

Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 6, 2008.

5:00 PM Nick Mazic

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

Monday, December 8, 2008, Immaculate Conception

7:30 AM Jean Schulz

12:00PM Christopher Farber

8:00PM Margaret Crouch

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

7:30 AM Vincent Nasta, Jr.

12:00PM Patricia Harrington

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

7:30 AM Vincent Nasta

12:00 PM Cyril Wolpert

Thursday, December 11, 2008

7:30 AM Guild Mass: Vincent Nasta; Peter C. Alfonso;

Margaret P. Alfonso; Antonina DiGristina

12:00 PM Michael Cerverizzo

Friday, December 12, 2008

7:30 AM Frances Cafiero

12:00 PM Antonio Bellomo

Saturday, December 13, 2008.

8:30 AM Margaret & Joe Cicci

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude

Sunday, December 14, 2008

8:00 AM Fred Kobasiuk

9:30 AM Robert Olthoff

11:00AM Salvatore Guarino

12:30 PM Jimmy Gerhard Maca

5:00 PM Famiglia Russo

Let Us Pray

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, Michael A. DeLuca, Vic Mendolia; Francis X. Butler and Theresa Sanchez

For the Deceased:

Angelina Tumminia, John Anthony Attrino Jr., and Peter Louis Tucci

For those serving in the Military:

John Redding, Jr. and Kenneth Drumm Jr.

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.

Baptisms

We welcome our newly Baptized children:

MaKayla Elizabeth Rosen; Lorelei Renee King;
Giana Lynn Winiarski

May God bless them and their families



Weekly Collections

For the week of November 23rd	\$8,739.75
Capital Campaign for Human Development	\$2,427.00
For the week of November 30th	\$9,943.21
Spare- A Dime	\$ 865.00
Capital Campaign rec'd for November 08	\$5,362.50
Total monies rec'd. A/O Nov. 30, 2008	\$464,399.00

Thank you!!!

Scripture Readings

Monday, December 8,
The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10
Advent Weekday
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13
Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 14
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week December 8th is donated by
The Saint Jude Breakfast Club

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE MASS

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 the evening of December 24th.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Sat. 5p.m.	8a.m.	9:30	11:00	12:30p.m	5p.m.	Total
Nov23rd	334	207	500	430	178	280	1929
Nov30th	326	212	495	300	270	291	1894

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.

Faith Formation

* December 9, Tuesday, from 11:30 – 3:30pm, Faith Formation office will be closed.

* December 10, Wednesday, 7-8:00pm- Grade level K- 6, Home Study Parents Meeting. If you are working at home with your child this year, come to the meeting with the student book and will discuss and answer questions you may have. We are always available to assist you. If you are unable to attend the meeting, call the office during office hours

* Sunday, December 14th 9:30 am-Level 2 & RCIC2 Lower Level Mass. All Catechists are required to attend. Your students will present their completed reports to you at the Mass.

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.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Respect for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death is one of the fundamental Christian traditions embraced by the Catholic Church. Abortion takes the life of an unborn baby in violation of the unborn child's Right to Life. As we prayerfully prepare for the arrival of Our Lord Jesus Christ as infant child, the St. Jude's Respect Life Committee ask the people of our parish to remember all unborn babies in your prayers. Four weeks after Christmas on Thursday, January 22nd, thousands of Long Islanders will travel to Washington D.C. for the 36th Annual March for Life. The parishes of Deanery 12, which includes St. Jude's, are organizing a March for Life bus. Please consider attending the 36th Annual March for Life. For more information, please call Bill Doyle at 525-3336 or email stjuderespectlife@gmail.com

Outreach-Thank You

Parish Outreach would like to "thank you" for "giving" to our Thanksgiving program.

To all of our parishioners and our entire community who gave so generously during these difficult times. You are truly a blessing to the less fortunate in our community. A total of 405 families consisting of 1519 people received a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. God Bless You, St. Jude's Outreach

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Come join us for one hour of **Prayer and Reflection** on the Holy Scriptures.

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

There will be plenty of time to do all the things you want to do: like shopping, decorating and baking for the Holidays. Just come for one hour from 7:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10th Father Tom Pers from St. John's

Monday Dec. 15th Father Gregory & Fr Todd

Advent Wreath

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 Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath

Second Week

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

Extraordinary Ministers & Lectors

Attention! Anyone who has been regularly scheduled to serve at the 11:00 or 12:30 Mass, please contact Angela Gross to allow adjustment for the new Mass schedule which goes into effect the weekend of January 3rd & 4th, 2009.

Ministry Social Sunday

Sunday, December 21st, is Ministry Social Sunday. The social will be hosted by the Pre-Cana Ministry. All are welcome! You are invited to join us, after morning Mass for coffee, tea, treats and to talk or just stop by and say hello. The social will be in the Parish Center.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR 2008

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
Children's Mass 9:30 AM Mass
with special visitor!

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 17, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Saturday, December 20, 10:30 AM - Noon
Saturday, December 20, 4:00P.M. - 4:45P.M.
Wednesday, December 24, 12:30P.M. - 1:30PM
Saturday, Dec. 27, 4PM - 4:45 PM

PENANCE SERVICE WITH CONFESSIONS
Monday, Dec. 15 at 8 PM

Children's Pageant
Sunday, December 21
at 9:30 AM Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4 PM, 5:30 PM, 9:00 PM Spanish Mass
11:15 PM Christmas Vigil with Mass at Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8 AM (Italian//English)
10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
No evening Mass Christmas Day
NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

Wednesday, December 31
7:30AM, 12 Noon and 5:00 PM Vigil
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES
8:00 AM, 10 AM and 12:00 Noon
No Evening Mass on New Year's Day.

*New Years Day is a Holyday of
Obligation this year because it falls
on a Thursday.*

----- OUTREACH CHRISTMAS -----

Christmas will be here before we know it and Outreach is again asking all our parishioners to help stuff stockings and provide a good holiday dinner for the less fortunate in our midst. We would appreciate donations of food, new clothing, gifts, new toys, and supermarket and department store gift certificates for distribution to the needy. If you prefer, individual or specific families can be adopted. Christmas stars will be hung on the tree in the church vestibule. These stars have the ages and gender of the children who will receive the gifts. Please be sure to pick one as you leave today and attach it to the gift you bring. Please leave the gifts and all donations at the Outreach office or in the rear of the Church after Mass. Outreach will NOT be distributing gifts after Dec. 23rd, so please make sure to drop off your gifts before that date. Thank you for all your help.

CHILDREN'S MASS

The children and the families of St. Jude Parish are invited to gather at the 9:30 Family/ Children's Mass on December 14th. They will celebrate Mass and receive a treat from a special guest!

DIVORCED, SEPARATED, SINGLE

St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church in Riverhead will meet on Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. the group will meet for dinner at Digger O'Dell's Restaurant located at 58 West Main Street, Riverhead, N.Y. Please R.S.V.P. by the day before. Leave a message by December 8th. The office will be closed on the 8th, but there is an answering machine. Call for information and reservations: 631-727-1069.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT -- HANDEL'S MESSIAH--

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 this 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

December 7, 2008

The Second Sunday of Advent

Stay Awake!

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

During this Advent season of joyful expectation, our Lord and His Church tell us to be alert, watch and stay awake – for we know not the day nor the hour of His return. Indeed, our Lord came once and will surely come again, but He comes *every day* in the person of our neighbor. Do we treat our neighbor as if they were Jesus Himself? Hmmm...

On the practical topic of observation, several people (they know who they are and I won't embarrass them in print) asked me this past weekend, "Fr. Greg, why did you take the windows out of the parish center?" referring to the six plywood filled openings facing Neighborhood Road. My reply was, "What windows?" This then perplexed them and made them be more specific about it. After having fun with them for a little bit, I said, "There *were no windows there*, the openings were just cut through so that windows could be put in for the new classrooms."

It is amazing how we can assume that something was 'always' there when it never really was. Our minds and memories can play tricks on us, so we need to be as observant as possible of our surroundings, trusting God more than we trust ourselves. I'm glad that a few observed some kind of change. How many passed right by and didn't notice anything? Alas, we are very busy people. I've made similar mistakes numerous time before.

And so, the windows are now in (that previously were not there), and the work is progressing. The handrails have been installed on the rectory front steps and ramp, and new designated handicapped parking spaces with upright signs have been established in front of the parish center. The work just keeps on going here at St. Jude.

Getting back to Advent - the Solemnity of our Lady's Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 8. Even though it is a Monday, it is still a holy day of obligation, because the United States is under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. This feast recalls our Lady being conceived in the course of nature in St. Ann's womb, completely free of Original Sin. This is not to be (as it so often it is) confused with the Virgin Conception and birth of Jesus from Mary's womb.

Traditionally, the Christmas nativity scene is set up on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, of course, leaving out the Baby Jesus until the first Mass of Christmas Eve. Also, during the Advent and Christmas Seasons, the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary are prayed on Sundays, instead of the Glorious Mysteries to honor our Lord's Incarnation. This is also a perfect time to prepare for and make good confession, if we have not recently done so.

These were just a few 'thoughts' to inform, both on the spiritual and material ends. I hope and pray that your Advent is going well, and that your stress level is not out of control.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg

St. Jude's

*New Year's Eve 2009
Masquerade Ball*

*Wednesday
December 31, 2008
7:30pm*



Parish Center Ball Room

*Menu Catered 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
After 9:30 & 11:00 Mass
Price range \$5.00 to \$9.00

Tickets and raffles can also be purchased at
Roma Funeral Home, the Rectory or at www.StJudeMB.org

