

Masses for the Week

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 19, 2009</u>
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 †
<u>Monday</u>	<u>December 21, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Cyril Wolpert †
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>December 22, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Elizabeth Iannone †
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>December 23, 2009</u>
9:00 AM	Saint Jude Guild: Gregg Cicio & Family; Saint Anthony; Jeffrey Grogan †; Elizabeth Jimenez-Palermo †; Mary & John Hussey †
12:00 PM	Arthur Power †
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 24, 2009- Christmas Eve</u>
9:00 AM	Ronald Bona Sr. †
4:00 PM	Christmas Novena Intentions
5:30 PM	Christmas Novena Intentions
9:00 PM	(Spanish) Christmas Novena Intentions
11:15 PM	Christmas Novena Intentions (Vigil with Midnight Mass)
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 25, 2009 Merry Christmas</u>
8:00 AM	Christmas Novena Intentions
9:30 AM	Christmas Novena Intentions
11:30 AM	Christmas Novena Intentions NO EVENING MASS
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 26, 2009</u>
8:30 AM	Christmas Novena Intentions
5:00 PM	Hoffman & Bona Families †
7:30 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 27, 2009</u>
8:00 AM	Christmas Novena Intentions †
9:30 AM	Reichert & Leonardi Families †
11:30 AM	Phyllis Francis Dolores Johnson †
5:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Jude

† denotes Mass is for deceased

For the Sick : Benjamin Archer; Mary De Guiseppe; Anthony Ronga, John Walsh, Geraldine Arnold, Benny Varriale, Anthony Russo, Dan Clark, 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, Makayla Margulies, Isabella Grace Dobbeck, Kaylee Corpi, Denise Winecoop, Vincenzo Marcorella, 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, and Deacon Ken Geoghan.

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

Deceased: Margaret L. Fritze, Dino Cester, Violet R. Comito, and Dennis Fennessy

Weekly Collections

Regular collection	12/13/09	\$10,358.91
Assumption BVM	12/08/09	\$ 2,424.00
Messiah Concert - Collected Funds		\$ 2,749.00

Scripture Readings

Monday December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28 • Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 • Lk 1:57-66

Thursday December 24
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 • Lk 1:67-79

Friday December 25
Nativity of the Lord
Vigil: Is 62:1-5 • Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6 • Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12 • Ti 3:4-7 • Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10 • Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday December 26
Saint Stephen, first martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 • Mt 10:17-22

Sunday December 27
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52

Altar Bread and Wine



The altar bread & wine for the week of December 21st has been donated in memory of:

Harry Albertina Jr.

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 rectory will be open until 1:00 P.M. Christmas Eve.

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**Christmas Remembrance Envelope**  
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Extra envelopes are available in the main entrance 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 of Masses. You may place your envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory by Dec 23rd.



Faith Formation

There will be NO Faith Formation Classes, beginning Thursday, December 24 through Saturday, January 2nd. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 2010.



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**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA**  
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Lighthouse Catholic Media Featured CD of the Week: Untold Stories of the Last Three Popes- Bishop John Magee
Bishop Magee was the private secretary for Popes Paul VI, John Paul I, and John Paul II. The stories that he shares are humorous, touching, and give us a rare view of their lives and personalities. This CD would make an excellent last minute Christmas gift for a family member or friend.

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**CHRISTMAS WAFERS**  
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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.

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**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.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**  
at ST. Jude Parish

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 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, that they 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.           | 7:30pm | 8:AM          | 9:30 | 11:30 | 5p.m. | Total |
| 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  |
| Dec 13 | 329             | 100    | 239           | 499  | 535   | 317   | 2019  |

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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

Fourth Week

O Key of David, Jesus Christ,
the gates of heaven open at your command,
come and show us the way to salvation.



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**CHRISTMAS PRESEPIO**

Come visit this traditional Neapolitan Nativity and enjoy some quiet Advent moments. This year's display is located in the School Chapel and contains thousands of figures, buildings and miniatures. There chaplain, Fr. Jerry and the entire school community, invite everyone to share in this wonderful depiction of the true Gift of Christmas.

**The Presepio is open Mon-Fri Noon to 8p.m.; Saturday 3:oop.m – 8:00p.m. & Sundays 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. Bishop McGann Mercy High School -1225 Ostrander Avenue, Riverhead 727-5900 ext 15. The Presepio will remain open through Sunday January 10, 2010.**

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR 2009



### CONFESSIONS

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.

### PENANCE SERVICE WITH CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 21st  
at 8 p.m.

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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

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CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8 a.m. (Italian//English)

9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

No evening Mass Christmas Day

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NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

Thursday, December 31st

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Vigil

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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 20, 2009  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## On Humility and Peace

*As we near the celebration of our Lord's birth, let us read the words of the spiritual classic, The Imitation of Christ (Book II; chap 2-3), to help us remember what and who we are to be in God's sight:*

Do not care much who is with you and who is against you; but make it your greatest care that God is with you in everything you do.

Have a good conscience, and God will defend you securely; no one can hurt you if God wishes to help you.

If you know how to suffer in silence, you will surely receive God's help. Since He knows best the time and the way to set you free, resign yourself to Him, for God helps you and frees you from all confusion.

It is often good for us, and helps us to remain humble, if others know our weaknesses and confront us with them.

When a man humbles himself for his faults, he more easily pleases others and mollifies those he has angered.

God protects and frees a humble man; He loves and consoles a humble man; He favors a humble man; he showers him with graces; then, after his suffering, God raises him up to glory.

He reveals His secrets to a humble man and in His kindness invitingly draws that man to Himself. When a humble man is brought to confusion, he experiences peace, because he stands firm in God and not in this world. Do not think that you have made any progress unless you feel that you are the lowest of all men.

Above all things, keep peace within yourself, then you be able to create peace among others. It is better to be peaceful than to be learned.

The passionate man often thinks evil of a good man and easily believes the worst; a good and peaceful man turns all things to good.

A man who lives at peace suspects no one. But a man who is tense and agitated by evil is troubled by all kinds of suspicions; he is never at peace with himself, nor does he permit others to be at peace.

He often speaks when he should be silent, and he fails to say what would be truly useful. He is well aware of the obligations of others but neglects his own.

So be zealous first of all with yourself, and then you will be more justified in expressing zeal for your neighbor.

You are good at excusing and justifying your own deeds, and yet you will not listen to the excuses of others. It would be more just to accuse yourself and to excuse your brother.

If you wish others to put up with you, first put up with them.

*May we take seriously these words, so that the Lord may find a welcome room in the humble inn of our hearts Christmas Day and always – "Come, Lord Jesus – and don't delay!"*

In Christ,  
Fr. Greg