday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, priest

Eccl 11:9-12:8 • Lk 9:43b-45

### Sunday, September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5, Mt 21:28-32

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## Baptisms

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**We welcome our newly Baptized Children:**



**Joslyn Rose Lawrence, Evan Michael Mazzilli, Austin Grace Fox, Kaylee Rose Fox Evan Reinhard Schoefer, Keane Gray Faust, Brandon Robert Teleszynski, and Gianna Maria Gaita.**

**May God bless them and their families.**

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## ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

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Altar Flower donation for the weekend of September 20th & 21st

**In Memory of Charles & Florence Stevens**

Weekends available for October thru November 2008.

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## Altar Bread and Wine

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The altar bread & wine for the week of September 22nd is donated

**In Memory of: Deceased Members of the**

**James V. Kavanaugh Council # 5293**

You can arrange now for weeks in 2009.

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## Fall Sprucing Up

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The Altar Guild has to **cancel** the fall sprucing up at the Church on Saturday, September 27th.

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### *Life Center of Long Island*

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A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat for healing after abortion will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception on October 31, November 1-2, 2008. for more information contact Deacon Frank Gariboldi at **516-523 0586** or visit the website [@www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

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### ST. JUDE BLOOD DRIVE

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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.

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### L.I. Coalition for Life

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SOUNDS of LIFE CONCERT: A concert for the youth will be held at 7 PM 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.

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### DOMINICAN VILLAGE EVENTS

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565 Albany Ave. Amityville  
Please join us on Friday, October 17th from 6:30pm to 9:45pm for the Second Annual Fashion Show & Chinese Auction fundraiser. An Entrance fee of \$40 includes full dinner & dessert buffet; along with refreshments and a fashion show. For more info call 631-842-6618

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### Annual Red Mass

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Bishop Murphy will celebrate the annual Red Mass for all lawyers, judges and court personnel on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008 at 6PM, at the Church of St. Joseph in Garden City. The Mass of the Holy Spirit is offered to ask for blessings at the beginning of the judicial year. All are invited, for more info call 516-678-5800 ext 622

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## Faith Formation

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**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.

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### McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School

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**Catholic High School Open House Riverhead**  
Explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education,  
Saturday, October 18, 2008; 10 AM-1PM

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## CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGES 6-12

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**COME and JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIR!!**

**Rehearsals are on Friday at 7:00-8:00 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

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### Town of Brookhaven Senior Citizens Division

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The Town of Brookhaven is offering a Senior Citizen Residential Repair Program (Home Chore).

**Who is eligible?** Any town resident homeowner, condominium or apartment renters, **age of 60** and older. Priority will be given to those persons with physical or financial limitations. The program provides minor home repairs that help to keep the home safe for the resident (e.g. replacing a leaky faucet, replacing a light switch, grab bars installed for tubs and toilets, weather stripping windows). The materials must be provided and paid for by the eligible person and a voluntary contribution may be given to the program.

**To apply** or for more information, call 451-9092 between the hours of 9 am and 4:30 pm.

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### Voting Your Conscience

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**The Diocese invites you to a free conference : Forming**

**Consciences for Faithful Citizenship:** An opportunity to discuss how to vote your conscience. Sunday, Sept 28th Noon to 4:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Diocesan HS, Montauk Hwy, West Islip

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**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 Church of Saint Sylvester**, in Medford, is presenting “**A Good Old Dance**”. Come dine and dance with us to the music of Mike Virostko and his live 40’s & 50’s Swing Band, on Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 7 until 11pm Admission \$10.00. For information call: 730-3333 or visit our website: [www.goodolddanceband.com](http://www.goodolddanceband.com)

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## THE GOOD NEWS

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**Fairness** is an idea we seem to understand pretty early. Young children are good at “*fair*.” Actually, more specifically, they are good at “It isn’t fair!”

Ever set up a birthday party for little kids? They can tell if someone got more French-fries or a bigger piece of cake. Are you decorating the kids’ chairs? They can tell if one balloon is better than another. A red balloon might be better than a blue balloon, so make sure you get the right child the right balloon, so it will be *fair*. How do you know which balloon is better for each kid? I don’t know. They will, though. Actually, you’d better make it blue balloon, blue balloon, blue balloon—all the way around the table. And don’t make one blue balloon bigger than the others. (Unless it’s the guest of honor’s. But then when the next brother or sister has a birthday, make sure you do it that way again.) Putting jelly beans on the plate? Better count them. The kids will.

As we grow older, the stakes are higher. Which of us in school or at work has not felt cheated? Actually, there’s more to it than that. It’s not just a feeling. Who hasn’t been cheated? It is good to have this sense of justice. It is good to work for justice and to recognize where it is most needed. And yet, the Gospel asks, should we recognize even more ?

Today’s passage in Matthew takes up the sense of fairness we have, but it also seems to take it out of our hands. Something even bigger is operating. We are called to be more than *fair*. Jesus’ story points us in a direction past what is due us. He makes two points that are hard to accept:

1. God’s justice is smarter than our justice.
  2. We are offered a second chance. It is never too late.
- DanFinucane

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## FREE FOOD FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS

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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: **For more info please call (631) 491-4169**

### GROSS MONTHLY INCOME FOR SENIORS

Senior SINGLE- \$1,127.00 Senior COUPLE-\$1,517.00

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## 11th ANNUAL BIRTHRIGHT “WALK FOR LIFE”

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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.

Next weekend 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.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS- Rescheduled raffle sale

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The weekend of Saturday, October 4th and 5th the 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.

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## ATTENTION Catholic Girl Scouts

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**St. Jude’ Parish is proud to be part of the Girl Scout Religious Awards program. Girls in grades two and up are eligible to participate in various programs to earn medals. Girls must complete a workbook of Faith related activities that can be done individually or in a group. If interested please call Annie Schiraldi at 281-6501 by October 10th.**

**Girls Scout Pray and Play Day** (Day of Reflection) will be held Saturday, October 4th at Our Lady of the Shrine in Eastport, NY

Activities are open to Brownies, Junior, Cadette, Senior Girl Scouts, parents, and leaders. The programs of prayer, crafts, fellowship and fun will begin promptly at 9:30 am and will conclude with the celebration of Mass at 3:30. Permission slips are required. The cost is \$7.50 which includes a special patch and craft. For more info call: 516 678-5800 or e-mail, [scouting@drvc.org](mailto:scouting@drvc.org).

# From the Pastor

September 21, 2008

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Catechetical Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

This weekend, at all the Masses, we are recognizing and blessing all of our catechists as we prepare to begin a new year of Faith Formation at St. Jude Parish and throughout the diocese. What we call *Faith Formation* here, might be recognized under various titles in different parishes and over the course of time: Catechism, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Christian Formation, Religious Instruction, Religious Ed., etc. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) also rightly appears in this category. Whatever the official title given, the students generally have one, basic, universal term for it: *Religion*. Though the word certainly does not do justice to what is denoted, we all know what they mean when they say it; and chances are, we probably use it ourselves!

A catechist, in the Christian context, "...is one who proclaims the mystery of Christ to those who are catechumens (preparing for baptism) and deepens the commitment to Christ after the initiation of Baptism." (*The New Catholic Encyclopedia*). In the earliest days of the Church, the Apostles followed the command of their Divine Master to evangelize and catechize: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations... teaching them all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19). Their successors, the bishops, then became the primary catechists of the adult catechumens. Christian parents instructed their children in the faith at that time; as the Rite of Baptism still reminds parents that they are (or at least should be) the "first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith." If we have been given the Faith, we have the command of our Lord to share the Good News with others, especially with our children. This I know you make efforts to do, both by your words and example.

But when does catechesis end – when I get confirmed? I hope not! Our learning of the Faith should never come to an end in this life. I always try to reassure parents bringing their children for Baptism that they don't have to know everything to bring their children up Catholic. I let them know that I and certainly no one else, knows the whole about what there is to understand about Christ and the Church. This is not something that should dishearten us, but conversely, make us hunger all the more for the Way, the Truth and the Life that Jesus is.

Years ago, many were instructed by the Baltimore Catechism question and answer format. It was not a vast exposition of the Faith, but there is much to be said for the basics of Christianity that it communicated which many people retain years later. The thrust of Catholic catechesis today, in my opinion, could still stand a little more memorization of the basics of Catholicism and everyday prayers. I guess I should take that up with the bishops! Positively, though, the focus does concentrate on the formation of the Christian doctrinally, morally, and spiritually. The building of a personal and communal relationship/commitment to Christ is what it is all about. This is essential, not just for the children, young people and adults who come to the parish center for 'religion', but for all of us (meaning me, too).

I commend all our catechists here at St. Jude for giving of their time and talent to share with others the gift of faith that they have been given, and are committed to keep growing in it themselves. Pray for them that they may help the souls they instruct to be more the light of Christ in the world that our Lord wills them to be, and that they will bring others along with them on the road to heaven.

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 4<sup>TH</sup>

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 727-588 to place an outside order.

Please RSVP by October 1st. Thank you.