
Masses for the Week

Saturday February 21, 2009
5:00 PM Paolo Maniscalco
Sunday February 22, 2009
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Jude
9:30 AM Josephine Scala
11:30 AM Dante, Mauro & Frank Lunardi
5:00 PM John Huber
Monday February 23, 2009
9:00 AM Joseph Thompson
Tuesday February 24, 2009
9:00 AM Vincent Rubbo
Wednesday February 25, 2009 Ash Wednesday
9:00 AM St. Jude Guild: Angela Contanno;
Lawrence Klein; John Andrzejewski
Margaret Fisher
12:00 PM Barbara Rosselli
4:00 PM Word Service and ashes(No Mass)
5:00 PM Word Service and ashes(No Mass)
7:30 PM Ronald Bona
Thursday February 26, 2009
9:00 AM Robert Poetzch
Friday February 27, 2009
9:00 AM Carmela Pisco
Saturday February 28, 2009
8:30 AM Lori Titus
5:00 PM Joseph Volavka, Sr.
Sunday March 1, 2009
8:00 AM Timothy Ryan
9:30 AM Parishioners of St. Jude
11:30 AM Gino & Gene Iapaolo
5:00 PM John C. Terrone

Let Us Pray

For the Sick

Mary De Guiseppe; Anthony Ronga, John Walsh, Geraldine Arnold, 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, Frances Naglieri, Francis X. Butler, Eve Granati, Mary Polcha, Rosalie Densing, Alberto Montalvo, Dawn Marie Kudreyko, Theresa Salvaggio, Deacon Ken Geoghan, Gil Teofilo, Michael Hiffman, Martin Horstman, Carl Brouard, John Ruocco, Michael Miller and Makayla Marguiles

For the Deceased: Josephine Nuzzi, Paul Jackson

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, David Sumwalt, Derek Trabocchi, Joe Occhineri and James Tagliamonte.

If anyone would like to include the name of a active member of military duty to be prayed for by the faithful of the Parish, please contact the rectory.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS WILL MEET ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH and APRIL 11TH in the church 10a.m. Remember to bring lemon oil and rags.

Weekly Collections

Collection for February 15th \$8,713.86

Scripture Readings

Monday, February 23
Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr
Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday, February 24
Weekday
Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday, February 25
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, February 26
Lenten Weekday
Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday, February 27
Lenten Weekday
Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday, February 28
Lenten Weekday
Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday, March 1
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Baptisms



ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Raquel Theresa Saez; Lauren Melissa Valentin;
Sarah Elizabeth Unger; Aliessia Rose Flores;
and Brett Steven Pitkanaen

May God bless them and their families.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for the weekend of February 21st and 22nd have been donated:

In loving memory of *Timothy Ryan*

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of February 23rd is donated :

In memory of *Michael Orest Kukura*

Morning Lauds

As has been the custom here at St. Jude's, we will pray Morning Prayer (The Prayer of the Church) Monday through Friday at 8:15 AM. We will begin on Thursday, February 26th, followed by the Holy Rosary.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

We realize that everyone's financial situation is different. Discuss with your family and prayerfully reflect upon the graces that God has bestowed on you and your loved ones. The decision you make is between you and God, and through prayer and reflection, you will come to a meaningful response.

Our Parish Goal for 2008 was	\$41,618.00
Pledges received and paid	\$48,874.00
Parish share received	\$10,393.21

Our Parish Goal for 2009 is	\$45,612.00
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GOD DOESN'T REMEMBER...?

We are in Ordinary Time in the Church calendar. Depending on where you are, it could be gray or cold outside, boring. It would be easy to plod through ordinary days and miss an extraordinary message—a message that is repeated often enough that we might lose its power. It's the kind of situation that would lead Jesus to ask, "Do you have ears that hear?" Isaiah's audience was stuck. Their habits, their religious practices, were not working. They forgot God. Even so, the Lord says through Isaiah, "I am about to do a new thing." To those who could not remember God, God says, "I will not remember your sins." What? We've messed up, but God doesn't remember it? Is that too good to be true?

We burden God with our sins, our excuses, our forgetting. We slip into our patterns and habits and ruts. We forget what God has already done for us. We forget God comes to us over and over. Do we dare accept that God knows about our sins but will wipe out the memory of them?

The man Jesus heals in Capernaum is paralyzed. His friends literally take apart the house where Jesus is teaching so he can touch the man.

Watch carefully how people in the house react. Did they resent the interruption? Jesus tells the man his sins are forgiven.

Some scribes mumble to themselves—who does he think he is? What he is saying is blasphemy! What did the others gathered in that house think? When the man got up and walked out the door, everyone knew something astounding had happened. What is so new? God comes new each day, toward us, healing. What is easier for the Lord to say, "stand up and walk" or "your sins are forgiven"?

Is that too good to be true? Where are *we* stuck?

DAN FINUCANE

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Sat. 5	7:30	8a.m.	9:30	11:30	5p.m.	Total
Jan 25th	353	179	197	661	650	367	2407
Feb. 1st	369	152	181	538	652	246	2138
Feb 8 th	334	125	203	642	650	261	2215
Feb 15	265	110	197	388	478	352	1790

Schedule for Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on February 25th, Ash Wednesday at 9 AM, 12 Noon and 7:30 PM. In addition to these Masses, ashes will be distributed during prayer services at 4PM and again at 5PM.

Lenten Regulations

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be eaten during the day.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is a special time of grace in the life of the Church. It is a time when many people receive the grace to come back to the practice of the faith. It is also a time of ongoing conversion for each of us.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available each Saturday from 4 PM to 4:45 PM. We encourage you to make use of this sacrament. The Confession Schedule for Holy Week will be printed closer to those dates. Please mention this opportunity to family and friends who may be looking for the opportunity to come home!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

"Lent is a season of repentance" which leads to life. The St. Jude's Respect Life committee hopes you will join us as we Pray To End Abortion as well as for the many victims of abortion. For more information on Pro-life Lenten prayers visit [Priests for Life website-www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org). There will be a Respect Life Committee meeting on Friday, March 6th at 7PM. in the parish center.

Stations of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be prayed each **Friday at 8:00 PM.**
Spanish Stations of the Cross on **Tuesdays at 7:30 PM.**
Italian Stations of the Cross on **Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.**

CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTATION

Creative Ministries is proud to present, "The Journey of the Cross & Crucifixion" A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross. Join us, **Sunday, March 1st at, 7:30p.m. in the church** as we experience the trial of Jesus, His journey through the streets of Jerusalem, and His final moments on the cross.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Come join the Knights of Columbus at their Annual Lenten Fish Fry. This is every Friday during Lent beginning February 27th and ending April 3rd, the week before Good Friday. Dinner includes fish fillet, french fries and salad, between 5:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. at the Council Hall on Madison and Pawnee. The cost is \$7.00 per person, paid at the door.

ST. JUDE MINISTRY SOCIAL SUNDAY

Sunday, March 8th, is our next Ministry Social Sunday. It will be hosted by the St. Jude **Music Ministry**. All are welcome! You are invited to join us after all the morning Masses for some tea or coffee and a treat or just to talk or say "hello" in the Parish Center.

Faith Formation

* Reconciliation Service will be held on Monday, February 23rd, 7-8:30 pm for 8th level & RCIC2 Upper Monday Classes. Catechists are required to attend. Normal sign in/out procedure will be followed.

* Ash Wednesday, February 25, is the beginning of Lent. There will be no Faith Formation classes. Instead, students and their families are reminded to receive ashes.

The Faith Formation Program this year had selected a theme for 6-8th level classes to learn about missions and missionary work. We had asked for donations of specific items that we would be able to send to a missionary country and WOW! The families certainly did come through! We collected items such as soap, shampoo, first aid creams, bandages, surgical masks, flashlights and towels. These items will be shipped soon, but I wanted to express to these families my sincerest "thank you" for your donations. It certainly should make you feel great that you have shared your abundance of items with those who are in need. God bless you and thank you, Theresa

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

The Mission is March 2nd&3rd

Al Barbarino, is a lay Franciscan of the St. Padre Pio Shelter, in New York, he operates under the direction of Father Benedict Groeschel, cfr. (Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal). Over the past 16 years Al has recorded 7 albums (CD's) of spiritual and inspirational music and video, which helps support the poor and homeless of the shelter, Croatian Relief, as well as the needy families of the parish he sings in. He has traveled throughout world. Al works in the New York City prisons for youth (9-17), as a counselor. He has many stories to share.

Al will be a guest singer and speaker at all Masses on February 28th & March 1st. At the end of each Mass, his CD's/Videos will be available to purchase. Your support will help the needy of our parish as well. Please try to attend the Parish Mission in the church at 7:30p.m.

The focus will be on:
Living as Christians/Catholics in our everyday life.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Attention all Girl Scouts and Leaders! Please join together to celebrate the Mass on Girl Scout Sunday, March 8th. Girl Scouts will be acknowledged at the 9:30 am Mass. Special patches are available to purchase to commemorate the day. Ask your leader if you would like one. There are award programs for Brownies through Seniors that you may sign up for anytime by contacting the Parish Religious Awards Coordinator, Annie Schiraldi at 281-6501

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

Retreat/ Conference "Ministry Leads to Healing"
Fr. Bob Sears, S.J. at Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, February 28th from 10a.m. to 4p.m. Talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and Mass. For more information call 631-325-0661 or visit www.ourladyoftheisland.org

BISHOP-elect BOB GUGLIEMONE

UPDATES.....

Msgr. Bob Gugliemone will leave for Charleston around March 19th and will be ordained and installed on March 25, 2009 at 2PM. The ordination will be broadcast live stream on the internet and we are hoping that it may be carried on Telecare. On Sunday, April 19th the new bishop will celebrate the 11 AM parish Mass at St. Agnes, He will also preside at Solemn Vespers to close the octave of Easter at 6:30PM.

From the Pastor

February 22, 2009

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Joy of Lent

Yes, *there is joy* to be found in the observance of Lent. This, of course, is not something which simply and logically follows from external practices of self-denial or acts of charity. If it did, everyone would be performing them; and probably for very self-gratifying reasons. In order for us to truly “benefit” from such things, we must dwell on the deeper level that acknowledges an interior, spiritual way of life to which all human beings are called. This should be the real motivator of the exterior. For the spiritual person, God is the goal.

And so, Lent is much about failure - our sometimes miserable failure to deny ourselves the most miniscule of pleasures, or to offer a little smile or kind word where possible; to not say the uncharitable things we may carelessly let fly from our mouths without much thought of the impact it will have on the receiver... It is manifested in so many everyday situations and interactions in which we may fail to recognize our sins. Accepting and dealing with our sinfulness is a noble and holy thing; accepting our sins and making friends with them is not.

Let us take the example of St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 - 1297). For 9 years she “shacked-up” with a young nobleman who was not her husband, and with whom she bore a son. One day, she was led by her lover’s hunting dog to its master’s mangled corpse. He had been brutally murdered, and his body thrown into a pit. Seeing this, Margaret was shocked into conversion, overcome with a sense of revulsion for the sinful state of her soul. Much like the leper who threw himself at our Lord’s feet in last Sunday’s Gospel, she sought healing from the Divine Physician. As Holy Mother Church relates, she went on to become one of the bright lights in the line of Franciscan saints.

Lent is a time for us to scrutinize ourselves before God, asking the Holy Spirit’s guidance so that we may know our sins, (especially the hidden ones) be sorry for them, humbly confess them, and try to avoid them in the future. Were we to “succeed” in perfectly doing everything we set out to accomplish during Lent, we might be tempted to give ourselves a big pat on the back for all that *we* were able to do by our own force of will. We could end up further away from God than we began instead of closer! On the other hand, when we fail, the hope is that we will, above all, grow in humility before God and man, realizing our utter and total weakness and dependence. There is a God, and you and I are not Him.

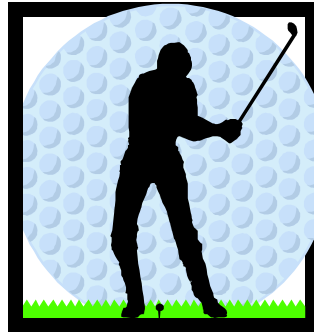
We must seek to be aware of what our faults are and overcome them if we wish to share in Christ’s Resurrection. Through our observance of Lent, we have opportunity to find out that we might be: lazy, judgmental, self-righteous, self-centered, stingy, greedy, untruthful, unreliable... or many other not positive things that are sinful. The joy is discovered when we bring it all to Jesus, and throw ourselves at His feet; entrusting all to God’s mercy. Only He can help us to change our sinful ways. He wills to do it. May we will it, as well. Happy Lent!

In Christ,
Fr. Greg

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25th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Contest Longest Drive (2)
Closest to the Pin (3)
Raffle Hole in One (1)
Prizes



Putting
50/50
Raffle

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

*ROCK HILL COUNTRY CLUB
Clancy Road, Manorville, N.Y.
631-878-2250*

*\$175.00 per person
\$600.00 per foursome
If registered by April 1st*

Tee sponsors \$100.00

*8:00-9:30AM- Registration
Driving Range, Buffet Breakfast
10:00AM-Shotgun Start—Scramble Format
Lunch – Beverages-Course Snacks
4:00 PM Buffet Dinner, Open Bar*
**Reservations are deductible to the extent permitted by law
checks should be made payable to
St. Jude's Golf Classic
89 Overlook Drive, Mastic Bch., NY 11951
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