

## Masses for the Week

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>January 2, 2010</u>
5:00 PM	Michael Seib †;
7:30 PM	Myrna Janet Rodriquez
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 3, 2010</u>
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
<u>Monday</u>	<u>January 4, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Lillian Massar †
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>January 5, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	John Sylvester
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>January 6, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Nick Mazic †
12:00 PM	St. Jude Guild- Carol Buonaiuto †; Patrick Leandro †; June Occhino †; Francesca DiMaria †
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>January 7, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Richard Kuzda †
<u>Friday</u>	<u>January 8, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Alan Czak †
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>January 9, 2010</u>
8:30 AM	Rita C. Samuels †
5:00 PM	Catherine Mary Bowen †
7:30 PM	Tito West & Fellow Seminarians
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 10, 2010</u>
8:00 AM	Salvatore & Giuseppa Pecoraro †
9:30 AM	Parishioners of Saint Jude †
11:30 AM	Repose of the Soul Dorothy Murphy O.P. †
5:00 PM	Kathleen Higgins †

† 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, Mary Whaley, Nicholas Nasta, Judith Palmer, Julia Tolve, Debra Petersen; Kathleen Geiger, Stephanie LaPuglia, John Reichert Jr., and Deacon Ken Geoghan.

**For the deceased:** John Terrone and Peter L. Medea

**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.**

### **For the Military:**

Timothy Weisner, John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Don Skelton, John Maresca, Vinnie Riveria, Matthew Parenti, Michael Cuervo, 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.

## Weekly Collection

Regular Collection- December 20th (snow)	\$ 3,628.36 <sup>Ⓢ</sup>
December 27th	\$11,767.02
Christmas Flowers	\$ 2,542.00
Christmas Collection	\$31,419.71

## Capital Campaign

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has completed their campaign pledge and all those continuing to complete their pledge.*

Total monies received as of 12/28/09	\$531,046.00
Total Campaign Pledges	\$606,514.00
(87.6% received)	Outstanding Way to Go!!!!

*A tax statement will be mailed to all who contributed to the campaign this past year. Thank you!!*

## Scripture Readings

### Monday

#### JANUARY 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious  
1 Jn 3:22—4:6 • Mt 4:12—17, 23—25

### Tuesday

#### JANUARY 5

Saint John Neumann, bishop  
1 Jn 4:7—10 • Mk 6:34—44

### Wednesday

#### JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:11—18 • Mk 6:45—52

### Thursday

#### JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:19—5:4 • Lk 4:14—22a

### Friday

#### JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:5—13 • Lk 5:12—16

### Saturday

#### JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:14—21 • Jn 3:22—30

### Sunday

#### JANUARY 10

Baptism of the Lord  
Is 42:1—4, 6—7 • Acts 10:34—38  
Lk 3:15—16, 21—22

## Altar Bread and Wine



The altar bread & wine for the week of January 4th has been donated in memory of:

**Sigmund & Alan Czak**



## Baptisms

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:  
Andrew James Shiminsky, Sahara  
Sunshine Rivera, Liam Sean  
Mannix

May God bless them and their families.

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## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

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Our next meeting will be Monday, January 4th in the parish center at 7:45p.m. Agenda: Holiday Review.



## Faith Formation

Happy New Year to ALL!

Faith Formation classes will resume Monday, January 4, 2010.

Confirmation Prep 2 Confirmation Retreat- Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 11:15 - 4:00p.m. Bring bag lunch and drink. Candidates will be measured for their Confirmation robes, so if you DO NOT NEED A ROBE please call the office and let us know. ALL CATECHISTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

Con. Prep 2 students have been mailed a post card with a scheduled date and time to come to the Faith Formation Office for their "Conversation about our Faith". Please be prompt and if you are unable to make the appointment, please call 281-2835 to reschedule. If you have not received a postcard, please contact the office.



## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Lighthouse Catholic Media Featured CD of the Week: **Unlocking the Book of Revelation- Michael Barber**  
In this exciting presentation, Barber reveal the deep treasures hidden in the Apocalypse, demonstrating the practical implications for living in today's modern world. **When is Jesus Coming? Listen and discover the surprising truth!**

### MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>Saturday</u>		<u>Sunday</u>			Total	
	5p.m.	7:30pm	8:AM	9:30	11:30		5p.m.
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
Dec 20	296	80	4	9	33	182	604
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day							2707
Dec 27	207	125	209	430	609	357	1937

## March for Life

Stand Up Now! Unite for the Life Principles  
No Exception! No Compromise!

### March for Life

Friday, January 22, 2010

Washington, D.C.

Please mark your calendar. Buses will depart from local parishes. If you are interested on attending the March for Life, please call Bill Doyle from our respect life committee @ 631-525-3336.

## 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.

## Thank You from the Priests

In case we are not able to thank everyone personally for their Christmas cards, gifts, delicious cookies and other goodies, please know we are grateful for all that we have received and thank God for your kindness and generosity to us!  
Merry Christmas!

Father Greg, Father Todd & Msgr. John

## The Epiphany of the Lord

A STARTLING VISION is embedded in the Second Vatican Council document *The Church in the Modern World*: Anyone who helps further the development of the human race also helps the Catholic Church (*Gaudium et Spes*, 44). We are meant to live in the real world—the world that is messy, confusing, complex, and dangerous. God steps onto the stage of *this* world. The Spirit works at every level of human affairs. Christ calls us to act. Thus, Vatican II called us to read the signs of the times. What led the Magi's steps? How did they interpret the signs they saw? Starting with stars, they were soon immersed in a deeper search. Whom did Herod trust? Did he trust the Scriptures? He had his advisors search the prophets to make sense of what the wise men were saying. Herod trusted the Book of Micah enough to fear a new ruler. He tried to draw the wise men into a sinister plan, but the Magi sensed something. Scripture doesn't say they agreed to help, but they must have given Herod the sense that they took him seriously. The Magi are savvy. They show courage at each stage of the story. They're not afraid to think on their feet. They're not afraid to go against the plans of those in power. They're not afraid to take a route different from the one they'd planned to take. They would do well in the modern world.

DAN FINUCANE

From the Pastor  
January 3, 2010  
The Epiphany of the Lord

## The Christmas Season

In a reflection on the Christmas Season, Bishop Robert J. Baker recounted an experience he had had one year on the *day after Christmas*, when he was Bishop of Charleston, South Carolina:

*“Some of the houses in Charleston have second-story wrought iron balconies that extend over the sidewalks below. As I was making my way on one of those sidewalks, a Christmas tree was tossed off a balcony in front of me. If I’d been walking fast, it would have hit me. Fortunately for me, I wasn’t... The Christmas season was apparently over for that city resident on the day after Christmas – or so it appeared to be.”*

It is hard for us to shovel sand against the tide, so to say, of our secularized society, but it is essential for believers to fully live the joy of the Christmas season that *begins* with the first Mass of the Nativity on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, for so many people, the Christmas season *ends* with the last bit of dessert on December 25th. Bishop Baker’s account sadly attests to that. In some cases, if the feeling lingers, it may simply be the result of holiday leftovers from the fridge and the cookie jar which somehow drag it out a little further.

For the family of the Church, the Christmas season officially ends with the celebration of *Evening Prayer II* (a.k.a. Second Vespers) on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; which in 2010 is Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. This means that for the faithful, we should still be in the midst of celebrating our Divine Savior’s birth, (remember the song, “The 12 days of Christmas?”) not hastily having drawn it to a close and packed it away. When we come to Mass, the crèche, trees, lights, and poinsettias remind us that we are still in the season. Why can’t our homes be the same? Many remember the days when the tree would be put in the stand a week before Christmas, and then Santa would decorate it when he arrived to drop off the presents in the middle of the night. The tree and decorations would remain until at least “Little Christmas,” January 6<sup>th</sup> ( the 13<sup>th</sup> day) when the Magi came to visit and offer their gifts.

Despite the pressure, a good number of us try to do our part in keeping the season as it ought to be. My priest-friends always have our annual Christmas gathering between the Nativity and the New Year. Our parish staff Christmas celebration will take place in January. I continue to open cards from family and friends and place them around the house into January. And I conspicuously leave them up until Ash Wednesday, as they bring bright spots and smiles on dreary winter days. Why cut the Christmas Season short? Let’s try to recapture Advent as the time of preparation, and Christmas as the time for full celebration. We’ve all got 10+ months to think about how we will approach Our Savior’s next birthday.

And so, as we begin a new year, the resolutions are ready to be put to the test. For many of us, it is definitely *P.T.C.D.T.*: “Put the Cookie Down Time,” because the wardrobe and the scale tell the brutally honest truth about what we have been consuming these days. And though I need to follow that same path, I am still very grateful to all those who have brought gifts to the rectory: cookies, sweets, nuts, various types of “Scottish Holy Water”... They have been thoroughly enjoyed and shared. Thank-you again.

Whether we lose weight or not, may 2010 be another year to grow in the grace of the good God, and share His love with one another. A continued Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Fr. Greg

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

### Memory of:

Richard Scharrer Sr. & Jr.  
John & Agnes Cuervo ( living )  
Bouhouris Family  
Stephen D. & Stephen J Stribula  
William Giordano  
Loretta Masters  
Timothy Ryan  
Mark Vitale  
James & Elizabeth Dermody  
Charles & Florence Stevens  
Peter & Edna Clancy  
Patrick Hickey  
John Klimas  
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The Ramos Family  
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Edna Malone  
Joseph McNally  
John, Jennie, & John Jr. Nesta  
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Salvatore Doloroso  
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Tony & Alice Fitzgerald  
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O'Sullivan, Albinos & Ieizarry  
Ramon & Maria Rivero  
Queen of the Seraphic Order for deceased members  
Ecilia, Anthony Jr. & Dinato Muti  
Bob Dillon  
Victoria Monte  
Morgan Monte  
Julia Minte