

Masses for the Week

Saturday February 27, 2010
 5:00 PM Anna Adam Klein
 7:30 PM Leona Cascia †
Sunday February 28, 2010
 8:00 AM Timothy Ryan †
 9:30 AM Michael DeLuca †
 11:30 AM Evan Cumo †
 5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude —
Monday March 1, 2010
 9:00 AM Carmen, Maria, & Luigi Gigi
Tuesday March 2, 2010
 9:00 AM Happy Birthday Timothy Ryan †
Wednesday March 3, 2010
 9:00 AM Robert Kister Jr. †
 12:00 PM St. Jude Guild-Cyril Wolpert †
 Bob & Susan Cento
Thursday March 4, 2010
 9:00 AM James Colbert †
Friday March 5, 2010
 9:00 AM Margaret Weis †
Saturday March 6, 2010
 8:30 AM Lynda Caraballo †
 5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude
 7:30 PM Santos Aurora- Umanzor
Sunday March 7, 2010
 8:00 AM Rocco Russo †
 9:30 AM Marcella Murphy †
 11:30 AM Michael DeLuca †
 5:00 PM Joseph Ramos

† denotes Mass is for deceased

For the Sick : Benjamin Archer; Mary De Guiseppe; Anthony Ronga, John Walsh, Geraldine Arnold, Benny Varriale, Dan Clark, Vic Mendolia; Ana Maria Ferrer, Anna Daly, Baby Raymond Michael Dhyne, Trinity Kotsonis, Frances, Naglieri, Francis X. Butler, 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 Marcocella, 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, Joseph Lambert, Nicholas Nasta, Judith Palmer, Julia Tolve, Debra Pedersen; Kathleen Geiger, Stephanie LaPuglia, Nicholas Ferrara, Tim Traskos, Carmela DeStefano, Frank Russo, Brian Groecki, Brian Anthony Thibadeau, Ann Mecca, Pat Yander, Ed Daly, Jeannine Sottong, Anna Saccomagno, Anthony DeMaio, Regina Garufi, Catherine Donnellan, & Barbara Muller

For the deceased: Constance Mullaly, Ann York, Irene Bonpietro, Vanda Hernandez, Marie Ferland and Michael Dolan

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.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 1st in the parish center @ 7:45 p.m. After meeting will be about the Irish.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection- Feb 21, 2010 \$10,404.83

Thank you!

Scripture Readings

March 1 Lenten Weekday
 Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38
March 2 Lenten Weekday
 Is 1:10, 16-20
 Mt 23:1-12
March 3 Lenten Weekday
 Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28
March 4 Lenten Weekday
 Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31
March 5 Lenten Weekday
 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,
 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
March 6 Lenten Weekday
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
March 7 Third Sunday of Lent
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
 Lk 13:1-9

Baptisms



We welcome our newly Baptized Children: Elaina Marie Lee, Samara Joy Lee, Gia Marie Rosello, Anthony Michael Bainscospino

May God bless them and their families

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread & wine for the week of March 1st has been donated in memory of: Timothy Ryan



Intentions for 2011 are now available

Wedding Banns

- I Anthony Blanco- Jennifer Giuliani
- II Daniel Burkhard- Jessica Marie Nizza



MASS ATTENDANCE

	Saturday	Sunday				
	5p.m.	7:30pm	8:AM	9:30	11:30	5p.m. Total
Jan 24	399	160	209	436	570	296 2070
Jan 31	357	155	178	426	543	345 2004
Feb 7	371	150	191	458	600	262 2032
Feb 14	354	115	195	380	605	325 1974
Feb 21	374	149	198	382	576	341 2020



Faith Formation

March 3, 2010, 7:30p.m. Parish Center Main Hall-

Confirmation Candidate, Sponsor and Parent Meeting for CP2 students attending class on Thursday evening. We will also have a display of Confirmation items that you may wish to purchase for your child's Confirmation from Mr. Lou. So come a little earlier so that you may browse over the items.

Lenten Stations of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be prayed each Friday evening during Lent at 8:00 PM.

Spanish Stations of the Cross will be on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM.

Italian Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

First Saturday



Devotions

The First Saturday of each month is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Please join in the praying of the Rosary and the First Saturday Devotion prayers, March 6th at 8 AM and followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Morning Lauds

As has been the custom here at St. Jude's, we will pray Morning Prayer (The Prayer of the Church) Monday through Friday at 8:15 AM, followed by the Holy Rosary.

Lenten Regulations

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat all Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food in between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be eaten during the day.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

The Catholic Ministries Appeal has begun in our Parish and across the Diocese. Discuss with your family and prayerfully reflect upon the graces that God has bestowed on you and your loved ones. The decision you make is between you and God, and through prayer and reflection, you will come to a meaningful response. Our Parish Goal for 2010 remains the same as 2009 \$45,612.00 Literature and pledge envelopes are available in church lobby.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is a special time of grace in the life of the Church. It is a time when many people receive the grace to come back to the practice of the faith. It is also a time of ongoing conversion for each of us.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available each Saturday during Lent at noon, and from

4 PM to 4:45 PM. and Wednesdays 2:00p.m. to 2:45 p.m. We encourage you to make use of this sacrament. The Confession Schedule for Holy Week will be printed closer to that week. Please mention this opportunity to family and friends who may be looking for the opportunity to come home!

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

All Girl Scouts are invited to join in the celebration of the 9:30 Mass on Girl Scout Sunday, March 7th. During the Mass four scouts will be recognized for their achievements in the Religious Awards Program. Those four girls will join in the entrance procession and sit in reserved seating. All other girls are to sit with their families among the congregation. All are encouraged to wear their uniforms. Girl Scout Sunday patches are available for purchase through your Troop leader. Anyone interested in earning Religious Award Medals should contact St. Jude's Religious Awards Coordinator, Anne Schiraldi at 281-6501.

Pancake Breakfast

Cub Scout pack 88 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast to help cover the cost for Religious medals, books and program.

Sunday, March 7th after Morning Masses 8a.m. to 1p.m. in the parish center hall.

\$7.00 adults (over 5 years old)
\$5.00 for seniors and under 5 years old
\$25.00 family of 4 or more

St. Jude's Blood Drive

St. Jude's Church will be hosting a Blood Drive Friday, March 19, 2010 from 2:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. Volunteers will be available after every Mass for the next 3 weekends. Long Island Blood Services is in desperate need of donors due to the recent cancellation of many blood drives, because of incimate weather, please consider a donation, possibly visiting both our Fish Fry and our Blood Mobile on Friday, the 19th.



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

you,

Thank

St. Jude Outreach

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Media Featured CD of the week: Why a Protestant Pastor Became Catholic- Dr. Scott Hahn

Dr. Hahn was militantly anti-Catholic, but his search to seek the truth ultimately led him into the Catholic Church. His amazing journey of faith helps us better understand and appreciate the Mass and the Sacraments.

LENTEN RETREAT

St. Peter the Apostle Church invites you to its Lenten Retreat: *Trusting in God's Ways: During Times of Uncertainty*. Sr. Pat Duffy will lead us in prayer. The three day Retreat will be held on Monday, March 8th through Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30p.m. Sr. Pat is sure to bring her prayerful presence which is sure to bring us to a place where we can encounter our God. Call 277-9448 with any questions. God Bless you this Lenten season.



St Jude's Easter Fair

Mark your Calendar! Our Annual Easter Fair will be on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If anyone is able to donate items for our raffle tables they can drop them off at the rectory... and thank you! Anyone willing to donate desserts for the bake sale please notify the rectory. Thank you!!!!

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

St. Joseph's College @ Clare Rose Playhouse Presents: GODSPELL General Admission \$15. Students & Senior \$12.

March 5th & 6th at 8p.m., March 7th at 3p.m. For reservations call 631-654-0199

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ST. JUDE WEBSITE - PRAYER BOARD

There is now a prayer board available on our church website. It is really easy to use and hopefully it will help spread God's love, compassion, and mercy to those in need.

To get to the Prayer Board just visit our website www.stjudemb.org then click on the "Our Prayers" link in the menus and follow the easy instructions.

LENTEN FISH FRY

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St. Jude Parish and the J.V. Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus is hosting the Lenten fish fry. Come feed your body and soul. Fridays during Lent started February 19th and continuing until March 26th, the week before Good Friday.

There is plenty of time to enjoy your meal and afterwards join us for Stations of the Cross at 8p.m. in the church.

Dinner includes: Fish fillet, French fries, coleslaw, roll, dessert and soda for just \$8.00 per person. Soft drinks will be served. However, if you would like you may bring your own beverage.

The fish fry will be held at the parish center hall serving from 5:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.

The monies raised at the fish fry will be allocated to:

- 1. Rosarian Scholarship for Philomena Fino †
- 2. To help Deacon Ken Geoghan and family
- 3. For the needs of St. Jude parish.

This is a perfect time to take a walk through and see the new classrooms and renovated bathrooms, completed with the Capital Improvement funds.

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Spiritual Adoption Program of the Unborn

Our Respect Life committee asks you to help encourage respect for the sanctity of human life, from the moment of conception, around the world; the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of the unborn child. This can be done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live. To help accomplish this, it was recommended that an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of nine months.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of (baby's name) the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." (Prayer by Archbishop Sheen).

On Sunday, March 14th a table will be set up in the church lobby with poster and prayer cards by the Respect Life Committee. Each month a bulletin announcement will be made tracking the development of the unborn in the womb.

From the Pastor
February 28, 2010
Second Sunday in Lent

How to Make a Good Confession

Today we hear the Gospel account of the Transfiguration of Our Lord – how he was changed in appearance before His disciples, Peter, James, and John – so that they (and we) would be strengthened to endure his suffering and death, having witnessed the true glory that He possesses in union with the Father. It is the glory and purity to which we are all called.

One of the ways to be transformed and purified into who we are supposed to be in Christ, is to avail ourselves of the mercy and graces which God pours forth for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need the discipline of Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we need to do penance for our sins and those of others, and we need a good confession from time-to-time to say we are sorry for having sinned against God, His Church, and ourselves. We all need to do it.

Some say, “I tell my sins to God directly. That’s just as good.” Jesus instituted this Sacrament because we need to tell our sins to someone “who has skin,” so to say. We need to tell our sins to another flesh-and-blood person. This direct contact makes it real. If you have said or done something that hurt your wife, for instance, just being sorry in your heart and mind doesn’t cut it. You need to say it to her, and then show it by your loving actions.

The three main acts that are necessary for forgiveness are: contrition, confession, and satisfaction. First, we need to acknowledge that we are sinners and have sinned, and ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us as to what all our sins are. Using an examination of conscience guide, such as the one found in the *Primer for Confession* pamphlet, (available in the church vestibule) is very helpful. Having specific sins to confess is a must.

Contrition means that for whatever we have done wrong or failed to do good, we need to be sorry for it; at least imperfectly. For example, can one legitimately confess going over 55 mph on the L.I.E. when they know with certainty that they are going to do it again, and again, and again? Even though it breaks the law, it is not necessarily a sin. Anything we bring to confession should be a sin, and we should be sorry. It is not the forum for telling how good we are.

Sometimes people come in to me for reconciliation, and have only one or two sins to confess after many years. I usually say to them, “Wow! That’s all? I just went to confession and have a lot more to confess in one week than you do for 20 years!” (Honestly.) God forgive me if I am being judgmental, but somehow I don’t believe a good examination of conscience has been made in such cases. But then again, maybe I am a lot more rotten than everyone else... Be that as it may, the upshot: I usually direct such persons to take a copy of the *Primer* so that they may be well prepared for their next confession. I also advise going every few months, because the longer we wait, the more our memory fades. And don’t we want to unload all the junk *and* receive the graces?

So then, we confess our sins to a priest as best we know them, not purposefully leaving anything out, yet without telling “stories” that are not necessary to the sacrament. If we have a tendency to be chatty, we should be mindful of holding up the line for others who are waiting. Courtesy never goes out of style. Also, we don’t confess someone else’s sins. As St. John Vianney rightly said, “**Confession is an accusation, not a conversation.**” Keep the small talk, rambling or minute details to a minimum. While some circumstances may legitimately need to be brought out for particular sins, the best rule is to be short and to the point: say what truly needs to be said, and move on. God knows the details.

After confessing, we seek to live a life in accord with the love of God that has brought us forgiveness, trying to do penance as a concrete sign of our turning away from sin and darkness, and towards goodness and light. We are to be sorry and have a *firm purpose of amendment* that we will try to avoid these sins in the future.

So here's a brief run-down of the mechanics of confession:

Make an examination of conscience in advance.

When you first approach the confessional or where the priest is stationed, there is often the option of sitting face-to-face with the priest, or behind the screen, should you want to be anonymous.

Begin by making the sign of the cross and saying, "Bless me father, for I have sinned. It has been (length of time) since my last confession, and these are my sins." Then confess your sins as best you know them. (I don't have any problem with bringing a list or a "cheat-sheet." I sometimes do it myself.) It is often good to add at the end, "For these, and all the sins I cannot remember, I am truly sorry."

Then the priest will perhaps give some counsel, assign a penance to do, and ask you to make an act of contrition.

For the absolution, the priest will extend his right hand towards you and conclude with the words, "...and I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." When he does so, make the sign of the cross. The priest may say, "Go in peace." To which the response is, "Thanks be to God."

Then go and thank God, do your penance, and live the life of one who has been forgiven!

Don't put your confession off for some time in the future. We never know how much time we have. Go to any Catholic church you want if you are uncomfortable at your own parish. We are happy to share! And believe me, the priest is not going to yell at you. I am always so grateful to God when someone comes to confess and leave the ugliness of the past behind, and that I am (as a priest and a sinner) allowed to be an instrument of Jesus' merciful love. Remember also, when your sins have been humbly confessed, God forgets them, and the priest can't tell them to anyone either, (I can't remember too much of anything anyway) so what could be better than that!

During Lent, confessions are heard at St. Jude in the church:

Saturdays at 12:00 noon.

Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:45 pm

Wednesdays from 2:00 – 2:45 pm

Also more extensively during Holy Week; and by appointment.

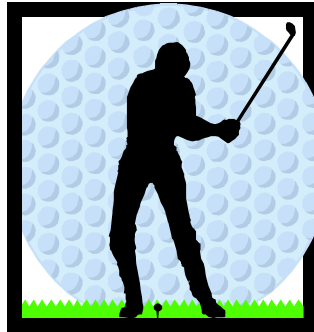
Contrite sinners are **always** welcome!

In Christ,
Fr. Greg

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26th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Longest Drive (2)
Closest to the Pin (3)
Hole in One (1)



Putting Contest
50/50 Raffle
Raffle Prizes

Save the Date

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

*ROCK HILL COUNTRY CLUB
Clancy Road, Manorville, N.Y.
631-878-2250*

\$175.00 per person

Tee sponsors \$100.00

*8:00-9:30AM- Registration
Driving Range, Buffet Breakfast
10:00AM-Shotgun Start—Scramble Format
Lunch – Beverages-Course Snacks
4:00 PM Buffet Dinner, Open Bar*

Tom Gross 921-6793 Ron Gross 255-0339

SAINT JUDE'S EASTER FAIR



Saturday, March 27, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Shop the Vendors,
Taste the food, Raffles
Take a Picture with the Easter Bunny

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

89 Overlook Drive Mastic Beach
For more information call 281-5743

