

Masses for the Week

Saturday	<u>May 16, 2009</u>
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	Members of Dominican Laity †
5:00 PM	Robert Dwyer †
Monday	<u>May 18, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Members of the Rosarians †
Tuesday	<u>May 19, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Thomas Kenneally †
Wednesday	<u>May 20, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Michael Barry †
12:00 PM	St. Jude Guild: Rose Dolcemaschio †
	In Thanksgiving To Sister Faustina †
7:30 PM	Ronald Bona Sr †
Thursday	<u>May 21, 2009 - ASCENSION</u>
9:00 AM	Josephine Inserra †
12:00 PM	Joseph & Mary Thompson †
7:30 PM	Ruth Lawlor †
Friday	<u>May 22, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Marianne Koerber †
Saturday	<u>May 23, 2009</u>
8:30 AM	Barbara Cremona †
5:00 PM	Jacklyn Gavares †
Sunday	<u>May 24, 2009</u>
8:00 AM	Filomena Careccia †
9:30 AM	Parishioners of St Jude
11:30 AM	Hamill Family
5:00 PM	Dina Delia †

† 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, Christopher McBride Willie Dirma and Christopher Barnes

For the Deceased: Robert Edward Walsh

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.

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection for May 10th \$ 9,986.56

Thank You!

Scripture Readings

Monday ■ May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday ■ May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday ■ May 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15,22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday ■ May 21

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Friday ■ May 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday ■ May 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday ■ May 24

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

Wedding Banns

III Theresa Hernandez & Kevin McCready, Jr.
I Lynette Barrosent & Robert Treccagnoli



Mass Book Open



This Monday, May 18th, the Mass book will be opening for Mass intentions for the year 2010. The book is open for the year from January 2010 to December 2010. We have some St. Jude Guild Masses still available for 2009.

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers for the weekend of May 16th & 17th have been donated in memory of:

Peter & Edna Clancy

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

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

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



Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of May 18th has been donated in celebration for the:

Ordination of Deacon Joseph Simeone

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, May 21st is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation. There is a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:30p.m., and Masses Thursday, May 21st at 9:00a.m., 12 noon and 7:30p.m.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Sat.	5p.m.	7:30p.m.	8a.m.	9:30	11:30	5p.m.	Total
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	
May10	351	345	255	395	470	188	2004	



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Office will be close on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Have you got some spare time and thought about how you can become more involved in our church ministries? Well, the Catechetical Ministry at St. Jude's is looking for new people who want to teach the faith to the youth of our community This is a great opportunity for our seniors out there as well as young parents. Pray about your desire to join our ministry and give us a call. There is an interview process, a child abuse program course and formation classes that are required. For further information and to answer any of your questions, please call the office at 281-2835. The need is far greater than anyone can imagine.

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.

St. Jude's Parish Celebrates

Sunday, May 24th,

Mass of Thanksgiving 11:30 a.m.

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

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA



St. Jude Church is proud to present a new educational opportunity; Lighthouse Catholic Media - A practical and effective program to help Catholics know their Faith...and keep their Faith.

We all live busy, busy lives. Finding the time to learn about our faith is difficult. But now, we are able to meet you where you are! Wherever you have a CD player available to you, in the car or at home, you can deepen your understanding and love for the Catholic Faith.

Soon, on your way into church you will see a stand offering nine different CD's and three different brochures. These feature some of the most inspiring Catholic speakers—bishops, priests, deacons and eminent Catholic lay men and women. The CD's and brochures will be available after every Mass. We ask for a donation of \$3.00 per CD and \$.50 per brochure so that we may continue the program. When these are gone—they're gone. A new set with different titles and speakers will be ordered in. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



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.

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.

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.

What Happens If We Laugh Well?

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi walk into a bar. The bartender looks up and says, "What is this, some kind of joke?"

OK, comedy is hard. It can be especially hard on the listeners (um...readers) if the would-be comic uses a tired old joke and doesn't deliver it that well.

Should humor be used around religious topics? Is faith funny? If it's not good to make fun of what is holy—we certainly should avoid sacrilege—should we make fun with what is holy? Isn't humor good for us? What is more human? What happens if we laugh well? We may give up false holiness. We might cough out a false self. The head thrown back, the laughing out loud, the letting loose of hot air, the tears in our eyes—these may be a good way to deflate the ego, to not be too attached to our own self. An old argument revolves around the question, did Jesus laugh? Scripture says he wept. But did he laugh? Are we allowed to read between the lines? His understanding of people in the parables, his attention to kids, his love for regular people—all look like they are rife with humor. How human do we think Jesus is? Have you ever seen someone do something dumb? If you love the person, even though you have to point out what happened, you also have to put your arm around the person and laugh a little. You might just end up laughing together.

Whom do we usually let down our guard with? Do we laugh with our spouse? our kids? our parents? our families and friends? Can we let our guard down with God? How else would we know the God of love?

DAN FINUCANE

THE THIRD ORDER OF LAY CARMELITES

The Third Order of Lay Carmelites, invites those interested in a deeper spiritual life and have a special place for Our Blessed Mother, to join us at our monthly meeting the first Saturday of the month, following the 9am Mass at St. Mark's Church in Shoreham. For more information please call, 744-4335.

Free-St. Jude Pre K Program

St. Jude offers a **FREE** Pre- Kindergarten program funded by New York State through the William Floyd School District. All children are eligible who will be 4 years old before December 1, 2009. The program is 5 days a week, 2 ½ hour session. If you or someone you know is interested please call the rectory at 281-5743 to complete an application.

Update on Statute of Legislation:

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.

ANNUAL TAG SALE

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, on the corner of Narragansett and Atlantic Avenue in Patchogue, is holding a huge parish wide Tag Sale on Saturday, June 6th from 9am to 4 pm and June 7th from 8am to 1pm, rain or shine. Come and browse our many wonderful items at very reasonable prices. For more information please call 286-9133.

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 17th, 2009
Sixth Sunday of Easter

“The Deacon”

St. Jude Parish is most grateful to God as we announce the ordination of Joseph Simeone to the Permanent Diaconate with service to the Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Deacon Joe was ordained along with eight other men by His Excellency, Bishop William F. Murphy at St. Agnes Cathedral, on Saturday, May 16. We will celebrate his first liturgical service as a deacon *next* Sunday, May 24th, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Following the Mass, all are invited to a celebration in the parish center. We congratulate Deacon Joe, his wife Vivian, and their lovely children and grandchildren. We look forward to his service, and I *do* intend to keep him very busy in his vocation here at St. Jude!

Additionally, on May 23rd, Deacon Ken Geoghan will be marking his 10th anniversary of diaconal ordination. As many are aware, for the last several months he has been acutely plagued by a number of different illnesses, spending much time in the hospital and health care facilities, and very little time at home or work. The whole ordeal has been a great strain on the family, physically and emotionally. Please continue to remember him, his wife Linda, and their son, Geoffrey in your prayers. They count on and do appreciate them greatly. We hope that he will soon be joining us again at the altar of the Lord.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the granite bench in memory of Deacon Tom Gross will have been installed near the main entrance to the church. Several friends of the late Deacon Gross and his wife, Angela, contributed to the fabrication of this beautiful and very functional memorial. His being missed is often expressed by those who are so thankful for his service to Christ, the Church, his family, and the greater community. We do anticipate blessing the memorial at some time in the very near future.

So, as you are reading about these men of our parish, you may ask, “Just what is a deacon? What is exactly his role?” Briefly, in Acts 6, we read of the calling of the first deacons to assist the apostles (the first bishops), who were overburdened with the reality of looking after the material needs of Christian widows, and being taken from their primary task of preaching the Gospel. The deacons, then, were clearly ordained for practicalities: to be administrators of temporalities, tending to the needs of the poor, and thus the ‘bishop’s right hand.’ Yet this did not prevent them from also being ministers of the Word in their own right. In their liturgical capacity, they proclaimed the Gospel, assisted at the altar, and were also deputed to bring the Eucharist to the sick faithful who were not able to be present for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice. These issues, more or less, remain the same in the 21st Century. The Church defines the deacon’s place in the Body of Christ in the last paragraph of the instruction which is read by the bishop during the modern rite of ordination:

“It will also be your duty, at the bishop’s discretion, to bring God’s word to believer and unbeliever alike, to preside over public prayer, to baptize, to assist at marriages and bless them, to give viaticum to the dying, and to lead the rites of burial. Once he is consecrated by the laying on of hands that comes to us from the apostles and is bound more closely to the altar, he will perform the works of charity in the name of the bishop or the pastor. From the way he goes about these duties, may you recognize him as a disciple of Jesus, who came to serve, not to be served.”

May the good God bless the servants mentioned above, as well as Deacons Tom Gillen and Mark Herrmann, (their wives, too) who have, do, and will serve the Church in the love and charity of Jesus Christ. Let us give thanks for the prayers and service they offer for the salvation of souls here at St. Jude.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg