

Masses for the Week

Saturday	<u>May 9, 2009</u>
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
Monday	<u>May 11, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Paul & Wolfgang Gauggel †
Tuesday	<u>May 12, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Guiseppe & Maria Giammalva †
Wednesday	<u>May 13, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Ambrose McKeon †
12:00 PM	St. Jude Guild: Tanzer Family †; Rosa AmadorFranqui †; Marcie D'Aguanno †
Thursday	<u>May 14, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Robert Armbruster †
Friday	<u>May 15, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Michael Milazzo †
Saturday	<u>May 16, 2009</u>
8:30 AM	Patti Davin †
5:00 PM	Margaret Battillo †
Sunday	<u>May 17, 2009</u>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St Jude
9:30 AM	Anna Byczkiewicz & family †
11:30 AM	Deceased Members of Dominican Laity
5:00 PM	Robert Dwyer †

† denotes Mass is for deceased

Let Us Pray

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: Mary Francis Miesell, James Geiger, Victor Panzella, and Nydia Iovine Orban

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.

There are dates still available for Altar Bread and Wine offerings; July 27th; August 30th; October 11th and 25th; November 1st and 29th and December 13th.

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection for May 3rd	\$ 9,839.86
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 3,374.00
Capital Campaign	
Monies rec'd for April 2009	\$ 3,462.00
Total monies rec'd a/o 4/30/09	\$493,958.00
Thank You!	

Scripture Readings

Monday ■ May 11
<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday ■ May 12
<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday ■ May 13
<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday ■ May 14
<i>Saint Matthias, apostle</i>
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Friday ■ May 15
<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday ■ May 16
<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday ■ May 17
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Wedding Banns

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



Baptisms



ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:
Angelina Jacqueline Rose Petrone;
DeAndre Skye Hapshe; and
Dylan Manuel Tenes

May God bless them and their families.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for the weekend of May 9th & 10th have been donated:

In memory of James & Elizabeth Dermody

There are various dates available for donations for Altar flowers which begin on July 12th going through the end of the year.

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of May 11th donated in memory of:

Deceased members of the Bona Family

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	
May 3	339	120	248	521	445		242	1915	



Faith Formation

Our Parish will celebrate First Holy Communion Mass on May 16th at 10:30am and 12:30 pm. Rehearsal for the Masses is on Friday, May 15th 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 intention 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 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.

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.

GOD IS GLORIFIED

God is glorified when we bear fruit. What does that fruit look like? Today's readings offer rich and sobering descriptions.

The first letter of John asks how we know we belong to the truth. By summing up the heart of the Gospel, it addresses hearts that are troubled. Believe in Jesus Christ and love others as he commanded us.

The command to love is so familiar that we risk losing touch with its challenge and power. We're tempted to reduce it to feelings. Are we tempted to see Christian life as a general, fuzzy sense of goodwill toward others? I feel sorry for those in need, and I feel good that I believe in Jesus. Is that it?

In Acts of the Apostles, the feelings of the apostle Paul are not addressed. But we might guess how he is doing. He shows up in Jerusalem to join the disciples of Christ, and they are afraid of him. Plus, he just left Damascus, where he was one step (one basket ride through a hole in the wall, actually) ahead of a plot to kill him. It takes Barnabas's stepping in to even get Paul a hearing with the others. Paul's sense of love is a tough-minded commitment to the One who called him.

He's drawn to the others called—a tough, mixed, opinionated, strong, argumentative, committed group.

How can we tell we are bearing fruit?

Should we feel persecuted? If we anger others, is that a sign of the strength of our faith? Will we need help from someone else just to get started?

The Spirit of God is given to us to figure out the place we belong between the risk of commitment to Christ and the heart that doesn't condemn (1 John 3:21).

DAN FINUCANE



...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 16th and will be aired on Telecare at 11:00a.m.

Sunday, May 24th,

The Mass of Thanksgiving 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome in celebrating the installation of Deacon Simeone after Mass. Please join us after Mass in the parish center. A light snack and dessert will be served.

Divorced, Separated and Single Catholics

JOIN US FOR DINNER. St. John the Evangelist RC Church in Riverhead has a group of divorced, separated and single Catholics living on the East end of Long Island.

On Wednesday, May 27th, 2009 the group will meet for dinner at Digger O' Dell's Restaurant located on West Main Street, Riverhead, NY. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 26th. Call for information and reservation and reservation: 631-727-1069.

Our Lady of Lourdes

of Litchfield, CN Pilgrimage,

Take a Day to be Renewed and Refreshed
Join Fr. Roy Tvrdik, SMM, June 9, 2009, for a day
Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Litchfield,
CN. The fee for the day will be \$45. for round trip bus
transportation; includes gratuity for bus driver,
donation to Lourdes Shrine and a hot baked chicken
luncheon. Please call to reserve a spot @ 631-
325-0661. Departs Shrine of Our Lady of the
Island @ 7AM- a pickup and drop off is scheduled
in Bay Shore-and return to Shrine of Our Lady of
the Island @ 7PM.



6th Annual LI 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk

The LI 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk will take place on Saturday,
June 6th and 7th. This is the sixth year that this wonderful
event has taken place in the Tri-Hamlet community. In some
small way, we have all played a role in raising over \$2 million
to help breast cancer survivors on Long Island. Even just a
word of encouragement or a cheer is a big help to the heroes
that give up their week-end to walk 35 miles, sleep out in a
tent and raise at least \$1,000 each for this important cause.
While researchers forge ahead to determine why breast
cancer rates are so high on Long Island and to find a cure,
LI2Day will continue to raise awareness and much needed
funds for the women and men in our community who are
fighting breast cancer right now, - emotionally, physically
and financially. Please check the website for details:
www.li2day.org.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

The second collection for next weekend May 16th & 17th is for
the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Through your
generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel
message in our community and all over the world. CCC funds
the development of traditional and new media programs that
inspire and minister to their audiences. Half of the collection
from our (arch) diocese stays here to support local
communications efforts, while the other half supports national
Catholic media initiatives. Please give as generous as your
means may allow to help spread the Good News.

St. John's University Alumni Reunion-

*St. John's invites all alumni to attend Alumni Reunion
Celebration 2009 on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May
31, 2009. For more info call 718-990-6802.*

**All parish offices will be closed Monday,
May 25th in observance of Memorial Day**



ST. JUDE MINISTRY SOCIAL SUNDAY

Next 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.

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**

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
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.

**Please take 5 minutes to watch this video and take action
now: www.drvc.org Thank you.**

Courses at Fordham University

The Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education
is offering courses for credit or audit in theology, scripture
and spiritually.

Summer Session I - June 22 - July 9

Summer Session II - July 13- July 30

There will also be a special Summer Institute week, July
13-27. Excellent instructors and presenters from throughout
the world will be with us for summer 2009. Please visit our
website at www.fordham.edu/gre or call our office at 718-
817-4800 for details.

From the Pastor

May 10, 2009

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Mothers' Day

The Annual Retreat

Two weeks ago, I went on my annual retreat. Many people are familiar with the word "retreat," but few have ever actually had the opportunity, or if you will, the luxury to make one. Exclusive of Mass and devotional attendance, parish missions are usually the closest most Catholics get to taking a chunk of time and offering to the Lord for spiritual nourishment and renewal. When going on a retreat, it is important to know what we are looking for and what will bring us into closer relationship with Christ. It's different from a get-away or a vacation. It's like a second honeymoon with God, which, if we are truly open, makes us come face-to-face with His infinite goodness and our need to get rid of that which keeps us from loving Him and being more faithful.

One of the most beautiful canons (to me) in the Church's Code of Canon Law, is #276, which speaks specifically of the ordained minister's call to holiness of life. 276.1 states: *In leading their lives clerics are especially bound to pursue holiness because they are consecrated to God by a new title in the reception of orders as dispensers of God's mysteries in the service of His people.* The other paragraphs of this canon go on to tell the basics of how this should be lived out. At 276.4 it says: *they are also bound to make a retreat according to the prescriptions of particular law.* For diocesan priests and deacons, this is prescribed by the bishop, and is only to be excused for a just cause. Why is it so important?

My retreat took place in Massachusetts (it is important to me to physically be a fair distance from home) from Monday to Friday. During that time, the car stayed in the lot, I didn't touch a phone or a computer, and was involved in less human conversation than usual. There was also time for reading and reflection. It was not a totally silent retreat, as I have been on in the past. Though it is the same place I have gone for seven years running, and the meditations (quite good ones) basically cover the same topics, it is always fresh because the goal is the same: priests coming to offer their time to God (Who is ever new) for renewal and refreshment, so that we may strive for personal holiness, which will in turn sanctify the people we serve. The Holy Spirit is the real director of a retreat. The "work" is giving all to God.

The retreat reminds us of *who we are*, and that we are *not* simply what we do. The *doing* of the priestly ministry (and we should be workers) will only be as fruitful as the priest is in relationship (grace) with God. I've heard and read this dozens of times, but it needs to be heard and absorbed again and again. The time away is gravely necessary for re-focusing on Jesus Christ. It also confronts us with the reality of the precious time (to one degree or another) we can waste on many good and legitimate things that can be substitutes for that void which only the good God can fill. It is a call to conversion of heart.

Our retreat master, speaking as one priest to about 20 others, reminded us that the primary "work" of the priest is his personal prayer life: the daily offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass, for which he prayerfully prepares and follows with a thanksgiving; the daily recitation of the Divine Office (the official prayer of the Church); devoting time to mental prayer (meditation), especially before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament; Scripture and spiritual reading; frequently approaching the sacrament of penance; and devotion to the Holy Mother of God. Recreation and exercise is also part of the balance.

Only when there is a struggle to live this, will the priest be joyful and his pastoral ministry bear fruit. Again, it is not the individual priest who is doing it, but the Great High Priest, Jesus Christ, working through him. As the saying goes, "If the priest is a saint, the people will be on fire."

Please continue to pray for your priests, that they may be saints and be willing, like the Good Shepherd, to nourish and lay down their lives for the sheep. Happy Mothers' Day!

In Christ the Good Shepherd,
Fr. Greg

Saint Jude's 25th Annual Golf Outing



May 2009

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our 25th Annual Golf Outing. Because of you, we had another successful year. In spite of an afternoon rain and soggy shoes, everyone's spirits remained up and a good time was had by all. We even had a few groups determined to finish out the round. Father Greg's foursome (actually, it was a "five some") stuck it out. I hope he keeps better score than he counts players.

This year, the golf committee was able to present a \$15,000 check to our Pastor for the Outreach program. The generosity of everyone was inspiring and made all our efforts worthwhile. (I guess this means we'll be back next year).

Thank you to all of our fellow parishioners, who bought a raffle ticket, sponsored a tee or swung a club. Congratulations to our raffle winners: 1st prize, \$600 Spa Package at East Wind, won by Anna Filoso, 2nd prize, Tickets to Jersey Boys and Dinner at Carmines, won by the Columbiettes, and our 3rd prize, a pair of Yankee Tickets was won by Pat Nocerino.

Last, but certainly never least, a very special "Thank You" to all of our volunteers who helped out before, during and after the outing. The day would have been a flop without you.

Please remember that Outreach needs our help throughout the year.

Thanks again and may God bless you and your families.
Tom and Ron Gross