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## Masses for the Week

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### Saturday, November 29, 2008

5:00 PM Saverio Tarantino

### Sunday, November 30, 2008- First Sunday of Advent

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

### Monday, December 1, 2008

7:30 AM Patrick Hickey

12:00PM Leona Adams

### Tuesday, December 2, 2008

7:30 AM Vincent Nasta

12:00PM Irma Davin

### Wednesday December 3, 2008

7:30 AM Frances Cafiero

12:00 PM Ronald W. Bona

### Thursday, December 4, 2008

7:30 AM Guild Mass: Marion Kearns

Priests and Parishioners of St. Jude

12:00 PM Pasquale Simeone

### Friday, December 5, 2008, First Friday

7:30 AM Vincent Nasta, Jr.

12:00 PM Margaret Green

### Saturday, December 6, 2008, First Saturday

8:30 AM Daniel & Rosemary McGuirk

5:00 PM Nick Masic

### Sunday, December 7, 2008

8:00 AM Fred Kobasiuk

9:30 AM Robert Olthoff

11:00AM Salvatore Guarino

12:30 PM Michael Bio

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude

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## *Let Us Pray*

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### For the Sick

Mary De Guiseppe, 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 Deceased: Richard T. Nogan and Carmela Fiorello

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.

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## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

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Friday, December 5th is First Friday. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 8p.m. with Benediction at 9 p.m. We invite and encourage all of our parishioners to participate in the Hour of Adoration.

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## *Weekly Collections*

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Due to the early submission of the bulletin for the Thanksgiving Holiday, the collection information for the weeks Nov. 23 and Nov. 30 will appear in the Dec. 7th bulletin.

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## Scripture Readings

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### 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

### Monday, December 1

Advent Weekday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday, December 2

Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

### Wednesday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, priest

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday, December 4

Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday, December 5

Advent Weekday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

### Saturday, December 6

Advent Weekday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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## *Altar Bread and Wine*

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The altar bread & wine for the week of November 24th is donated  
In loving memory of **Luke Anthony Dankowski**

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## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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The First Saturday of each month is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Please join in praying the Rosary and the First Saturday Devotion prayers, December 6th beginning at 8AM and followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



Monday, December 8th is The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and all Catholics are bound to attend Mass on that day. The Mass schedule for Monday is 7:30, 12 Noon and 8:00 p.m.

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## **ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE**

Wednesday, Dec 3rd, at 7:30p.m. in the auditorium, the college is presenting "Lessons and Carols"- an event that combines choral, congregational singing and scriptural readings to herald in Advent. What a beautiful way to enter into this holy time of hope and preparation for the glorious season of Christmas. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, please call 631-447-2739.

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### **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

We will have our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting sponsored by the J. V. Kavanaugh Council of the Knights of Columbus this **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.

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## **MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY VAN**

The Suffolk County Mammogram Van is scheduled to visit **Waldbaums Shopping Center  
812 Montauk Hwy., Center Moriches  
December 11th, 2008, Thursday  
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.

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## **Faith Formation**

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\* Classes will resume on Monday, December 1, 2008.  
\* 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 the sign in. We begin promptly at 7:00. Parents are invited and are welcome to stay for the presentation.

Sunday, Dec 7th, the 9:30a.m. Mass is for Grades Level II and RCIC 1 Lower.  
Faith Formation Office **will be closed Tuesday, Dec 9th from 11:30 to 3:30p.m.**

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## THE ADVENT WREATH

### A Rite for the Beginning of Advent at Home

The first day the wreath is in the home, the leader may say:  
*As our nights grow longer and our days grow short,  
we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches--  
and remember God's promise to our world:  
Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come.  
Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet:  
The people that walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those who lived in a land as dark as death  
a light has dawned.  
You have increased their joy and given them gladness;  
They rejoice in your presence  
as those who rejoice at harvest,  
as warriors exult when dividing spoil. Is. 9:1-2*  
Then all pray:  
*O God,  
rejoicing,  
we remember the promise of your Son.  
As the light from this candle,  
may the bless of Christ come upon us,  
brightening our way  
and guiding us by his truth.  
May Christ our Savior bring life  
into the darkness of our world,  
and to us, as we wait for his coming.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*  
Then the first candle is lighted.  
Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal -- one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. The rose candle is usually lighted on the third Sunday of Advent. As the candles are lighted, a prayer may be said.  
Daily Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath

First Week  
*O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ,  
desire of every nation,  
Savior of all peoples,  
come and dwell among us.*

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## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Anyone wishing to donate for Christmas Flowers to decorate the church may use the envelope provided in your envelope packet. If you do not receive envelopes, there are envelopes available in the church vestibule. Please PRINT the name of the person you wish to have remembered clearly, so that it may be included in the bulletin after Christmas. The envelopes may be placed in any of the collections. A minimum suggested offering is \$20. This will also help to pay for the wreaths and trees purchased and other Christmas flower decorations. Thank you.

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**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE MASS**

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A Christmas Remembrance Envelope is included in your mailed envelope packet. Extra envelopes are available in the back of the Church. The Novena of Masses begins December 25th.

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**PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD**

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Come join us for one hour of **Prayer and Refection** on the Holy Scripture.

Prepare you and your family for the Holy Season of Advent.

There will be plenty of time to do all the things you want like shopping, decorating and baking for the Holidays.

Just come for one hour from 7:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 3rd** Deacon Mark Herrmann  
**Wednesday, Dec. 10th** Father Tom Pers- St. John's

**Penance Service and Confession**

**Monday Dec. 15th** Father Gregory & Fr Todd

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**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

In place of our regular meeting, we will be having our Christmas party. The time and place will be the same Monday, December 1st at 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Center. Reminders: Covered Dish, Grab Bag (optional); A food item or gift to be contributed to our Adopt-A-Family

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**CHILDREN'S MASS**

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Once again the children and their family of the parish are invited to gather at Children's Mass at the 9:30 Family Mass on December 14th. They will celebrate Mass and receive a treat from a special guest!

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**MASS ATTENDANCE**  
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As you may be aware, attendance at Mass has increased greatly over the last six weeks.

We will publish the totals weekly for your information. Due to the early submission of the bulletin for the Thanksgiving Holiday the Mass attendance for Nov. 23, and Nov. 30 will appear in the Dec. 7th bulletin.

**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.

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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,

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Name of Business or Individual

# From the Pastor

November 30, 2008

1st Sunday in Advent

## *A New Beginning*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

On the calendar, a new civil year begins January 1st. For many in the business world, a fiscal year might begin September 1st, or on some other date. In the Church world, our “Year of Grace 2009” begins with Evening Prayer I – a.k.a. First Vespers – or the Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent, on Saturday, November 29. The date varies from year to year, but it always falls in late November or early December, so that there will be Four Sundays preceding the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord.

When January 1<sup>st</sup> comes, many people make resolutions, most of which focus on self-improvement: dieting; getting organized, cleaning-out junk drawers, etc. So many of these, we well know, will not come to fruition. We are a people of good intentions, but we are oh, so weak, and also do not have all the time we would like to do the things we need to do. But then, when we do have the time, so often it gets squandered. Is there any hope for us?

Yes! There is great hope, which comes, not from our willing it or from our human good intentions, but from Above. Whereas the secular mind says, “I’m going to...in the new year”, the Christian makes the ancient Advent petition, “Maranatha – Come, Lord Jesus!” *It is all about Him and what He wills to do for us.* We need Jesus Christ because it only through having a relationship with God and the hope of salvation He offers that we have meaning and purpose on this earth.

During the Advent Season, the color is the blue/violet – a reminder of the darkness of night, which was life before the Savior’s coming. Our response at the Prayer of the Faithful will be that same ancient cry of God’s people longing for the life of our souls, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Our focus is twofold: first, to thank Jesus for coming among us at the Annunciation: when He was conceived in Mary by the Power of the Holy Spirit and then revealed by His birth on that first Christmas Day. Second, and more importantly, we look forward to the day when He will come again - that we may be ready to be numbered among the sheep and not the goats at the Last Judgment, as we heard in last Sunday’s Gospel.

May we truly live Advent: being prepared, waiting, attentive, listening, watching... not going so crazy with Christmas or “Holiday” madness - *doing, doing, doing*, with no time for *being*, and so wanting it all be to over. Jesus is coming (both present and future) to lead us out of darkness into his marvelous light. I hope and pray we are looking forward to seeing Him and being with Him forever. This is the opportunity for us to begin again until that Day. Happy Advent!

In Christ,  
Fr. Greg.



# *Saint Jude's Christmas Fair*

**December 6, 2008**

**Saturday 9 AM until 3PM  
in the Parish Center**

**Visit with 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.

*St. Jude's  
New Year's Eve 2009  
Masquerade Ball*

*Wednesday  
December 31, 2008  
7:30pm*



*Parish Center Ball Room*

*Menu 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

Masquerade Masks are available for purchase  
Price range \$3.00 to \$8.00

Tickets and raffles can also be purchased at  
Roma Funeral Home, the Rectory or at [www.StJudeMB.org](http://www.StJudeMB.org)

