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“To the Greater Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls.”



Celebration of the Eucharist

SATURDAY EVENINGS
5:00pm Vigil Mass
7:30pm Spanish Mass

SUNDAY
8:00am English & Italian
9:30am Children's Choir
11:30am Adult Choir
5:00pm Youth Mass

MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY
9:00am Mass
Noon Mass

SATURDAY
8:30am Mass

HOLY DAYS AS
ANNOUNCED.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - January 2nd 2011

Pastor
Rev. Gregory Yacyshyn

In Residence
Msgr. John Heinlein

Senior Priest
Rev. James Leone

Parish Office Hours

MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY AND
FRIDAY
9:00am – 5:00pm
WEDNESDAYS
9:00am – 6:00pm
SATURDAYS
CLOSED
SUNDAYS
9:00am – 2:00pm
CLOSED HOLIDAYS

Deacons
Thomas Gillen
Kenneth Geoghan
Mark Herrmann
Joseph Simeone

Useful Numbers

RECTORY
281-5743
PARISH OUTREACH
281-5634
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
281-2835
YOUTH MINISTRY
281-5743
NURSERY SCHOOL
395-3959
QUEEN OF APOSTLES
SCHOOL
878-1033
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL
281-5743 ext. 29

**Sacrament of
Anointing of
the Sick**
Available in danger of
death or whenever
there is a personal
need, call the rectory
for an appointment.

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation/
Confession**
SATURDAYS
4:00-4:45pm and by
appointment
WEDNESDAYS
2:00-2:45pm and by
appointment

Parish Outreach
MON.-THURS.
9:00am - 1:00pm
CLOSED
FRI., SAT., SUN.
AND HOLIDAYS

**Sacrament of
Marriage**
Couples wishing to be
married should contact
the rectory at least one
year in advance to meet
with one of the priests
to make wedding
arrangements.
Pre-Cana is required
for all couples.

**Sacrament of
Baptism**
Celebrated on most
Sundays throughout
the year. Please contact
the rectory to set up
an appointment with
a member of the staff
to arrange for the
Baptismal preparation
session and to set a
date for Baptism.

Devotions

MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA
Mondays after the
9:00am Mass

ST. JUDE NOVENA
Thursdays after the
9:00am Mass

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesdays after the
NOON Mass

Benediction at 3:00pm
FIRST FRIDAY
8:00pm - 9:00pm

Benediction at 9:00pm

THE HOLY ROSARY
Monday through Friday
at 8:30am; Saturdays at
8:00am

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011

5:00pm Ray West †

7:30pm Robert Schwab †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2011

8:00am Parishioners of St. Jude

9:30am Michael Latham †

11:30am Andrew Stanco †

5:00pm Alfred Monteleone †

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011

9:00am Robert O'Leary †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011

9:00am Gloria Robertaccio †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2011

9:00am Dawn Kudreyko †

NOON Saint Jude Guild — Kay Mergel †

Rose Emig †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011

9:00am Carol Buonaiuto †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011

9:00am Gloria Robertaccio †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2011

8:30am Josephine Ficcardetto †

5:00pm Ava Maria Ferrer †

7:30pm Mary Hughes †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011

8:00am Frank DiMaria †

9:30am Parishioners of St. Jude

11:30am Joan M. Jeans †

5:00pm D.J. Ebbecke †

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

FOR THE SICK: Christopher Barnes, Barbara Breier, Don Bull, Francis X. Butler, Cory Castelli, Anthony Cuccia, Mary Theresa Cunningham, Dorothy Davin, Anthony DeLuco, Julie DiCarlo, Alexandra Ditman, Mike Fallgren, Nicholas Ferrara, Steven Heerbrandt, Richard & Matthew Kaminsky, Lawrence Katz, Cookie Landau, Joseph Lutz, Joe Maloney, Jean McDonald, Vic Mendolia, Anthony Naglieri, Francis Naglieri, Jennie Paruolo, Frank Russo, Tina Marie Saccente, Jeffrey Scaccio Jr., Fara Schacca, Barbara Schiebel, Richard Steffen, Julia Tolve, Julia Vaglio, Ronald Weick, Madeline Wolpert, Joan Weisner, Tony Zottoli

FOR THE DECEASED: George DiMasi Jr.

FOR THE MILITARY: Joseph Competello, Matt Corica, Michael Cuervo, Kenneth Drumm, Jr., Daniel Edwards, Daniel Engo, Michael Hickey, Jeffrey Holmes, Richard Kruger, John Maresca, Joe Occhineri, Matthew Parenti, Rich Pinckney, Tory Pinckney, Gerard Posillico, John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Vinnie Riveria, Don Skelton, Bobby Sosa, James Tagliamonte, Derek Trabocchi, Bryant Walker, Timothy Weisner

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes will resume on Monday, January 3, 2011.

STEWARDSHIP ITEM FOR JANUARY: Soup and crackers.

THANK YOU: A gracious thank you to all our families who donated gloves and scarves as our stewardship item for the month of December. They were given to clients at St. Vincent de Paul. God bless you for your graciousness.

CATECHIST COURSE: On January 6th, 13th, & 27th at 7:45PM on the First Floor Room in the parish center—Course on the Catechism of the Catholic Church material by Fr. John Corapi. This is a DVD series. All are welcome!

ADVENT DONATION BOXES: Boxes were due into the Faith Formation Office by December 13th. If you still have one, please bring to office as soon as possible. Thank you to all who saved up their coins and made donations as part of this year Advent Preparation. Collection totaled \$ 497.68

CONFIRMATION PREP 2 & RCIC2 UPPER STUDENTS: Your Confirmation Retreat is on Saturday, January 8th from 11:15AM–4:00PM. You will be measured for your Confirmation robe. Please remember to bring a bag lunch and drink. Please **DO NOT BRING MONEY TO PAY FOR ROBE** you pay when you pick it up. You have been sent a notification in the mail with an appointment for your Confirmation interview. We will have a conversation with you about your faith and if you are prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please be prompt and come on your appointed day and time. If you have not received notification, please call the office at 281-2835.

Lighthouse Catholic Media—Advent CD

Make a New Year's resolution to nourish your soul! Join the **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD OF THE MONTH CLUB** and receive a brand new CD title (not on the stand), shipped directly to your home, for only \$5 per month. A portion of your subscription comes back to St. Jude. Please visit www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub/refer/23358 or call Julia at 399-4260 with any questions.

First Friday Devotions

First Friday is January 7th. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 until 9PM. We encourage all of our Parishioners to participate in the Hour of Adoration.

Rosary Altar Society

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 3rd in the parish center at 7:45PM
Agenda: Holiday Review.

Long Island Catholic Collection

We ask that you prayerfully consider renewing or subscribing to the L.I. Catholic. Your \$20 contribution for the L.I. Catholic supplies a subscription for a year for your family and supports Excellence in Catholic Journalism here on Long Island. In 2009, the cost to our parish was \$7,467.00 to provide subscriptions for every parishioner. In 2010, the Diocese of Rockville Centre began incurring the cost directly, relieving the parish of the financial cost. The collection is held this weekend.

Thank You from your 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 received and thank God for your kindness and generosity to us! Merry Christmas!

—Father Greg and Msgr. John



New Year's Resolutions

Looking back globally, the year 2010 that has just passed was not one marked by many positive occurrences. War and international tensions have increased; instances of dishonesty and corruption have been exposed and reported; and the “economic recovery train” that was supposed to have rolled into the station by now got stuck somewhere on the tracks, as many people are still without work. In the secular sense, we can say that times have most certainly been better.

Yet there is much to rejoice about! Despite tough economic times, the outpouring of generosity and concern for those in need has been remarkable. With the assistance of good souls, mainly within but also outside of the parish, the increased requests for Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas baskets and toys were easily met. God—at work through His people—has made this possible. Our dedicated Parish Outreach staff and volunteers did a wonderful and joyful job of putting it all together.

Many generously gave food, turkeys, and other goods to St. Jude Parish Outreach to be distributed as was seen fit for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday needs; as is done throughout the year. Other individuals, families, and groups “adopted” specific families to be the direct beneficiaries of their charity; making it a more “personal” gift, even if neither directly knew who the other party was. I believe this outpouring is a beautiful sign of our response to the generosity of God, especially when I hear of families who realize their many blessings and have determined that they don’t need to exchange gifts, and instead, give the money they would have spent on and among themselves for others who are not as materially comfortable. How pleased the good God must be when we extend the bountiful love He has poured forth on us to others: Christ is certainly alive in our midst!

As we begin a new year, proposed “resolutions” are all around us: lose weight, eat better, exercise more, stop smoking, watch less television and read more; stop procrastinating and finish the projects we start and never complete... the list goes on and on. Too many of those proposals are self-oriented; mainly geared towards the betterment of “me.” How many are focused on the greater glory of God and the good of neighbor? The practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy as mentioned above? I trust fully that the good people of St. Jude Parish have that bigger picture in mind and want to continue the good works mentioned above, spend more time in prayer and in our Lord’s service in this New Year and beyond.

The Reverend Jean-Pierre de Caussade, S.J. (+1751) was a great spiritual writer and director of souls. Perhaps we can take a little of his advice towards being more Christ-like in 2011:

The great and solid foundation of the spiritual life is to give oneself to God in order to be the subject of his good pleasure in everything internal and external, and afterwards to forget oneself so completely that one considers oneself as a thing sold and delivered to the purchaser to which one no longer has any right, in such a way that the good pleasure of God makes all our joy, and that His happiness, glory, and being become our sole good

This foundation being laid, the soul has nothing to do save pass all its life in rejoicing that God is God, abandoning itself so completely to His good pleasure, that it is equally content to do this or that, or the contrary, according to His divine will, without reflecting on the use to which his good pleasure makes of it.

To abandon oneself! This then is the great duty which remains to be fulfilled after we have acquitted ourselves faithfully of the duties of our state. The perfection with which this duty is accomplished will be the measure of our sanctity.

A holy soul is but a soul freely submitted to the divine will with the help of grace. All that follows this simple acquiescence is the work of God and not of man. The soul should blindly resign itself in self-abandonment and universal indifference. This is the only disposition asked of it by God; the rest belongs to Him to choose and determine according to His designs, as an architect selects and marks the stones of the building he proposes to construct.

We should then love God and His plan in everything, and we should love it as it presents itself, desiring nothing more.

Like the Magi, may we seek Christ wherever He is to be found, so that we will find the beloved King of our souls.

**In Christ,
Fr. Greg**

Let us accompany Mary and Joseph in the journey of our life; and,
with them, let us accompany the King of heaven, who is born in a cave,
and makes his first appearance in the world as an infant,
but as the poorest and most forsaken infant that ever was born amongst men.

—Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Mass Book for 2012

The Mass book will open for 2012 Mass Intentions on Monday, January 24, 2011. The book will open for the year from January 2012 to December 31, 2012. We also have many St. Jude Guild Masses still available for 2011. *******There will be a limit of 5 Mass Intentions per person on any given day, until February 7th.**

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

Women's Wisdom Circle: The first Thursday of each month from 7:30–9PM. A quiet place where you meet wisdom, allow yourself to let go of all that is on your mind. Become aware of your heart beating. Take several deep breaths. Be still as you wait for wisdom to speak to your heart.

Meeting for Men Only: Every Monday night at 7:30PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Fr. Roy hosts a meeting geared for men that discusses topics and interests for and about men on their spiritual journey. Why not join us and bring a friend for these timely meetings at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville, NY.

Free Food for those in Need

The C.S.F.P. (Commodity Supplemental Food Program), funded by the USDA, NYSDOH, and administered by Catholic Charities is offering free food for up to 6–12 months post-partum women, infants, children 5–6 years of age, and elderly persons above 60 years of age. Gross monthly income for seniors: Single Senior - \$1,174, Senior Couple - \$1,579. For more information please call 631-491-4166 or visit our website www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

St. Joseph Renewal Center

January Programs: All programs are held at the St. Joseph Renewal Center, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, New York, 11717 or call for reservations at 631-273-1187 x23.

Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of FOCUSING with Kathy Porter on Wednesday, January 5th, 7:30–9PM. Offering for the program is \$15.

Weekend Retreat beginning January 7th–9th, Friday 4pm to Sunday noon with dinner. *Pathways to a Passionate God* with Josephine Daspro, CSJ, Judy Coste, Suzanne LePré, RSM, and Joan Vessio. Offering for the program is \$175 for the weekend which includes all meals and accommodations.

Quest for the Male with Michael Dunne on Saturday, January 8th, 8AM–9:30AM. Offering for the program is \$20 includes breakfast.

A Time Set Aside for You with Tina Cafaro and Joan Vessio on Saturday, January 11th, 10AM–12noon. Offering for the program is \$15.

Healing Life's Losses Support Group for those Living with Loss with Mary Anne Dejewski and Joan Vessio on Thursday, January 27th, 10:00AM–11:30AM. Offering for the program is \$15.

Birthright

Birthright is in great demand for new and gently used baby equipment (Car seats, cribs, etc.) We will be happy to arrange a pick-up of the donated items. Please call Grace 516-367-7413.

AARP Tax Assistance

Available for seniors at the Mastics, Moriches, Shirley Community Library during February, March and April. For an appointment call 631-399-1511.

Religion and Rock

Tune into Religion and Rock with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7AM–8AM on WBAB 102.3FM or 95.3FM Listen on Saturdays at 11PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11PM on XM Satellite, channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is Fresh Start, don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at "Religion and Rock on iTunes.

St. John the Baptist D.H.S.

St. John the Baptist D.H.S., located in West Islip, is proud to announce their 12th Annual Service & Goods Auction which will be held on Friday, January 21, 2011 at 7PM in the Cougar Café. Many items to bid on, door prizes (a month's tuition) and raffles! Vacations, camps and dinners are just a few items to bid on. Please join us for a fun evening where the proceeds will benefit all the students at St. John's.

Mother of Good Counsel Home (MGCH)

Home for pregnant, parenting teen and young adult mothers, with one or two children under the age of four. MGCH is run by the Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer. MGCH provides the following services: shelter, food, counseling, help to get child care services, orientation and help for work and school, homework tutoring, parental skills. For information call Sister Matilde at 516-223-1013.

Flower Offering

Flower Offering in Memory of or Dedicated to:

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| Primitiva & Segundo Dador | Francis Mattera |
| Isaac & Esperanza Abellar | Junior Family |
| Michael & Domenica Ferrante | Donna & Charles Armstrong |
| Pearl Burawa | Bona & Hoffman Families |
| For special prayer answered | Mahon & Spagnolo Families |
| Mary Greco & Mary Wood | Robert Spaziante |
| Theresa Holland | Sullivan Families |
| Howard & Helena Ramsay | Patricia Ann Boschi |
| Antonetta Sivillo | Robert Cimusz |
| Richard Steen | Lillian Deubel |
| Peter Medea | Nicholas & Anna Orlando |
| Alice M. Sullivan | Angi McDermott |
| Joseph A. Donnaruma | Maria & Ramon Rivera |
| Ambrosino Family | Glover Family |
| Dolores & James Bryan | Carmela & John Bivona |
| Daniel F. C rawford Sr. | Maria & John DeLuca |
| Baby Joseph Barbieri | Vito & Lucia Cavallari |
| Timothy G. Ryan | Vito Cavallari |
| John Clark | Loretta Masters |
| Miscarried Babies | Vitale Family |
| Anderson, Benevento, LaMadrid Families | Carannante & Bull Families |
| Anthony & Pauline Bonich | Gross & Cavallo Families |
| Mabel & Daniel Gallo | Leonardi Family |
| Eva Sangemino | Reichert Family |
| Tom, Julia, John & Baby | Fabbro, Careccia & Marhivelli Families |
| Eyton-Jones Family | Harry Albertina Jr. |
| Donna Houston | William John Guiducci |
| Elizabeth DiGiovini | Cuervo & Scharrer Families |
| Curnyn & Albanese Families | Janet Archer |
| Anthony & Angelina Cincotta | Garufi & Rainfad Families |
| Cunningham & Karpaviciis Families | L& R Ameres & F. Pagan |
| Esterly, Brown & Ruggieri Families | Gail & Rose Velce |
| Higgins Family | Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Nappi |

All flower offering envelopes received after December 22nd will be printed in the bulletin of January 9th.

Mass Attendance

| | SATURDAY | | | SUNDAY | | | Total |
|---------|----------|------|-----|--------|-------|-----|-------|
| | 5pm | 7:30 | 8am | 9:30 | 11:30 | 5pm | |
| Nov. 28 | 340 | 205 | 199 | 365 | 560 | 243 | 1912 |
| Dec. 5 | 386 | 155 | 210 | 394 | 440 | 215 | 1800 |
| Dec. 12 | 305 | 150 | 206 | 348 | 530 | 251 | 1790 |
| Dec. 19 | 293 | 170 | 250 | 443 | 610 | 166 | 1932 |

Attendance figures of Dec 26th will be reported in bulletin of January 9th.

Weekly Collections

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| Regular Collection Dec. 19th | \$9,753.43 |
| Christmas Flower Offering | \$2,422.00 |

The Christmas collection and Dec. 26th figures will be reported in the bulletin of January 9th due to bulletin constraints.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

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| Total pledges a/o 12/20/10 | \$52,060.45 |
| # of Donors | 198 |
| Received a/o 12/20/10 | \$50,225.45 |

Now that we have reached our parish goal, we received \$9,901.76 of all paid pledges raised over our goal. Thank you to all who contribute so generously—we couldn't have done it without you!

Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Year end Statements will be mailed to anyone who made pledge payments in 2010.

Scripture Readings

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| MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> |
| 1 JN 3:22–4:6 • MT 4:12–17, 23–25 |
| TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011 <i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious</i> |
| 1 JN 4:7–10 • MK 6:34–44 |
| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2011 <i>Saint John Neumann, bishop</i> |
| 1 JN 4:11–18 • MK 6:45–52 |
| THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> |
| 1 JN 4:19–5:4 • LK 4:14–22A |
| FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> |
| 1 JN 5:5–13 • LK 5:12–16 |
| SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2011 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> |
| 1 JN 5:14–21 • JN 3:22–30 |
| SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> |
| IS 42:1–4, 6–7 • ACTS 10:34–38 • MT 3:13–17 |

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of January 3rd has been donated:
In Memory of Timothy Ray Murphy
Dates available January 17, 24 & 31,
February 14, & 28. Future dates also available.

Baptisms

Isaac Milciades Bencosme
May God bless him and his family!

Feast of the Epiphany

Last Christmas, after all the presents were opened and holiday meal eaten, my three-year-old nephew Alexander sighed in a deeply mournful tone, “Christmas is over.” He was a little young to grasp our Catholic understanding of the *season* of Christmas, which extends through next Sunday’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

Today’s Feast of the Epiphany, on which we recall the Magi’s visit to Jesus and the revelation that Jesus was born for *all* people, is an especially important day of the Christmas season. In many countries the Epiphany is known as Little Christmas, and it’s an even bigger day than Christmas for celebrations and family gatherings.

The Epiphany readings, full of intense and powerful emotions, reflect the dramatic nature of this feast day. In

God is in Everyone.

the first reading, Isaiah prophesies that Israel’s “heart shall throb and overflow” when the beloved city of Jerusalem is rebuilt. In the Gospel, King Herod is “greatly troubled” by Jesus’ birth. And the Magi are “overjoyed” at seeing the star that leads them to Jesus. Some translations even use the words “ecstatic with joy” or “exceedingly great joy”—such evocative descriptions!

Though my nephew is astute about many things, he has yet to grasp this same intense joy that, in fact, is *not* over at the end of Christmas Day. Epiphany reminds us that the exceedingly great joy of Jesus’ birth continues—and should be at the heart of everyday living. When was the last time you felt your heart “throb and overflow” at the realization that God took flesh in this messy, broken world? Might your day be more joyful if you kept before you the truth that God is in everyone? How does Jesus’ birth continue to affect *your* life long after the wrapping paper is put away and the tree recycled?

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Why “present” a child?

Q *Last week at Mass a Latino family “presented” their three-year-old daughter. It was very sweet, but I’m still not sure exactly what they were doing. Can you explain? —Rosemary*

Dear Rosemary,

This Hispanic celebration is rooted in two sources, one religious and one cultural.

The religious source is the story of Mary’s presentation in the temple by her parents, Anna and Joachim, when she was three years old. There is no

account of this in the Bible. The main source of this story is an apocryphal document called the Protoevangelium of James, which was written before the third century.

Since the sixth century the Catholic Church has celebrated the memorial

...thanking God for
their child’s health and
asking for God’s
continued blessing.

of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 21, which was the dedication date of a temple the Emperor Justinian built for Mary in Jerusalem in the year 543. This

memorial helps us remember that Mary from the very beginning was set apart by God. From the religious perspective, families present their sons and daughters in church when they are three years old as a way to dedicate them to God.

Culturally, the celebration remembers that at one time Mexico’s mortality rate for children under age three was much higher than it is today. If a child reached age three, the parents went to church to thank God for the health of their child. From a cultural perspective, Hispanic families presenting a child at Mass are offering the child to God, thanking God for their child’s health and asking for God’s continued blessing.

Patrick Keyes, CSSR