
Masses for the Week

Saturday March 14, 2009
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
Monday March 16, 2009
9:00 AM Intentions of Cecilia Leddy
Tuesday March 17, 2009
9:00 AM Agnes & Jerry McCarthy
Wednesday March 18, 2009
9:00 AM Thomas Kenneally
12:00 PM St. Jude Guild: Eileen, Pat & Marty Lawlor;
Intentions of Patty Bona
Thursday March 19, 2009
9:00 AM Ron Bona, Sr.
Friday March 20, 2009
9:00 AM Agnes Steers
Saturday March 21, 2009
8:30 AM Healing for Mary Conry
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude
Sunday March 15, 2009
8:00 AM Sheila Melendez
9:30 AM Josephine Scala
11:30 AM Mildred & Antonio Sciacca
5:00 PM Delia, Jack & Eileen Winters

Let Us Pray

For the Sick

Mary De Guisepppe; 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 Dominico Marcocella.

For the Deceased: Catherine E. Schmidt, Ana M. Gonzalez

For the Military:

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

Lenten Morning Lauds

As has been the custom here at St. Jude's, we are praying 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 8th \$ 10,342.95
Thank you!

Scripture Readings

Monday, March 16
Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 17
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 18
Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, March 19
Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a; or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday, March 20
Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday, March 21
Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday, March 22
Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Baptisms



We welcome our newly Baptized Children:
Ava Shea Capestany,
Austin Joseph Montalbano,
and Angelina Harriet Marletti

May God bless them and their families

Wedding Banns

I Joann Cuccia and Joseph Byron



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 16th, is donated for:
Our Lady of Hope Dominican Laity

Attention all St. Jude Volunteers

The Diocese requires all Volunteers, who haven't already done so, to attend the Virtus Workshop. The Workshop will be given on April 16th at 7 pm in the Parish Center. Please register on line at www.drvc.org. Any questions, call the rectory at 281-5743.

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 3/10/09 \$30,925.00
Way to go!!! Thank you!

When I was young.....

.....my parents moved our family to a town where there was no Catholic parish. For a number of years, we drove to the next town for Mass. Our commuter status made it difficult to be part of that parish, and eventually several couples asked the bishop for permission to start our own parish. The bishop wasn't convinced the area could support a church. So the couples went door to door, asking at each home whether there were any baptized Catholics. To everyone's surprise, a thousand families said yes. The bishop's challenge then: you can build what you can afford to support.

Driving by the parish today, it is not at all obvious how the Catholics in this town got the church and school and hall that now stand on their grounds. But the middle chapter of their story is the interesting one. These would-be church builders couldn't afford a building. They could afford only a trailer. The "Chapel on the Mall" was parked at one end of the main business area of town (really, a big parking lot ringed with stores). On Sundays, curtains at the glassed-in end of the trailer were opened to reveal an altar. When the weather was wet or cold, the people pulled up, rolled down their windows, and heard Mass through loudspeakers like they were at a drive-in theater. On sunny days they would come closer, collecting in front of their cars with folding chairs and pieces of carpet for kneelers. Every week, the ushers would go up and down the lines of cars with collection baskets.

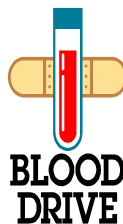
My teenage years left me with the strong sense that my parents are crazy. A lot of teenagers think their parents are crazy, but it turns out mine and their friends really were. They were willing to do something really different in front of the whole town to create a church.

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.
DAN FINUCANE

SCOUTING FOR FOOD-BOY SCOUTS

Cub Pack 2004, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, are handing out bags 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 next Sunday, 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.

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. 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
Mar 8 th	371	155	167	406	430	557	2086

Rotary Club of Shirley & the Mastics Pancake Breakfast

This year's Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 29th, 2009 from 8:30 am to 12 noon at the Parish Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children and seniors. The proceeds from this event go directly to the Deacon Thomas A. Gross Memorial Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships to graduating William Floyd High School seniors. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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. During Lent. 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!

ST. JUDE R.C. CHURCH OUTREACH 25th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC Raffle

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 Rock Hill Country Club

\$175.00 per person and \$600.00 per foursome if registered by April 1st

8a.m. - 9:30a.m. - Registration, 10a.m. - Shotgun Start
4p.m. - Buffet Dinner, Open Bar.

For further information contact Tom Gross 921-6793 or Ron Gross 255-0339.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Come join the Knights of Columbus at their weekly 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. in the Council Hall on Madison and Pawnee. The cost is \$7.00 per person, paid at the door.

J. V. Kavanaugh of Columbus & Columbiettes

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.

The Catholic Relief Services

Our second collection on March 22nd is for the Catholic Relief Services. In Oromia, Ethiopia, drought has destroyed entire regions of crops, devastating the local agriculture industry and economy. At a local Catholic church in the Oromia region, hundreds of children are receiving therapeutic milk and medical treatment from Catholic Relief Services. The Catholic Relief Services collection supports legal and resettlement services for refugees, advocacy, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate Catholic Relief, you give hope.

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

Faith Formation

* **March 16th**, Confirmation Candidates, Sponsor & Parent Meeting at 7:30pm in Parish Center Main Hall. This meeting is for the students that attend class Monday evenings. If sponsor is unable to attend, a parent may attend in their place.

* **March 21st**, 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*

If you are unable to attend our Chinese Auction but would like to take a chance on winning a 42" Panasonic Plasma T.V. tickets are \$10.00 each or 3/\$25.00. Send check payable to OLQA attn: C.A. Raffle prior to 3/26/09. Please include telephone number on check. Thank you for your continued support.

Lenten 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.**

Easter Flower Donations



Easter is just around the corner
and what would the celebration be without
all the flowers
that gracefully decorate our church
and help bring us into the joyful spirit
of Christ's resurrection?

Flowers maybe dedicated to or
in memory of your loved ones.
A minimum suggested offering is \$20.
Please fill out the form below and drop it off at the
rectory with your offering.
Thank-you

SIGN UP FORM EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS FLOWERS DONATED

BY: _____

DEDICATED To: _____

AMOUNT: \$ _____

From the Pastor

March 15th, 2009

Third Sunday of Lent

“Calling All Sinners!”

How is your Lent going thus far? Do you gauge it by how much more time you've spent in prayer; how much you've given to charity or charitable deeds performed; how much weight you've lost, or by how many people you *could have* cursed-out on Sunrise Highway, but refrained from so doing? However we look at it, Lent should never be an *easy* season, but a *challenge* which helps us grow to be more like Christ. We cannot truly quantify our spiritual progress – that is known only to God. Nevertheless, we should strive to be more in love with Him and our neighbor, and less guilty of self-love. Hopefully, these days have, and will continue to be fruitful for us all, individually and as the Holy Church of God. Regardless of what we have chosen to do and/or give up, one thing that should *always* be part of every Catholic's Lenten discipline is a good confession.

We heard in the Epistle on Ash Wednesday, “Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.” (II Cor. 5) The call to repent is on the very day we hear those words; and as we receive the blessed ashes on our heads. Though confessions were not scheduled on Ash Wednesday itself, it is the mind of the Church that the faithful should confess their sins nearer the beginning of this holy season, so as to make a good, grace-filled start of it. Realistically though, it is deeply (and beautifully) ingrained in many of us that we want to confess as close to Easter as possible, so as to celebrate our blessed Lord's resurrection in the purest state of soul possible. While this is laudable, sometimes waiting until the last minute for anything, even confession, means we might get left-out (we of the Perpetual Procrastinators Club know this all too well).

If you have not already done so, please take the opportunity to make your Lenten confession soon. First, prayerfully examine your conscience so that you are prepared and *know* what you are going to say before you go in. (The “Primer for Confession” pamphlets available in the church vestibule are very helpful for this purpose.) Then go to confession - either here at St. Jude, or at another parish, if you are more comfortable elsewhere.

In the confessional, you usually have the option to go behind the screen or face-to-face. If it has been a long time, and you're not sure what to do, ask the priest, and he will happily guide you through the ritual of the sacrament. Typically, you start with, “Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It has been three months (or however long) since my last confession...” After you've confessed all your sins as you know them, it is good to add, “For these and all the sins I may have forgotten, (without purposefully omitting any) I am truly sorry.” Then the priest may give you some advice and a penance to perform. Then he may ask you to make an act of contrition (see the back of the “Primer” which you may bring with you in case you have forgotten the prayer). Next, the priest will give you Absolution and dismiss you to go and give thanks to God and to begin again.

Please note: confessions at St. Jude are on Saturdays at 12:00 noon (during Lent and Advent), and also at 4:00 p.m. On Wednesdays, they are heard from 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. There are also other opportunities for the sacrament during Lent and Holy Week, especially on Monday, April 6, from 3:00 – 9:00 pm., here and at most parishes throughout the diocese. I know that often there is apprehension about confession. Please do not let this, or anything else keep you away. You will be welcomed with joy. Jesus waits for us to approach God's mercy. Let us bring Him our sins and receive His gift of forgiveness and peace.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg

SAINT JUDE'S EASTER FAIR

Saturday, April 4, 2009



9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Shop the Vendors, Palm Crosses,

Taste the Food, Raffles

Take a Picture with the Easter Bunny

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

89 Overlook Drive Mastic Beach

For more information call 281-5743

