
Masses for the Week

Saturday, November 22, 2008

5:00 PM William Rutkowski

Sunday, November 23, 2008

8:00 AM Luigi 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

Monday, November 24, 2008

7:30 AM Margaret Marino

12:00PM John Bolger

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

7:30 AM Carol & Gino Barbone

(Living -Happy 50th Anniversary)

12:00PM Tina Mazic

Wednesday November 26, 2008

7:30 AM Margaret Marino

12:00 PM Ronald W. Bona

Thursday, November 27, 2008 Thanksgiving Day

10:00 AM Patti Davin

Friday, November 28, 2008

7:30 AM Vincent Nasta, Jr.

12:00 PM Thommasina Fattizzo

Saturday, November 29, 2008

8:30 AM Pasquale Simeone

5:00 PM Saverio Tarlantino

Sunday, November 30, 2008

8:00 AM Fred Kobasiuk

9:30 AM Scott Foster

11:00AM Salvatore Guarino

12:30 PM Parishioners of St. Jude

5:00 PM Margherita Maiello

Let Us Pray

For the Sick

Mary De Guiseppa, Anne Musumeci; Denise DeNobile, Catherine Verzi; Pat Garrett; Cathleen Smyth; Connie Giglianni, Anthony Ronga, John Walsh, Geraldine Arnold, Michael Barry, Debra Pedersen, Benny Varriale, Kristine Cuervo, Bryan Gorycki, Anthony Russo, Dawn Marie Kazanecki, Ann Kazanecki, and Michael A. DeLuca

For the Military: If anyone would like to include the name of a member of **active military duty** to be prayed for by the faithful of the Parish, please contact the rectory.

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

There is one Mass on Thanksgiving at 10:00a.m.

*****Bring bread, wine or other foods for your Thanksgiving table to be blessed at the Mass*****

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of November 24th is donated
In Thanksgiving - The **Kukura Family**

Weekly Collections

Weekly need to meet expenses	\$10,000.00
Regular collection: November 16, 2008	\$ 9,636.27
Deficit	(\$ 363.73)
	Thank you

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, November 24

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and martyr

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY, November 25

Weekday

Rv 14:1 4-19, Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY, November 26

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4, Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY, November 27

Weekday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

FRIDAY, November 28

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33

SATURDAY, November 29

Weekday

Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

SUNDAY, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Baptisms

We welcome our newly Baptized children:

Liam Nathaniel Hoag, Julyan Luis LaBoy, Joshua Ben Bruno, Angelica Mercado, Alissa Mercado



May God bless them and their families.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar Flower donation for the weekend of November 22nd & 23rd
In Thankful, Loving Memory of **Ron "Nonno" Bona**

MANY, MANY THANKS!!!

Last week's Outreach Thanksgiving Bake Sale **raised \$1,006.00** for their holiday food program.

Our gratitude to the Rosary Altar Society for hosting this fundraiser cannot be measured.

Our heartfelt appreciation to those who baked and/or purchased our baked goodies; and to all those who said, "keep the change."

All we can say is,

"St. Jude Parishioners are the best!"

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 Madison in Mastic Beach. All parishioners and our friends in the community are invited to attend.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Mastic Beach Fire Dept. for their help in decorating the tree with lights and keeping the Christ in Christmas.

Faith Formation

* Thanksgiving Recess begins Wednesday, November 26-30. There will be **NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** these days. Classes will resume on Monday, December 1, 2008. The staff at the Faith Formation Office would like to extend our best Holiday wishes to all and hope you celebrate, make memories and not eat too much turkey! God bless you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

* I would like to extend my gratitude to the families in the program for their generous donations of food to our parish Outreach Services, for them to make Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. May God bless you for your generosity and support.

* Confirmation Preparation 2 & RCIC 2 Upper Students: Large group presentation will be on Wednesday, December 3, 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 begin at 7:00. Parents are invited and welcome to stay for the presentation.

MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY VAN

The Suffolk County Mammogram Van is scheduled to visit **Waldbaums Shopping Center**
812 Montauk Hwy., Center Moriches
Thurs. December 11th, 9am-12pm & 1:15pm – 2:30pm
Call 852-1300 to make your appointment today! The Mobile Mammography Van, staffed by certified medical professionals, is a public service provided by Suffolk County Department of Health Services, and Brookhaven Memorials.

Future of County- John J. Foley Skilled Nursing Facility

Public hearings are scheduled for the future of the county nursing home. **Public hearings have been scheduled** on the County Executive's move to explore a sale or lease of the John J. Foley Skilled Nursing Facility:

Tues Nov 25th William H. Rogers Bldg. in Hauppauge 4p.m.
Weds. Nov 26th Culinary Center in Riverhead at 10:00a.m.
Tues Dec 3rd Riverhead Town Hall 10:00a.m.
These hearings allow members of the public an opportunity to voice their opinion.

THE GOOD NEWS

TODAY WE CALL JESUS A KING.

We're not used to having kings or royalty around; we don't have a sense of being subjects. Our use of the word king is based more in legends and fairy tales than in experience. Church history and Church art show Christ as a king. But where did those images come from?

The impact of this particular title for Jesus might come to us more secondhand than second nature. In the passage we read today in Matthew's Gospel, there is a dominant theme—we are challenged to serve Christ by serving people in need. In the Great Judgment scene, it is sobering to see that how we treat others will determine how Jesus recognizes us. Another more subtle message is embedded in the heavenly drama. People in other eras (like the first-century audience of Jesus) would have seen something immediately that we might miss: This king has a very strange view of power.

Christian artists have often expressed Christ's coming in power with images drawn from their times and places. These images show a powerful recognition— Jesus Christ is more than the rulers and governors of this world. Our art portrays Christ in the imagery of kings in the world, in the imagery of rulers from the artists' own experiences. These images gave people subject to earthbound ruler's great hope. What power do we fear? Christ is more.

Yet in Matthew, Jesus reveals an amazing way in which his power really happens, an amazing invitation for us to recognize him and join him in building his kingdom. He is the hungry, the poor, the lonely.

There's a twist, too, when Jesus recognizes his own. They're surprised. Do we know when we are serving him? What sort of kings impress us?

DAN FINUCANE

MASS ATTENDANCE

As you may be aware, attendance at Mass has increased greatly over the last six weeks. The following figures do not include the 7:30 Spanish Mass on Saturday evening, which has been getting about 130 persons.

We expect to publish the totals weekly for your information.

	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>5p.m.</u>	<u>8a.m.</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>12:30p.m</u>	<u>5p.m.</u>
Oct 5th	273	169	292	230	160	167	
Oct 12th	395	192	440	341	215	167	
Oct 19th	368	192	457	351	238	294	
Nov 2nd	338	261	607	376	229	278	
Nov 9th	388	239	427	401	220	338	
Nov 16th	377	219	666	375	208	315	

St. Jude's
New Year's Eve 2009
Masquerade Ball
Wednesday
December 31, 2008
7:30pm
Parish Center Ball Room
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 are available
after Masses; at Roma
Funeral Home; at the
Rectory or at
www.StJudeMB.org

RCIA SESSIONS –OPEN TO ALL

Please come to all or any of the following Monday session dates at 7:45p.m. Parish center unless indicated:

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*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All are invited to attend a wonderful community event during this Advent Season. Once again, we will be presenting G. F. Handel's MESSIAH in concert as performed by the Choral Society of the Moriches on Friday, December 12, 2008, at 7:30 PM in the Church. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. A free-will offering will be taken, with a suggested donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 per student, to defray our costs. Plan to attend this amazing concert to make it part of your annual Christmas celebration. This is the gift you can give to yourself to bring the spirit of Christmas into your heart that will last through the year.

Also, we need sponsors for this concert to help cover expenses. Any businesses or individuals who are willing to help support this wonderful event may bring or mail their donation to the rectory with the form below. We would like ALL of our parish groups to get together and support this community event--not only financially, but by ATTENDING with your families. As always, we appreciate your generous support.

Dear Father Greg,

Please accept this donation in support of the MESSIAH concert held on Friday, December 12, 2008.

Amount: \$_____ (Please make checks payable to St. Jude's Church)

Thank you,

(Name of Business or Individual)

From the Pastor

November 23, 2008

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Thanksgiving

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

As we prepare to celebrate our great national holiday this coming Thursday, despite the difficult economic situations in which many of us may find ourselves, there is truly much for which we need to give thanks. It is the “attitude of gratitude” towards God which marks a Christian as different from others in the world. To be grateful to God at all times, both good and bad, is what we strive for if we want happiness.

When the Pilgrims shared that first meal with the Natives of this “new” land, they offered thanks to God for what we would not even consider a decent meal; one that bore little or no resemblance to the feasts which we have come to regard as standard in homes both humble and grand. That first Thanksgiving most likely consisted of some corn mush, wild berries and meager vegetables. There probably was not even a turkey - if any meat – on the table. A very poor dinner by our reckoning, but they were grateful and offered thanks that they were free to worship their Lord and God without the restrictions they experienced in the land of their forefathers.

There are many reasons to give thanks at St. Jude Parish. While there is always ample opportunity to complain about whatever we may choose, I find a great deal to be joyful about here. Numerous people are participating in Mass on the weekend, and the spirit is really wonderful. When we look, see, and hear the responses of our brothers and sisters who want to be at Mass to give thanks and praise to God as a family of believers, it draws us the closer to Him. All the children present are a sign of hope for the future of our Church, our community, and our society. What joy they bring to God’s house! I certainly love to see them.

Financially, we have some good news: the collection has been rising little by little, and I suspect it will continue to, because as we become more grateful, our hearts open more, and then our generosity inevitably increases. I know it has worked for me. Also, after not having made the goal for the Catholic Ministries Appeal for at least five years, we not only met the goal of \$41,618, but surpassed it, and as of last week, St. Jude Parish received a rebate of over \$7,000 for having pledges paid to the goal amount. As the rest comes in, St. Jude will receive an even greater percentage of pledges paid over goal. Thank-you for all your support!

The capital campaign funds continue to come in, and the new Parish Outreach at the end of the rectory on Hemlock is completed and looking good. The work on the classrooms in the old sanctuary area of the parish center is moving along, and long-overdue roofing is being installed on the rectory after too many leaks in the living room let us know that it was more than time for it to be done.

If anyone has not participated in the capital campaign and is interested in doing so, it is never too late. The more we receive, the more we are able to upgrade and maintain, and beautify our parish buildings. It can’t be done without your support. Perhaps we will even be able to start paying down our debt very soon.

May the good God bless you and your families this Thanksgiving. May He help us all to be more grateful, more generous, and more loving, in good times and in bad. A very happy Thanksgiving to you all!

In Christ,
Fr. Greg



Saint 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!**

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.

For more information call the rectory at 281-5743