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Roman Catholic  
Shrine Church of  
**St. Jude**

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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.

## Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 18th 2011

**Pastor**  
Rev. Gregory Yacyshyn

**In Residence**  
Msgr. John Heinlein

**Senior Priest**  
Rev. James Leone

**Parish Office  
Hours**

MONDAY, TUESDAY,  
THURSDAY, & FRIDAY  
9:00am-5:00pm  
WEDNESDAYS  
9:00am-6:00pm  
SATURDAYS  
CLOSED  
SUNDAYS  
10:00am-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  
219-3542

**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 Penance/  
Confession**  
SATURDAYS  
Noon during Advent,  
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  
12:30pm-1:00pm  
Benediction at 1:00pm  
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, DECEMBER 17, 2011

5:00pm Elizabeth Reichert †

7:30pm Ann Johnson †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011

8:00am Carole Murphy †

9:30am Parishioners of Saint Jude

11:30am Cyril Wolpert †

5:00pm Ralph Gervasio Sr. †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011

9:00am Deceased Members of the

Koller & Gaugel Families †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011

9:00am Henry Struckhoff †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011

9:00am Carmen Pitaro †

12 Noon Saint Jude Guild:

Elizabeth Friscia †

Anna Jentz †

Elizabeth Jimenez-Palermo †

John Gallery †

Ryan Michael Toomey †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2011

9:00am Vincent Fava †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2011

9:00am Patrick Spagnoletti †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011

8:30am Maria Weaver †

4:00pm Christmas Novena

6:00pm Christmas Novena

8:00pm Novena de Navidad

11:15pm Christmas Novena-Midnight Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011

9:00am Parishioners of St. Jude

11:30am Christmas Novena

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

FOR THE SICK: Benjamin Archer, Faith Barile, Paul Bidegain, Janet Brandimarte, Francis X. Butler, Cecelia Cottone, Anthony Cuccia, Mary Theresa Cunningham, Michael Francis Cunningham, Natalie Danisi, Alexandra Ditman, Isabella Grace Dobbeck, Chuck Drake, Nicholas Ferrara, Anthony Fino, Christian Gallucci, Frank Gaeta, Bob Gamberale, Nora Getchell, Deacon Thomas Gillen, Ann Giordano, Michelle Gonzalez, Joan Guarino, Charlotte Hall, Catherine Hannon, Jon Hanson, Steve Herrbrandt, Jo, Richard & Matthew Kaminsky, Father Walter Kedjerski, Cookie Landau, Frances Lee, Christine Leone, Katherine Lindsey, Carmine Linsalata, Ryan Loftus, Julius Manchise, Joseph V. Mosca Jr., Joan Muller, Ruth Muller, Joshua Mussi, Logan Murphy, Ronald Nappe, Frank Nitto, Miguel Oriana, Doris Ortiz, Joan & Jessica Passaro, Jackie Pastore, Gina Pisano, Abdul Rattu, Salvatore Russo, Lucille Story, Joseph Stozzetto, Patricia Swenson, Angelo Tafuro, Al Vanderbilt, Mary Vazzana

FOR THE DECEASED: Kevin Klaus, Anthony Mineo, Sharon Hudock

FOR THE MILITARY: John Abel, Matt Corica, Joseph Competello, Michael Cuervo, Kenneth Drumm, Jr., Daniel Edwards, Daniel Engo, Michael Hickey, Jeffrey Holmes, Steven Kay, Richard Kruger, Chris Manakides, John Maresca, Joe Occhineri, Anthony Ochoa Jr., Katherine M. Onorato, Matthew Parenti, Rich Pinckney, Tory Pinckney, Gerard Posillico, John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Vinnie Riveria, Randy Sanchez, Steven Schloesser, Carl Seaman, Don Skelton, Bobby Sosa, Derek Trabocchi, Timothy Weisner

## Faith Formation

**HOME STUDY PARENT MEETING, LEVELS 1-6:** On Tuesday, December 20th at 6PM in the parish center. 1st floor classroom for those families who are teaching their children at home. Grade 1-6. Theresa will be available to answer questions. Bring books and questions with you.

**WINTER RECESS:** Winter Recess will begin Saturday, December 24th thru January 3rd, 2012. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 4th, 2012. Office will be open December 26th through the 30th from 9-5PM. We will be closed Saturday, December 31st through January 2nd, 2012. We will reopen, January 3rd, 2012 at 9AM. The Faith Formation Staff wishes all of our families a blessed holiday season. God bless all.

## Christmas Wafers—Oplatek

The price is \$3 per package. The Christmas "Oplatek" Wafers are available at the rectory. The Oplatek Wafer is part of a beautiful Polish tradition at Christmas and they come with complete information on how to use them.

## St. Vincent de Paul

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. In faith is found the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas. In helping those who are poor and suffering we find the real, lasting and deep joy of Christmas.

## Lighthouse Catholic Media

**THE CHRISTMAS AND EASTER STORY: EXCERPTS FROM THE TRUTH AND LIFE DRAMATIZED AUDIO BIBLE:** The *Truth and Life Dramatized Audio Bible* is a brilliantly recorded production of the Revised Standard Version (Catholic Edition) of the New Testament. These excerpts are narrated by a star-studded cast and include beautiful music and sound effects which make the scriptural accounts of Christmas and Easter come alive, helping us to enter more deeply into the birth, death and Resurrection of Christ.

## Blood Drive at the MBPOA

On Thursday, December 22nd from 1-7PM at the 'Mastic Beach Property Owners Association' at 31 Neighborhood Road, Mastic Beach. Our region suffers from a shortage of local blood donors. A single donation has the potential to help three people. For questions regarding eligibility, please call 1-800-668-0900 or visit the website at [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org). Thank you in advance for the "Gift of Life" and your support.

## Bishop McGann-Mercy High School

**LOCAL STUDENTS MAKE PRINCIPAL'S LIST AND HONOR ROLL:** The following students/parishioners from the 'Shrine Church of St. Jude' have made the Honor Roll or Principal's List for the 1st quarter of the school year. **HONOR ROLL:** Joseph Luisi, Sasa Elizabeth Vann **PRINCIPAL'S LIST:** Rebecca Davis, Elijah Louis, Elison Louis, Jennifer Perugi Elizabeth Rachel Talamo, Victoria Tremble.

**DRIVER'S EDUCATION—FEBRUARY 2012:** With the season of giving upon us, give your teenager the gift of life and give yourself the gift of peace of mind! Enroll your child in the 'McGann-Mercy Driver's Education Program'. This NYS approved program provides the required 48 hours of instruction—24 hours of lecture and 24 hours of in-car training. The Winter 2012 session will start this upcoming February. In addition to classes after school during the week, 'McGann-Mercy' will also offer a Sunday session ideal for those students who play sports or participate in other after school activities. Call 631.727.5900, ext. 20 for information on specific class dates, sessions, costs and registration.

## Advent Wreath at Home

Each day at home, the candles are lit, perhaps before the evening meal—one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. The rose candle is usually lit on the third Sunday of Advent. As the candles are lit, a prayer may be said. **FOURTH WEEK:** O Key of David Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at your command, come to show us the way to salvation.



# The Nativity of Our Lord

**“The Twenty-fifth day of December. In the five thousand one hundred and ninety-ninth year of the creation of the world, from the time when God in the beginning created the heavens and the earth; the two thousand nine hundred and fifty-seventh year after the flood; the two thousand and fifteenth year from the birth of Abraham; the one thousand five hundred and tenth year from Moses and the going forth of the people of Israel from Egypt; the one thousand and thirty-second year from David’s being anointed king; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred**

**and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome; the forty second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; the whole world being at peace, in the sixth age of the world, Jesus Christ the eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since his conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary, being made flesh. The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.”** —The (ancient version) Traditional “Christmas Proclamation.”

“No other celebration of the Christian year, not even Easter itself, does the Roman Martyrology announce in such solemn fashion. But for all that—and it seems especially strange to English-speaking people for whom in practice Christmas is the great religious festival of the year—this feast is not among the most primitive in the Church, and, liturgically considered, ranks not only below Easter, but also below Pentecost and the Epiphany. The commemoration of the birth of our Lord by a separate feast began only in the fourth century (before 336), and at Rome, from whence it soon spread to the East, where hitherto the birth had been commemorated as a lesser aspect of the feast of the Epiphany.

“The dates or reckonings in the quotation from the Roman Martyrology given above are of course not all historically correct or verifiable: for example, we know now that the creation of the world took place many more than 5199 years before the birth of our Lord, and it is likely that that birth was earlier than in the year 752 after the founding of the city. But if the year of the birth of Christ is uncertain, its day is even more so, and there is hardly a month of the twelve to which respectable authorities have not assigned it. How December 25 came to be pitched on for the commemoration is not known, and has been the subject of lively discussions. The notion of an origin of the Roman *Saturnalia* of December can be safely disregarded; but there is some likelihood that the solar feast of *nataalis Invicti* (the Birthday of the Unconquered [Sun]), itself observed at the winter solstice about December 25, helped to determine the date. In any case, the Roman custom of commemorating the birthday by a special feast on that date became general, and has so remained throughout Christendom, with a few isolated exceptions.” (From Butler’s [Lives of the Saints](#))

Next week we shall celebrate Christmas. Of ancient tradition (having originated in 4th century Jerusalem; then brought to Rome in the 6th century), there are three separate Masses for our Lord’s Nativity, each with their respective prayers and readings that have their own particular character: The Mass During the Night (formerly known as the “Midnight Mass”); the Mass at Dawn; and the Mass During the Day. Those of the “Midnight” Mass celebrate the eternal birth of Jesus, the divine Word. Those of the Mass at Dawn see Jesus as the true light, the spiritual sun. And in the Third Mass, the Babe of Bethlehem is honored as Christ the King, God and man.

The schedule of Masses is published on the following page of this bulletin. Please note, that since so many people attend Mass on Christmas Eve, the turnout for early celebrations on Christmas Day proper is exceedingly light. Therefore, there are only two Masses to be celebrated on the Day: at 9:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.

“Midnight Mass” (12:01 A.M., to be precise) was the first Mass of Christmas that could be celebrated for centuries, up to the days of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council (1962-1965). This had to do with the extended Eucharistic fast from Midnight, and the prohibition (because of the fast) against offering any Masses after noon. This, of course, is no longer the case, so the need for Mass at Midnight has long become obsolete. While Mass will still be celebrated at Midnight next week at St. Jude, **next year** the Masses at Night (on the Eve) will be at 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 P.M., with the choir and preceding carols. So in 2012, when people ask, “What time is Midnight Mass?” the answer will be “10:00 o’clock!”

And, please, if it has been since Easter or longer, don’t forget to make a good confession before receiving our Lord in Holy Communion on Christmas. Make that a Birthday Gift to our dear Savior!

Come Lord Jesus—and come quickly!

**Happy Advent,  
Fr. Greg**



# Christmas Schedule for 2011

## **CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday, December 21st, 2–2:45PM

Friday, December 23rd, Noon–2PM

Saturday, December 24th, Noon

## **PENANCE SERVICE WITH CONFESSIONS**

Monday, December 19th at 8PM

## **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

4PM, 6PM, & 8PM (Spanish Mass)

11:15PM Christmas Carols with Mass at Midnight

## **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

9AM\*\*\* & 11:30AM

\*\*\*Please Note Time\*\*\*

NO EVENING MASS CHRISTMAS DAY

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**

5PM Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation

7:30PM (Spanish Mass)

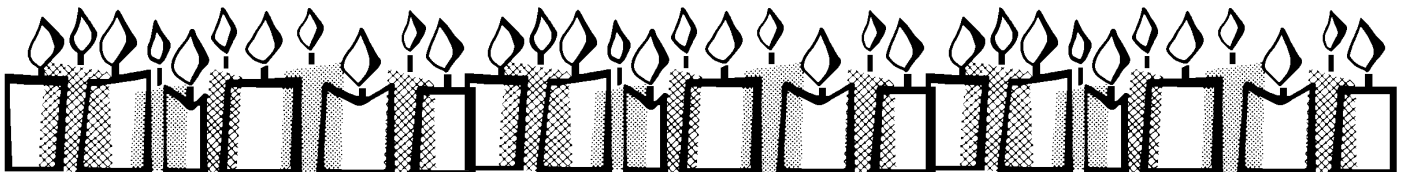
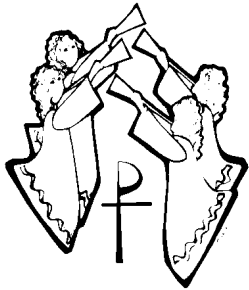
## **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

8AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, & 5PM

New Years Day follows a regular Sunday Schedule.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH—EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Children's Pageant at the 9:30AM Mass



## Christmas Flowers

Anyone wishing to donate for Christmas flowers to decorate the church may use the envelope provided in your envelope packet. If you did not receive envelopes, there are envelopes available in the church narthex (entryway). Please PRINT the name of the person you wish to have remembered clearly, so that it may be included in the bulletin after Christmas. The envelopes may be placed in any of the collections. A minimum suggested offering is \$20. This will help to pay for the Christmas flowers purchased. Thank you.

## Remembrance Envelopes

The 'Christmas Remembrance Envelope' for the 'Christmas Novena Masses' is included in your mailed envelope packet. Extra envelopes are available in the back of the Church. The Novena of Masses begins December 24th. Please remember to get your intention envelopes in early to have your loved ones remembered.

## The Woman at the Well

Come together with other women as we look at the stories of the 'Women in the Bible', as well as other women in our church history and see how they relate to our lives today. Tuesday, December 27th from 7:30-9PM at 'Mary Immaculate' in Bellport located in Room 7 of the Church Auditorium. We will be discussing **QUEEN ESTHER AND JUDGE DEBORAH**.

## A Christmas Carol

The story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his journey to find the true meaning of Christmas. The Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol" is being performed at 'Theatre Three' 412 Main Street in Port Jefferson until December 27th. Please call 631-928-9100 for more information.

## IRA Charitable Rollover: Now is Your Opportunity

You can make a gift from your 'Individual Retirement Account' to St. Jude before December 31st. You must be over 70 and use a traditional IRA. You will not have to report your gift as income—it will be income tax-free, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a **"qualified charitable distribution"**. In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form. Your gift must go directly from your IRA to St. Jude—tax-free. If you receive the money first, then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

## Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

Offers the following graduate degrees— MASTER of ARTS in THEOLOGY MASTER of ARTS in PASTORAL STUDIES. The spring semester begins January 30th 2012. Registration closes January 25th 2012. For further information, contact the Academic Office 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743 (631) 423-0483 x112 or x147. Or visit our website, [www.icseminary.edu](http://www.icseminary.edu)

## Catholic Charities Talbot House

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS? 'Catholic Charities/Talbot House', is a voluntary 'Chemical Dependence Crisis Center', located in Bohemia we provide withdrawal and stabilization services for males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. Our medical and clinical staff at 'Talbot House' will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey to recovery. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. The 'Talbot House' staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. 'Talbot House' is a NO fee for service program.

**HELP WANTED:** 'Catholic Charities/Talbot House' is looking for LPNs (per diem). Please contact Stella 631-589-4144 or fax resumes to her at 631-589-8396 or e-mail to [howard.stella@catholiccharities.cc](mailto:howard.stella@catholiccharities.cc)

## Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY				
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	5pm	Total
Nov. 13	351	144	218	345	510	182	1750
Nov. 20	357	121	263	366	550	147	1804
Nov. 27	359	135	246	363	470	225	1798
Dec. 4	354	175	260	291	305	203	1588
Dec. 11	330	139	225	349	530	181	1754

## Weekly Collections

Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception	\$2,565.00
December 11th	\$8,879.91
Monthly Maintenance	\$3,017.00

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

2011 Goal	\$50,174.00
Total pledges a/o 12/13/11	\$59,414.08
# of Donors	200
Payments a/o 12/13/11	\$56,289.08

Thank you to all who have pledged.

## Scripture Readings

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011

*Advent Weekday*

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A/LK 1:5-25

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011

*Advent Weekday*

IS 7:10-14/LK 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011

SG 2:8-14 OR ZEP 3:14-18A/LK 1:39-45

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2011

*Advent Weekday*

1 SM 1:24-28/LK 1:46-56

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2011

*Advent Weekday*

MAL 3:1-4, 23-24/LK 1:57-66

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011

*Advent Weekday*

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16/LK 1:67-79

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011

*Nativity of the Lord*

**MIDNIGHT**

IS 9:1-6/TI 2:11-14/LK 2:1-14

**DAY**

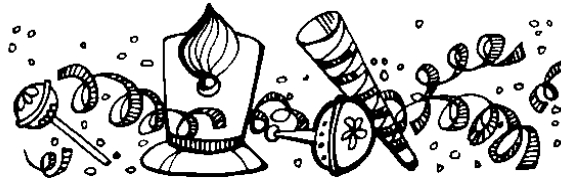
IS 52:7-10/HEB 1:1-6/JN 1:1-18 OR 1:1-5, 9-14

## Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of

December 19th has been donated:

In memory of Roody Donald Charles



# NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

**Saturday, December 31st at 7:30pm**

Join the 'Parish of St. Jude' in our newly renovated hall.

**Tickets: \$50 per person**

Come enjoy delicious food catered by Mama Lisa,  
feel the music by DJ—Bob Vecchio,  
and take a chance on a raffle ticket!

**Ticket price includes food, DJ, wine, beer, soda,  
noisemakers and a midnight champagne toast!**  
**You may bring your own bottle of "cheer", if you wish.**

**FINAL DAY to purchase tickets is THIS SUNDAY December 18th!**

Tickets are can be purchased at 'Roma Funeral Home', and  
'St. Jude Rectory', and on our website; [www.stjudemb.org](http://www.stjudemb.org)

'New Year's Eve Party' and raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass.

**Raffle tickets are 3 for \$10**

1st Prize: \$1,000 Cash;

2nd Prize: \$500 Cash; 3rd Prize: Lottery Tree \$250 Value; 4th Prize:  
Basket of Cheer \$200 Value; 5th Prize: Trader Joe's Basket \$50 Value

Thank you to the following donors:

1st Prize: donated by Roma Funeral Home;

2nd Prize: donated by J.V. Kavanaugh Council; 3rd Prize: donated by Empire National Bank;

4th Prize donated by J.V. Kavanaugh Council; 5th Prize Donated by Anonymous

**Tables have been generously donated by the Kane Family**