

Masses for the Week

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>January 16, 2010</u>
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 †
<u>Monday</u>	<u>January 18, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Caroline Huber †
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>January 19, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Alice Galati †
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>January 20, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Laurie Gerle †
12:00 PM	St. Jude Guild- Thomas Connelly †; Vera Omelcruk †; Francesca DiMaria †; Giuseppa Rappa †
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>January 21, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	John Miloski †
<u>Friday</u>	<u>January 22, 2010</u>
9:00 AM	Robert Boehmer †
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>January 23, 2010</u>
8:30 AM	Margaret Weis †
5:00 PM	Thanksgiving to St. Therese †
7:30 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory †
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 24, 2010</u>
8:00 AM	Joseph & France Scholl †
9:30 AM	Robert C. Cimusz †
11:30 AM	Frances Foley †
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 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, Ellen Ryan, Joseph Lambert, Mary Whaley, Nicholas Nasta, Judith Palmer, Julia Tolve, Debra Pedersen; Kathleen Geiger, Stephanie LaPuglia, John Reichert Jr., Nicholas Ferrara, Tim Traskos and Deacon Ken Geoghan.

For the deceased: Rose Stone, Joan M. Jeans and Katherine Mergel

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- January 10, 2010	\$10,245.26
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 3,140.00
	Thank You!

Scripture Readings

Monday JANUARY 18

Weekday 1 Sm 15:16-23

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday JANUARY 19

Weekday 1 Sm 16:1-13

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday JANUARY 20

Weekday 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37,

40-51 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday JANUARY 21

Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7

Mk 3:7-12

Friday JANUARY 22

Weekday 1 Sm 24:3-21

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday JANUARY 23

Weekday 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12,

19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday JANUARY 24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Altar Bread and Wine



The altar bread & wine for the week of January 18th has been donated in memory of:

Stephen D. Stribula

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers for the weekend of Jan. 16th & 17th has been donated in memory of:

Stephen D. Stribula

Wedding Banns



I Anthony Cairo-Jana Lynn Quitoni



Baptisms

We welcome our newly Baptized Children:
Ryan Vincent Engo
May God bless him and his family

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



Faith Formation

There will be NO Faith Formation Classes and the office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Confirmation Prep 2 students- "Conversation About our Faith" are scheduled for Friday, January 22. Please be prompt. Thank you for your cooperation.

Confirmation Prep 2 Students- Large Group Presentation on Monday, January 25, 2010 from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Presentation by Brenda Pistani and the topic is Missions. Sign in/out will be as usual at the parish center main hall.



LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Lighthouse Catholic Media Featured CD of the Week:
Defending Truth & Life - Fr. Frank Pavone

During this Week of Christian Unity and as we observe Dr. Martin Luther King's message of equality for every man, woman and child.



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.

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.

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 1/2 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.

J. V. Kavanaugh Columbiettes

BOWLING FOR CHARITY

Saturday, January 23, 2010 AMF Shirley Bowling Lanes
\$28.00 per person or 2/\$50.00 non-bowlers \$10.00 p.p.
INCLUDES: 2 hours Cosmic Bowling,Hero, Salad, Shoe and Ball Rental

"BOWLERS WANTED" call 874-9048

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.

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.

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
Jan 10	273	200	189	426	564	266	1918

SQUARE/LINE DANCE

The Mastic Beach Property Owners Association is sponsoring a Square/Line Dance on 1/29/10 from 8p.m. to 11p.m. The caller, Primo Fiore, is one of Long Island's better known Country Square and Line Dance caller. Admission is \$5.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members. Location is the club house on Neighborhood Road & Orchid Drive.

TOGETHER AS CHRISTIANS

Spend some time looking at the news, secular or ecclesial, and you will see a variety of problems in today's Church. The Greek word for church, *ekklesia*, means gathering." The folks gathering today don't always get along too well. Saint Paul's first letter to Corinth has a powerful message for us. He has already given strong advice to those gathering for the Eucharist. He's upset by divisions among the Christians there. He has scolded Christians for taking each other into secular courts instead of working on their problems together. He has addressed sexual immorality in the Church; a man is living with his father's widow. On top of all that, he sees Corinthians who are arrogant. Does this New Testament Church offer *us* a mirror? Now watch what Paul writes, after recounting the Corinthians' sins. To this same Church, he says, *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. Different—different views, different strengths, different focuses—different isn't the problem. Failing to work together is the problem. That's hard work. But we are called to do it —called to be one—because we have one Lord, one Spirit. Today's readings give us powerful advice to remember as we gather the Church together, as we live with diverse views and even our deep arguments: We should not avoid problems. For Zion's sake I will not be silent (Isaiah 62:1). We have a variety of gifts. We are different, because God wants difference to deepen the Church's wisdom. Like water changed into wine, *our ordinary stuff* may become something more; it can become *the very presence of Christ*.*

DAN FINUCANE

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION

We apologize to the following individuals who contributed, we had a spelling error:
The Fusco & Kameron Families

From the Bishop

January 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Diocesan Finance Council, like your parish finance council, is an invaluable help to me in assuring that the Diocese uses her financial and material resources wisely, efficiently and effectively. Last year after a protracted discussion and consultation with them and other experts, I decided we needed a new position of Chief Operating Officer (COO) to address our present and future planning for the best use of the resources that are ours, thanks to your generosity. With thirty five years experience in 'for profit' and 'not for profit' leadership in this area, Mr. Charles Trunz joined us last June and has begun the process of re-organizing and making more efficient the material resources we need for our pastoral life which is always the measure of what we do.

At the beginning of this New Year, I want to share with you what we have learned these past few months. I want you to know how we are preparing to confront and address the financial challenges we face today and for the next five years. In this way, before I leave office as your bishop, we all can be guaranteed that the diocese, all our parishes and the many other pastoral projects of our beloved Church on Long Island will be in a healthy and sound financial and material condition. This will allow us to go forward with confidence and enthusiasm for the next generations of Catholics on Long Island. In challenging economic times, we are witnessing increasing demands for the ministries our Church provides. Your financial stewardship through contributions to the Mass offertory and the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal are the two principal sources we have to provide most of the funds to support the Church's five key ministries: our parishes, pastoral outreach, education, Catholic Charities and formation.

Generous as you have been and continue to be, today the expenses associated with the ministries and services we provide our parishioners and the greater Long Island community exceed the donations you, as good stewards, make to parish, diocese and the other charitable and educational commitments that are ours.

Our two primary income sources - Mass offertory and the Catholic Ministries Appeal - have remained steady over the past several years. However, our stewardship of the Church today has to face two significant trends: (1) a steady increase in demand for many of the Church's services, such as Catholic Charities and Education, and (2) rising operating expenses in the areas of healthcare, personnel, and building maintenance.

In 2009, we implemented a Church-wide salary freeze to help maintain expenses to mitigate a portion of these challenging trends. However, that is a one time stop gap. As we review the demand for our ministries and the accelerating expense trends over the next five years, we need to restructure our organization, make it more efficient and effective and create the operating surpluses necessary to invest in our ministries. These steps are necessary for us to provide for the pastoral life of our Church. That is our primary task now and in the future. The key to this is that we together see ourselves as one Church across Long Island with over 200 parishes, schools, and other operating entities that have a tremendous impact for the good of Long Island and beyond. We all share in and are committed to our whole mission: to provide spiritual, pastoral, educational, and charitable services to hundreds of thousands of Catholics annually. Just stop and think what life on Long Island would be without our parishes, our schools, our religious education, our care for the poor and vulnerable and our commitment to healing the sick, all in the context of proclaiming Jesus Christ who is the only answer to the yearnings of every human heart.

Long Island is different today than it was fifty years ago. The societal and demographic realities have an effect on the lives of us all as it does on us as the one Church of Jesus Christ on Long Island. As your bishop I have to see to it that we as a Church face up to these pastorally and spiritually. I also have a responsibility to see to it that we meet the financial and material challenges so that we can continue to have the means to live our life as the Body of Christ and offer our work and witness for the good of all here on Long Island. This is our mission given to us by the Lord Himself.

Our Chief Operating Officer, Charles Trunz, is leading our team as we review the demand for our services, the financial resources to provide for these services, the demographics of the communities we serve, and the organization and operating model supporting our parishes and schools. These are not ends in themselves. They are the means for us to live as Church. We do this so that we can succeed to pass on our faith and have a strong, vibrant Church. Over the next few months we will restructure our internal organization to protect the financial viability of our Church for 2010 and beyond. Through this new model we are committed to ensuring that every parishioner's donation is maximized for the pastoral priorities of our Church and for the good of our communities in the most operationally efficient manner possible.

As Monsignor Robert Brennan, our Vicar General, Charles Trunz and I with the whole team of our colleagues at the Diocesan Pastoral Center work to make the Catholic Church of Long Island financially vibrant for today, the year 2015 and beyond, we ask for your continual spiritual and financial support. We can do it. We must do it. We will do it. As we meet these challenges with confidence, hope and trust, we must never forget that it is the Lord who is head of the Catholic Church at Rockville Centre, the Church of Long Island. We, however, cannot refuse to meet our responsibilities for the Church of today and tomorrow. Over the next few months, you will be hearing more on our new operating model and restructuring which will ensure our Church sustains the necessary financial resources to meet our pastoral needs.

The Lord has promised us that He is with us until the end of time. He is the one who tells us, "Be not afraid". He is the one who will inspire and sustain us so that the Church on Long Island may always be a beacon of hope and a place of faith and love for us, our children and grandchildren and all who seek the Lord who is "the way, the truth and the life". We today always put our trust in Him whose Spirit now and always guides His Church to the fullness He has promised and He has guaranteed. With my promise to serve you with all my heart and all my being, and assuring you of my prayers for you and all you hold dear, I am

Yours devotedly in Christ,
William F. Murphy
Bishop of Rockville Centre