

Masses for the Week

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>January 9, 2010</u>
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 †
<u>Monday</u>	<u>January 11, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Marilyn & San Deletto †
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>January 12, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Robert Kister Jr. †
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>January 13, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Jeannie Sergio †
12:00 PM	St. Jude Guild- Dennis Fennessey †; Joan Messina †; Eleanor Glodzik †; Richard A. Roberts †; Charles Giadinello †
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>January 14, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Paul Klingin †
<u>Friday</u>	<u>January 15, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Patrick Spagnoletti †
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>January 16, 2010</u>
8:30 AM	Lucy Farrell †
5:00 PM	Adele Zecha †
7:30 PM	Tito West & Fellow Seminarians
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 17, 2010</u>
8:00 AM	Albert Reichert Sr. & Jr. †
9:30 AM	Norma McNeil †
11:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Jude
5:00 PM	Arthur Janssen †

† 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 Parinello, 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., Nicholas Ferrara and Deacon Ken Geoghan.

For the deceased: Valentino J. Sanchez Jr.; Raymond Rivera and Helen Frances Larner

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

Reg. Collection-with L.I. Catholic Jan3rd	\$9,365.68
Solemnity of Mary Jan. 1st	\$3,931.27
Holy Day Attendance- 722	

Capital Campaign

A tax statement has been mailed to all who contributed to the campaign this past year.

Scripture Readings

Monday JANUARY 11

Weekday1 Sm 1:1-8
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday JANUARY 12

Weekday1 Sm 1:9-20
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday JANUARY 13

Weekday1 Sm 3:1-10,
19-20 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday JANUARY 14

Weekday1 Sm 4:1-11
Mk 1:40-45

Friday JANUARY 15

Weekday1 Sm 8:4-7,
10-22a Mk 2:1-12

Saturday JANUARY 16

Weekday1 Sm 9:1-4,
17-19; 10:1a
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday JANUARY 17

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5
1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11

Altar Bread and Wine



The altar bread & wine for the week of January 11th has been donated in memory of:

Salvatore & Rose Cognata

Baptisms



We welcome our newly Baptized Children
Cadence Mercedes Rodriguez, Joanna Lisbeth
Umanzor and Aiden William Acosta

May God bless them and their families.



Faith Formation

Confirmation Prep 2 students- "Conversation About our Faith" are scheduled for Friday, January 15. Please be prompt. Thank you for your cooperation.



LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Lighthouse Catholic Media Featured CD of the Week:
A Guide to Raising (almost) Perfect Kids-
Dr. Gregory & Lisa Popcak

The Popcaks teach us that there isn't just one technique that you can use to make your child behave. They tell us that we have to discipline more than we punish, they explain the difference between the two, and give us suggestions on how to accomplish this.



37th Annual 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.

LIPA- SENIOR ENERGY ASISTANCE PROGRAM

This program helps take some of the sting out of electricity bills for income eligible seniors (age 62 or older). The program offers a one time credit of \$200 toward LIPA bills for those who qualify.

For more about financial assistance, visit www.lipower.org or call 1-800-490-0025.

The Baptism of the Lord

WHEN JESUS GOES down into the Jordan's water, He immerses himself in the world of John the Baptist. He walks out into the river and stands next to a stark, strange figure. Jesus is now in a wilderness that needs a new path cut through it. John's hands grasp and submerge Jesus. He comes up—soaked to the bone—in John's arms, squinting into the sun, lifted into a striking new vision. Jesus stands in mud and water. The heavens shift and open. And God is pleased. What is unfolding here? Long prophetic hopes have reached out for, yearned for, this event. Here is the One sent by God. The world is messed up.

God promises help. God sends the prophet John, who preaches. The main act is starting. What will God's work look like? John sets the stage in a desert. Is that a clever metaphor, a good visual aid? John really *lives there*—in the desert. He eats locusts. (Sound appetizing? Does honey help? Anyone tempted to join him?) Today's reading brings a familiar biblical image to our attention. Is it so familiar that our imaginations lose the earthly struggles that engulf these people and their hope for earthly Presence? A spectrum of strong emotions and expectations attach to Isaiah's prophesy. Life and death are at stake in John's baptism. John the Baptist preaches *power*. A New Baptizer will use *fire*. It is comforting to know God is coming. But do we want to see the Spirit who comes with fire? Fire can warm us gently. Fire can destroy swiftly. What's at stake when we say yes to baptism in Jesus Christ? In that water, we unite ourselves to Christ's death and resurrection. Here are the waters where Christ's baptism lives—and lifts us too.

DAN FINUCANE

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Saturday		Sunday				Total
	5p.m.	7:30pm	8:AM	9:30	11:30	5p.m.	
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
Jan 3	256	210	165	389	564	266	1850

ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 18, 2010 IN OBESERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. DAY.

Creative Ministries

Actors, singers, Dancers and Musicians needed
Creative Ministries, a Long Island Touring Company
seeks male and female actors, singers, dancers (Ballet
or Jazz) and musicians (woodwinds and strings) for a
dramatic presentation of the Passion of Jesus. The
JOURNEY, CROSS AND CRUCIFIXION, a
re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross, will be
presented at parishes throughout Long Island this
Lenten Season. Drama experience would be helpful but
not required. If interested, please join us at the CM
Performing Arts Center, located at 931 Montauk
Highway Oakdale on: Mon. Jan. 18 or Tuesday, Jan
19th at 7:30p.m.. For rehearsal information and touring
schedule, please check our website at
www.cmpac.com or call 631-218-2812.

OUTREACH -- THANK YOU

Thank you to all parishioners who gave so
generously during Christmas: toys, food, gift
cards, and clothing.

All of which helped provide to 302 families:
486 adults, 544 children and 59 seniors; Totaling
1089 individuals.

Thank you again for all that you have done and
continue to do for Outreach and your community
throughout the year.

St. Jude Outreach

OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES REGIONAL SCHOOL

The OLQA School is having their *Annual Italian
Dinner Night*. If you need any additional
information please call 874-0718.

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010

Time: 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: OLQA School Auditorium

2 St. John's Place

Center Moriches, NY 11934

Cost: Adults \$10.00, Seniors and children 14 and under
\$5.00. Ticket cost includes dinner, beverage and
dessert. All proceeds support the operating expenses
of the school.

Annual Telecare Telethon

Telecare Telethon Celebrates the Year of the Priest!

The Telecare Telethon is the weekend of:

January 17th 2:00 p.m. – 10:00p.m.

January 18th 12:00p.m. – 10:00p.m.

*Please tune in on Cablevision Channel 29 or Verizon
FiOS 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It
will be 18 hours filled with many guest "stars" including
many of the clergy, religious, and dedicated lay people in
our Diocese. Additionally, visits from some celebrity
chefs, musical groups and New York sports teams will
help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Msgr. Joe
DeGrocco, and Fr. Frank Nelson for the 19th annual
Telecare Telethon, celebrating the Year of the Priest.
Please consider making a donation by phone or a secure
donation over the internet at www.TelecareTV.org*

CENACLE SISTERS

The following programs to be held at the
Maude Adams House in January 2010, plus
one special upcoming Lenten series. For
more information, please call them at
631-588-8366...

Dream workshop-presenter Jean Lynch

Saturday, January 23, 2010 (9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Dreams offer an opportunity to explore the deep
hidden truth of who we are as God's beloved and
precious creation. Offering: \$50 for the day
includes a light lunch.

How to Make Lemonade from Lemons in Your

Life Presenter Judy Osterburg,r.c. and Valerie Dunne

Sunday, January 24, 2010 (1:30p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

The afternoon will include presentations and time for
personal quiet reflection, and will end with a prayer
service. Offering: \$30 for the afternoon, light
refreshments will be served.

Busy Persons At Home Retreat: A Perfect Lenten

Opportunity Presenter Mary Gallagher & Kathy Madden

Thursday Evenings: February 18, 25, and March

4, 11, 18, 25, 2010 (7:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

This six week retreat provides and opportunity for ½
hour of daily prayer at home as well as a weekly
gathering at the Cenacle for input and sharing of prayer
in a supportive atmosphere. Offering: \$100 for the
retreat. Must attend all six sessions.

From the Pastor

January 10, 2010

The Baptism of the Lord

Infant Baptism & Sponsors

The Sacrament of Baptism is the means by which we enter into the salvation our Divine Savior has brought about by His suffering, death, and resurrection. Through it we are cleansed of Original Sin, (though the effects still remain) and become the adopted sons and daughters of the Eternal Father; the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states:

“The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are ‘reborn of water and the Spirit.’ *God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by His sacraments.*” (1257)

For this reason, **there generally is no good excuse** for deferring the baptism of a child to some far off date in the future. Numerous parishes encourage parents to begin Baptism preparation *before* the baby is born, and then have the child baptized relatively soon after birth. Many of us who are of a certain age were baptized within a few weeks of seeing the light of day. Too often these days, it seems that the scheduling of the party takes precedence over the sacrament, resulting in Baptism being administered long after birth. (N.B.: the word, *Christening*, while often used, is not the proper term for the sacrament.)

Canon 867 of the *Code of Canon Law* gives the faithful very clear directions to follow:

“(1) Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth; as soon as possible after the birth or even before it the parents are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for the child and be prepared for it properly.

“(2) An infant in danger of death is to be baptized without any delay.”

While it is most fitting and wonderful to have all our family and friends present for the celebration of Baptism with the party directly following, the reality is that **we can have the celebration any time we want**. We should, however, seek to give our children the grace of spiritual rebirth as soon as possible. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, was taken to be baptized the same day he was born, April 16, 1927 – Holy Saturday – when the new water had just been blessed. His parents were very devout Catholics and wanted their son to have the gift of faith; salvation in Christ, that very day. I suppose we can say it has had an effect in his life!

Likewise, the choice of sponsor(s) for Baptism (a.k.a. godparents) is to be more than just a symbolic gesture, as they are to be an individual’s flesh-and-blood connection to the Church. The following are quoted directly from the Code (with a little of my commentary) and are binding on all the faithful:

Canon 872 – “Insofar as possible one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult into Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.” Thus, they are to be Catholics who take and live their Catholic faith seriously.”

Canon 873- “Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed.” This means that there can neither be two godfathers, nor two godmothers for an individual.

Canon 874 – “(1) To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

- 1 – be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
- 2- have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;
- 3- be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- 4- not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 5- not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.

(2) A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community (i.e.: *Eastern Orthodox Churches or Protestant denominations* – G.Y.) may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.”

Those who are *not baptized* can neither be sponsors nor witnesses to baptism. The sponsor has to be able to make the Profession of Faith, saying that he/she believes what the Catholic Church believes.

If a potential sponsor is married, they must be in a marriage recognized as **sacramental** in the Catholic Church. If a potential sponsor is not married, he/she is to be living a life of chastity in accord with his/her state in life.

Finding qualified, suitable sponsors for baptism is, unfortunately, becoming more difficult as fewer adults are fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This situation is encountered frequently when parents come to the rectory to register for baptismal preparation and set the date for their child’s Baptism.

I hope that this information is helpful and informative, and will be passed on to soon-to-be and new parents, as they begin their holy work of raising children for the Kingdom of God.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg