

Masses for the Week

Thursday	December 24, 2009- Christmas Eve
9:00 AM	Ronald Bona Sr.
All Other Masses Christmas Novena Intentions	
Friday	December 25, 2009 Merry Christmas
All Masses	Christmas Novena Intentions_
	NO EVENING MASS
Saturday	December 26, 2009
5:00 PM	Hoffman & Bona Families †
7:30 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	December 27, 2009
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
Monday	December 28, 2009
9:00 AM	Paddy Brennan †
Tuesday	December 29, 2009
9:00 AM	Francisca Ditman †
Wednesday	December 30, 2009
9:00 AM	Saint Jude Guild- Jean Scholl †;
	The Eternal Father
12:00 PM	Joan McCormick †
Thursday	December 31, 2009
9:00 AM	Scholl & Caulfield Families †
Friday	January 1, 2010
8:00 AM	Michael Schwarz †
9:30 AM	Tommy, Kathleen, & Thomas McCarthy †
11:30 AM	Louis Joseph Di Pasquale †
	NO EVENING MASS
Saturday	January 2, 2010
8:30 AM	Joseph Dunlop †
5:00 PM	Michael Seib †;
7:30 PM	Myrna Janet Rodriquiz
Sunday	January 3, 2010
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Jude
9:30 AM	Craig Wysocki †
11:30 AM	Giuseppa Gervasi †
5:00 PM	In Honor 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.

Weekly Collection

Due to early bulletin submission the collection figures for December 20th, Christmas and December 27th will be reported in the bulletin of January 3rd.

Scripture Readings

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
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 • Mt 10:17-22
Sunday December 27
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
Monday December 28
1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday December 29
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday December 30
1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40
Thursday December 31
1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18
Friday January 1
Nm 6:22-27 Gal 14-4
Lk 2:16-21
Saturday January 2
1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
Sunday January 3
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-Eph 3:2-3a, 5-
Mt 2:1-12

Altar Bread and Wine



The altar bread & wine for the week of December 28th has been donated in memory of:

*In Thanksgiving 42nd Wedding Anniversary
Andy & Marie Desmond.*

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. New Year's Eve, and closed New Year's Day.



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.



LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Lighthouse Catholic Media Featured CD of the Week:
God's Family and Ours: The Church and the Trinity- Dr. Scott Hahn

Dr. Hahn uses our familiarity with family life to explain the Holy Trinity, which leads us to a better understanding of the Church. Also available from Dr. Hahn are The Healing Power of Confession and Why a Protestant Pastor Became Catholic.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional School

Know that you have been kept in our prayers during this Advent Season. I will remember all of your intentions at Christmas and when I make my visit to the crib. I can't thank you enough for your support in all of the different ways that you do it, in prayer, buying our candy, and Blizzard Buck tickets, coming to our Spaghetti dinner, and offering your services.

As we look forward to our Christmas celebrations and the arrival of the New Year may the Infant Jesus bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Sister Helen Ann



Baptisms

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:

Olivia Elizabeth Laudicina

May God bless her and her family.



Long Island Catholic

Every Catholic household on Long Island is entitled to receive the Long Island Catholic your source for:

- * News of the Church, from Rockville Centre to Rome
- * Informative commentary on Catholic teachings, practices, and events
- * Coverage of Catholic parish life and family life on LI
- * Features on Catholic living their faith in the everyday world
- * Exciting news about Catholic youth and Catholic schools
- * The voice of the Church in the public square

REMEMBER: Your \$20 contribution to St. Jude parish on Long Island Catholic Sunday will help us defray the cost. In 2009 the cost to our parish was \$7,467 to provide subscriptions for every parishioner. Please support our parish with your contribution in the second collection on January 3rd.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

SCHEDULE FOR 2009

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, Dec. 26, 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

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.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

With all my heart I greet you this Blessed Christmas of 2009. All during Advent, we have heard the promise, "He is coming; He will not delay". Sunday after Sunday we have lifted up our hearts knowing that soon He would be born again to us on this Christmas Day. "Born again" because what He did once at a specific time in history, He does time and time again spiritually in all the hearts that long for Him, in all the families who search for Him, in all the parishes of our Diocese who "prepare the way" for Him.

Faith, family and friends come together at this time of year and give us the opportunity to experience God's many blessings in ways that make this the season of joy and happiness, of harmony and peace. In so doing we do not overlook the many difficult challenges we face in our personal lives and in our communities and indeed the world. War continues to be waged against an intractable enemy that time and again uses violence against the innocent as a weapon of choice. The specter of poverty is present in our land as well as many nations of our world, especially where there is famine and forced migration. In our own communities here on Long Island there are many persons and families who need our help today as perhaps never before in the living memory of most of us.

This season of joy and peace is not one in which we ignore these and other realities. Rather we show that we understand the true gift of Christmas by seeking to reach out to others and bring life and hope into lives that have known too much suffering, too little hope and not enough resources, material and spiritual, to find the strength to go forward on their own. And the message of Christmas is that they should not have to go it alone. The message of Christmas is that we all, without exception, become one through the One Who was born of Mary that first Christmas. The message of Christmas tells us that, because we all share in the life of Christ, in the light that bursts forth into the world from a Bethlehem stable, we in turn gladly receive His life, accept His life, share His life, and pass His life on.

Just as there is no one who is left out of Christ's birth, so there is no one of us who has nothing to give back to Him in thanksgiving. It may not be much by the world's standards of 'more and more' and 'costlier and costlier'. Instead it is something infinitely better. It is the gift we make of ourselves to the Lord and the gifts of joy and hope, of justice and peace that we share with all our brothers and sisters, especially those in most need. These are the true gifts of Christmas.

This Christmas Day He comes to us because He desires to do so. He wants us, He thirsts for us. Let His word illumine our lives and let Mary's offer of her Son to us all change our hearts. He who took from Mary our nature and not our fault is the One Who offers us His love through that very human nature we share. So, my dear friends, embrace one another as He has embraced you and honor one another as He has honored you and care for one another as He has cared for you for today we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, and all at peace because God sent His Son born of a woman that we might have life and life to the full.

A Joyous and Blessed Christmas to all,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

From the Pastor

December 25/27, 2009

The Nativity of the Lord/Holy Family

Christmas 2009

From Thanksgiving to Christmas, the word “tradition” is used overwhelmingly more than at any other time of the year. “Tradition” evokes sentiments (mostly positive) of ritual and continuity, fond memories, a deep connection with the past. Feasts, birthdays, anniversaries, and other *holidays* (derived from “*holy days*”) are the touchstones upon and into which we anchor our everyday lives.

That is why one of the most irksome proposals that we have heard and read in advertisements in the recent years are from product promoters who, in so many words, encourage us to oxymoronically, “Start a new family tradition.” I’m sorry, but it just makes my stomach turn. Because if something we do is newly begun it cannot possibly be a tradition! The essence of a tradition is that it is an action which has been handed down through several generations in a recognizable form. It has stood the test of time.

When we participate in a particular ritual/action for several years, it can be referred to as a “practice.” If the same practice is carried on for many years, it may then be called a “custom.” When a custom has been handed down and continued through several generations – many would say at least 75 years with minimal change – then may it rightly be called a “tradition.” A familial concept has been received, accepted, and passed on, and is part of who we are; something with which we identify strongly and which gives us a connection to those who have gone before us. It keeps us rooted and provides a level of inner comfort and stability in an ever changing world.

If we want to try an innovative recipe like a mango-kiwi stuffing for a turkey dinner on St. Valentine’s Day, it might be a big hit with our dinner guests. But if our Thanksgiving Day bird is transgressed with such a concoction, there might be an all-out war at the table because clearly, something seems very wrong! Most people desire a “traditional” Thanksgiving meal, with very few alterations. There is truly something bordering on the sacred about it, as well it should be. It shows our connection and reverence to a much greater Reality than the here-and-now.

Though we live in such a technological world, with a superabundance of modern electronic gifts beneath our Christmas trees these days, we must remember that the heart of the celebration is our faith in Jesus Christ. The traditions of our Catholic family – the Culture of the Church – are even more deeply important to us than turkey dressing or spritz cookies, as iconic and delicious as they may be. Most importantly, we must remember that the word “Christmas” translates from a compound, meaning Christ’s Mass”, and *not* “Fifty inch, High definition, flat screen T.V.”

We are gratefully connected to all those who have celebrated the Precious life of the Baby of Bethlehem: He who became one-with-us and one of us so that He would be for us; the way to salvation. Let us give the gift of ourselves to Him – not only this Christmas – but every Sunday when we live the tradition of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which connects us to generation upon generation of Christians: to the almighty and merciful God Himself.

“Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!” A Merry and Blessed Christmas to all.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg