Roman Catholic
Shrine Church of
St. Jude

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

Palm Sunday - March 20th 2016

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2016

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK-March 21st
Confessions from 3:00PM to 9:00PM

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK-March 23rd
Confessions 12:45PM - 2:45PM
8:00PM Penance Service with Confession

HOLY THURSDAY-March 24th
9:00AM - Morning Prayer
8:00PM-Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after
Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY-March 25th
9:00AM – Morning Prayer
Noon- Stations of the Cross
3:00PM- Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

HOLY SATURDAY-March 26th
9:00AM - Morning Prayer
Noon- Blessing of Food (parish ctr.)
Confessions –noon to 2:00PM
8:00PM – Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY-March 27th
8:00AM-(English –Italian)
9:30AM; 11:30 AM;
No 1 PM or Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Important Lenten Information

LENTEN REGULATIONS: All Catholics who reached their
fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat all
Friday’s 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.

Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday, March 25th, our parish will take up the
annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day,
the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing
the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian
community there, a community that struggles to remain in
the land of Christ’s birth, Death and Resurrection. Please help
support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to
the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows
the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity’s
holiest sites and for God’s people in the Holy Land. Please be
generous.
Masses for the Week
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016
5:00pm Kennedy Kinman †
7:30pm Intentions of Ramon Ortiz & Luz Rodriguez
Happy Anniversary
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016
8:00am Salvatore Prinzivalli †
9:30am Jennie Parulo †
11:30am George Klein †
5:00pm Parishioners of St. Jude
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016
9:00am Philip Rubino †
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016
9:00am Robert Bressett †
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016
9:00am (Guild) Prudence Ferranti †, Maedeo A. Marotti †, St. Ann †, Marie Grajales †
Intentions of Colvin Family
12 Noon Stephen D. Stribula †
8:00pm Penance Service
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016
9:00am Morning Prayer (No Mass)
8:00pm Solemn Mass - Adoration
Living & Deceased Priests of the Parish
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016
9:00am Morning Prayer (No Mass)
12 Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Liturgy of the Word
SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016
9:00am Moring Prayer
12 Noon Blessing of Food- Parish Center
8:00pm Easter Vigil- Parishioners of St. Jude
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016
8:00am Easter Novena
9:30am Easter Novena
11:30am Easter Novena
No 1pm or Evening Mass
† Denotes Mass is for deceased

St. Vincent de Paul
This Sunday we begin the holiest of Christian weeks, and we carry palms in procession with the atmosphere charged with both expectation and contradiction, with joy and soberness. For most of us Holy Week unfolds like many other weeks; we still contend with work, school, preparing meals, doing laundry, cranky folks, the usual triumphs and set backs. The readings for Palm Sunday invite us to make this an extraordinary week—a week that concentrates in a few days the ultimate meaning of our whole lives. We must slow down and make choices so that this week doesn’t go by without our taking the time to enter into its meaning. Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!”

Diocesan Golden Wedding Jubilee
This Spring couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at the liturgy on Sunday, April 10th at the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville. The liturgy will begin at 2:30p.m. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by March 25th. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 207.

Faith Formation
Registration for the 2016-17 Religious Education School Year has begun! If you want a specific day, time or teacher, get your registration in early. All tuition and sacramental fees for the prior year must be paid in full prior to registration. $10 Discount for all early registrations!

On Monday, March 21st – 6:45PM CP1, RCIC 1U & HS 1
Large Group Presentation of the Stations by the youth group.
Parents, please note classes will run until 8:15pm.

On Wednesday, March 23rd - 6:45PM CP2, RCIC 2U & HS 2
Large Group Presentation of the Stations by the youth group.
Parents, please note classes will run until 8:15pm.

On Thursday, March 24th – 6th Level Confirmation Preparedness Interviews 4:30-7PM. by appointment

Saturday, March 26th – NO CLASSES (Easter Recess)
10:00AM. in the Church Rehearsal for Children Receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist & Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil Saturday Night. Sponsors must attend rehearsal with student.

All students need to go to Confession and have their Lenten Confession cards completed this month!

Easter Flower Donations
Easter is just around the corner and what would the celebration be without all the flowers that gracefully decorate our church and help bring us into the joyful spirit of Christ’s Resurrection? Flowers can be dedicated to or in memory of your loved ones. Their names will be printed in the bulletin. (A minimum suggested offering is $20.) Please use your envelopes received in your mailing package. There are envelopes also available in the church lobby. You may drop your offering at the rectory or place in the collection baskets. Thank you.

Good Friday Way of the Cross Pilgrimage
Join Our Lady of the Snow & St Lawrence the Martyr on Friday, March 25th 9a.m. thru 12 Noon in the Way of the Cross Pilgrimage/ as we Walk & Pray the Stations of the Cross. We are recalling significant moments in the Story of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. Gather @ St. Lawrence the Martyr @ 9a.m. for registration & quiet preparation departure is at 9:30a.m. we will be walking the route along Montauk Highway with police escort to Our Lady of the Snow/ arrive by 12 noon to attend the Stations of the Cross. Water will be available for walkers. The DBA transportation Inc. will provide free service back to St. Lawrence.

Divine Mercy
The Novena to the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, March, 25th. The Intentions and chaplet is prayed at 8:15AM in the church; followed by the Holy Rosary. The novena will continue each day, and conclude on Sunday, April 3rd at 3PM with Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.
Let the Cross be Your Joy

“The Catholic Church glories in every deed of Christ. Her supreme glory, however, is the Cross. Well aware of this, Paul says: *God forbid that I glory in anything but the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!*”

“At Siloam, there was a sense of wonder, and rightly so. A man born blind recovered his sight. But of what importance is this, when there were so many blind people in the world? Lazarus rose from the dead, but even this only effected Lazarus. What of those countless numbers who have died because of their sins? Yet this is a small number compared to those all over the world who were starved by ignorance. After eighteen years a woman was freed from the bondage of Satan. But are we not all shackled by the chains of our own sins?

“For us all, however, the Cross is the crown of victory! It has brought light to those blinded by ignorance. It has released those enslaved by sin. Indeed, it has redeemed the whole of mankind!

“Do not, then, be ashamed of the Cross of Christ; rather, glory in it. Although it is a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Gentiles, the message of the Cross is our salvation. Of course, it is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it was not a mere man who died for us, but the Son of God, God made man.

“In the Mosaic Law a sacrificial lamb banished the destroyer. But now *it is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.* Will He not free us from our sins even more? The blood of an animal, a sheep, brought salvation. Will not the blood of the only-begotten Son bring us greater salvation?

“He was not killed by violence, He was not forced to give up His life. His *was a willing sacrifice.* Listen to His own words: *I have the power to lay down my life and to take it up again.* Yes, He willingly submitted to His own Passion. He took joy in His achievement; in His crown of victory He was glad and in the salvation of man He rejoiced. He did not blush at the Cross for by it He was to save the world. No, it was not a lowly man who suffered but God incarnate. He entered the contest for the reward He would win by His patient endurance.

“Certainly in times of tranquility the Cross should give you joy. But maintain the same faith in times of persecution. Otherwise you will be a friend of Jesus in times of peace and His enemy during war. Now you receive the forgiveness of your sins and the generous gift of grace from your King. When war comes, fight courageously for Him.

“Jesus never sinned; yet He was crucified for you. Will you refuse to be crucified for Him, who for your sake was nailed to the Cross? You are not the one who gives the favor; you have received one first. For your sake He was crucified on Golgotha. Now you are returning His favor; you are fulfilling your debt to Him.” *(Excerpted from the Catecheses by St. Cyril of Jerusalem [ca. 315-386], bishop)*

As we enter into Holy Week, please make every effort to get to the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation to prepare for a worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist at Easter. (The Holy Week schedule of Liturgies and Confession times is listed on page 2 of this bulletin.)

Through His wounds we are healed...Let the Cross be your joy… Blessed Palm Sunday!

In Christ,
Fr. Greg
St. Jude Church
“Remember - Rebuild - Renew”

Total Pledged: $1,246,757
Paid to Date: $431,418
% of Cash received 35%, Gifts: 356, % of Goal 83%
Challenge Goal $1,500,000
Needed to reach Goal: $253,243

Campaign Continues – Thank you for your support! Father Greg and the campaign committee would like to thank all parishioners who have made a gift to our capital campaign. We deeply appreciate your generous response. If you have not made your one time gift or pledge, please use the pledge envelopes in church to make your gift and continue the success of our campaign. Payment reminders will be mailed on or about the 12th of each month. Thank you for your prompt payments.

St. Jude Fish Fry- Thank You!
The St. Jude Shrine Knights of Columbus have done a fabulous job hosting the Lenten fish fry. To Benny Schiraldi (Grand Knight), we thank you for coordinating the event. To our kitchen staff who prepared delicious meals each week, Richie Berkhout, John Zielinski, Paul Repola, Patrick Wrenn, Bill Higgins, Dennis Curtin, Deacon John Gagliardi and Brian O’Brien. To the member Knights who helped with clean-up, set-up and whatever else was needed, Bob Jones, Tom Whaley, Walter Haas, Pat Simeone, John McNeil, Vincent Nasta and Matt Gioia. A special mention goes out to our servers who were there with helping hands & a smile each week, Anne Schiraldi, Karen Lee, Lorraine Caruana, Carol Susinno, Annette Whaley, Susan Donahue & Jeanine Signorelli. A special thank you to all the ministries’ members who supplied dessert & soda & helped wherever needed: Rosary Altar Society, Men’s group, Catechists, and Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. To Msgr. John, thank you for going out and after catching all those fish and sharing your fascinating stories. If we did omit anyone we thank you also for your help!

Are You a Fully Initiated Catholic?
The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist! If you have not received all of these three sacraments, your initiation in our Catholic Faith is not complete. To sponsor someone who is going to be baptized or receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, you must have received all of these sacraments yourself. Some of our parishioners may not have completed their preparation for these sacraments when they were younger they may have only been baptized or been baptized and received their First Communion.
As in past years, we are offering a course for those who have been baptized and received first communion as Catholics but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This course begins Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00PM and will continue meeting once a week until May 10th. Materials fee is $25 per person.
All of the classes will be here at St. Jude in the parish center and run approximately an hour and a half to two hours a week.
YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE, PROOF OF BAPTISM AND COMMUNION.
To take this course you must be at least 18 years of age and out of high school. For further information or any questions you may have, please contact the rectory during regular office hours.

Easter Remembrance Envelopes
The envelope for the Easter Remembrance Masses is included in the active coded parishioner mailed envelope package. These Novena Masses will be celebrated beginning Easter Sunday, March 27th and conclude Saturday, April 2nd. Please return your Remembrance Novena Mass envelopes by Wednesday, March 23rd in the regular collection basket or at the rectory, so that your loved ones are remembered in the Easter Novena Masses. Envelopes are available in the church lobby.

Mass Attendance

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Due to early submission the Mass attendance for March 13th will be reported in the Easter bulletin.

Weekly Collection
Due to early bulletin submission requirements the regular March 13th and Monthly Maintenance collections will be reported in the Easter bulletin.

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016
Holy Wednesday-Is 50:9-9a/Mt 26:14-25
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016
SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

Altar Bread and Wine
Available dates:
April 11, 19 & 25th, May 16th

Altar Flowers
Available date:
May 22nd (Holy Trinity), June 12th, 19th, 26th
Lighthouse Catholic Media CD and book of the Week
7 Secrets of Divine Mercy – Vinny Flynn (CD or book)
Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis have made it clear that Divine Mercy is at the very center of the Christian faith. Enter into the Year of Mercy with best-selling author, Vinny Flynn, as he shares his 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy, and Christ's message of love for each of us, and for the whole world.

Holy Thursday Collection-March 24th
Washing feet in public seems out of place. We don’t do that. How often do we lovingly wash our own feet, much less someone else’s? Even harder than washing another’s feet is allowing someone to wash yours! It seemed wrong to Peter, too. Scandalized by the idea he resisted Jesus’ act of humble service. But Jesus insisted that without it, Peter had no share with Him. At that, Peter allowed it. Jesus then told the disciples that they too must be foot-washers. ‘St. Vincent de Paul’ reaches out to the needy in our community. Following the example that Jesus left-humbly doing for others as He has done for us, so we, too. He loved the needy, the destitute, and those less fortunate- so we love also. That’s what ‘St. Vincent de Paul’ is all about LOVE! On Holy Thursday the collection taken will allow this ministry to help bring those in need relief in hard times and circumstances. Please be generous as your means will allow. Thank you; God Loves You!

Bulletin Reflection
In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear the owners of the ass had only to be told, “The Master has need of it,” to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord’s work?

Living Stewardship
We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, leading them to a deeper understanding of God’s mercy and a new sense of meaning and purpose in their lives.

Lenten Scripture Study Series - You’re Invited!
Join Fr. Greg in the Parish Center for the new Lectio video series Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God.
We meet 7:30 – 9 pm to view a 30-45 minute episode and discuss afterwards on the remaining Tuesday: March 22. If you are unable to attend every class, you are welcome to come when you can. We hope to see you there!

Youth Ministry Event Dates
April – 3rd [Sunday] 6 – 7:30 in the Parish Center
Regular Youth Group Night is open to all in grades 6 to 12
Food/drink served
April 8th [Friday] 7 to 9 pm
Mercy Night hosted by Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport.
Prayer/Food/Social
April 17th [Sunday] 6 – 7:30 in the Parish Center
Regular Youth Group Night is open to all in grades 6 to 12
Food/drink served

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
The ‘Catholic Ministries Appeal’ is ongoing in our Parish and across the Diocese. The ‘Catholic Ministries Appeal’ is the yearly appeal that helps our diocese fund many ministries, services and agencies in the 133 parishes across Long Island. We realize that everyone’s financial situation is different, but we ask you to 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, through prayer and reflection, you will come to a meaningful response.

Our Parish Goal for 2016 is $61,900. If we reach our goal, St. Jude will receive a parish share of 20% totaling $12,380. For any money pledged and received over our goal the parish receives a share of 80%. On the pledge card there is a payment option (4 months to 10 months) with which you can make a pledge, pay online, or if would like, to make a credit card payment now. Please call the CMA office at 516-379-5210 ext. 2, or visit www.CatholicMinistries Appeal.org for more information. There are pamphlets and envelopes available in the church lobby for those who are interested.

The parish attained 115.90% of our 2015 CMA Goal of $62,200, and we received a rebate of $26,665.00. Thank you for your generous support of last year’s CMA and for your continued support in 2016!