

## Masses for the Week

Saturday	<u>July 25, 2009</u>
5:00 PM	Parishioners of St Jude
Sunday	<u>July 26, 2009</u>
8:00 AM	Ellen Fowler †
9:30 AM	Casey Mehlinger †
11:30 AM	Liz Jimenez Palermo †
5:00 PM	Donna Harned
Monday	<u>July 27, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Diandra Jensen †
Tuesday	<u>July 28, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Peter Huber †
Wednesday	<u>July 29, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Kate Leonardi †
12:00 PM	<u>St. Jude Guild:</u> In Thanksgiving- St. Jude
Thursday	<u>July 30, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Giuliano DeGrassi †
Friday	<u>July 31, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Lucuille Schenk†
Saturday	<u>August 1, 2009 First Saturday</u>
8:30 AM	Adrian Pietro Higueros †
5:00 PM	Anthony & Angelina Cincotta †
Sunday	<u>August 2, 2009</u>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St Jude
9:30 AM	Mary & Joseph Leonardi †
11:30 AM	God the Father of All Mankind †
5:00 PM	Marie Elaina Blaine †

† denotes Mass is for deceased

## Let Us Pray

### For the Sick

Benjamin Archer; Mary De Guisepppe; Anthony Ronga, John Walsh, Geraldine Arnold, Benny Varriale, Kristine Cuervo, Bryan Gorycki, Anthony Russo, Dawn Marie Kazanecki, Sue Freno, Ann Kazanecki, , 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, Martin Horstman , Carl Brouard, John Ruocco, Makayla Margulies, Isabella Grace, Kaylee Corpi Dobbeck, Denise Winecoop, Vincenzo Marcorella, Dominico Marcorella, Grace Cuervo, Blakely Murphy, Elizabeth Parrinello, Viki Scicutella, Christopher McBride, Christopher Gagnon, Edward Cuervo, Christopher Barnes, Julius DeCarlo Robert Justus, Brittany McKay-Lambert; Christos Raptis; Josephine Delia; Kevin Hoffman; Michelle Gonzalez, Joe Iannuzzi; Jennie Parullo; and Philomena Fino.

### For the Deceased: Adeline Urizzo

### For the Military:

Timmothy Weisner, John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Don Skelton, John Maresca, Vinnie Riveria , Matthew Parenti, David Sumwalt, Derek Trabocchi, Joe Occhineri, James Tagliamonte, Matt Corica, Gerard Posillico, Kenneth Drumm, Jr., Shawn Weismiller and Richard & Tori Pickney.

If anyone would like to include the name of an active member of military duty to be prayed for by the faithful of the Parish, please contact the rectory.

## *Weekly Collections*

Collection for July 19th \$8,370.96

Thank You

## Scripture Readings

Monday, JULY 27

*Weekday*

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, JULY 28

*Weekday*

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, JULY 29

*Saint Martha*

Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday, JULY 30

*Weekday*

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, JULY 31

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, AUGUST 1

*Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, AUGUST 2

*Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

## Baptisms



ONE LORD  
ONE FAITH  
ONE BAPTISM

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Mia Antonietta Simeone, Annalyse Cruz,  
Carlos Alberto Chavez Jr., Frank Arthur Matonti,  
and Jaclyn Diane Purpura

May God bless them and their families.



## Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of July 27<sup>th</sup>,  
is donated in memory of:

**James Colbert**

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for the weekend of July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
are donated in memory of:

**Catherine Muessig**



Please note: The donation for flowers for the year 2010 has increased to \$60.00. The price for 2009 is still \$50 and many dates are still available.



## First Saturday Devotions

The First Saturday of each month is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Please join in the praying of the Rosary and the First Saturday Devotion prayers, August 1st at 8 AM and followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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## Faith Formation

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The Catechetical Ministry of St. Jude is looking for volunteers who would like to teach the faith to the youth of our community in grade levels K-6 and special needs children preparing for Communion and Confirmation. There will be a formal interview, formation classes and Diocesan Child Protection Course you will need to take BEFORE we begin classes in October. Pray about your desire to join our ministry and give the office a call at 281-2835 to answer any of your questions. God Bless you. **Registration and re-registration** for faith formation classes is currently going on. The forms **Will Not** get mailed to your home. You will be able to download the forms using your computer from the St. Jude website, [www.stjudemb.org](http://www.stjudemb.org). If you need a form mailed to you, please call the office at 281-2835 and we will be happy to mail one to your home.

**Summer Office Hours** for July and August - the Faith Formation Office will be opened to the public from 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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## Looking For Donations

JV Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus  
Yard Sale

Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9am-4:00pm at K of C Hall

corner of Madison St & Pawnee, Mastic  
call Chairman, "Junkman" Mike Conklin  
631-281-1381

## THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Help for the heartache of divorce, separation, and widowhood. Take a weekend away for a lifetime change. The next weekend is **August 21 - 23, 2009**. For information and reservations, call Connie at 516-735-1720, Carmen a 516-739-0973 or John at 516 822-0635.

## MASS ATTENDANCE



Sat.	5p.m.	7:30pm	8:AM	9:30	11:30	5p.m.	Total
June 28	235	220	199	290	445	142	1531
July 5	171	100	215	288	420	188	1392
July 12	230	120	203	202	430	230	1415
July 19	262	135	235	250	435	160	1477

## Connections...

Today's Gospel reading is rich with them. John's passage describes the multiplication of loaves and fish and connects us to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This is the one miracle story from Jesus' ministry that is described in all four Gospels. It's clearly a place where we are connected to who Jesus is. The disciples wondered what was going on. Jesus knew the people would be fed.

The story of Elisha is taken up here in Jesus' actions. Here too we wonder, how are all these people going to eat? Elisha knew there would be enough. There would be food left over.

John tells us the Jewish feast of Passover is near. Jesus' feeding of thousands who gathered, who stayed too long to have any chance of finding other food, is connected to those who left Egypt, desperate for a new place to find their lives, a new home, and nourishment. Later in this same chapter of John, Jesus will connect himself, the Bread of Life, to those who will dare to eat true flesh and drink real blood. Not everyone will stay. Not everyone will be fed.

In today's reading, Jesus takes what is available, blesses and breaks it, and distributes it to everyone who stays to eat on the mountain. Later, the last time Jesus eats before dying, he will take bread again, bless it and break it, and give it to those who do not stay around.

The deepest hunger of all is revealed in this last meal. How are these people going to eat? Is there little food? There is little faith. What we have plenty of is fear. Yet Jesus connects to us despite that fear. He is real food. Even when everyone leaves, Jesus returns—with new life. He connects us.

We know where to go to be fed.  
DAN FINUCANE

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## SAINT JUDE PARISH OUTREACH

During the summer months our clients are under additional stress to feed their families. Especially the children, as they are home during the day and not receiving free breakfast and lunch through the school programs. After the families have received their two day allotment from the community Emergency Food Center each month we reach into our closet to help. Our food closet in Outreach is in need of some essentials which include: peanut butter, tuna fish, cereal, pork & beans, juices, instant mashed potatoes, pasta, tomato sauce, jell-o and if possible, while some local merchants are having sales on hot-dogs, we do have refrigerator and freezer space for perishables. Please bring perishable items to the Outreach office during the hours of operation (Monday thru Thursday from 9am until 1 pm) all non-perishable items may be brought to Outreach or left in the rear of the Church or brought to the rectory. Thank You for your support of our Parish Outreach program, and your local community.

COMING SOON.....NEW TITLES  
LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

**Brochures:** Top ten Questions Catholics are: Asked  
What the Church Teaches: Same Sex Marriage  
What the Church Teaches on Annulments

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Don't forget to visit the website:

www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org and enter promo code 23385.

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**Sr. Pat's Porch Chats**

The Porch Chats are a way to help re-focus ourselves while we are enjoying a summer evening. There are so many people today who are overwhelmed financially, emotionally and spiritually. In each topic Sister Pat will focus on an aspect of living a peace-filled life in our harried times. **Porch Chats - Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 PM Mary Immaculate Church, Brown's Lane, Bellport.** Come join us. The message of Jesus provides us a landscape in which we can embrace the grace of God's peace without fear of being overwhelmed by the complexities of life. Come and be renewed in the hope of this message. Bring your beach chair and bring a friend.

Love, Sister Pat

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**Handel's Messiah**

"NYC" quality *MESSIAH* performances for less than half NYC prices, and right here in our own back yard! Don't let this opportunity to experience one of the great works of Western Musical Culture pass you by. Make a unique Christmas gift of the Messiah to yourself and those you care about.

We need your help in advance in order to have the Messiah concert at St Jude's this year. All we need are 16 people, families, businesses, clubs, ministries, or other organizations to sponsor at least \$100 towards St. Jude Church by July 31, 2009. We won't need to collect your donation until December 1, 2009. So, if you put away \$20 each month, by December you will have made your pledge.

I pledge to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards the Messiah Concert at St. Jude. God bless you, and thank you for your support.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Just drop in the collection basket or drop off at the rectory, and thanks again.

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**"Reasons to Believe"**

Dr. Scott Hahn

Upcoming Conference, at Kellenberg HS,  
Mark your calendar!

On September 12, 2009, Dr. Scott Hahn is coming to Long Island for a one day conference, "Reasons to Believe", from 9 am to 4 pm. at Kellenberg H.S. Auditorium. Admission \$10. To register or any inquiries call Toti Conforti, 516-385-8963 or [toticon@aol.com](mailto:toticon@aol.com). \*After August 15<sup>th</sup> \$15.00.

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**Little Sisters of the Poor**

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish and speaking at all Masses **weekend August 8 & 9th**. Many of you know the Little Sisters of the Poor in their ministry with the elderly poor. The Sisters depend on your generosity to help them provide a safe and comfortable home for the elderly men and women in the Queen of Peace Residence in Queens Village. There, the residents are surrounded with love, respect, peace and security until their death. Please be as generous as your means will allow. The second collection will go to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

## **From the Pastor**

July 26, 2009

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **If We Had a Million (or Two)...**

...oh, what we could do! Yes, it would be really wonderful if someone hit the Lotto and was able to pay off our parish debt and help us do all that needs doing around here. Many people, including my dear sister Pam, have told me that if they did win the big jackpot, St. Jude would be the first to share in the wealth. That is such a great testimony to people's desire to see our parish in tip-top shape; and a reflection of the faith and spiritual health which underlies such a desire. But since we don't have a million or two, we have to try and make the best of what we've got. So here's the basic story on our fiscal shape and the capital projects.

As you may recall, in the year 2000, the Diocese of Rockville Centre established the Jubilee Fund to help debt-ridden parishes such as our own start the new Millennium with a clean slate. Thankfully, the amount St. Jude owed the Diocese was completely eliminated, and a zero balance then existed. That same year, however, construction of the new church was begun. Ultimately, the total building cost exceeded pledges collected by more than \$500,000. This sum which St. Jude Church owes to the diocesan bank has continued to accrue interest from that time.

Since a substantial portion of the resources which many of you - the dedicated and supporting members of this parish - were giving at that time went towards the new church and daily operational expenses, the debt to the diocese rose even more due to unpaid general assessment, insurance, and pension bills that were not being paid by St. Jude. The diocese has carried us for quite a few years.

We are very grateful to God that, through a number of cost cutting measures implemented and the general increase in offertory collections, we have begun to pay our current bills from the diocese and are amassing no further debt. This is no small feat. The present reality, though, is that between the unpaid balance and interest on the church building plus the accumulated unpaid diocesan bills and accompanying interest from 2000 until the present, the parish owes the diocese in excess of \$1.3 million. Oy vey!

When I met with Bishop William Murphy two years ago to officially receive my assignment here, he told me that St. Jude had a large debt, but not to let it make me lose sleep. That was most kind and reassuring of him, but I can't say that a number like that does not hang above my bed several nights out of the week.

So now, as everyone is feeling the economic pinch, the diocese is as well, and is gently asking us to make an effort to repay what we owe, as we now appear to be in a better (relatively speaking) financial position. Even though I wish the balance would simply disappear, it is only fair and a matter of justice that we do seek to repay, as surely as all individuals must pay mortgages or rent, utilities, and credit card bills or experience the consequences thereof.

Please be assured, we are in no danger of foreclosure or being shut down. As a matter of fact, though the details have not been fully worked-out, interest will no longer be accruing to our debt, as an encouragement for us to make the effort. Additionally, the

diocesan Mission Assistance Corporation (MAC) will retire what we contribute *plus more* as we are making payments. Though they can't match us dollar-for-dollar, if we are making good to remunerate, we certainly will not have to pay back the full amount in order to retire the entire debt over the course of a number of years. The specific details of the repayment are still being worked out. That's as reasonably close to a "bailout" as we are likely to get, and I, for one, am grateful. Additionally, we intend to publish a parish financial statement sometime in the fall so you may see things in 'black and white'.

As to the work that is to continue "flowing" from the capital campaign funds, we are very near to getting back to substantial work. I wish we could have started sooner. The reason things just haven't "happened" is on account of a couple of factors. #1 is that we've got about \$1.5 million in work to be done and less than a third of that with which to do it. The truth can be painful, but living in the truth is where we need to be.

Narrowing the scope of work so that we get the parish center new classrooms finished, the restrooms renovated, the auditorium ceiling, walls, lighting and heat/air to where we want them are the major pieces we are concentrating on most immediately. The main air conditioning chiller has been on borrowed time for a couple of years and needs replacement. New doors and windows in the center may have to wait a little. Renovating the shrine, the shrine church, and razing the old rectory are on the list, too. As you could imagine, figuring all this out is a little more complex than getting a new kitchen in your average house.

Connected is reason #2: I, as your pastor, am very wary of 'biting off more than we can chew'. I take this all very seriously; perhaps too seriously. I am very conscious of the sacrifices you have made to support this undertaking and do not want to allocate funds irresponsibly. I have recently seen some other parishes who have had capital campaigns and far exceeded the goals of what they needed to complete the proposed projects, so that they had \$4-500,000 extra to spend on what ever they want and lots more extra in the bank! I am almost moved to envy (almost), but that's life, and I trust and pray that the good God is going to make all work out as He plans. Deacon Mark Hermann's excellent homily of two weeks ago on traveling light made that most evident to me. Thanks, Dcn. Mark.

And so, we are working with some very fine, good, and generous people: our architect, Frank Smith; and our project manager, Ark Latt of Turner Construction, have substantially aided St. Jude Church completely free of charge. We and they want us to get the most we can for our money. I appreciate your patience and understanding. I wish all could happen in the blink of an eye, but we don't have a \$3 million dollar magic wand that can make all our debt disappear and our dreams come true. This is our "reality show".

Yet the truth is we have something better: the power of God and the love He has given us to share. I'm trusting and praying every day that whatever He wills is going to be. I don't always do so well with it, but I know you do the same with love for Jesus and your parish, and that is a gift beyond any price imaginable. If He could feed all those people with five loaves and two fish, He will certainly get us to where He wants us to be.

In Christ  
Fr. Greg