
Masses for the Week

Saturday, November 15, 2008

5:00 PM Margherita Maiello

Sunday, November 16, 2008

8:00 AM Salvatore Bonanno

9:30 AM Parishioners of St. Jude

11:00 AM Henry Hennessey

12:30 PM Sally A. Prichard

5:00 PM Ron Bona, Sr.

Monday, November 17, 2008

7:30 AM Jean Schulz

12:00PM Richard Banks

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

7:30 AM Anna George

12:00PM Irma Davin

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

7:30 AM Robert Olthoff

12:00 PM Rose Gallo

Thursday, November 20, 2008

7:30 AM Robert Williams

12:00 PM Ronald W. Bona

Friday, November 21, 2008

7:30 AM Rose Milone

12:00 PM Pasquale Simeone

Saturday, November 22, 2008

8:30 AM Patricia Keller

5:00 PM William Rutkkowski

Sunday, November 23, 2008

8:00 AM Luici Atria

9:30 AM Rocco Leone, B'day in Heaven

11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Jude

12:30 PM James Gibbard

5:00 PM Joseph & Mary Thompson

Let Us Pray

For the Sick

Douglas Prichard; Matthew Gandarilles; 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; Richard Delaney; Margaret Marking; Kristine Cuervo; Julia Vaglio; Rosalie Signorelli; Carol Bonuito; Anna Buffa, Dolores Eddie; Christopher Barnes; Ann Kazanecki; Richard Thomas; Joann Dillman; Shannon Stefania; Deacon Ken Geoghan; Barbara Cremona; Michael Cicerelli; Filomena Leone; Leona & Kenneth Adams; Richard Zolnowski; Thomas Lupski Jr.; Bryan Gorycki; Anthony Saccomagno; Joseph P. Garufi; Anna Marie Miller, Grace Vigani., Anthony Russo, Toni Ann Delatorre, , Mary De Guiseppa, Anne Musumeci; Denise DeNobile, Catherine Verzi; Pat Garrett; Cathleen Smyth; Connie Giglianni, Anthony Ronga, John Walsh, Geraldine Arnold, Michael Barry, and Debra Pedersen

In an attempt to keep our sick list current, we will be removing names that have been on the list for quite some time. Please notify the rectory if your loved one needs to remain on the list.

For the Deceased: Alfonso D'Antuono, Jr.; Anthony C. Campo, Josephine Gioia, Giovanni Traina, Elizabeth Nappi, Nancy DeOliveira

On Wednesday, **November 26th** there will be no late evening hours at the Rectory. The office will be open from 9-5pm. The rectory will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on **November 27th and 28th.**

Weekly Collections

Weekly need to meet expenses \$10,000.00

Regular collection: November 9, 2008 \$ 9,557.87

Deficit (\$ 442.13)

Thank you

Scripture Readings

Monday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 18

Weekday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 19

Weekday

Rv 4:1-11, Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 20

Weekday

Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, virgin and martyr

Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, November 23

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Mt 25:31-46

Baptisms

We welcome our newly baptized child:



Olivia Cathleen Luhrs

May God bless her and her family

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar Flower donation for the weekend of November 15th & 16th

In Loving Memory of **Howard & Helena Ramsay**

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of November 17th is donated

In Loving Memory of **Michael Orest Kukura**

OUTREACH

Thanksgiving Meals



Thanksgiving is on Thurs.,
Nov 27th and Parish
Outreach will need your
help to fill Thanksgiving
baskets for the needy.

PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO THE PARISH OUTREACH
NO LATER THAN Monday, NOVEMBER 17th to allow us
preparation for distribution.

We will need: turkeys, cranberry sauce, stuffing, canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, gravy mixes, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, canned pumpkin pie filling, jell-o, pudding and other desserts as well as tomato or other canned juices. We will gladly accept cash donations and supermarket certificates.

If you prefer to "Adopt A Family", please call Parish Outreach at 281-5634.

God bless you all for your help and concern for the needs of the poor and thank you from all at Outreach for your generosity and kindness.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN for HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next weekend Nov. 22nd & 23rd, the second collection is for CCHD. Imagine life below the poverty line, one in eight American struggles every day to hang on. The Campaign for Human Development helps people to create permanent solutions to the problem of the poverty in their communities. Be a part of the number care; visit www.povertyusa.org

Does Your Marriage Need Help

A Retrouvaille weekend is a deeply personal and private experience between husband and wife that can help a couple reconnect and go on to lead a happy and fulfilled life together. Thousand of couples all over the globe have found hope, help, and healing by participating in the Retrouvaille program. Save Your Marriage NOW! For more info about the upcoming weekend beginning Dec.5th at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore, please call 1-800-470-2230.

Faith Formation

* Confirmation Preparation 1&2 & RCIC 1 & 2 upper Students: Large group presentation will be on Wednesday, November 19th from 6:45 -8:15pm at Church. Catechists are asked to be at the Church by 6:45pm so that we can do sign in and we begin at 7:00. Parents are invited and welcomed to stay for the presentation.

* Grade Level Mass for grade Level 1 is on November 23rd at 9:30 am. Catechists are required to attend; their students will present their reports to them.

THE GOOD NEWS

TODAY AT MASS we read from the oldest surviving Christian document we have—a letter from the apostle Paul to Thessalonica. Biblical scholars date it as coming from around the year 50 or 51, a couple of short decades after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (The Gospels relate material from the time of Jesus, but in the written form we receive these, they come from after Paul's letters.)

Through this window into the earliest years of the Church, what do we see? In this first-century community, one particular poignant question weighed on them. What are we still doing here? In their experience of Christ risen, his followers saw the reign of God begin. They also knew God would complete the job as promised and that the fullness of God's justice and God's presence, drying every tear, would free those who gave their lives to Christ.

They believed Christ would do this in their own lifetimes, but they were worried because some of their fellow Christians had died. It is ironic—a sign of God's power—that Paul, the former persecutor of the Church, was the one to embolden them.

We have the distance of almost twenty centuries to give us the knowledge that Christ's return was not meant to be immediate. We may smile at bumper stickers that expect the coming of Christ to leave some cars driverless. We may only vaguely hear the ancient yearning in the "mystery of faith": Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Yet what are we worried about? Where do we long for Christ to step in?

Today these questions are bound to Christ's parable in Matthew. What does it look like for us to develop the talent we have been handed rather than burying it in the ground? What should we be awake to today?

DAN FINUCANE

CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

We will have our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting sponsored by the J. V. Kavanaugh Council of the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday evening, December 2nd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Parish Center Hall. Refreshments will be served after the event at the K of C Hall at the corner of Pawnee and Somerset in Mastic Beach. All parishioners and our friends in the community are invited to attend.

PILGRIMAGES

Capuchin Franciscan friars Fr. M. Marigliano and Fr. Michael Sevigny will be leading the following pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world this winter, spring and summer :

"Our Lady in the New World"(Guadalupe, Mexico City, Dec 8-13, celebrating the feast day Dec. 12)"Holy Land" (April 22-29), "Franciscan Italy"(Mar. 30-April 6), "Great Women of Faith" (April 14-21-Paris /Lourdes-Lisieux), "Medjugorje- A Journey to Peace" (March 25-Apr.2), "Footsteps of John Paul II- Poland Prague (Apr. 16-23) and "FATIMA" (May 11-16). Additional journeys to Greece and the Holy Land in July are being offered. For additional information contact Franciscan Spirit Tours at 646-736-7964 or 646-861-3634 or info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com.

St. Jude's
New Year's Eve 2009
Masquerade Ball
Wednesday
December 31, 2008
7:30pm
Parish Center Ball Room
Dinner by
Ladakin's on Mill Pond

Still only \$45 per person
Raffle tickets \$10.00 each
Prizes to win \$1,000,
a Hi-definition TV, or a
handheld GPS
navigation system

Tickets available after
all Masses
Roma Funeral Home, the
Rectory or at
www.StJudeMB.org

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Saint Jude's Christmas Fair



St. Jude's Christmas Fair
December 6, 2008
Saturday 9 AM until 3PM
in the Parish Center
Visit Santa
Shop the Vendors
Raffle Chances, Great Food
Something for Everyone!
Some tables may still be
available, for more
Info call the rectory at 281-5743

Anyone wishing to donate items for the raffle can drop them off at the rectory. Fresh baked goodies are needed for the bake sale if you would like to make cookies, brownies; cupcakes, etc. please call the rectory.



RCIA SESSIONS
Open to All

Please come to all or any of the following
Monday session dates at 7:45p.m.
Nov 17th The Church-What does it mean to be Church and Nine things that make us Catholic
Nov 24th Liturgy and Church Tour- This session Takes place in the church at 7:00p.m.
Dec 1st Church History-peak moments in church history from Pentecost to Vatican II
Dec 8th Mary and the Saints- a look into the life of Mary our Mother and other important Saints

From the Pastor

November 16, 2008

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church Etiquette

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

Many of us have heard stories about “the good old days”, when you could get a quart of milk and a loaf of bread for 10 cents. Some among us lived those days. I remember hearing about how women in Queens wouldn’t dream of doing their shopping on Jamaica Avenue without first having gotten dressed-up, complete with cosmetics, hat and heels. To do otherwise would have been unacceptable, not just to others, but to themselves. People whispered in church, in libraries, even in banks (perhaps they didn’t want to disturb the money?) Standards were standards, and how one appeared and behaved in public was very important. Things have changed.

Today we live, for better or for worse, in a very casual society. Personal comfort and convenience is what we have been taught are the rules of the game. We (and I include myself) have been taught to abhor restrictions of all sorts. Consequently, the demarcation between private and public behavior gets blurred. For example, one can acceptably sprawl out on the couch while watching television in the privacy of their home, but to do the same on a LIRR three-seat bench is not; yet it is far from uncommon. Cell phone conversations can take place anywhere and at anytime, seemingly oblivious to those around us. We wish to be comfortable wherever we are, yet the context in which we find ourselves must always be kept in mind. It’s not all about me.

So when we come to church to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is not the same as the privacy of our living rooms. The church is clearly a public place, but not the same as the mall, the ballpark or the movie theater. What may be acceptable in those and other various locations is not the same for the House of God. There are certain unwritten rules (some of which I am now writing!) that should always apply.

Being spiritually prepared to celebrate the Mass and not frantically rushing to church is the ideal; though realistically for some, it may be virtually impossible. We try to do the best we can. Once we do get to church, it is essential to remember that we are entering a place of prayer and sanctuary, where we try to find solace from the chaos outside. Keeping our conversation in church quiet and to a minimum helps us to enter into prayerful communion with God. It is wonderful when we see family, neighbors and friends in church. Getting into full volume, lengthy conversation, though, should wait until afterward. I accuse myself of being guilty on this count more than once, and I know I shouldn’t do it. Sorry for my bad example.

Once the opening sign of the cross has been made, our communal prayer has begun. The ushers know to be still and silent, gently making late arrivals aware that at whatever point of the Liturgy they walk in may not be an appropriate time to just go to find a seat. When the *Gloria* is being sung, it is an *O.K.* time to find a place. But certainly when God is being solemnly addressed in the orations by the celebrant, and especially during the preface and Eucharistic Prayer, there should be no movement in the building. When the Sacred Scriptures are being proclaimed, we wait at the door to find a seat until the reading has ended. It is respect for the Word of God and for all who are trying to listen to it. (I hope to write more in depth about this in the future.) [over]

For anyone who has received first Holy Communion and is properly disposed and spiritually prepared to receive the Blessed Eucharist, no food is to be taken for at least an hour before. Food for hungry, young children who have not yet received first Holy Communion is best taken *before* coming to church; if necessary in the car, but not during Mass. This goes for beverages, as well. Infants and very little ones may well require a bottle or a bit of biscuit to nibble on, but it is not a good practice for older children. Personally, I never ate or drank anything in church from the time I was a child (my mother would have never given me anything!) and I seem to have survived it all fairly well. Though some people may require water or a cough drop or something else for medical reasons, most of us don't. Never did I spontaneously dehydrate for lack of a bottle of water or a container of coffee for the one hour of Holy Mass.

Sugary things such as lollipops, candies and juices, etc., not only are potential messes (last week I offered Mass with sticky shoes after walking through some remnants on my way to the altar), but additionally serve to make the children wound-up, antsy and difficult to keep still. Chewing gum in church is another no-no, (unless it is prescription) especially when it finds itself stuck to the underside of the pew. Sister would make us wear it on our noses all day if we got caught chewing gum in class, never mind in church!

Cell phones and blackberries, etc., are a reality of life in 2008. Many people I leave theirs in the car during Mass so that they (and everyone else) will not be disturbed if a call comes in. If one must carry these devices, turning them "off" is the right thing to do. This goes for text-messaging, too.

When it comes time for Holy Communion, we should always ask ourselves if we are properly prepared to receive: Have I observed the minimum fast? Have I missed Mass and not confessed it or committed any other sins which I first need to confess before approaching the Holy Sacrament? We should always be conscious of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament, and how we should want to receive him with the greatest attention, purity of heart and love. It is not always possible, but something to definitely aim for.

When receiving Holy Communion, the proper way is to reverently approach and respond "Amen" when the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister holds up the Host and says, "The Body of Christ." Then we put out our tongue to receive the Host, or place one hand flatly under the other, receive, then step aside to place the Host on our tongue.

I believe this covers quite a bit of ground. I thank everyone for their efforts to be present for Mass and to try and do what is good and right by God and neighbor. I am very happy that our parish family is growing and that so many children and young people are here. The Good God is pleased when we try. Please pray for me, and be assured of my prayers for all of you.

In Christ,

Fr. Greg