
Masses for the Week

Saturday March 7, 2009
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
Monday March 9, 2009
9:00 AM John Huber
Tuesday March 10, 2009
9:00 AM Intentions of Sandy Phillips
Wednesday March 11, 2009
9:00 AM Philomena Coreccia
12:00 PM St. Jude Guild: Benjamin Abad
Florence & Joe Raio
Thursday March 12, 2009
9:00 AM Harold Otterson
Friday March 13, 2009
9:00 AM James Colbert
Saturday March 14, 2009
8:30 AM Sal Alfano
5:00 PM Agnes Rutkowski
Sunday March 15, 2009
8:00 AM Alma Crowley
9:30 AM Joseph & Mary Thompson
11:30 AM Georgina De Mola
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude

Let Us Pray

For the Sick

Mary De Guiseppa; 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 Marcorella, and Dominico Marcorella.

For the Deceased: Myrna Gernett, Annette Fantini, Blanche Marie Calabria and Shelley Metel

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, Matt Corica and Shawn Weismiller.

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.

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.

Weekly Collections

Collection for March 1st	\$ 8,402.90
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 3,002.99
Ash Wednesday Collection	\$ 3,004.28

Capital Campaign
Total monies received a/o 2/27/09 \$ 5,167.00
Total monies received to date \$490,496.00
Thank you!

Scripture Readings

Monday, March 9
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday, March 10
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday, March 11
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday, March 12
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday, March 13
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday, March 14
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday, March 15
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Altar Flowers

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

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of March 9th, has been donated by:

In memory of **William & Rose Murphy**

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

SCOUTING FOR FOOD-BOY SCOUTS

Cub Pack 2004, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be handing out bags on March 15th at the 9:30 Mass to collect food for the less fortunate. Those that take a bag are requested to fill it with non perishable items the bags will be picked up at the 9:30 Mass on March 22nd. Thank you for your cooperation with this Scouting for food drive. All food collected will go to help the Community food pantry and the St. Jude Outreach.

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 3/04/09	\$29,960.00
Way to go!!!	Thank you!

I'VE NEVER BEEN GOOD AT BASEBALL.

I played other sports. Baseball took skills I didn't have. Probably also I didn't practice enough. But those who play well say there are times at the plate when hitters will see the ball. Good hitters work on watching the ball, on timing, on technique. On some occasions, all this concentration comes together in a special way.

Sometimes a hitter sees the ball differently. One fellow told me that at those times the ball looks as big as a grapefruit to him. He hits differently. He doesn't think about hitting—he just hits. He's in some sort of "zone."

There are other versions of this sort of thing. Maybe it's similar to the "feel" for music a singer gets when her part is practiced so much and so well it takes on a life of its own. She is singing rather than thinking about singing. She is taken up in the music. Singing with others, the harmonies "work"—they aren't strained—they take all of the singers somewhere they could not go by themselves. Musicians get into some sort of "zone" too. Jazz singers talk about being in "the pocket," a place that is sensed and found, not analyzed.

The apostles experienced something unique in Jesus at the transfiguration. Was it like being in the batter's box or the singer's zone? No. Their experience was fuller, more specially graced. Something monumental and spiritually singular—a divine apparition, a special gift—happened on that mountain, and the apostles became part of it.

In Christ, we know his humanness is every bit as human as we are and yet is something profoundly more—it is where God meets us. So here's another thought, if someone told you he or she had been transformed by one of these experiences, what would it take for you to believe it? What would it take to describe it?

DAN FINUCANE

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

	Sat. 5p.m.	7:30p.m.	8a.m.	9:30	11:30	5p.m.	Total
Feb 8 th	334	125	203	642	650	261	2215
Feb 15 th	265	110	197	388	478	352	1790
Feb 22 nd	373	117	188	400	500	390	1968
Mar 1 st	388	145	159	398	488	434	2012

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.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Come join the Knights of Columbus at their Annual Lenten Fish Fry. This is every Friday during Lent and will end 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.

J. V. Kavanaugh of Columbus & Columbiettes



Presents

Saint Patrick's Night @ the Races

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Doors open @ 6:30pm

K of C Hall, 176 Madison St., Mastic

Donation of \$12 per person (includes all)

Deadline for tickets Mar. 11, 2009...contact Patty 772-8081

Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Benefit for Little Makayla Margulies

Diagnosed with 4th stage Hepatoblastoma.

K of C Hall, Donation of \$10 per person under 6 free

5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Propagation of the Faith-DRVC Mission

Next weekend March 14th, Rev Paul Baiju will speaking at our parish on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the many missionaries serving in South Africa, Namibia, Benin, Brazil, Uruguay, Mexico, India, Ecuador, Colombia, Haiti, Ukraine, Phillipines, and U.S. Virgin Islands. **There will be a second collection taken.** Checks may be made payable to Propagation of the Faith.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

On Sunday, April 26, 2009 couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special mass to be celebrated by Bishop William Murphy at St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville, at 3:30 p.m. Please pick up your registration card at rectory, fill it out and return it to the rectory in time to reach the Diocese of Rockville Centre no later than April 12th. Approximately one week to ten days before the ceremony, information will be mailed to you. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800 ex 242

Suffolk County Mammogram Van

The Mobile Mammography Van, staffed by certified medical professionals, is a public service provided by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. The Van is scheduled to visit Waldbaum Shopping Center, Montauk Hwy., in Center Moriches Thursday, March 12, 9 AM-noon & 1:15 PM-2:30 PM Call 852-1300 to make your appointment!

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Welcome to all Girl Scouts celebrating Girl Scout Sunday today. Congratulations to the following Girl Scout Religious Award Recipients: **Family of God- Jennifer Suarez and Ava Maria- Amanda Berryman.**

Many Blessings to the girls still working on their programs: Marian- Ashley Arnold, Meghan Davin, Michelle Meyer, and Mackenzie Sorgie.

Moriches Nutrition Program, Inc.

"Meals on Wheels"

Be a bright light in someone's life. The Nutrition Program is in need of volunteer drivers for its "Meals on Wheels" program. Please volunteer for one hour per week to deliver meals to homebound seniors in our community. Meals are delivered between 11:30 AM-12:30PM. Share your special gift helping others. Call Nina 874-3856 (services Mastic-Shirley Area)

Faith Formation

This week the Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrates **Religious Education Week.** It ends with a mass celebrated by Bishop Murphy at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre at 2:00pm on Sunday, March 15th.

Look for poster boards in the Church Vestibule of our Church with statements from the students about what they like about their religion class, and what they have learned this year. Each year the Faith Formation Staff along with the Pastor and Bishops strive to better the education of Faith for our students.

* **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.

* **March 11th**, Confirmation Preparation 1 & RCIC 1 Upper large group presentation about Sex & Morality, 7-8:15pm in the Parish Center Main Hall. Catechists please arrive promptly for sign in and sign out. Thank you.

* **March 14th**, 2nd Level Reconciliation Service -1:00 pm at the Church . Please bring Rosary Beads with you.

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

Event: Chinese Auction and Dinner

Sat., March 28, 2009-Doors open at 5PM Dinner starts

at 6:00PM, Adults \$45(includes 20 white tickets)

Rock Hill Country Club Clancy Road, Manorville

Advanced Tickets Required; Call 878-2282; 878-1033

*All proceeds support operating expenses of the school



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. If anyone is able to donate items for our raffle tables they 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 8th, 2009

Second Sunday of Lent

Does God Really Care?

A parishioner recently asked me, “Does God *really care* whether we eat meat on Fridays or not, since ‘It is not what goes into a man that makes him impure, but what comes out of him.’” This is very true, for God has rendered all animals to be acceptable food for Christians (see Acts 10:11-15). So many of the Catholic Church’s precepts, such as prohibitions against the eating of flesh meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, can be seen as empty observances or as unreasonable, forced obedience if we do not seek to know and follow the spirit and reasoning that is behind them.

Though there were a number of “regulars” who still sought to receive ashes because their schedules did not permit them to attend church services, I wonder deeply about the people who, on Ash Wednesday, wanted to get ashes but didn’t want to or couldn’t be bothered with attending Mass or a prayer service. Every year, a few people “snag” me exiting the church, or in the rectory, and beseech me for ashes. They really don’t want to attend the next service. They just want ashes. Period!

In one instance, a woman and her teenaged daughter approached me at the entrance to the church. They walked three feet into the building, pressed me into giving them ashes (they did say “please”), thanked me, then promptly turned tail, and strutted right out the door! Sadly, they didn’t bother to walk a little further, into the nave, genuflect, say “Hello” to the good God, say a prayer, and then go. Heck, they didn’t even put a finger into the holy water stoup and bless themselves! What is this all about? I do hope that I am not being too judgmental, however, do such actions seem to acknowledge an admission of and repentance for sin and a desire to change one’s heart – or is it the empty, self-serving observance of the hypocrites Jesus spoke of in the holy Gospel we heard that very same day? I have to better plan my strategy for how to deal with next year’s ash seekers, so that they’ll understand know what receiving ashes is about.

Hence, the reason we don’t eat meat on certain days is because Holy Mother Church knows her children need discipline of body if they are going to conquer the disease of sin in the soul. We need to learn self-denial, and this is one small way of doing it: by not having everything the way we want it, when we want it. St. Josemaria Escriva stated simply, “Give your body everything it wants, and it will *betray* you.” It’s all about discipline and realizing how needy we all are before God, and how most of us (who are without particular medical issues) can probably survive just fine without meat for a day.

Another question often asked is, “If I give up something for Lent, can I have it on Sunday?” Well, what is Sunday? It is the Lord’s Day – a mini Easter every week. If you count the days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, it’s more than 40. The Sundays of Lent *do not* count as days of fast and abstinence or penance, *according to the Church*. Therefore, if you so choose (as I do) to have dessert or whatever on Sunday, go for it, but don’t make a total pig of yourself. That’s part of the idea. It’s discipline.

As to the overwhelming number of people who *did* come to an Ash Wednesday Mass or prayer service, the experience was very good: they stayed until the end. Hopefully those who have not been regulars will return to frequent reception of the Sacraments. Understanding what ashes, prayer, fasting, abstinence and alms-giving are about can make a huge difference between empty ritual and acts that are pleasing to God, who does indeed care about our salvation. Simply gaze upon a crucifix – that should say it all.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg

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

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
For Further Info Contact**

Tom Gross 921-6793 Ron Gross 255-0339