

Masses for the Week

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 5, 2009 First Saturday</u>
5:00 PM	Robert Metz, Sr. †
7:30 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 6, 2009</u>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of Saint Jude
9:30 AM	Carol Buonaiuto †
11:30 AM	Nick Mazic †
5:00 PM	Marian Jacks †
<u>Monday</u>	<u>December 7, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	John McCann †
7:30 PM	James Geiger †
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>December 8, 2009 - Holyday</u>
9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Jude
12:00 PM	Alphonso Russo †
7:30 PM	Pietro Lindia †
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>December 9, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Saint Jude Guild: Jean Scholl †; Saint Anthony †
12:00 PM	Patricia Ann Harrington †
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 10, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Vincent Dicaccano †
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 11, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Maria La Vecchia †
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 12, 2009</u>
8:30 AM	Cassidy Szufkada †
5:00 PM	Antonina Di Gristina. †
7:30 PM	Priestly Vocations
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 13, 2009</u>
8:00 AM	Pietro Lindia
9:30 AM	Parishioners of Saint Jude †
11:30 AM	Marie Chivaro †
5:00 PM	William & Chad Chalupski †

† denotes Mass is for deceased

For the Sick

Benjamin Archer; Mary De Guiseppa; Anthony Ronga, John Walsh, Geraldine Arnold, Benny Varriale, Bryan Gorycki Kristine, Grace and Edward Cuervo, Anthony Russo, Dan Clark, Ann Kazanecki, Vic Mendolia; Ana Maria Ferrer, Anna Daly, Baby Raymond Michael Dhyne, Trinity Kotsonis, Frances, Naglieri, Francis X. Butler, Eve Granati, Mary Polcha, Rosalie Densing, Alberto Montalvo, Dawn Marie Kudreyko, Theresa Salvaggio, Gil Teofilo, Martin Horstman, Jennie Parullo, John Ruocco, Makayla Margulies, Isabella Grace, Kaylee Corpi Dobbbeck, Denise Winecoop, Vincenzo Marcarella, Dominico Marco Ella, Blakely Murphy, Elizabeth Parrinello, Viki Scicutella, Christopher McBride, Christopher Gagnon, Christopher Barnes, Julius DeCarlo, Robert Justus, Christos Raptis; Josephine Delia, Michelle Gonzalez, Josephine Gamberale, Trevor McCade, Raymond Stock; James J. McCarthy, Mary Vitale, Kimberly Turner, Angelo V. Cassarino, Mary Agnes Stock, Jessica, Joan P. Lovell, Ann Petralia, John Ambrosino, Ellen Ryan, Joseph Anthony Colonna, Evelyn & James McGrath, Brittany McKay-Lambert, Melinda Silon, Nicholas Nasta, Nick Drake, Judith Palmer, Julia Tolve, Debra Petersen; Kathleen Geiger, Richie Davin, Thomas Gillen Jr. and Deacon Ken Geoghan.

Deceased: Fausto Allen Lopez, Helen Taylor, Joseph Vincent Passaro

For the Military:

Timothy 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, Daniel Engo, Daniel Edwards, Bryant Walker, Bobby Sosa, Tori Pickney, Richard Kruger & Michael Hickey.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered on Wednesdays from 2-2:45pm; Saturday from 4-4:45pm and during Advent at 12 noon on Saturday.

Weekly Collections

Regular collection	11/22/09	\$10,556.12
	11/29/09	\$10,832.83
CC for Human Development		\$ 1,086.50
Capital Campaign rec'd November		\$ 2,474.00
Total funds rec'd to date		\$522,137.00

Scripture Readings

Monday, November 30
Saint Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3
Saint Francis Xavier, priest
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,; 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Altar Bread and Wine



The altar bread & wine for the week of December 7th has been donated by

The Saint Jude's Breakfast Club



The Christmas Remembrance Envelope for the Christmas Novena Masses is included in your mailed envelope packet. Extra envelopes are available in the back of the Church. The Novena of Masses begins December 24th. Please remember to get your intention envelopes in early to have your loved ones remembered in the Novena Masses.

Children's Christmas Mass



Once again the children and their family of the parish are invited to gather for the Family Mass 9:30 a.m. on December 13th. We will celebrate Mass and the children will receive a special treat!



Faith Formation

Home study parents meeting for grades K-6 using Ignatius Press, Faith & Life Series Wednesday, December 9th at 8:00 PM, Parish Center main hall. Bring your books and questions along.

Advent donation boxes must be turned into the Faith Formation office by December 12, 2009.

Our sincere thanks to our families for their support with their sacrificial donations during this Advent Season.



LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

New Titles from Lighthouse Media

Lighthouse Catholic Media Featured CD of the Week: **Mary: Handmaid of the Lord- Blessed Mother Theresa**
This is a wonderful opportunity to hear Mother Theresa speak. Using Mary, Mother of God as an example, Mother Theresa teaches us how to show compassion doing small things with great love.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

UNITING THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WITH THE FEAST OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO. In the church from 9 PM to 10 PM Tuesday, December 8th

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9) that our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all human life.



Christmas Concert

Once again, we are proud to present Handel's Messiah, in concert, performed by the Choral Society of the Moriches on Friday, December 11th at 7:30 pm in the Church. Tickets are on sale at \$15 for adults and \$ 10 for students- includes up to five (5) students with paying adult and \$10 for senior citizen. Tickets may be purchased at the rectory and at the door the night of the concert. **Mark your calendars** now and make this wonderful concert part of your annual Christmas celebration. This is the gift you can give to yourself to bring the spirit of Christmas into your heart that will last through the year. You won't want to miss it!

TREE OF LIFE SERVICE

If you or someone you know, has suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to commemorate them to our annual TREE OF LIFE holiday service, please join us Sunday, December 13th, 2009 at 11AM at Roma Funeral home, 539WM Floyd Pkwy. Shirley. You may want to bring an ornament or photo of your loved one to place on our tree. This is free and open to all, just call 281-0800 before Dec. 10th and let us know how many will be attending. Refreshments, inspirational readings and a prayer service will be part of it.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The price is \$2.00 per package. The Christmas "OPLATEK" Wafers are presently available at the rectory. The Oplatek Wafer is part of a beautiful Polish tradition for Christmas and they come with complete information on how to use them.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



Tuesday, December 8th is The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and all Catholics are bound to attend Mass on that day. The Mass schedule is: Monday, Vigil Mass 7:30p.m. Tuesday, 9:00 a.m, noon, and 7:30p.m.

WM FLOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT Armed Forces Memorial Fundraiser

Brick Paver Fundraiser - Please consider purchasing a brick to honor to honor our heroes and loved ones, as a lasting tribute to someone special or to show support for this effort Bricks will be engraved with a name and/or personal message and installed on the "Path of Honor" leading to the Armed Forces Memorial. Funds raised will go toward the construction of the Memorial. All donations are welcomed.

The cost of each brick is \$55. Bricks can be purchased to honor anyone (veteran, non-veteran, living or deceased, community volunteer, parent, child, friend, relative, etc.)

Dedication Ceremony is May 27, 2010; Time: 10:30 am; WM Floyd HS., North Courtyard. For more info or for a donation call James Montalto at 874-1237 or Janet Gilmore 874-1549.

***** *Outreach Thank You* *****

To all of our parishioners and our entire community, once again you have truly been a blessing to those less fortunate in our community. Outreach would like to extend our warmest "Thank You" for giving so generously to our Thanksgiving program. Through your generosity we were able to help 307 families, consisting of 577 children, 499 adults, 58 seniors, totaling 1134 persons. All the families assisted received a turkey dinner with all trimmings. God Bless You!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to donate for Christmas Flowers to decorate the church may use the envelope provided in your envelope packet. If you do not receive envelopes, there are envelopes available in the church vestibule. Please PRINT the name of the person you wish to have remembered clearly, so that it may be included in the bulletin after Christmas. The envelopes may be placed in any of the collections. A minimum suggested offering is \$20. This will help to pay for the Christmas flowers purchased. Thank you.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>Saturday</u>		<u>Sunday</u>		5p.m.	Total	
	5p.m.	7:30pm	8:AM	9:30			11:30
Nov 8	369	170	215	524	545	427	2250
Nov 15	365	122	215	487	550	470	2209
Nov 22	375	185	213	518	580	388	2259
Nov 29	379	120	225	422	535	387	2068

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR 2009



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:30 AM Mass and Tree
Decorating with Santa to follow

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 12, Noon - 1:00p.m.
Saturday, December 12, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16, 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Saturday, December 19, Noon-1:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 19, 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, December 23, 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Thursday, December 24, Noon-2:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 26, 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Children's Pageant

Sunday, December 20th
9:30 a.m. Mass

PENANCE SERVICE WITH CONFESSIONS

Monday, Dec.21st at 8 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4 p.m., 5:30 pm. p.m. 9:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
11:15 p.m. Christmas Vigil with Mass at Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8 a.m. (Italian//English)
9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
No evening Mass Christmas Day

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

Thursday, December 31st
9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Vigil

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
No Evening Mass on New Year's Day.

New Years Day is a Holyday of
Obligation this year because it falls
on a Friday.

Give the Gift of Life

JV Kavanaugh Columbiettes Blood Drive
Friday, December 11th ; 3:30-9:00pm
K of C Hall Pawnee & Madison St, Mastic
Call Patti-@631-772-8081

Saint Joseph College

Patchogue, NY

On *Wednesday, Dec.9th* at 7:30 in the Auditorium we will present "*Lessons and Carols*". Admission is free. It is a wonderful way to begin Advent. On *Sunday, December 13, 2009* at 2pm, "*An Irish Christmas*", to benefit Hope House Ministries will be held at St. Joseph College, Patchogue NY. The New York Showband, featuring Tommy Flynn. Admission tickets are \$30 per person. Call 631-928-2377 for more information.



Senior Energy Assistance

The LIPA Income-Eligible Senior Energy Assistance Program is a new program that helps take some of the sting out of electric bills for income eligible seniors (age 62 and over). It offers a one time credit of \$200 for those who qualify. Call 1-800-490-0025 for more info.

THE ADVENT WREATH

Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal -- one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. The rose candle is usually lighted on the third Sunday of Advent. As the candles are lighted, a prayer may be said.

Daily Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath

Second Week

O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ,
desire of every nation,
Savior of all peoples,
come and dwell among us.



Rosary Altar Society

In place of our regular meeting, we will be having our Christmas party. The time and place will be the same-- Monday, December 7th at 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Reminders: -Covered Dish,-Grab Bag (optional);-A food item or gift to be contributed to our Adopt-A- Family.

OUTREACH CHRISTMAS



Christmas will be here before we know it and Outreach is again asking all our parishioners to help stuff stockings and provide a good holiday dinner for the less fortunate in our midst. We would appreciate donations of food, new clothing, gifts, new toys, and supermarket and department store gift certificates for distribution to the needy. If you prefer, families can be adopted. Christmas stars will be hung on the tree in the church vestibule. These stars have the ages and gender of the children who will receive the gifts. Please be sure to pick one as you leave today and attach it to the gift you bring. Please leave the gifts and all donations at the Outreach office or in the rear of the Church after Mass. Outreach WILL NOT BE distributing gifts after Dec. 23rd so please make sure to drop off all UNWRAPPED gifts before that date. Thank you for all your help.

From the Pastor

December 6, 2009

Second Sunday of Advent

The Second Sunday of Advent

Advent recalls the time when *Emmanuel*, God-with-us, was not with us. We look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth into our world for our salvation. We look to when He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead at the end of time. We are also seeking to find His presence among us now; especially in these days when we can be so busy preparing, that we can forget Who is the reason for the season, and that He is here among us. We know this happens. Hopefully this Advent can be less chaotic and a little more focused. The *At Home with our Faith* pamphlet cover article for December (available in the Church narthex) touches on this topic beautifully. We all need some time to be quiet to realize the presence of God in our midst.

Elsewhere in this bulletin, there is a thank-you for all those who made Thanksgiving dinner possible for **307 families** in our parish. I personally say thank-you - to the St. Jude Outreach staff and all the hardworking volunteers - who organized, coordinated, and distributed the abundance of food and monetary gifts that was so **generously donated by you**, the Body of Christ here in our parish. I am so often astounded at how you come through, at this particular season, and all throughout the year, to provide for those who are in need. Now the Christmas gift stars are "flying" off the Giving Tree in the church narthex. May God reward all who give with such great love. As Jesus said, "As often as you did it for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me." Keep up the good works!

As a follow-up to my Stewardship talk on the weekend of November 21/22, we have published a parish financial statement in this bulletin with a three year comparison for your information. We tried to keep it as simple as possible, so that the non-accountants among us (like me) might be able to make some sense of it. Anyone who desires more detailed data is welcome to contact the rectory, and we will be happy to provide it. I am pleased to report that despite our large debt, we are making efforts to improve our buildings, further reduce our recurring expenses, and increase our revenues. In addition to our regular collections, the revenue we receive from our Universal Pre-Kindergarten and from the Cell-tower rental income really helps to keep us afloat.

In connection, I further thank all those who financially support our parish throughout the year. There are those, too, who already responded and increased their weekly financial commitment to St. Jude. If you haven't already done so, please consider your regular commitment in a meaningful amount. If our average giving only goes up \$1 per person/week, our annual collections will be up over \$100,000! Remember if you can only commit to \$.25/week, it is still appreciated, and you have committed financially and spiritually to the building-up of your parish. Not all are able to commit to an increase in monetary giving, but we are all capable in giving something of our selves for the betterment of our spiritual home.

For those who wish to build-up our parish socially, we are looking for "new blood" and new ideas for the St. Jude Dance/Activities Committee. The current members have done a wonderful job these past years with great events that brought our community together for many enjoyable times, while also raising funds for the parish: win-win situations. The reality is, a number of these members - Deacon Ken Geoghan among them - have suffered ailments which, understandably, preclude them from putting in the time and energy necessary to make such events happen.

Let's ask God how He is calling us to make St. Jude Parish better than ever through the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that He has given to each in our particular measure. May we continue to pray, "Come, Lord Jesus - May your kingdom come!"

In Christ,
Fr. Greg

SAINT JUDE R.C. CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITES

	Fiscal Years Ending August 31st		
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
REVENUE			
Total Regular Collection	\$585,329	\$523,638	\$477,278
Total Funding Raising	94,271	226,207	396,670
Total Parish Programs	210,110	252,910	285,668
Total Auxiliary Revenue	184,976	212,723	120,131
Total Collect on Behalf of Others	31,656	30,522	30,929
Total Extra Ordinary Other Revenue	58,430	99,840	237,805
Total Revenue	<u>\$1,164,772</u>	<u>\$1,345,840</u>	<u>\$1,548,481</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Total Salaries	\$311,988	\$339,048	\$338,369
Total Fringe Benefits	184,290	202,899	189,531
Total Fund Raising	55,622	182,863	345,832
Total Parish Programs	99,696	115,548	98,391
Total Parochial School	71,550	69,300	64,300
Total Printing and Office	39,344	24,832	26,369
Total Auxiliary Expenditures	133,315	111,285	109,973
Total Rectory Household	9,108	12,865	19,156
Total Collect on Behalf of Others	30,449	29,461	29,449
Total Bldgs/Utilities & Maintenance	133,623	146,983	132,766
Total Extraordinary Other Expenditures	1,333	999	38,661
Total Extraordinary Capital Expenditures	132,912	69,301	1,750
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,203,230</u>	<u>\$1,305,384</u>	<u>\$1,394,547</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$(38,458)</u>	<u>\$40,456</u>	<u>\$153,934</u>
Diocesan - Accounts Payable			
Assessment	\$195,834		
Priest Sick/Ret/Disability	84,099		
Lay Pension	81,608		
Interest on Loan	110,346		
Medical & Dental	432,833		
Protective Self Ins.	93,641		
Total Accounts Payable	\$998,360	\$839,717	\$589,294
Diocesan Building Loan	\$473,805	\$473,805	\$473,805
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT	<u>\$1,472,165</u>	<u>\$1,313,522</u>	<u>\$1,063,099</u>

Refer to separate flyer for notes on financial statement.

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NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITES

REVENUE NOTES

		<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
FUND RAISING -	Entertainment	\$22,000	\$33,000	\$22,000
	Catholic Min. Appeal	10,393	2,900	794
	Bingo	12,800	132,000	356,000
	Golf Outing	49,000	57,868	17,000
	Other	78	439	876
	Total	<u>\$94,271</u>	<u>\$226,207</u>	<u>\$396,670</u>

Bingo - Due to continued losses, we terminated our Bingo operations in November 2008

Golf Outing - The net revenue is shown for 2007, where as the gross revenue is shown for 2008 & 2009

PARISH PROGRAMS -	Religious Ed.	\$63,671	\$68,799	\$83,700
	Outreach	47,878	48,212	43,766
	Nursery School	97,660	134,602	155,000
	Other	901	1,297	3,202
	Total	<u>\$210,110</u>	<u>\$252,910</u>	<u>\$285,668</u>

EXTRAORDINARY OTHER REVENUE		<u>\$58,430</u>	<u>\$99,840</u>	<u>\$237,805</u>
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Collections for the Capital Campaign Improvement started in November 2005.

As parishioners satisfy their pledge, the amount collected each year declines.

2007 revenue included \$24,000 from Jubilee Grant and \$26,739 from a one time donation.

SAINT JUDE R.C. CHURCH

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITES

EXPENDITURES NOTES

SALARIES 2009 - includes 2 priests, 2 extra fill in priests, 14 employees and 3 musicians.
 Parish departments include faith formation, rectory, outreach, nursery school and maintenance.
 Last employee raises were given in April 2008, prior employee raise in 2005.

FRINGE BENEFITS- includes employee medical & dental, clergy health & dental, clergy allowance, clergy disability & retirement, auto, FICA employers portion, lay pension, and unemployment insurance.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
FUND RAISING - Entertainment	\$7,577	\$14,784	\$6,900
Bingo	14,402	125,534	338,932
Golf Outing	33,643	42,545	netted
Total	\$55,622	\$182,863	\$345,832

Refer to revenue notes for Bingo and Golf Outing explanation of annual changes.

PARISH PROGRAMS - Religious Ed.	\$35,311	\$49,260	\$45,115
Outreach	54,589	54,824	48,343
Nursery School	8,022	5,593	4,165
Other	1,774	5,871	768
Total	\$99,696	\$115,548	\$98,391

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL - Subsidy support to our regional school Our Lady Queen of Apostles.

PRINTING & OFFICE - Includes postage, office printing, office furniture & equipment, bank fees, telephones, professional fees and monthly envelope mailing.

AUXILIARY EXPENDITURES- Includes votive, liturgical, publications, Mass missalettes, Long Island Catholic, Diocesan assessments, charity, interest on diocesan loan and miscellaneous.

RECTORY HOUSEHOLD - Includes food, laundry and supplies, newspapers.

UTILITIES AND MAINTENANCE - Includes oil, cable, water, electricity, contracted maintenance services, ordinary maintenance repairs, maintenance supplies, diocesan protective self insurance, and other building expenses.

EXTRAORDINARY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES - Includes capital renovation underway.
 Relocated Outreach to newly renovated office (previous Marcellus room).
 The addition of new handicap accessible ramps at parish center, outreach and rectory.
 Beginning of renovation to Old Sanctuary in parish center, to 3 renovated classrooms.