
Masses for the Week

Saturday January 10, 2009
5:00 PM Anthony DeTomaso, Sr.
Sunday January 11, 2009
8:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish
9:30 AM Josephine Scala
11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Dominican Laity
5:00 PM Maria Osterberg
Monday January 12, 2009
9:00 AM In Honor of St. Jude
Tuesday January 13, 2009
9:00 AM Rose M. McEnery
Wednesday January 14, 2009
9:00 AM Concepta Moran
12:00 PM St. Jude Guild: Filomenia Caraccia
and Ann Callendar
Thursday January 15, 2009
9:00 AM Virginia Galiato
Friday January 16, 2009
9:00 AM John Hamill
Saturday January 17, 2009
8:30 AM John Terrone
5:00 PM Louise Sapio
Sunday January 18, 2009
8:00 AM Maria Osterberg
9:30 AM Parishioners of St. Jude
11:30 AM Albert Reichert
5:00 PM Angel Cruz

Let Us Pray

For the Sick

Mary De Guiseppe; 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, Barbara Cremona, Frances Naglieri, Francis X. Butler , Eve Granati, Mary Polcha, Rosalie Densing, Alberto Montalvo, Catherine Verzi and Gil Teofilo.

For the Deceased:

Roberta Perricone, Gloria Smutko, Maria Chiavaro, Carol Buonaiuto, Eleanor Glodzik

For the Military:

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

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of January 12th is donated by:

In Memory of Vincent Nasta

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection for January 4th \$ 10,113.97
2nd Collection Monthly Maintenance \$ 3,191.00

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jan 1st \$ 3,545.50

Capital Campaign

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has completed their campaign pledge and all those who are continuing to complete their pledge. **A tax statement will be mailed to all who contributed to the campaign this past year.** Thank you.*

Scripture Readings

Monday, January 12,
Weekday

Heb 1:1-6, Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 13,
Weekday

Heb 2:5-12, Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 14,
Weekday

Heb 2:14-18, Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 15,
Weekday

Heb 3:7-14, Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 16,
Weekday

Heb 4:1-5, 11, Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 17,
Saint Anthony, abbot

Heb 4:12-16, Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 18

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42

Baptisms

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Kayanna Leigh Puzzele
Alexander Matthew Gonzalez

May God bless them and their families.



ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM

ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

CHRISTMAS FLOWER-Offering

We apologize the following individuals who contributed and were omitted in error: Leone, Rella and Mendolia Families.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>Sat. 5</u>	<u>7:30 Sp</u>	<u>8a.m.</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:30</u>	<u>5p.m.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jan 4th	373	164	215	435	620	350	2157

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 celebrate the arrival of Our Lord Jesus Christ as an infant child, the St. Jude's Respect Life Committee asks the people of our parish to remember all unborn babies in your prayers.

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 \$20.00 per family needed to hold a seat. For more information, please call Bill Doyle at 525-3336 or email stjuderespectlife@gmail.com

The Good News in Education

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Did You Know.....?

Did you know that a higher percentage of students in the Diocese met or exceeded the standards on the 2008 New York State tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 4 and 8 than public schools from across the state?

Learn more about providing your child with a Catholic Education by visiting www.drvc.org clicking on the education menu bar and following the links to Catholic Schools. You can also contact the Diocesan Education Office at 516-678-5800

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are many dates available beginning in February, for 2009. For a donation of \$50.00 you can give a loving gift in memory of someone or for a special occasion.

Faith Formation

* Faith Formation Classes will be closed on January 19, 2009 in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

* January 18, 2009 is the Level 3 Grade Mass at 9:30am. All Catechists are required to attend. Your students will present their completed reports to you at Mass. Please attend the date that has been assigned to you.

* January 20, 2009, Confirmation Prep 1 and RCIC 1 Upper Students large group presentation, topic- Missions- 7-8:15PM in the Parish Center main hall. All Catechists are required to attend.

RCIA SESSIONS

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 is as follows:
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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## 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-12 PM & 1:15 PM – 2:30 PM. Call 852-1300 to make your appointment. Van is staffed by certified medical professionals and is a public service.

LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC SUNDAY

Every Catholic household on Long Island is entitled to receive the Long Island Catholic your source for:

- * News of the Church, from Rockville Centre to Rome
- * Informative commentary on Catholic teachings, practices, and events
- * Coverage of Catholic parish life and family life on LI
- * Features on Catholic living their faith in the everyday world
- * Exciting news about Catholic youth and Catholic schools
- * The voice of the Church in the public square

REMEMBER: Your \$20 contribution to your parish on Long Island Catholic Sunday helps us defray the cost to the parish. For 2008 the cost was \$6940.92 to provide subscriptions for every parishioner. Please support your parish with your contribution in the collection today, or you can drop it off at the rectory.

A Modern Parable

A young man graduated from school with a new job that didn't start for three months. While he waited, he sat around the house. This did not sit well with the young man's mother, so she found him work with a contractor from church. The contractor took the young man to three duplexes and said, "Get several gallons of white paint. Do all three buildings. Then I'll show you where the next jobs will be." The young man began painting the first house white. He thought it strange that his boss would want all three houses painted white. He also thought it strange that his boss would want him to paint over aluminum siding. But he painted anyway.

The boss came to the job site two days later, saw the young man painting the yellow siding, and said, "I think you misunderstood me. I wanted the trim on all three houses painted white." The boss added, "We don't paint over aluminum siding." The young man felt foolish.

When the young man's father heard this, he asked, "If you thought it was strange to paint that house, why didn't you ask?" And the young man replied, "I didn't want to look foolish."

The boss didn't fire the young man. He paid him for the hours. He told the young man to paint only the trim on the other two houses, and the young man did. The young man learned what Isaiah meant when he wrote, "A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench" (42:3). He knew what mercy and grace felt like. That summer I met someone who was truly Christ-like.

DAN FINUCANE

R & R Religion and Rock

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Satellite Radio Channel 159, the Catholic Channel. You can visit us anytime to listen or download a show at www.religionandrock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. For more about or TV show go to www.TelecareTV.org. Uniondale, NY 516-538-8704

ALTAR GUILD- Members

It is time to spruce up the church again; we will meet on Saturday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

Life Center of Long Island

The Life Center exists to promote a Culture of Life among all God's people regardless of race, color or creed. Our mission: "To promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life, from conception to natural death". The center is busier now than ever. If you could find it in your heart during the next year as the anniversary, birthday, Christmas presents get talked about, maybe the giver can make a gift in your name supporting the Life Center through the "Gift For Life" program. Call our Life Line 631-243-0066—24 hours 7 days.

Food Supplement Program for Seniors

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program/FAN (funded by USDA, NYSDOH and administrated by Catholic Charities) is offering free food for seniors age 60 and over who is income eligible. The food package includes cheese, milk, cereal, juices, canned fruits, vegetables, meat and more. Eligible include a single senior whose gross monthly income is \$1,062 or less, and a senior couple whose gross monthly income is \$1,430 or less. FAN will be here for sign up on January 15, 2009. For more information in Nassau or Suffolk please call: (631) 491-4156 or (631) 491-4169.

AARP Free Tax Counseling

Tuesdays, February 3, 10 & 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, also April 7 and 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Trained income tax counselors will be **available to assist seniors age 50** and over with their tax returns. This is offered through the Community Library. This is not a walk-in service. Appointments are necessary. Call the Library at 399-1511.

Free VITA tax counseling is **available to the general public** at the Community Library. Please call the Library for more information and to set up an appointment at 399-1511

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Bowling for Charity

Saturday, Jan 24th AMF SHIRLEY LANES
Doors open at 6:30p.m. \$28.00 p.p. or
(2) tickets for \$50.00 2hrs. Unlimited
"Cosmic" Bowling Hero & Salads

Each team plays for a charity of their choice the team with the most points wins!!

Call Pete 767-4753 or Patti 772-8081

From the Pastor

January 11, 2009

The Baptism of the Lord

“2009”

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

Our new year started off with some very wintry weather – snow, ice, and harsh winds. This, however, did not keep the hardy faithful from the celebration of Holy Mass on the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Neither did it keep folks from having a good time at the Masked Ball New Year’s Eve Party here at St. Jude. I thank all those members of the committee who worked so hard to make this party an enjoyable and successful event. I can’t wait to see what the theme for the next December 31st party will be.

After the conclusion of today’s feast, the Christmas Season will officially come to a close and we will return to Ordinary Time until Lent. Our trees, poinsettias, wreaths, and crèches will be gone when we come back next weekend. Though it takes less effort to remove and pack the decorations for storage than it does to take them out and lovingly arrange them, it is sad to see the festive lights and color disappear from our church, our homes, and around town. Realistically, we know that we can’t have Christmas all year ‘round from the aesthetic point of view; but we can have the Spirit of our Infant Lord in our hearts and souls every day! Let us continue to rejoice that He is the Word made flesh who made His dwelling among us, and still continues to do so in the lives of true believers. Like the Wise Men, may we seek the Truth, and bring Him, not gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but the precious gift of lives; our very selves.

In a few days, many shall throng to our nation’s capitol. We shall see one president leave office and shall mark the inauguration of a new president and his administration, hoping for solutions to the difficult moral and economic situations that have not only affected the United States, but the whole world. Let us pray for him, that he may make prudent decisions and bring about “change” for the betterment of all the American people.

Let us also pray for him that he may not make good on one of his particular campaign promises: that of signing into law the so-called “Freedom of Choice Act,” which is scheduled to be brought up in the House of Representatives this month. Two days after the new president takes office, Washington D.C. will again be set upon by hundreds of thousands of people (some from our parish of St. Jude) calling for an end to the terrible sin of abortion which was made legal on January 22, 1973 with the Roe v. Wade decision of the Supreme Court. This Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) will be more radically pro-abortion than Roe v. Wade or anything we have seen to date. It will:

- invalidate laws that protect a woman from unsafe abortion clinics
- require taxpayers (that’s you and me) to pay for abortions
- require states to allow partial birth and other late term abortions (currently unconstitutional)
- require states to allow abortions by non-physicians
- force hospitals and health care professionals to provide abortions (Catholic ones, too)
- force employer health insurance plans to cover abortions
- deny parents an opportunity to be involved in their minor daughter’s abortion decision

We know that this goes against God’s love for His creation and destroys many lives in the process. It is the opposite of freedom. We have a responsibility before God to defend Life, through prayer and action, always with love for Him and our neighbor. Maybe you might want to go to D.C. for the March for Life on the 22nd. There are bus seats available. Maybe you can contact your member of congress at the U.S. Capitol at 1-202-224-3121 and voice your opposition to the bill. And for more detailed information, you can go to the National Right to Life Committee at www.nrlc.org.

In this New Year, may we be part of the solution to bring reconciliation and healing to those who have experienced abortion, and spare others from becoming victim to it. It is in the hands of the Good God, with our prayers and cooperation.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg