
Masses for the Week

Saturday January 24, 2009
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
Monday January 26, 2009
9:00 AM Francisca Ditman
Tuesday January 27, 2009
9:00 AM Dorothy Bosotina
Wednesday January 28, 2009
9:00 AM John Weis
12:00 PM St. Jude Guild:
Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday January 29, 2009
9:00 AM Anthony Charles Campo
Friday January 30, 2009
9:00 AM Dorothy Murphy
Saturday January 31, 2009
8:30 AM Michael Boylan
5:00 PM Marlene Botti
Sunday February 1st, 2009
8:00 AM James Lanni
9:30 AM Josephine Scala
11:30 AM Gertrude D'Abate
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude

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:

John Diptuch, Barbara Rosselli

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 26th is donated :

In Memory of Iozzino & Vetere Families

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection for January 18th \$ 8,580.04
Thank You

Scripture Readings

Monday, January 26

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8; or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 27

Weekday
Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas,
priest and doctor of the Church
Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 29

Weekday
Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 30

Weekday
Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, priest
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Baptisms

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Wilbert Adrian Velasquez,
Angelina Rose Campos, Caleb Steven Gayner

May God bless them and their families.



ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers for the weekend of January 24&25th are donated:

In memory of Peter & Edna Clancy

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
Jan 18th	307	120	177	499	600	296	1999

The Heagerty Family Foundation

The Heagerty Family has announced that it will be offering a full four year scholarship to St. Anthony's High School to a Long Island student entering the ninth grade in Sept. 2009. The scholarship has been created to assist a student who is in good academic standing but whose economic situation prevents him/her from attending St. Anthony's. The recipient will be a student who has shown through their actions, that they possess leadership qualities and the desire to help others.

To apply for the scholarship you need to complete the form (available at the rectory), as well as copies of your report card from the last two marking periods, the completed essay described on the form and send to: The Heagerty Family Foundation
Attn: Michael P. Heagerty
99 Mill Dam Road
Centerport, NY 11721
mikeheagerty@edwardehall.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

** 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

** February 1, 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.

ST. JUDE SOCIAL MINISTRY SUNDAY

Sunday, February 8th is our next social ministry Sunday. It will be hosted by the Dominicans and Baptismal team. **All are welcome.** You are invited to join us, **after all the morning Masses** for some tea, coffee and a treat or to just talk or come to say "hello" in the parish center. We look forward to seeing you.

RCIA SESSIONS

Our RCIA Sessions are open to all Parishioners. 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

Open House

Wednesday, January 28, 2009
9:00-11:00 AM

Registration for 2009/2010 School Year
Kindergarten Tuesday, Feb 3rd 8:30a.m. to 11a.m.
1st thru 8th Grade Weds, Feb 4th 8:30a.m. to 11:00a.m.

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.

**Integrating the heritage of our Catholic Faith through learning and service from Pre K-to 8th grade.*

**Following NY State Standards and Objectives in all content areas.*

**Enhancing the academic areas with Art, Music, Technology, Phys. Ed, accelerated Math and after school programs in art, language and band.*

**Member of the Catholic Middle School Athletic Assoc.*

** Financial assistance available through Tomorrow's Hope.*

Personal tours can be scheduled by calling 631-878-1033

God does not reject the world. God created it.

Today's readings are about decisions. What in the world can you depend on? What in the world is real? The Ninevites were famous sinners and enemies of the chosen people. Yet when the half-hearted prophet Jonah warned them their world was about to be destroyed, they immediately turned to God. What did they see in Jonah's message? What did they see in the world that helped them understand Jonah's message? They knew when to change, to repent. Saint Paul warned the first-century Corinthians that time was short for them, that "the present form of this world" was ending. What would the end mean? Did the world end for Corinth and the Church planted there? What would it look like for those Corinthians to turn to God? Did they hear a message like Jonah's? Did they sense the same urgency? The people of Nineveh, those reading about Jonah, those in Corinth—were they all reading a letter from the apostle Paul, being asked to reject the world? It doesn't seem like it. They're being asked to see what the world is. God does not reject the world. God created it. Jesus does not reject the goodness of creation. He comes to redeem it. How in the world do we forget the Creator? Was the world of Jesus' audience different from ours? In Mark's Gospel, things happen quickly. John the Baptist is arrested. Jesus moves onto center stage. He says the time is now—the reign of God is now. He calls followers; they drop what they are doing. Was the world of the disciples different from ours? Did they live in the last days? How are we to read such old, odd stories that speak so urgently? Can we apply them to our own world? We seem to have more time. Or are our times urgent?
DAN FINUCANE

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.

LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat for healing after abortion will be held at St. Joseph's Retreat House, in Brentwood on February 20-22, 2009. We know there are men and women in need of this healing. Over the last three years many have come and been blessed by the compassion and healing of Jesus Christ. If you or a friend is hurting, please call today. For further info contact Deacon Gariboldi at 516-523-0586 or e-mail fgariboldi@optonline.net. You may also call Rachel's Vineyard toll free number 1-877-HOPE-4-ME

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

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Attention all Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in our community. Please join us on **Sunday, Feb 8, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. Mass for Boy Scout Sunday Mass**. Please wear your **full** uniform and arrive @ 9:15 a.m. for procession line up. If you have any questions, please call Aida Dankowski @ 395-1774.

RESPECT LIFE

The St. Jude Respect Life Committee is committed to promoting and protecting the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. We invite everyone in the parish to join us in this ministry of prayer, education and advocacy to protect the gift of life.
Upcoming Event: Saturday Feb 7th Prayer presence at Patchogue Medical Center, 450 Waverly Avenue, Patchogue, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30. Pray the rosary near this abortion clinic with members of the Respect Life Committee of several neighboring parishes. If you would like to be involved, email stjuderespectlife@gmail.com, or you can call the rectory to leave a message.
Watch the bulletin for future details on: Lenten pro-life prayer vigil and baby bottle campaign to benefit LI Life Center.

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.

Marriage Encounter

WORLDWIDE Marriage Encounter is celebrating 40 yrs of Enrichment Weekends to over 2 million couples and priests by offering married couples two memorable opportunities for Valentine's Day. First - Romantic dinner from 8pm until midnight at Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston @ \$110. a couple with Mass before at 6:45 including renewal of Marriage vows. Call Vinny & Isabell at 631-587-6135 to book a spot. Second is a Valentine's Encounter Enrichment weekend at Montfort Spiritually Center in Bay Shore, Feb 13-15. Call Glenn and Michelle at 631-656-8358 to book a space.

From the Pastor

January 25, 2009

The Conversion of St Paul – Catholic Schools Week

The Jubilee of St. Paul the Apostle

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

Each year, we have the opportunity to celebrate the feast of our parish patron, St. Jude, on the closest Sunday to his actual feast-day of October 28. This year, we have an opportunity as the Universal Church to celebrate the conversion of St. Paul as a special privilege, commemorating the 2000th year jubilee of his birth, and since his actual feast-day of January 25 falls on a Sunday.

St. Paul is no shadowy biblical figure to us. To the contrary, he is perhaps the best-known man (after our blessed Lord, of course) in all of Sacred Scripture. At today's Mass, we hear one of the accounts from the Acts of the Apostles of his conversion. He turned from being chief persecutor of the Church to be Her greatest preacher and evangelizer. When people heard of his about-face, they could hardly believe it possible, since he had held such a forceful hatred for Christians. But this should not really surprise us in reference to St. Paul or anyone else we may know who is zealous for a particular cause. As a matter of fact, it is a somewhat logical situation: conversion is possible where there is conversation. Saul (later re-named Paul) was well engaged in conversation with Christians - for the express purpose of exterminating them. Through a miraculous encounter with the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus, he is changed; and his conversion is almost instantaneous. Conversion to the Truth from *what we think* is God's will is possible for any of us, but it is always important to remember that our basic character remains the same. "The leopard does not change its' spots." Indeed, we are who we are. We do not become someone we are not. Paul's fiery personality remained the same; only now it was all *for Christ*.

This should be a cause for rejoicing, in that God can use all of our character assets *and defects* to His greater glory. He created each of us uniquely and with free will, and so He can make all things work to the good for those who love Him. Paul's unwavering zeal for the Law of Moses became an even greater fervor for Jesus Christ and His fledgling Church. God specifically chose Paul to be the Apostle to the Gentiles (as Peter was for the Jews) so that those who were not of the covenant could find their way to Jesus Christ and salvation.

Paul is usually depicted in art as he was described in the apocryphal *Acts of Paul*: 'short, bald, with a thick beard and a prominent nose, eyebrows meeting and legs somewhat bowed; yet being a distinguished man of dignified bearing.' Seeing how the description is far from flattering, it bears the probability of being quite authentic. St. Paul was nothing out of the pages of a fashion magazine, but he had something much better going for him than good looks. Images of him (often paired with St. Peter) usually include him holding a book of his epistles and a sword – the instrument of his martyrdom.

Paul was a tough man: enduring hunger, thirst, nakedness, beatings, shipwrecks, etc., all for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the salvation of souls. His passion never flagged. He cared little for human respect, but loved others deeply in Christ. The power of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church are the underpinning of his letters, from which we hear much at Sunday Mass.

May we celebrate the gift of St. Paul, chosen instrument for our salvation, and be so hopeful that God can change even the hardest of hearts - why He can even change me and you!

In Christ,
Fr. Greg