
Masses for the Week

Saturday March 21, 2009
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude
Sunday March 22, 2009
8:00 AM Sheila Melendez †
9:30 AM Josephine Scala †
11:30 AM Mildred & Antonio Sciacca †
5:00 PM Delia, Jack & Eileen Winters †
Monday March 23, 2009
9:00 AM Kevin Koch †
Tuesday March 24, 2009
9:00 AM Anna E. Siringo †
Wednesday March 25, 2009
9:00 AM George Scott †
12:00 PM St. Jude Guild: Brenda Jacobs †;
Maxine Bell †; Frank Eoviero †; Lorraine &
John Padich †; Family of Laurine & Bill Padich
Thursday March 26, 2009
9:00 AM Catherine Buscemi †
Friday March 27, 2009
9:00 AM Stephen D. Stribula †
Saturday March 28, 2009
8:30 AM Phyllis Francis †
5:00 PM Joseph & Anna Amato †
Sunday March 29, 2009
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Jude
9:30 AM Frederick Bergmann †
11:30 AM Anthony & Dorothy Filandro †
5:00 PM Evelyn Patti †
† denotes Mass is for the deceased

Let Us Pray

For the Sick

Bejamin Archer; 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 Marcocella, and Dominico Marcocella.

For the Deceased: Lorraine A. Maher, Marie A. DeLalio and Michael Dominick Doloroso

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available each Saturday at noon and 4:00p.m to 4:45 p.m. and Weds. from 2:00p.m. to 2:50p.m. During Lent. We encourage you to make use of this sacrament.

Weekly Collections

Collection for March 15th	\$ 9,207.05
Propagation of the Faith Mission	\$ 3,914.00
	Thank you!

Scripture Readings

Monday, March 23
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 24
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 25
Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday, March 26
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday, March 27
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 28
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday, March 29
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Wedding Banns



II Joann Cuccia and Joseph Byron

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers, for the weekend of March 21st & 22nd have been donated in honor of

Most Holy Apostle, St. Jude

Altar Bread and Wine

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

Memory of Filomeena Careccia

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.

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., followed by the Holy Rosary.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

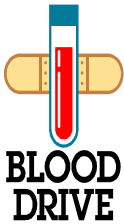
Thank you, for all those who have responded already. Our parish community has answered the call with generosity. Three quarters of our parish goal has been received or pledged already. To those who have not done so, please consider a gift today. There are CMA envelopes available in the church lobby. We can not be successful in reaching our goal without you.

Our Parish Goal for 2009 is \$45,612.00
Pledges received a/o 3/17/09 \$34,015.00
Way to go!!! Thank you!

22nd Annual Woman's Life Day

Grace Lutheran Church, 240 Mastic Rd, M.B. is sponsoring a day which includes song, praise, drama, continental breakfast and more. Registration forms are available in the rectory. For more info call 281-8196 or Linda at 924-1776

St. Jude's Blood Drive



St. Jude's Church is 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 Mass 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 15th	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
Mar 15 th	359	145	195	407	545	254	2070

ST. JUDE OUTREACH 25th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Any interested golfers or in sponsoring a tee please phone Tom Gross 921-6793 or Ron Gross 255-0339.

Raffles are being sold \$4 per chance or 3 for \$10

1st prize: Resort package at the *East Wind* in Wading River

2nd prize: Two tickets to *Broadway's Jersey Boys* and Dinner at *Carmines*

3rd prize: Two tickets to a *Yankee Game*

Drawing, April 22nd at Rock Hill Country Club



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. at the Council Hall on Madison and Pawnee. The cost is \$7.00 per person, paid at the door.

Faith Formation

March 24th, Confirmation Candidates, Sponsor & Parent Meeting at 7:30pm in Parish Center Main Hall. This meeting is for the students who attend class Tuesday evenings. If the sponsor is unable to attend, a parent may attend in their place.

March 26th Confirmation Preparation 1 Readiness Review. This is for our 6th Level students that are entering the Confirmation program in 2009-2010. You have been scheduled to come to the office for the review, please remember your assigned times. For those 6th level students that have not completed this task please call 281-2835 to schedule your appointment.

* **March 28th**, 2nd Level Reconciliation Service -1:00 pm at the Church. Please bring Rosary Beads with you.

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.

Gennesaret Retreat for those facing or living with serious illness is planned for May 1,2,and 3rd 2009 at Montfort Spiritually Center in Bay Shore, NY. To register or receive more info call Colette 631-665-7052.

ST. JUDE EASTER FAIR

If anyone is able to donate new items towards the raffle they can drop them off at the rectory. If anyone would like to bake some goodies for our bake sale please call the rectory. Thank you.

Splitting Palms

It's that time of year again when we ask our parishioners to help with the splitting of the palms for Palm Sunday. We will gather on Friday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you've volunteered before, you'll remember what a fun time everyone had, if it's your first time coming, wait and see how good you'll feel. Why not bring a friend this time? It's a wonderful way to begin your Holy Week experience. We hope you can join us for this community event.

Beautification of CHURCH GROUNDS

We will be sprucing up the Church grounds Holy Saturday, April 11th. We are asking for our former volunteers and any new volunteers to help us with the task of cleaning we will meet at 10 a.m. Please call the rectory at 281-5743 to sign up. Thank you

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2009

PALM (Passion) SUNDAY - April 5th

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30, 1:00 and 5:00PM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK – April 6th

Confessions from 3PM to 9PM

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK –April 8th

Confessions after the noon Mass
8PM Penance Service with Confession

HOLY THURSDAY – April 9th

9:00 AM- Morning Prayer
8PM-Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
offer Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY - April 10th

9AM – Morning Prayer
Noon-Stations of the Cross
3PM-Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
8PM- Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY – April 11th

9AM-Morning Prayer
Confessions –Noon to 2 PM
8:00PM – Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY CHURCH

8AM-(English – Italian)
9:30AM; 11:30 AM; 1:00PM

No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

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/ IN MEMORY OF:

AMOUNT: \$ _____

Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast

Next Sunday, March 29th from 8:30 am to 12 noon at the
Parish Center is the Rotary Club's annual Pancake Breakfast
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!

Are You a Fully Initiated Catholic?

As you may know, the **Sacraments of Initiation** are Baptism,
Confirmation and Eucharist. If you have not received all of these
three sacraments, you're initiation in our Catholic Faith is not
complete. To be a sponsor for someone who is going to be baptized
or receive the sacrament of confirmation, you must have received all
of these sacraments. Some of our parishioners, as in every parish,
may not have completed their preparation for these sacraments when
they were younger – they may have only been baptized or been
baptized and made their First Communion.

As in past years **we are offering a course** for those who have been
baptized as Catholics but have **not received the Sacraments of the
Eucharist or Confirmation. This course begins Wednesday,
April 15th @ 7:30p.m.** and will continue meeting once a week **until
May 27th.**

If you are interested in completing your initiation in our Catholic
Faith, please fill out the form below and return it in any of the
collection baskets or at the rectory. You will be contacted by phone.
All of the classes will be here at St. Jude's in our parish center and
run approximately an hour and 15 minutes to an hour and a half.
PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE
CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____

Phone: _____

Date and Church of Baptism: _____

Sacrament(s) you need to receive please check one:

Both Eucharist: (First Communion) and
Confirmation _____

Confirmation only: _____

Your age: _____

To take this course you must be at least 18 years of age and
completed High school. For further information or any
questions you may have, please contact the rectory during
regular office hours.

From the Pastor

March 22, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Lent – “*Laetare*”

Am I In *Love* With My Sins?

This statement may sound rather far-fetched, but I am trying to get your attention (isn't that what headlines are supposed to do?) Yet I believe there is more than a shred of truth to it. Yes, the use of the word “love” is misused here, as it is frequently in the English Language. No one can love chocolate, or a sports team or an activity, etc. – you know what I mean. Only God and humans can love - both the giving and the receiving – no other animal or thing is capable of it. A more correct term than love would be affection or even better, attachment.

As I have been trying to make this a good Lent through prayer, fasting, and acts of mercy and charity, I have certainly failed at times, but thanks be to God, not without my failures bearing fruit. I have asked the Holy Spirit to reveal to me the “hidden” faults and sins that keep me from attaining the level of holiness God wills for me. I say “hidden” in quotation marks, not because they are something of which I am totally unaware, but about which I have been spiritually blind and, to some degree, willingly ignorant.

Last week, during the course of dinner conversation with dear friends, I was suddenly struck by the deep realization that I needed to go to confession for a particular sin against charity which I had previously regarded as mere humor. I never truly realized the sinfulness of it, because it was at the expense of someone who is, quite honestly, a miserable and cruel person.

It matters not whether I determine an individual to be a nasty so-and-so. I can in no way justify an uncharitable attitude towards another human being in the sight of almighty God. Consequently, I felt immediate sorrow for my sin, and a desire to change my ways. Praise God!

Later that evening, when I came home, I was reading the March issue of *Columbia*, the official magazine of the Knights of Columbus. In it was an article entitled, “Called to Holiness: *Who Me?*” by Ralph Martin. In it, he confirmed my earlier revelation by enumerating some of the things that hinder us from becoming as holy as we should. He quotes St. Francis de Sales (d. 1622; great spiritual writer, and one of my personal favorites) about his insights on our affection for sin. Here is a quote directly from the publication, containing the citation from the original work:

“Francis... gives an amusing but telling example of a doctor who forbids a patient from eating melons, lest he die. The patient therefore abstains from eating them, but ‘begrudges giving them up, talks about them, would eat them if he could, wants to smell them at least, and envy’s those who can eat them. In such a way, weak lazy penitents abstain regretfully for a while from sin. They would like very much to commit sins if they could do so without being damned. They speak about sin with certain petulance and with liking for it and think those who commit sins are at peace with themselves.” (p 21)

Does this example seem to resonate with anyone as to our affection/attachment to particular sins? If so, thank the Holy Spirit for His light and quickly get out of moral bankruptcy: take advantage of the 2009 Spiritual Bailout Package available at your local parish church confessional, straight from the forgiving hands of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. It’s a deal only a (damned) fool would pass up!

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 Digital Picture
With the Easter Bunny

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

89 Overlook Drive Mastic Beach
For more information call 281-5743

