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## Masses for the Week

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<b>Saturday,</b>	<u>December 13, 2008.</u>
5:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Jude
<b>Sunday,</b>	<u>December 14, 2008</u>
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
<b>Monday,</b>	<u>December 15, 2008</u>
7:30 AM	Vincent Nasta Jr.
12:00 PM	Kathleen Lynch- Attanasio
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<u>December 16, 2008</u>
7:30 AM	Vincent Nasta, Jr.
12:00PM	Lawrence Bilello
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<u>December 17, 2008</u>
7:30 AM	Eileen Roberts
12:00 PM	Michael & Elaine Cerverizzo
<b>Thursday,</b>	<u>December 18, 2008</u>
7:30 AM	Guild Mass The Tanzer Family; Pasquale Simeone; Elizabeth Jimenez – Palermo; Harry Albertina, Jr.; Tommasina Fattizzo
12:00 PM	Jamie Ames
<b>Friday,</b>	<u>December 19, 2008</u>
7:30 AM	Vincent Nasta Jr.
12:00 PM	Ron Bona
<b>Saturday,</b>	<u>December 20, 2008.</u>
8:30 AM	Fr. Joseph, Fr. Paul, Fr. Daniel Conneely
5:00 PM	Salvatore Bonanno
<b>Sunday,</b>	<u>December 21, 2008</u>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Jude
9:30 AM	Brian Kevin Boothe
11:00AM	Salvatore Guarino
12:30 PM	Anthony & Caroline Suraci
5:00 PM	Robert Shannon

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## Let Us Pray

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### **For the Sick**

Mary De Guiseppe, Anne Musumeci; Barbara Cremonese; 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; Ana Maria Ferrer and Francis X. Butler.

**For the Deceased:** Francesca Asaro; Lori Titus

### **For the Military:**

John Redding, Jr., Eric Riley, Don Skelton, John Maresca, Keith W. Burd

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.

***Holiday Office Hours-*** the rectory will be closing 1:00p.m Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The rectory will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Friday, December 26th the office will be open 9 to 5p.m.

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## Weekly Collections

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For the week of December 7, 2008	\$8,707.59
2nd collection Monthly Maintenance	\$2597.00
	Thank you!!!

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## Scripture Readings

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<b>Monday, December 15</b>
Advent Weekday
Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21: 23-27
<b>Tuesday, December 16</b>
Advent Weekday
Zep 3: 1-2,9-13; Mt 21:28-32
<b>Wednesday, December 17</b>
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10:25-31; Mt 1: 1-17
<b>Thursday, December 18</b>
Advent Weekday
Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1:18-25
<b>Friday, December 19</b>
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1: 5-25
<b>Saturday, December 13</b>
Advent Weekday
Is 7: 10-14; Lk 1 26-38
<b>Sunday, December 14</b>
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16: 25-27;
Lk 1: 26-38

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## Baptisms

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ONE LORD  
ONE FAITH  
ONE BAPTISM

### **We welcome our newly Baptized Children:**

Sabrina Irene Chavez, Justine Elizabeth Dickinson, Joseph Anthony Mione, Xavier A. Manuelito, Kayla Rose Pagan, Gianna Antonia Rodriguez, Esteven Ernesto Gonzalez, Karla Ximena Hernandez and Carlos Rodrigo Hernandez.

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

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## Altar Bread and Wine

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**The altar bread & wine for the week of December 15th is donated:**

**In Memory of Deceased Members of  
JV Kavanaugh Council # 5293**

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## Altar Flowers

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The Altar Flowers for the weekend of December 13th & 14th is donated:

In Memory of Elizabeth DeGiovine

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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 the evening of December 24th. Envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the rectory.

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### MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>Sat. 5p.m.</u>	<u>8a.m.</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>12:30p.m</u>	<u>5p.m.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nov23rd	334	207	500	430	178	280	1929
Nov30th	326	212	495	300	270	291	1894
Dec. 7th	328	213	521	240	159	356	1817

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### CHRISTMAS WAFERS

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The Christmas "OPLATEK" Wafers are presently available at the rectory. The Oplatek Wafer is part of a beautiful Polish tradition for Christmas and they come with complete information on how to use them. The price is \$3.00 per package.

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### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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*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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### DIVORCED, SEPARATED, SINGLE

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#### Support Meeting:

Movin' On is a self help support group for DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED AND ADULT SINGLES designed to help its members move through the end of their life as a couple into a complete and fulfilling life as a single. Next meeting will be December 22nd at 7 pm, at Sts Peter & Paul Church, 781 Wading River Rd., Manorville, NY 11949. For more info please call the outreach office at 631-369-7142.

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## ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

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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.

There is a bus departing from the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville at 5a.m. and return by 10p.m. A \$10.00 deposit is required to hold a seat.

For more information, please call Bill Doyle at 525-3336 or email [sfjuderespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:sfjuderespectlife@gmail.com)

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### Extraordinary Ministers & Lectors

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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 effective weekend of January 3rd & 4th, 2009.

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### Advent Wreath

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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

#### Third Week

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ,  
only joy of every heart,  
come and save your people.

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### ~~~~~ OUTREACH CHRISTMAS ~~~~~

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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.

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## Ministry Social Sunday

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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 is held in the Parish Center.

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## Faith Formation

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\* December 21, Sunday, from 9:30 Special Needs Communion & Confirmation Grade level Mass. All Catechists are required to attend. Your students will present their completed reports to you at Mass.  
\* Christmas Recess-The Faith Formation Office will be closed and there will be no classes beginning Wednesday, December 24 thru Sunday, January 4th. Classes resume on Monday, January 5th, 2009.  
\* January 10, 2009, Saturday 11:15am – 4:00pm Confirmation Prep 2 & RCIC2 Upper is their Confirmation retreat. Students will be measured for a Confirmation robe and should bring a sandwich and drink for lunch.  
Parents, if you have a confirmation robe and do not need to order one, please notify the office at 281-2835.

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## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR 2008

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### 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

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### 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.

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New Years Day is a Holyday of

Obligation this year because it falls on a Thursday

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR

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This year's Christmas fair was very successful due in part to the hard work of our many volunteers and the generosity of our business community for donating raffle prizes. A special thank you to: Madeline Wolpert and Pat Fusco for the many items they donated to the fair and for running the raffle, Chinese Auction and 50/50 table; Maryann Bechhofer, Cynthia Lacey and Angela Szumski for the terrific job they did in the kitchen; and The Italian Society (Anna Maria Pisano, Silvia Mancini, Sarina Franzino, Grace Montalbano, Santa Iazzetta, Maria Realmuto, Anna Ciatto, Nina Oddo, Louisa Dimartino and Michelle Campisi) for donations and also for cooking and running the Italian Food table; and Jean Scholl, Catherine D. and Marina Kobasiuk; for running the bake sale table;

Thank you to Carlo & Gina Fumai, and Theresa Reyes for helping decorate and breaking down the stage; and to Ann Schiraldi for a wonderful job taking pictures.

There were many other volunteers and several people that donated items that contributed to the success of our annual Christmas Fair. They include: Ben Schiraldi; Maria Dietrich, Theresa Reyes, Lois Burn; Maureen Galvin; Mike & Ann Leonardi; Catherine D. & Marina Kobasiuk; Mary Vitale; Mary Pickering; Loraine Caruana; Pearl Salvani; Maureen Abruscato; Tom & Brittney Fusco; Sue & Fallon Gross; Doris Cremeni; Rosemarie Manzuso; Margaret Muszynski; Maryann Coleman; Julie & Timothy Novotny; Justin Hoffmann; Christopher & Bonnie Parrinello- Alekek; Rita Parrinello; George & Jo Ann Dietrich; John Hendricks; Alanna Horan; Pete Castelloe & friends from the Knights of Columbus for putting up the Christmas signs; Nick Drake for security; John Cuervo for setting up the tables for the fair; and the helpers from the Rectory (Cynthia, Patty & Carmela).

Thank you to the following businesses for donating items for our raffle and Chinese auction: Gateway Playhouse; Handy Pantry; John's Pizzeria; Connie and Barbara Kruk of Roma Funeral Home; Giacalone's Pork Store and all who anonymously donated items for the raffle.

A special thank you to my family Carlo & Gina Fumai, Maria Dietrich for all their help year round.

A special thank you to Santa for being here at our Christmas fair at his busiest time of year and to Father Greg for making an appearance at the fair and your continuous support. And a very special thank you to Father Greg for calling the 50/50 winner and raffles.

A Very Merry Christmas to all!  
Sue Fumai and The Christmas Fair Committee

# From the Pastor

December 14, 2008

The Third Sunday of Advent

## Gaudete Sunday

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” (Phil 4:4, 5) These words of St. Paul are the entrance antiphon (introit) of today’s Mass, which sets the tone of the day. For centuries, the Church has celebrated this Third Sunday of Advent with muted joy: Rose vestments may be used instead of violet. Christmas is not yet here - but almost – so be patient still - the Lord is on His way and will not disappoint.

Do we feel like rejoicing at this moment, or are we all too focused on the (very real) problems and difficulties that are before us? If so, St. Paul (who suffered greatly) and Holy Mother Church are telling us, for our own good, that we need to look more at the causes for our joy than at our reasons to be sad and gloomy: The Lord is near.

The other day, I had a very good and substantial conversation with one of the elders from Grace Lutheran Church. We spoke about a few serious topics, spiritual and practical, among which we shared a common vision of our need to contribute and commit to the mission and work of the Church and the joy that is to be found in it. To some, this time of the year and our general economic state may seem like the wrong time to talk about money and contributions, but the conversation we had stirred up in me the conviction that it is a most appropriate moment to do so.

Last week, I was writing personal checks: paying my bills and making (some, long overdue) contributions to my parish and other charities. I was struck once again with the deep-down belief that is not just a matter of St. Jude or other charitable organizations needing my money to function – which they certainly do – but more importantly that **I need to do this** as part of my commitment and gratitude to God for all that He has done for me.

Conversion to a Stewardship mindset did not come overnight and is still far from perfect in me. Seeking to live up to the biblical tithe of 10% of my income to my parish and other charities, I am on the road to getting there, knowing that I can and should do better. My personal resources and how I use them are not separate from, but very much connected to my relationship with and trust in God. It has to come from my heart before it can come from my wallet.

As anyone who has listened to me speak or has read what I have written this past year-and-a-half knows, I don’t like to ask for money, but do so when necessary. I am very grateful to those who give generously of their means, both great and small, and I can’t conceive myself ever telling anyone what amount they should contribute to their parish or any other charity. I don’t like being told that myself. Also, there certainly are people who are not in a position to give much or anything, and I am aware and sensitive to that. I simply put a thought out there for us to reflect and pray over, especially in this season when money flows like at no other time of the year: How much (I ask myself) do I spend on cigarettes, cigars (that would be me), alcohol, gambling, getting nails or hair done, coffee (Fr. Todd??), snacks, meals out, or whatever other vices and/or ‘treats’, etc., with which I indulge myself? Now, how much do I send in God’s direction?

I know I’m not as bad as Ebenezer Scrooge, but I still know that as I am personally blessed to be in such a position to do so, I ask God to increase my heart and generosity so that I may more fully know, understand and live the gift of Jesus’ Christmas joy.

“Come, Lord Jesus – and come quickly!”

In Christ (Joyfully),

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](http://www.StJudeMB.org)

