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## Masses for the Week

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Saturday	<u>May 2, 2009, First Saturday</u>
5:00 PM	Parishioners of St Jude
Sunday	<u>May 3, 2009</u>
8:00 AM	Members of the Rosary Altar Society †
9:30 AM	Anthony Charles Campo †
11:30 AM	Rutkowski Family †
5:00 PM	Robert Douglas Caires †
Monday	<u>May 4, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Harold Scholl & William Caulfield †
Tuesday	<u>May 5, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Antone Krux †
Wednesday	<u>May 6, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Barbara Rosselli †
12:00 PM	St. Jude Guild: Tanzer Family †; Elizabeth Friscia †; RoseScaccia †
Thursday	<u>May 7, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Marge Marino †
Friday	<u>May 8, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Marc Kevins Jean- Lubin
Saturday	<u>May 9, 2009</u>
8:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
5:00 PM	Mothers Day Novena
Sunday	<u>May 10, 2009</u>
8:00 AM	Mothers Day Novena
9:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
11:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
5:00 PM	Parishioners of St Jude

† denotes Mass is for deceased

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## Let Us Pray

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### For the Sick

Benjamin Archer; 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 Marcorella, Dominico Marcorella, Grace Cuervo, Blakely Murphy, Elizabeth Parrinello, Viki Scicutella, Michael Savino and Christopher Barnes

**For the Deceased:** Patrick John Garvey Jr. and Rose Dolcemaschio

### 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.

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## Weekly Collections

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Weekly Collection for April 26th	\$ 9,698.18
Second Collection-Catholic Elem. Schools	\$ 3,021.00
	<b>Thank You!</b>

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## Scripture Readings

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May 4, Monday
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18 • Jn 10:1-10
May 5, Tuesday
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26 • Jn 10:22-30
May 6, Wednesday
Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24-13:5a • Jn 12:44-50
May 7, Thursday
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25 • Jn 13:16-20
May 8, Friday
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33 • Jn 14:1-6
May 9, Saturday
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44-52 • Jn 14:7-14
May 10, Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31 • 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

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## Wedding Banns

II	Erica Peters & Kevin Miller
I	Theresa Hernandez & Kevin McCready, Jr.



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## Baptisms

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ONE LORD  
ONE FAITH  
ONE BAPTISM

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:  
*John F. Sharkey; Samantha Isabel Seaman;  
Cassandra Kaylea Garabedian; Kieran  
Samuel France; Aaden Joseph Burke; and  
Benjamin Michael Tschinkel*  
May God bless them and their families

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## Altar Flowers

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The altar flowers for the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> have been donated:

**In memory of the Deceased Members of the Rosarians**

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## Altar Bread and Wine

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The altar bread & wine for the week of May 4th donated by:  
*The St. Jude's Breakfast Club*

## MASS ATTENDANCE

	Sat.	5p.m.	7:30p.m.	8a.m.	9:30	11:30	1:00	5p.m.	Total
Apr 5	541	151	295	579	645	70	370	2651	
April 12			463	868	975	470	---	3391	
			8p.m. Easter Vigil	475	10:30p.m. Spanish Vigil	140			
April 21	337	120	227	397	445		225	1751	
April 26	348	120	255	448	430		280	1821	

### Mother & Daughter Tea

#### Respect Life Office

"God's Plan for Growing Up" a chastity program.

These programs explore the beauty and Wonder of God's plan for growing up and becoming a woman. To be held At St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Center, Rockville Centre, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. May 9<sup>th</sup> is for 10-12 yr olds and May 23<sup>rd</sup> is for 13-15 yr. olds. The fee is \$25 per family ( more than two children is an additional \$5 per child) for one session, \$40 for two sessions. Reservations are required and forms are available at the rectory or contact RESPECTLIFE@DRVC.ORG.



### Faith Formation

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The Faith Formation Office will no longer be open on Saturdays, beginning May 2, 2009. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 10-5:00pm.

Our Parish will celebrate First Holy Communion Mass on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and 12:30 pm. Rehearsal for the Masses is on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> for the 10:30 am Mass, rehearsal is from 3-4:30 pm at the Church. For the 12:30 Mass, rehearsal is from 5-6:30pm at the Church. **An adult MUST STAY with the child for the entire rehearsal.** Remember to bring your finished banner and offering envelope with you. Please keep our Communicants and their Families in your prayers. **Registration and re-registration** for the school year 2009-2010 year will begin July 7, 2009. This year, the Faith Formation Office will not automatically mail to your home the re-registration forms. You will be able to download the forms from the website, [www.stjudemb.org](http://www.stjudemb.org) of July 1, 2009. Complete the form and mail it to us with the registration fee. If you do not have a computer, please call the office and we will gladly mail your form to you.

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### Catholic Ministries Appeal

Our Parish Goal	\$45,612.00
Pledges rec'd a/o April 28th	\$44,155.00
Needed to reach goal	\$1,457.00

## St. Jude's Parish Celebrates



The parish is joyfully awaiting the ordination of Joseph Simeone to the Diaconate. The ordination ceremony will be at St. Agnes Cathedral on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and will be aired on Telecare at 11:00a.m.

The following Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, is the Mass of Thanksgiving, at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome in celebrating the installation of Deacon Simeone after Mass. Please join us in the parish center. A light snack and dessert will be served.

### I know a Missionary.



He spent years in Africa. In the middle of a career change, as he headed into the classroom, he taught me something.

The Church is, *by its very nature, missionary.* "Read *Ad Gentes!*" he said. That Second Vatican Council text, the Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church, asserts that the faithful must work together to build up the Body of Christ as quickly as possible (36). This is strong—even urgent—stuff. How is it supposed to look? Should we go out two by two, door to door? Do we witness silently? How will people know what our message is? *Ad Gentes* 15 adds that the first and best step we can take is to live a deeply spiritual Christian life. Missionaries could have a lot of different looks, a lot of different day jobs. Some might be experts in theology. Some might build businesses. Some might start conversations. Some might inspire quietly. Some will look like Christ serving others, looking for him, trying to serve him. Another Vatican II document, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), says Christ gives the people of God the faith and grace to share the message of the Gospel through their everyday activities (35). John Henry Newman (1801-1890) wrote about *sensus fi dei*—a sense of faith—calling it an "instinct." Newman says it is linked to apostolic teaching, is the work of the Holy Spirit, is an answer to prayer, and is a jealousy of error. This is strong stuff fueling us for strong work. We are all responsible for the Gospel.

DAN FINUCANE

### MOTHER'S DAY CARDS



Remember, Mother's Day is Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>. \*Mother's Day cards can be purchased at the rectory for \$1.00. The charge is to offset the parish cost for the card. You can return the remembrance envelope at a later time. \*Remembrance envelopes without cards are available in the church vestibule for your intention offering. \*All offering envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or brought into the rectory. \*Your intentions will be remembered in our Mother's Day Novena.



## FATIMA DAY

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

May 13, 2009, Wednesday  
10:00 AM - Stations  
11:30 AM - Holy Mass  
12:30 PM - Lunch  
1:30 PM - Speaker  
3:00 PM - Benediction

Guest Speaker: Immaculee Ilibagiza, she is the renowned author of "LEFT TO TELL"; "OUR LADY OF KIBEHO" and "LED BY FAITH". She lost her entire family in the Rwandan holocaust of 1994 caused by ethnic hatred. She forgave her family's killers and teaches the power of MERCY and FORGIVENESS. She has appeared on PBS, EWTN and TELECARÉ.

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### The Rosary Altar Society

Our next meeting is Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. Since religion classes are over for the summer, we are able to start our meetings at 7:00pm. There will NOT be an installation of new Officers this year. Agenda = Fundraising, May 24<sup>th</sup> reception. Rosary making has been rescheduled for this May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Any Rosarians wishing to learn should remain after the meeting. Mary Vitale & Fran Orlando will be teaching this beautiful skill.

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### Golf Outing Raffle Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize East Wind – Anna Filoso  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Jersey Boys - The Columbiettes  
3rd Prize Yankee Tickets- Pat Nocerino

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### St. Patrick's - Bay Shore

Join us for a Musical evening of Class and Style  
*Featuring*

**Anthony Kearns**

Founding member of the world –renowned Trio  
*The Irish Tenors*

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 8 p.m. @ St. Patrick R.C. Church, Bay Shore, NY Tickets: \$35 available through the Rectory at St. Patrick's 631-665-4911 or Ronnie Allen 631-665-1371.

### UNINSURED RESIDENTS..

**Zwanger Pesiri Radiology offers free radiologic services to the uninsured on Long Island.** There has been a new program launched called the Zwanger Pesiri Give Back Sundays On one Sunday each month, they are opening their office and providing services for disadvantage and uninsured LI residents. They are offering a full array of exams using the most advanced imaging equipment. In turn, we are encouraging patients to donate their time and effort to other volunteer organizations. For more information and scheduling dates please contact the office of Suffolk County Legislator at 852-1300.

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### ST. JUDE MINISTRY SOCIAL SUNDAY

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**Sunday, May 17th**, is our next Ministry Social Sunday. It will be hosted by the St. Jude **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors 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.

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#### Update on Statute of Legislation:

**Stop the Markey Bill A2596/S2568** (The Markey/Duane bill) will not prevent a single instance or sexual abuse anywhere.

The Markey/Duane Bill would waive a fundamental principle of American law- the statute of limitations- on civil lawsuits claiming abuse. Statute of limitations requires that claims be brought in a reasonable period of time after an incident so that evidence is still available and can be evaluated fairly.

The Markey/Duane Bill would slap a lawsuit magnet on the Catholic Church and other institutions, not the abusers themselves. The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of health care, education, and human services in New York State. This bill is a direct threat to these vital services.

The Markey/Duane Bill discriminates and creates two classes of victims, because it exempts public schools and other government entities. Despite the fact that there were 485 professional misconduct complaints against New York State teachers over 5 year period compared to 300 against Catholic clergy in 57 year period. **The following website enables you to educate yourself on the issue and contact your legislators with just a few mouse clicks. Visit [www.protectnychildren.com](http://www.protectnychildren.com)**

#### IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED!!!!

**Please call Assemblyman Fred Thiele at 631-537-2583 and or/ 518-455-5997 and email him at [THIELEF@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:THIELEF@assembly.state.ny.us) PLEASE ACT NOW TO SUPPORT AND PROTECT OUR CHURCH.**

We have made some progress with Assemblyman Fred Thiele. His office says he is a co-sponsor of the Lopez bill, but they could not state his position on the Markey bill. Please e-mail and call Assemblyman Thiele to thank him for co-sponsoring the Lopez bill and urge him to vote NO on the Markey bill.

From the Pastor  
May 3, 2009  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

## It's *That* Time of Year

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St Jude Parish,

Last weekend, we had our first real taste, not of spring, but of summer. After a successful (albeit, rainy and cold) Parish Outreach golf outing on Wednesday, April 22, the weather became more seasonable on subsequent days. As we have had this introductory sampling of the warmer days to come, it's good to remember a few points in general on church etiquette and manner of dress.

I know I made this point last spring, but proactively, it needs to be reiterated: our society has become a rather casual one. Realistically, this is not the worst thing in the world, but a good thing can always go too far. Though we are distanced from the days when even gas station attendants and deli clerks wore starched shirts and bow ties, it does not mean that *any* mode of dress or behavior should be automatically acceptable in public; particularly for the worship of God. Today's standards need to be reviewed.

Not too long ago, gentlemen knew that when they entered any public building – especially a church – they removed their hats as a matter of respect or reverence. A few men could use a little lesson in this area. These days, even in restaurants, I have seen men out on dates, eating dinner with baseball caps on their heads. On occasion, the same can be witnessed in churches.

Looking at some of the frocks that have become fashionable, it's amazing how dress designers can use so little material and charge so much for their creations! Another issue at this time of year: I hear mothers complain, and rightfully so, when they look for Communion dresses for their daughters. It has become very difficult to find modest dresses for their *seven-year-olds*. So many of them are sleeveless and strapless, and finding one that covers the shoulders can be an ordeal.

Now, I'm not looking to be accorded "hero status" or any such honor, but every Sunday (with the rare exception of extreme heat, and even though it is no longer mandatory) I wear the cassock under the vestments when celebrating Holy Mass. Over that I put on the alb, the stole, and the chasuble. In 11 years, this mode of dress has yet to kill me. When offering Mass, I clothe myself for the Wedding Feast of the Lamb. This does not make me a better person, but it is important to me that I do so out of love for our Lord. I'm not asking anyone to don layers of clothing when it's 80 degrees. My point is that we are still able to be relatively comfortable *and* modest when we come to Mass. Remember: we are coming to give honor and glory to God; to offer thanks and the sacrifice of ourselves to Him, with and through Jesus Christ. While certain attire *may* be acceptable (questionably) at the beach, it is probably not acceptable in God's House.

In Italy and many places in Europe, women may not enter a church with shoulders or knees exposed; neither may men wearing shorts or tank-tops. This may seem rather extreme to us but that's just the way it is there. I am not implementing a dress code, but simply asking that we use discretion and have respect for God, for others, and for ourselves; and that we not be a source of scandal, distraction, or temptation when we come to the Eucharist.

Additionally, some people genuinely need water on hand for medical reasons. For most of us, it is simply a habit to take a bottle wherever we go. Hey, I drink lots of water, but I haven't spontaneously dehydrated from going an hour or so without it. I can wait until the end of Mass. Cell phones, water bottles, coffee, soft drinks, chewing gum, candy, pastrami sandwiches... pastrami sandwiches??? Only kidding (I could really go for one right now!). Do such things really belong in church?

Thanks for your consideration in these matters. I don't want to come off as a prude or a dictator. However, I truly believe that our external appearance and behavior has an effect on our interior and that of others. It is true that our Lord doesn't love us any differently according to what we wear and how we act, *yet*, what we wear and how we act can express how much we truly love Him. All I ask is that we think, pray and love. Our Lord will show us the way.

In Christ,

Fr. Greg



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 3, 2009

Last month, I had the pleasure of celebrating the closing Mass for a group of college students on retreat in Sag Harbor. Sixty men and women from Hofstra and Adelphi, Stony Brook and Kings Point who dedicated an entire weekend to faith. An impressive group. Actually, they were more than impressive. They were a sign of hope for our Church and its future. Last July, I had a similar experience as I traveled with over one hundred young people to Australia and World Youth Day. I prayed with teenagers who sacrificed and saved hundreds of dollars to participate in that great pilgrimage of hope. Every time I visit one of our high schools I come home with a similar sense of gratitude to God for the young people of our diocese. Clearly, God continues to speak to the hearts of our youth. Then, why are we failing to attract men and women to the priesthood and religious life? Why do these faithful teenagers and young adults resist the call to vocations in the Church?

Perhaps it's because God has competition. While God speaks to these young people, so does our culture. A culture which sees our values as outdated and unrealistic. One which sees service and sacrifice as something to avoid. Unfortunately, I suspect that, in some cases, even parents have been influenced by that voice and hesitate to encourage priesthood and religious life. In some cases there is even discouragement.

I would ask the people of our great diocese for a simple favor. Pray. Pray for those young people I described. Pray, too, for their families. Pray that those who are called to priesthood and religious life listen to their hearts and not their culture. Pope Benedict encourages youth to "cultivate in their hearts, the ability to be astonished by God." Last April in Washington, the Holy Father said that, "programs, plans and projects have their place; but the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and His disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call."

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Church celebrates World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I ask you to join with me and the Church throughout the world to pray for our youth. Let us pray that they trust in God and the love of His son.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre