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## Masses for the Week

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Saturday February 28, 2009  
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  
Monday March 2, 2009  
9:00 AM Timothy Ryan  
Tuesday March 3, 2009  
9:00 AM Mary Raimondi  
Wednesday March 4, 2009  
9:00 AM Christopher Barnes (living)  
12:00 PM St. Jude Guild: Harry Hennessey, Sr.,  
Loretta & Peter Lawlor  
Thursday March 5, 2009  
9:00 AM Philip O'Connor  
Friday March 6, 2009  
9:00 AM Mercedes Blanco  
Saturday March 7, 2009 First Saturday  
8:30 AM Howard & Helena Ramsay  
5:00 PM John Filandro  
Sunday March 8, 2009  
8:00 AM Gaspare Amato  
9:30 AM Josephine Scala  
11:30 AM Parishioners of St. Jude  
5:00 PM Virginia Galioto

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## 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, Makayla Margulies, Isabella Grace Dobbeck, Denise Winecoop, Vincenzo Marcocella and Dominic Marcocella

### For the Deceased: Myrna Gernet

### For the Military:

Timothy Weisner, John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Don Skelton, John Maresca, Keith W. Burd, Vinnie Riveria, Mark Weyer, Matthew Parenti, David Sumwalt, Derek Trabocchi, Joe Occhineri, James Tagliamonte and Matt Corica.

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 11<sup>th</sup> in the Church at 10a.m. Remember to bring lemon oil and rags.***

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## Weekly Collections

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Collection for February 22nd \$ 9111.61  
Spare a Dime \$ 838.75  
Thank you!

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## Scripture Readings

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Monday, March 2  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday, March 3  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday, March 4  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday, March 5  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
Friday, March 6  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday, March 7  
*Lenten; Weekday*  
Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday, March 8  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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## Altar Flowers

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With the exception of the Fourth Sunday, during  
During the Season of Lent there are no Altar flower offerings.

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## Altar Bread and Wine

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The altar bread & wine for the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
has been donated by:

*St. Jude's Breakfast Club*

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## Morning Lauds

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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 26<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Holy Rosary.

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Attention: Effective Wednesday, March 11th our  
Wednesday Rectory hours will be from  
9a.m. to 6p.m.

First Saturday Devotions

The First Saturday of each month is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Please join in the praying of the Rosary and the First Saturday Devotion prayers, March 7th at 8 AM and followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served after the Mass in the Parish Center.

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 2009 is \$45,612.00
Pledges received a/o 2/25/09 \$26,100.00 Thank you!

What tempts you?

Some temptations are big and obvious: wealth, power, fame. Yet notice none of those things are wrong or evil in themselves. Some with wealth do a lot to improve the lives of others, but others hoard their wealth. Is power bad? It could be. Power can be abused. A boss can destroy someone's job. Political power can be used in the dark or in the public eye where it is open to honest criticism and interaction. Is fame good? Being in the spotlight can make a person find her deepest character. We may be pleased or disappointed when someone we admire is in the headlines. Why? What do we expect from them? With all these potentially good things, the question is use or misuse. Jesus was just as human as we are. He was just as tempted. He learned, as we might, that the temptations were most stark and personal when he was alone. By ourselves we cannot play to the crowds. We do not get applause. We are not offered moral support from others. We do not have our peers to help or pressure us. The subtle temptation: no one will see us. We can get away with it. This is when we show our true character. What sort of self lies under what we own, who we know, and what we control? The first letter of Peter has an amazing description of the people Jesus preached to after he rose, with power, from the grave. They were spirits in prison. Christian life is a balancing act. The stuff of human life can be used well or poorly. Our choices can build freedom or a prison. We should never forget that even if we have built the prison, Christ can give us our life back. He knows us. He faced, in his heart, alone in the desert, what we face every day. DAN FINUCANE

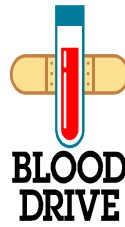
Rosary Altar Society

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 2nd @ 7:45pm in the Parish Center. We will be celebrating the "Wearing of the Green" with traditional Irish breads and sweets immediately following our meeting.

"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. There will be a Respect Life Committee meeting on Friday, March 6th, at 7PM. in the parish center.

All are invited to join with people from our neighboring parishes to pray the Rosary at the monthly Prayer Presence for Life near a local abortion facility. This month's vigil will be at Patchogue Medical Center, 450 Waverly Avenue, Patchogue 10:30-11:30 on March 7th.

St. Jude's Blood Drive



St. Jude's Church will be hosting a Blood Drive Tuesday, March 31st in the Parish Center 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please remember there is always a critical need for blood and we urge all volunteers to be as generous as possible to give the gift of life. Outreach volunteers will be taking pledges after the Masses in the church lobby beginning March 7 and 8th. Please sign up at that time if that is not possible, you can call Outreach at 281-5634 between the hours of 9:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thank you for supporting our Blood Drive.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Table with 7 columns: Sat. 5, 7:30, 8a.m., 9:30, 11:30, 5p.m., Total. Rows show attendance for Feb. 1st, Feb 8th, Feb 15th, and Feb 22nd.

Lenten Regulations

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on 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 at noon and 4:00p.m to 4:45 p.m. and Wednesday from 2:00p.m. to 2:50p.m. 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!

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.

LENTEEN 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

Next 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

\* Sunday, March 1, 5:00 pm Confirmation Preparation 1 & RCIC1 Upper Grade Level Mass. Students bring your report to present to your Catechists. Catechists are required to attend..

\*On Thursday, March 5, 7-8:30 pm Parish Center Main Hall Confirmation Preparation 1 & RCIC1 Upper student are required to attend to view a DVD about sex and morality. This presentation will replace Thursday classes. Catechists must attend. Normal sign in and sign out procedure will take place. This is for STUDENTS AND CATECHIST ONLY.

\*Sunday, March 8th, 5:00 pm 8th level & RCIC2 Upper Grade Level Mass. Students bring your report to present to your Catechists. Catechists are required to attend.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

Graduate School of Religion and Religious Study will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, March 5th from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM .Keating 1st Floor Auditorium. Presentations include academic programs, financial aid, and panel discussions. For more info or to RSVP please e-mail aimejia@fordam.edu

A Community Meeting will be hosted by the Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP) on Wednesday, March 4th at 7PM at the Mastic Beach Property Owners Assoc. located at 1 Neighborhood Rd, Mastic Beach. LIHP Counselors will present information on first time home buying as well as how to avoid foreclosure. As always, LIHP offers free mortgage counseling appointments which can also be scheduled at this meeting. For further information contact LIHP at 631-435-4710.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Monday & Tuesday 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. 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

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.



St Jude's Easter Fair

Mark your Calendar! Our Annual Easter Fair will be on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate items for our raffle tables can drop them off at the rectory... and thank you! Anyone willing to donate desserts for the bake sale please notify the rectory. Thank you!!!!

From the Pastor

March 1, 2009

First Sunday of Lent

## What to Do This Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude,

Last Wednesday, we entered into the discipline of Lent. As you may have read in last week's letter, our failure (or at least mine) to fulfill our promises is inevitable. Yet this is a good thing when it assists us in learning and living humility. What I really "like" about Lent, is that we are all in it together. This gives us the strength and fortitude to persevere in our accountability before God and His Church. There is definitely something to it.

Years ago, Lenten practices were much stricter for Catholics. For our Eastern Orthodox brethren, they have remained so to this day, and some even more severe than ours ever were. I believe this relaxation is somewhat of a loss, not because I have a personal affection for penance and self-denial, (I wish I did for greater love of God) or want it imposed upon others, but because I know *I need it* if I want to grow in God's grace and get to heaven. Being able to choose my penances, I believe, gives too much room for my taking the path of least resistance, and I still fall short.

I have a hand missal (Mass book) from around 1845. In it, there are various prayers and devotions and matters of Catholic practice. One area lists the days of fast and abstinence for the dioceses of England and Ireland. Foremost among them are *the forty days of Lent*. That's right – all forty days! Today, we have only two prescribed: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; and we can't even do those without complaining of hardship - oh, how soft and comfortable we have become! (I speak of myself).

Our ancestors in the Faith abstained from flesh meat all Fridays (with a few exceptions) throughout the year. The day before major feasts such as All Saints, would be a day of fast and abstinence – All Hallows Eve. The whole Church observed "Ember Days" four times during the year, during which the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of these weeks would be days of fast and penance for all Catholics: times to make reparation to God for personal sins and those of the whole world.

Some ancient practices originating in monasteries forbade the telling of jokes and laughter during Lent, saving the rejoicing for the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Believe it or not, even spouses were expected to refrain from marital relations during Lent. This probably accounted for a high number of births in January and February!

Whatever you choose to do – Stations of the Cross communally, or privately; perhaps a rosary a day, or at least a decade; participating at Mass during the week if you are able; adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday afternoons or First Friday night, or just a visit to Jesus in the tabernacle – **do choose something**. Maybe just to make the effort to not only eat less, but healthier; to be more patient on the road, or make much better use of our precious time... Whatever you do or give up, try to do it with good cheer and thanksgiving to God and for the salvation of souls. If you do, you will have kept a good Lent.

In Christ,  
Fr. Greg

ST. JUDE R.C. CHURCH  
OUTREACH  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

## 25th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

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



Putting Contest  
50/50 Raffle  
Raffle Prizes

**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  
For Further Info Contact**

**Tom Gross 921-6793      Ron Gross 255-033**