
Masses for the Week

Saturday January 17, 2009
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 Jr. & Sr.
5:00 PM Angel Cruz
Monday January 19, 2009-Martin Luther King Day Jr.
9:00 AM Michael Barry (living)
Tuesday January 20, 2009
9:00 AM Dorothy McDonald
Wednesday January 21, 2009
9:00 AM Josephine Scala
12:00 PM St. Jude Guild: Josephine Gioia;
Casey Mehlinger; Marilyn White;
Issac & Esperanza Abellar
Thursday January 22, 2009
9:00 AM Kathleen, Tommy &
Thomas McCarthy
Friday January 23, 2009
9:00 AM Margaret Weis
Saturday January 24, 2009
8:30 AM Anthony Campo
5:00 PM Samone Parisi
Sunday January 25, 2009
8:00 AM Mike Boylan
9:30 AM Josephine Scala
11:30 AM Parishioners of St. Jude
5:00 PM Steve Gallery

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:

Raymond George Schuck

For the Military:

Timothy Weisner, John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Don Skelton, John
Maresca, Keith W. Burd, Vinnie Riveria , Kenneth Drumm, Jr. ,
Mark Weyer , Matthew Parenti and David Sumwalt.

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 19th is
donated by:

Sciacca & Gervasio Families

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection for January 11th	\$ 8,579.22
L.I. Catholic Collection	\$2,907.00
	Thank You

Scripture Readings

Monday, January 19
Weekday
Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 20
Weekday
Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 21
Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, January 22
Weekday
Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12
Friday, January 23
Weekday
Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, January 24
Saint Francis, de Sales,
bishop and doctor of the Church
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday, January 25
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Baptisms

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Wilbert Adrian Velasquez

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers for the weekend of January 18th are
donated:

In memory of James & Elizabeth Dermody

Dates are available beginning the weekend of May 3rd
For a donation of \$50.00 you can give a loving gift in memory of
someone or for a special occasion.

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
Jan 11th	394	127	159	424	620	300	2024

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

On Thursday, January 22nd, thousands of Long Islanders will travel to Washington D.C. for the 36th Annual March for Life. For more information on respect life efforts at St. Jude, please call Bill Doyle at 525-3336 or email us at sjjuderespectlife@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

Faith Formation

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

** January 20, 2009, Tuesday, Confirmation Prep 1 and RCIC 1 Upper Students large group presentation, topic- Missions- 6:45-8:15PM in the Parish Center main hall. All Catechists are required to attend.

** January 25, 2009 is the Level 4 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 26, 2009 Monday, 6:45-8:15p.m.- Confirmation Preparations 2 & RCIC2 Upper Students- Large Group Presentation. Topic: Vocations, Parish Center Main Hall. All Catechists are required to attend.

Tutor Training Workshops

Literacy Suffolk Inc. is having a training workshop to prepare volunteers to help adult students improve their ability to understand, speak, read and write Basic English. It is to be held at the Mastic Moriches Shirley Comm. Library starting Jan. 31st, Saturdays 9:30 am -1:45pm (5 sessions). Call 399-1511 ext. 214/215 for more information.

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 7:45 PM**. Our schedule is as follows: **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?

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Dear Supporting Parishioners,
We are happy to share with you our Mission Statement that we have been working on in preparation of the Middle States Accreditation.

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, regional school, formerly St. John the Evangelist Parish School, was founded in 1926 and staffed by the Sisters of Charity of New York. In 1992 it became a regional school, servicing Pre K-8th grade in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

At OLQA we strive to promote a unique, family oriented, community of learning built on a foundation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ who is love and compassion.

Our mission is to empower each of our students to discover and nurture their unique gifts in a safe and secure environment; to grow to meet the demands of a rapidly changing complex world. We encourage our students to develop into intellectually and morally responsible people of vision and faith.

As you can imagine many hours went into this statement. Hopefully, it captures for you the heart of our school.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue our Middle States journey.

Hope your new year is off to a wonderful start. Know that you are in our daily prayers.

*Prayerfully,
Sister Helen Ann*

Suffolk County Mammogram Van

**The Van is scheduled to visit the:
King Kullen Shopping Center 273 Wm. Floyd Pkwy. Shirley
Tuesday, February 24th, 9 AM-12PM & 1:15PM-2:30PM**

**Call 852-1300 to make an appointment today!
NO COST/LOW COST BREAST CANCER SCREENING**

Naming is important in the Bible

In the cultures in which these Scriptures grew, names were connected to identities. Abraham, for instance, is the “Father of a Multitude”—a suitable title for the one who said yes to God when asked to lead a chosen people. Isaac’s name connects him to laughter. When we think of what he lived through, we see irony and hope in that name.

Names connect us today. We might be named after a parent or other relative; we are linked with our family—the roots of our identity—because of our name. The person given a name in the Bible knows something.

Jacob wrestles in the early pages of the Bible and calls the place Peniel—a name that means he saw God “face to face” and yet survived. He is renamed Israel after he struggles with God and humans and is able to both return home and walk into a new life.

There is an authority in the one giving a name. God re-names and remakes those who are called. Saul becomes Paul. With a new name, he is a new person.

Nicknames can happen to us in ways we would rather avoid. We would probably rather not be known as Sleepy or Dopey. Thomas Aquinas was called the Dumb Ox. He was also named the Angelic Doctor. We can imagine which one his mother would prefer.

Simon, son of John, gets a nickname in today’s Gospel. Now he is Cephas, or Peter—“Rock”—named for what Jesus sees in him as well as what he calls out of him. Christ names the place where he plans to build.

When God calls prophets and apostles, the call is by name. God calls them not just to do something, but to be something. By what name does God call each of us?

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 our 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 next Saturday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Pastoral Care Volunteer Opportunity –Are you looking for a place to volunteer your time and gifts with others? Come learn more about sharing as a Spiritual Care Companion with people who are mentally challenged.

Catholic Health Services of Long Island sponsors this free six week training, for volunteers of all faiths with basic pastoral skills and information to become a caring, attentive, listening presence to persons who are developmentally disabled and who are eager to learn more about God’s Spirit in their lives.

INFORMATION SESSION DAY – January 22nd, time: 4:15

Place: Wisdom Gardens, 115 Terryville Rd., Port Jefferson Station, NY. For more info call Carol Cella at 516-705-3714.

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 above number.

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

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS - Raffle

The weekend of Saturday, January 24th and 25th, the JV Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets outside the Church after all Masses, except Sunday at 5:00 pm. Chances can be purchased at \$1.00 per chance or \$10 for a book of 14.

This is a great opportunity for Catholic men to join the Knights as well as ladies join the Columbiettes.

Funds raised support many charitable causes throughout NY State. A few of these are Religious vocations, pro-life organizations, youth groups, Special Olympics and religious support for our Armed Forces.

Thank you for your support of the Council.

January 18, 2008

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On behalf of the committee for the New Year's Eve Gala we wish to thank our pastor, Father Greg and Father Todd as well as the entire rectory staff for all their help and encouragement. It takes many months and many hands to have a successful event. We were able to raise some much needed funds for our parish \$6,482.80 and at the same time make wonderful memories with our church family.

We wish to acknowledge those committee members and volunteers who helped us with all the festivities: Joe and Teri Vernice, Mike and Gae LaSalle, Deacon Ken Geoghan and Linda Geoghan, Terri and Tim Traskos and Barbara and Connie Kruk on the committee.

A host of merchants were also generous in supporting and donating to the dance.

Lee Anne's Mastic Flower Shoppe donated the centerpieces for the tables.

Ladakins Restaurant, our caterer for the evening, also donated a gift certificate.

James V. Kavanaugh Council Knights of Columbus donated the beer and wine.

Mike and Gae LaSalle donated the television for the raffle.

Deacon Ken and Linda Geoghan donated the GPS for the raffle.

Joe and Teri Vernice donated the champagne for our toast.

Roma Funeral Home donated the grand prize for the raffle.

Tim and Terri Traskos donated gift baskets for the raffle.

Vinny Prinzivalli who helped with set-up and clean-up.

Cynthia Lacey for her endless support, assistance and advice.

A special thank you to Vinny from Ladakins on Mill Pond for all the extra work and effort in preparing the food for that evening.

To Joe Vernice and Tim Traskos for painting and hanging those fabulous wall murals which Tim was able to have designed and donated.

To all those who, week after week, helped with the selling of dance and raffle tickets.

There are numerous people to thank the list is too long to mention. Your untiring work and continued support have always been appreciated and will continue to be an act of love and generosity for our beloved parish.

And most of all to St. Jude, who at the last moment, held up the storm. He certainly has a sense of drama.

With sincere thanks,
The Committee

From the Pastor

January 18, 2009

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Getting Connected

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

In almost 11 years of priesthood, I have never had a boring day. There have been many hectic ones, a few quiet ones, but never a boring one. There is always something that needs doing, and something interesting that finds its way into the life of a parish priest. Like your family and home, a parish is a 'living organism', one might say, which is always in motion because of the many people who, to one degree or another, call it their spiritual home.

In recent days and weeks, the Holy Spirit has really been at work! Perhaps it is stirred by the turn of the New Year, the state of the world, the economy and other variables, but God never rests, and I am seeing it as a response to His promptings. You're asking yourself, "What is he talking about? Where's he going with this?" I shall explain.

A number of couples who attend Mass, raise their children Catholic, and are connected to the life of the Church have recently contacted me because they were never married in the Church. For one reason or another, they just didn't do it. Now, they know something is missing and wish to have the graces of a sacramental union and be able to receive our Lord in Holy Communion when they come to Mass. There are some situations where there may be a previous marriage. An annulment *might* need to be sought before a Church marriage can be arranged, but don't assume anything before speaking with a priest, deacon or the marriage tribunal.

Too often, there is a family member or friend who is an 'authority' on everything in the Church and tells you what you have to do or what can't be done; what it will cost you, etc. These 'experts', though well-intentioned, are frequently misinformed in regard to canon law and other policies and procedures of the Church and can cause more harm than good, perhaps making things seem much more complicated than they actually are, or over simplifying. Aunt Griselda might know a lot about prayer, the catechism and the sacraments, but advice on such matters may be another story. Better to get it from the 'horse's mouth.'

Also, several people have contacted the rectory to arrange for sacraments for their children, some of whom are into their teen years; and have not been baptized or received any religious instruction, and now want to get connected. There can be embarrassment for not having done so at the appropriate time, but with God, the acceptable time is always the moment we realize we need to do it. If there is willingness to do what is necessary, there is always hope.

Other adults have felt moved to enter the Church and are inquiring: some to receive baptism and some to come into the Church from other Christian bodies. All in all, the Holy Spirit is surely at work in so many different ways.

If you are in an *irregular* marriage, haven't been confirmed or had your children's sacraments attended to; haven't made a confession in years; been attending Mass here but haven't registered in the parish, etc., please don't let embarrassment keep you or someone you know from taking care of these important issues that you know should be. I promise I will not yell at you but welcome you!

As we pray this week for unity among all peoples in the Truth of Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church, may we seek to do all we can to be in greatest union with our Lord through the grace-filled means He has given to us for our salvation.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg