

Masses for the Week

Saturday	<u>April 4, 2009 First Saturday</u>
5:00 PM	Stephen J. Stribula †
Sunday	<u>April 5, 2009 Palm Sunday</u>
8:00 AM	Marie Bessi †
9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Jude
11:30 AM	Francisca Ditman †
1:00 PM	Virginia Galioto †
5:00 PM	Aciclo Gonzalez †
Monday	<u>April 6, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Helena Ramsay †
Tuesday	<u>April 7, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Laura Szumski †
Wednesday	<u>April 8, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Agnes & Jerry McCarthy †
12:00 PM	St. Jude Guild: Poor Souls in Purgatory
Holy Thursday	<u>April 9, 2009</u>
8:00 PM	Mass of the Last Supper: Living and Deceased Priests of the Parish
Good Friday	<u>April 10, 2009</u>
3:00 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	<u>April 11, 2009</u>
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	<u>April 12, 2009</u>
8:00 AM; 9:30 AM; 11:30 AM; 1:00 PM	
There is no evening Mass	
† denotes Mass is for the deceased	

Let Us Pray

For the Sick

Benjamin 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 Marcorella, Dominic Marcorella, Grace Cuervo, Blakely Murphy, Joseph Kukura, and Elizabeth Parrinello

For the Deceased: Rose Scaccio, John Diver

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, Gerard Posillico 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation we encourage you to make use of this sacrament on Monday, April 6th 3:00 to 9:00p.m., Weds. April 7th after noon Mass. and Holy Saturday, April 11th noon to 2:00p.m.

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 Thursday at 8:15 AM., followed by the Holy Rosary. On Holy Thurs, Good Fri. & Holy Sat @ 9:00a.m.

Weekly Collections

Collection for March 29th	\$10,160.28
Spare a Dime	\$877.00

Capital Campaign

Total monies received March 2009	\$2,749.00
Total monies received to date	\$493,245.20

Scripture Readings

Monday, April 6
<i>Holy Week</i>
Is 42:1-7 • Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 7
<i>Holy Week</i>
Is 49:1-6 • Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, April 8
<i>Holy Week</i>
Is 50:4-9a • Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, April 9
<i>Holy Thursday</i>
Chrism Mass
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8 • Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 • 1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15
Friday, April 10
<i>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</i>
Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 11
<i>Holy Saturday</i>
Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11
Mk 16:1-7
Sunday April 12
<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
Afternoon or Evening
Lk 24:13-35

Wedding Banns

- II Lina Tjondro and Michael Donahue
I Laurie Ann Horstman and James Starr



Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of April 6th donated by:
Saint Jude's Breakfast Club

Baptisms

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Richard William Sinnott;
Giovanni Anthony Edwards;
Marissa Trinity Hassler, and
Ryleigh Rose Furnari



ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM

Parish offices will close at 1:00PM on
Good Friday.

**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 after Mass
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

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. Thank-you!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you, for all those who have responded already. Our parish community **continues** to answer the call with generosity. **Three quarters of our parish goal has been received or pledged.** If you 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 3/31/09 \$38,875.00
Way to go!!! Thank you!

Faith Formation



Spring Recess- there will be no Faith Formation classes beginning Monday, April 6th thru April 13th. **Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 14th, 2009.** The week of April 20th is the last week of classes; the last class is April 25th.

Altar Guild Members

Reminder to altar guild members we will be meeting Holy Saturday, April 11 at 10a.m. in the church.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Sat. 5p.m.	7:30p.m.	8a.m.	9:30	11:30	5p.m.	Total
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
Mar 22 nd	381	145	216	480	547	253	2022
Mar 29 th	426	120	175	467	605	311	2104

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Beginning on Good Friday, April 10th at 8:15 AM and continuing each day of the week April 13th thru April 17th, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed. The closing prayer will be on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th, at 3:00 pm. During the week the rosary will follow the Chaplet.

Free Seminar

Options and Solutions for Financial Relief

S.J. Packman & Associates

On April 17th, at 7:00 PM, paralegals will offer a free Financial Relief seminar. This is an opportunity for those who are concerned or overwhelmed with; excessive debt (heating cost, medical aid, childcare cost etc.) or struggling to make ends meet with their mortgages. Paralegals will take time to give advice and answer questions. Resource material will be provided. **Space is limited so call for a reservation at 281-5743.**

Holy Land Collection

The Holy Land Collection will be taken on Good Friday, April 10th. This is a Pontifical Collection which collects funds for support of the work of the Church, Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of local communities.

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.



Update on Statute of Legislation: Proposed Changes In the Law that will Affect the Church

There are two bills (the Lopez/ Kruger bill and the Markey/Duane bill) currently being considered by the New York State Legislature that would amend the statute of limitations for bringing lawsuits based on an allegation of sexual abuse. The Lopez/Kruger bill prospectively extends the statute of limitations in the future for certain sex crimes committed against minors and amends the law to provide an equal opportunity for all victims to claim within the extended limitations period against businesses, not-for-profits, religious organizations, and municipal entities. The Markey/ Duane bill, extends the statute of limitations into the past by allowing, for a one-year period, any abuse-related suit to be brought no matter how old the allegations. The Markey/Duane bill also targets the Church and other private institutions and does nothing to allow victims of abuse by public institutions (like the public schools) to bring suits during the special one-year period. In short, unlike the Markey/Duane bill, the Lopez/Kruger bill supports the rights of victims without doing grave injustice to the church and other private institutions. Information sights: Diocese of Rockville Centre- www.drvc.org New York State Catholic Conference www.nyscatholic.org

Parishioners can voice their support for the Lopez/Kruger bill @ www.protectnychildren.com

Holy Saturday

Blessing of the food will be held at the Parish Center at 12:00 noon.





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\$ _____

McGann-Mercy High School

McGann- Mercy's theatre company presents Sandy Wilson's 1920's style musical The Boy Friend. Mercy High School drama students will perform this light hearted musical from April 24-26 at 7:30p.m. Tickets for this production can be produced at the door the day of the show. For more info contact Debra at 631-727-5900 ext. 18.

ST. JUDE SOCIAL MINISTRY SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 19th is Ministry Social Sunday. The social will be hosted by the Franciscans. All are welcome! You are invited to join us, after all the morning Masses for some tea or coffee and a treat or to talk or just to say hello in the parish center.



Rosary Altar Society

Our next meeting will be held Monday, April 6th, in the Parish Center at 7:45p.m. Agenda: Communion Breakfast fundraising. Immediately following our meeting, members are invited to stay and learn how to make rosaries and there will be instructions on pressing the altar lines. Refreshments after the meeting will be our "Spring Tea" Hats are optional. A prettiest hat and a funniest hat contest will be held for anyone wishing to participate.

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 out of High school. For further information or any questions you may have, please contact the rectory during regular office hours.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The purpose of the conference is to gather Catholic men who have endured a culture and society that has attacked the very meaning of what it means to be a man- a man of honor, integrity, faith and who leads his loved ones closer to the Lord. This is an opportunity to reinforce to the men in our Diocese that "You have what it takes" and that the Lord recognizes each and every one of these men, as His good and faithful servants-in whom He is well pleased. April 25th, registration at 8:30a.m. in the Holy Trinity Diocesan High School, Hicksville, NY. The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. with Mass at 4:30p.m. celebrated by Bishop Murphy. For more information & registration 1-866-883-9636 or visit www.catholicmensministry.net.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2009

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
after Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY- April 10th

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

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

From the Pastor

April 5th, 2009

Palm Sunday

“Palm Sunday and Holy Week”

Today, we begin the most solemn week of the Liturgical Year. The crucifixes and statues in the church were covered last weekend, reminding us at this specific time of the sacred passion (suffering) and death which our blessed Lord endured for our salvation. The whole week is observed, not as we do the individual feast-days of saints or particular moments in the life of Christ or of our Lady, but as the series of events which culminate in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For those who are able, participating at Mass each day from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday helps us to better spiritually experience the mystery of our salvation in Christ.

Today, as we clutch palm fronds, we recall our Lord’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem amid cries of “Hosanna to the Son of David,” and then we read the Passion recounting that the same people who wanted to make Him king on Sunday, ended up calling out, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” the following Friday. Could there possibly be any stronger reminder of our fickle and fallen human nature? Yet Jesus did all this out of love for us.

Wednesday of Holy Week is traditionally referred to as “Spy Wednesday,” when we hear the account of Judas’ betrayal of Jesus and his seeking the opportunity to hand Him over to those who would torture and kill Him.

On Holy Thursday, parish morning Masses are not celebrated. The Chrism Mass, during which the holy oils are blessed (the sacred chrism is consecrated), will be celebrated by Bishop Murphy at St. Agnes Cathedral. Also at this Mass (usually televised, and to which all the faithful are invited), the priests renew their ordination promises. It is on this day that we recall the institution of the sacrament of Holy Orders and of the Eucharist. The holy oils are then distributed for each parish’s use in the coming year.

With the celebration of Vespers, or Evening Prayer on Holy Thursday, we enter into the unique, “mini-season” of the Sacred Triduum. In a nut shell, the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the solemn Liturgy of Good Friday (the only day of the year when no Mass celebrated), and the Easter Vigil and Mass, constitute **one liturgical act**. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper ends with a procession and silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight; neither blessing, nor dismissal is given. The Good Friday Liturgy then begins with a silent entrance and prostration of the sacred ministers; neither an opening sign of the cross nor a final blessing is given. The departure is, again, in silence. The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday begins in darkness with the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal Candle. There is no formal greeting. It is only following the Liturgy of the Word, and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, which are completed with reception of the Holy Eucharist, that the final blessing is once again given, and the solemn dismissal with Alleluias is sung by the deacon.

Though these are not days of obligation, I encourage you, if you are able, to participate in the Sacred Triduum. If you do, you are really in for a rich, prayerful experience. Also, if you haven’t made your Lenten confession, priests will be available here at most other parishes on Monday, April 6 from 3-9pm, and at other times this week. Please take the opportunity to receive God’s gift of merciful love.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg