

Masses for the Week

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 12, 2009</u>
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 †
<u>Monday</u>	<u>December 14, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Rich Rafferty †
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>December 15, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Joseph John Gilbe †
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>December 16, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Saint Jude Guild: Lawrence Bilello †; Saint Anthony; Carmela Harris †; Louis DeLorenzo †; Annette Neff †;
12:00 PM	Mark E. Gatto †
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 17, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Pedro Matos †
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 18, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	The Butts Family †
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 19, 2009</u>
8:30 AM	Marcie D'Aguanno †
5:00 PM	Corrado Giancastro †
7:30 PM	Inmar Umanzor
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 20, 2009</u>
8:00 AM	Pietro Lindia †
9:30 AM	Brian Kevin Boothe †
11:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Jude †
5:00 PM	Barbara Cremona †

† denotes Mass is for deceased

For the Sick

Benjamin Archer; Mary De Guiseppa; Anthony Ronga, John Walsh, Geraldine Arnold, Benny Varriale, Anthony Russo, Dan Clark, Vic Mendolia; Ana Maria Ferrer, Anna Daly, 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, Makayla Margulies, Isabella Grace Dobbeck, Kaylee Corpi, Denise Winecoop, Vincenzo Marcocella, Dominico, Marco Ella, Murphy, Elizabeth Parrinello, Christopher McBride, Christopher Gagnon, Christopher Barnes, Robert Justus, Christos Raptis; Josephine Delia, Michelle Gonzalez, Trevor McCade, Cookie Landau; James J. McCarthy, Kimberly Turner, Angelo V. Cassarino, Mary Agnes Stock, Jessica, Joan P. Lovell, John Ambrosino, Ellen Ryan, Joseph Lambert, Melinda Silon, Nicholas Nasta, Judith Palmer, Julia Tolve, Debra Petersen; Kathleen Geiger, Thomas Gillen Jr. and Deacon Ken Geoghan.

If someone has been removed and still needs prayers or can be removed from sick list, please call the rectory.

Deceased: Margaret L. Fritze, Dino Cester and Vincent R. Comito

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	12/06/09	\$10,736.63
Monthly Maintenance		\$ 3,006.00
Christmas Fair- Net Profit		\$ 4,167.37

Scripture Readings

December 14
Saint John of the Cross,
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27
December 15
Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32
December 16
Advent Weekday
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 Lk 7:18b-23
December 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17
December 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
December 20
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

Altar Bread and Wine



The altar bread & wine for the week of December 14th has been donated in memory of:

Lawrence Bilello

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers for the weekend of Dec. 12th & 13th has been donated in memory of:

Laura Szumski



Baptisms

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Liam Lovell Fielding, Ashley Ventura,
John William Swicki, Jack Ryan McDonnell,
Natalie April Marie Elliott, Brandon Alexis Molina
Camilo A. Balsero
May God bless them and their families.

Christmas Remembrance Envelope

The 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. You may place your envelope in the collection baskets or drop off at the rectory.



Faith Formation

Confirmation Prep 2 Large Group Presentation on Wednesday, December 16th from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. in the parish center main hall.

The topic for the evening will be Vocations, presented by Fr. Brian Barr from the Diocesan Vocation Office.

Catechists are asked to arrive 10 minutes prior to start time for sign in. Thank you. Remember, on December 17th, there will be NO Confirmation Prep 2 Classes, come on the 16th instead.



LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

New Titles from Lighthouse Media

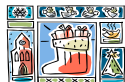
Lighthouse Catholic Media Featured CD of the Week:
The Joy of Stewardship- Fr. John Lanzrath

When you listen to the story told by Fr. Lanzrath's father before he gives his talk, you'll realize how richly blessed we all are, even in these tough times. Fr. Lanzrath then teaches us, with love, how to develop an attitude of gratitude.

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.

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.



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 clearly the name of the person you wish to have remembered, 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

	Saturday		Sunday			Total	
	5p.m.	7:30pm	8:AM	9:30	11:30		5p.m.
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
Dec 6	386	245	241	479	410	378	2139

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 Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath

Third Week

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ,
only joy of every heart,
come and save your people.



THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY at ST. Jude Parish

We've been busy for the past few months crocheting and knitting scarves for our Winter Scarf Christmas Project to benefit the adult clients of the Outreach Program here at St. Jude's Parish. We have made approximately 250 winter scarves that the adult clients will receive as gifts this Christmas.

The prayer Shawl Ministry had a lot of help with this project from the ladies at the Homemakers Unit 33. Their generosity exceeded 100 scarves! Thank you to the following Prayer Shawl makers: Aida Dankowski, Sheila Doyle, Dolores Houck, Louise Prinzivalli, Regina Realmuto and Carol Thomas. This project would have been successful without your help!

Prayer Shawls are available to anyone in need of prayers. If you would like to receive a shawl or a lap

blanket, or know someone who would like to receive it, please call Linda at 631-495-9097. No one is turned away- men, women, and children- whom ever is in need of prayer.

Christmas Fair- Thank You

This year's Christmas fair was very successful due in part to the hard work of our many volunteers/donors and the generosity of our business community for donating raffle prizes. A special thank you to: Madeline Wolpert for the many items she donated to the fair and for running the raffle; Chinese Auction and 50/50 table. Maryann Bechhofer, Cynthia Lacey and Angela Szumski for the terrific job they did in the kitchen; The Italian Society (Anna Maria Pisano, Silvia Mancini, Sarina Franzino, Grace Montalbano, Santa Iazzetta, Maria Realmuto, Anna Ciatto, Nina Oddo, Louisa Dimartino, Giuseppe Barale and Michelle Campisi) for donations and also for cooking and running the Italian Food table; and Catherine D. and Marina Kobasiuk; for running the bake sale table.

Thank you to Carlo & Gina Fumai, Maria & George Dietrich and Theresa Reyes for helping decorate the stage and/or braking down the stage; and to Ann Schiraldi for a wonderful job taking pictures.

There were many other volunteers and several people that donated items that contributed to the success of our annual Christmas fair. They include: Patty Bona; Renee Staziante, Pat Fusco, Mary Vitale, Mary Pickering; Loraine Caruana, Lucy Mucsetti, Rose Marie Mancuso, Margaret Muszynski, Julie and Timothy Novotny, Nicholas Gottschalk; Aida Dankowski; Carmela Minuto; Rose Martha Mistretta; Jim Allen; Michele Hake; Jessica Maske; Catherine Williams; Vincent Rutkowski; Amy Maiello; Kim Sinnott; Karen Rushford; Benny Schiraldi; The Knights of Columbus for purchasing new signs and putting them up. John Cuervo for setting up & breaking down the tables for the fair and the helpers from the Rectory (Cynthia, Patty & Carmela). A special thank you to my family: Carlo & Gina Fumai, George and Maria Dietrich for all their help year round.

Thank you to the following businesses for donating items for our raffle and Chinese auction; John's Pizzeria, Handy Pantry, Lee Anne's Florist; Ice Cream Cottage; Airport Playhouse; Connie and

A special thank you to Santa for being here at our Christmas fair at his busiest time of year and to Father Greg, Father Todd, and Father Leone for making an appearance at the fair and for their support. And a very special thank you to Father Greg for calling the 50/50 winner and raffles.

A Very Merry Christmas to all!

Sue Fumai and The Christmas Fair Committee

Barbara Kruk of Roma Funeral Home, and all who anonymously donated items for the raffle.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR 2009



CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 16, 2:00 p.m.-2:45pm
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 pm
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, December 21st
at 8 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4 p.m., 5:30 pm.; 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.



From the Pastor
December 13, 2009
Third Sunday of Advent

Church Etiquette (in an H1N1 World)

We are taught from our earliest days that we are supposed to share what we have with joy, as Jesus has certainly shown us. But, of course, there are some things which Christian charity would dictate that we should not share.

When we come to church, it is best to leave the cell phone at home or in the car, so that we don't share its ringing, *or* our conversation, with everyone else. Though a few people do need to have a bottle of water handy for medical reasons, most of us will not spontaneously dehydrate for one hour's lack of water. Coffee, likewise, is a welcome beverage for many of us, but unless we bring a cup for *everyone*, it should not be brought to church. And as for chewing gum, we know it should not be in church either; especially if we are going to be receiving our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. I'm sure that those who do so simply forget that they have it before entering the church. (And if one takes it out, I trust it will not be stuck to the underside of the pew!)

Those of us who attended Catholic School know that "Sister" would have made us wear that gum on our noses all day if we were caught chewing in class. We never found out the penalty inflicted on one who was caught chewing at Mass: all we know is that they simply disappeared from the school and were never heard from again! (Well, that's not really true, but we knew we would be in really BIG trouble if we did.) The point is respect for God, our neighbor, and "the rules." This also touches upon some of our liturgical practices.

As we well know, the Flu is going around, so it is important for us all to avoid sharing germs with others as best we can. There are some very pious people (God bless them) who believe that when we enter the doors of the church, God protects us from anything happening; and that the devil and germs will equally depart. I'm sorry to disappoint, but God does not suspend the laws of nature during Mass. Through the words and actions of the ordained priest who acts *in persona Christi* (in the person of Christ,) God changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of His Son, but He lets all the *accidents* remain: the Eucharist still retains all the sensible qualities of bread and wine, and any germs there still remain the same.

When training altar servers, I have always taught them (among many other practices) to have a clean tissue or handkerchief for obvious reasons; and if they cough or sneeze to be mindful of the fact that they touch the sacred vessels and others. This practice is appropriate for basic personal hygiene, and to keep from spreading one's germs to others.

To date, no hygiene directives have been given by Bishop Murphy for the diocese, but each of us should personally be aware of behavior/practices that can spread viruses and bacteria and try to avoid them for our own health and that of others. Some possible practices to keep in mind:

The shaking of hands at the sign of peace can be replaced by "a word of peace" to one's neighbor, with a friendly nod of the head. At Mass, I practice the ancient "kiss of peace" with deacons and concelebrants, where the priest's hands are placed on the deacon's shoulders, while the deacon places his hands under the priest's elbows at the embrace. The holding of hands during the Lord's prayer, though employed by many, is not officially part of the ritual of the Mass. If one does not wish to do it, that is acceptable.

When receiving Holy Communion, Jesus is wholly present: body, blood, soul, and divinity under either the species of bread, or of wine. The reception of the Precious Blood from the chalice is optional. If one is wary of catching anything, or that they are ill or possibly carrying something contagious, it would be best to refrain from partaking of the Chalice, so as not to share in another's contagion. The frequent washing of hands, and the use of hand sanitizer is highly recommended by health-care professionals. Protecting ourselves and others from illness is a small way of showing our love and respect for God and neighbor. May we each do our part to prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts.

InChrist,
Fr.Greg