
Masses for the Week

Saturday December 27, 2008,
5:00 PM Giovannie & Antonia Zufferli
Sunday December 28, 2008
8:00 AM Paul Peluso
9:30 AM Parishioners of St. Jude
11:00 AM Anthony & Angelina Cincotta
12:30 PM Porcelli Family
5:00 PM Eugene Camarada
Monday December 29, 2008
7:30 AM Jerry Heintz
12:00 PM Josephine Vanderbilt
(3rd Anniversary in heaven)
Tuesday December 30, 2008
7:30 AM Maryann Paterson
12:00 PM Ronald W. Bona
Wednesday December 31, 2008
7:30 AM Paul Peluso
12:00 PM Leona Adams
5:00 PM Jeanie Geiger
Thursday January 1, 2008
8:00 AM Michael Boylan
10:00 AM Theresa D'Amato
12:00 PM Patty Davin
Friday January 2, 2008, First Friday
9:00 AM Rose M. McEnery
Saturday January 3, 2008, First Saturday
8:30 AM Virginia Galioto
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude
Sunday January 4, 2008
8:00 AM Rose Di Blasi
9:30 AM Frances Siragusa
11:30 AM Maria & Giovanni Rizzuto
5:00 PM Randy Stuto

Let Us Pray

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, Baby Raymond Michael Dhyne, Trinity Kotsonis, Francis X. Butler, and Theresa Amorese

For the Deceased:

Francesca Asaro; Lori Titus; Dorothea Schnauder; Donna Harned

For the Military:

John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Don Skelton, John Maresca, Keith W. Burd, and Vinnie Riveria

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 New Year's Eve. The rectory will be closed New Year's Day. Friday, January 2nd the office will be open 9 to 5p.m. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Weekly Collections

Due to early time constraints for the submission of the bulletin for the holidays, we will report the past weeks and Christmas collection in next weeks bulletins.

Scripture Readings

Monday December 29
The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday December 30
The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday December 31
The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18
Thursday January 1
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday January 2
Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen,
bishops and doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
Saturday January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday January 4
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of December 22nd is donated by:

McGuire & Colantuono Family

Ministry Social Sunday

Sunday, January 11th is Ministry Social Sunday. The social will be hosted by the Altar Servers in the parish center. All are welcome! You are invited to join us after all the morning Masses for some tea or coffee and treat, to talk or just say hello.

NEW MASS TIMES

Effective next weekend Jan.3rd &4th

Saturday 5p.m. Spanish 7:30p.m.

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11:30 and 5p.m.

Weekdays 1 Mass at 9:00a.m.

except Weds there is also a noon Mass

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat. 5p.m. 8a.m. 9:30 11:00 12:30p.m 5p.m. Total

Due to early submission of the bulletin we will resume listing the attendance when we return to a regular deadline schedule.

First Friday Devotions

Friday, January 2nd is First Friday. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 8p.m. with Benediction at 9 PM. We invite and encourage all of our parishioners to participate in the Hour of Adoration.

First Saturday Devotions

The First Saturday of each month is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Please join in the praying the Rosary and the First Saturday Devotion prayers, January 3rd beginning at 8 AM and followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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. There is a bus departing from Our Lady of the Snow in Blue Point in the parking lot at 5a.m. A \$10.00 deposit per person reservation fee or \$20 per family needed to hold a seat. To reserve a seat, you need to call Jean Delaney at 472-0033.

For more information, please call Bill Doyle at 525-3336 or email stjuderespectlife@gmail.com

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE FOR 2008

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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## Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

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In the midst of all the holiday anticipation and celebration, we want you to know that we are praying in thanksgiving for your continuous gift of support. OLQA would not be here if it were not for your sacrifices, goodwill and prayers. May you and your families know, in a special way, the blessings of the Infant Jesus not only on His birthday but all through the New Year. May the light of Christmas shine brightly in your lives. We are grateful for all of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Sister Helen Ann

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## Faith Formation

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\* 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. Theresa, Laura and Chris wish all our parishioners a very blessed holiday season....see you in 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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## RCIA SESSIONS

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Our RCIA Sessions are open to all Parishioners. Come join us to learn more about our faith or perhaps as a refresher on the topics we have scheduled for January and February. We meet at the Parish Center on Monday evening at 7:30 PM. Our schedule follows:

**Jan. 5: Morality**-- Sin and Guilt- A look at Catholic mortality and the Ten Commandments

**Jan 12: Morality**—Decision making and Controversial Questions

**Jan. 26 The Seven Sacraments**—What are the Sacraments; focus on Baptism and Confirmation.

**Feb. 2 the Eucharist I Meal**—The real Presence and the Heart of the Church.

**Feb 9 Eucharist II Sacrifice**- The Sacrament of the Eucharist.

**Feb. 23-Sacrament of Reconciliation**- Tips for a better confession; Celebrating Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick-Who may be anointed and why must I suffer?

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## Night of Prayer for Priests

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WHEN: Monday, January 5, 2009 from 6:30pm-9pm  
WHERE: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, Patchogue  
WHAT: Confessions, Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration,  
Prayers for Priests. All are welcomed to this special  
night. For information please call 475-4739

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### Suffolk County Mammogram Van

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The Suffolk Co Mammogram Van to visit Bellport Outlet #2, Station Rd., Bellport on **Thursday, January 15th 2009.** 9 AM-12PM & 1:15 PM – 2:30PM. Call 852-1300 to make your appointment. Van is staffed by certified medical professionals and is a public service.

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### Respect Life- Committee Meeting

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Respect Life Committee meeting is scheduled to meet on Friday, January 9th at 7p.m. in the parish center. Anyone interested in joining please feel free to come to the meeting.

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### WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

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What have you waited a long time to see? How will you know when you're done waiting?  
Simeon knew he would see the Messiah before he died. What did he expect to see? The day arrived when he knew he was done waiting.  
Anna lived a long, widowed life. For decades she never stopped going to the Temple. Why was this day different? The moment she saw this child, she began praising God; redemption was here now. Both waited a long time. When they saw this child, both knew their wait was over. It's interesting to see the reaction in the child's parents when Simeon spoke about their son: they were amazed. What had they expected to happen that day? The Law given through Moses told the child's father and mother when it was time for them to take him to the Temple. They were reaching into the deep roots of their tradition. Something different was happening this time. They had expected to fulfill what Moses had instructed them to do. Now they heard what the child would do.  
Alternative readings for today's Mass offer two themes. One is how to get along in our families. The other is how to understand Abraham. These themes are like two bookends holding up Christian families today. Abraham's story of faith is shown to us in struggle, in anguish, and in the gifts of God. The book of Sirach speaks of honor and respect. Colossians would have us remember compassion, kindness, humility, and patience. Families today know struggle and anguish. They can know the gift of God too. We know what waiting is. Yet we can remember the power of hope even when we are worried. We can recognize what faith looks like in very down-to-earth terms.  
DAN FINUCANE

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Still time to get in on the fun

## 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

Masquerade Masks are available  
for purchase  
Price range \$5.00 to \$9.00

Tickets are available after Masses  
at Roma Funeral Home; the Rectory  
or at [www.StJudeMB.org](http://www.StJudeMB.org)

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### 2nd Collection for Long Island Catholic Newspaper

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The collection is regular scheduled on Jan. 3rd & 4th weekend to help support our parish with the \$578.41 per month cost for distribution of the Long Island Catholic. However, the collection will be postponed until the following weekend Jan. 10th & 11th.

# From the Pastor

December 28, 2008

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph

## A New Year

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

A continued Merry and Blessed Christmas to all! As we continue to celebrate, (although the radio stations stopped the Christmas music on the 26th) I hope that most were able to have an enjoyable day with friends and loved ones. As we know, it is often the toughest time of year for those who have lost loved ones and miss them sorely. The knowledge that, by the grace of God, we shall see them again, gives consolation through the sorrow. It is part of why God came to be among us and bring us the peace only He can give.

As we begin 2009, the new Mass schedule will soon be taking effect. Even though our number of Mass attendees has increased, there is still plenty of room at most of the Masses. We don't anticipate logistical difficulty with this, but will continue to evaluate the situation as time goes on. If (God willing) our numbers increase greatly, adding to the schedule will certainly be considered.

Effective Saturday, **January 3, 2009**, the regular weekend Mass schedule will be: Saturday evening at **5:00 and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)**; Sunday at **8:00 a.m., 9:30, 11:30 and 5:00 p.m.**

Effective **Monday, January 5, 2009**, there will no longer be 7:30 a.m. and Noon Masses each weekday. The new weekday schedule will be **9:00 a.m. Mass Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. and Noon Mass only on Wednesdays;** and **8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturdays.**

Many people have been inquiring about **Fr. Augustine** over the last few months since he left for India in early May. I have been responding that we haven't heard from him since mid- July and didn't have any way to contact him. Well, he called the rectory when Fr. Todd and I were hearing confessions last week at the regional school, to say that he was doing fine, but that he didn't know if or when he would be coming back to the U.S. I'm happy to hear that he's well and pray that one day he might be able to come back to visit us. When we hear from him again, I'll certainly let you know about it.

January 4th is Long Island Catholic Sunday (We'll be having the collection on the weekend of the 11th). This special collection helps defray the cost of sending you the diocesan paper weekly. Many people are unaware - so I'm making you aware - **that the parish was charged \$6,940.88 last year** for the L.I.Catholic for the families of St. Jude parish who receive it. This equates to approximately **\$20.00 per year for each subscription** sent. Whatever we don't collect, the parish still has to pay. It's not a "freebie". What can I tell you! Please make the contribution for the L.I. Catholic if you are able.

If I don't get a letter out next week, it is because of the tight Christmas / New Year's deadline with the bulletin company and my time constraints. May the New Year be one of growth in the Lord's grace for each one of us and our beautiful parish family of St. Jude.

In Christ,  
Fr. Greg