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Shrine Church of
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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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 6th 2012

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 Geohan
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
4:00-4:45pm also by
appointment
WEDNESDAYS
2:00-2:45pm and by
appointment

Parish Outreach
MON.-THURS.
9:00am-1:00pm
2ND & LAST WED. OF
MONTH 5:00-7:00pm
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, MAY 5, 2012

5:00pm Sally Prichard †

7:30pm Anthony Mineo †

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012

8:00am Deceased Members of Rosary
Altar Society

9:30am Italo Brandimarte †

11:30am Parishioners of St. Jude

5:00pm Anthony & Angelina Cincotta †

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012

9:00am Erika Rae Hughes †

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

9:00am Norma Adolf †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012

9:00am Rosemarie Kosik †

12 Noon Saint Jude Guild:
Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012

9:00am Irma Davin †

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012

9:00am Intentions of Leonie Koller
“Happy Birthday”

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

8:30am James Donovan †

5:00pm Mother’s Day Remembrance

7:30pm Mother’s Day Remembrance

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2012

8:00am Mother’s Day Remembrance

9:30am Mother’s Day Remembrance

11:30am Mother’s Day Remembrance

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Jude

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

FOR THE SICK: Benjamin Archer, Joseph Buccilli III, Frances X. Butler, Hannah Chodkowski, Anthony Cuccia, Michael Cuervo, Anna Daly, Raymond Michael Dhyne, Robert A. DiFrancesco, Carol Franzone, George Gebhart, Nora Getchell, Michelle Gonzalez, Ralph Guardi, Nikki Guinta, Catherine Hannon, Steve Herrbrandt, Donna Kilmer, Richard Kaminski, Carol LaCrocca, Cookie & Steve Landau, Maddi Lechner, Brian Loftus, Pat Longhitano, Joseph Marchetti, Robert McCloskey, Patricia Miller, Martin Minogue, Matthew Mockler, Joseph V. Mosca Jr., Edward Pallan, Christopher Frank Panzarella, Fairlie Pasfield, Abdul Rattu, Eugene Russo, Mary Saggio, Patricia Swenson, Pam Tyimoke, Mary Vazzana

FOR THE DECEASED: Barbara DeSuza,
Douglas DeSuza, Lynn S. Hodgson

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, Arlise A. Smith, Bobby Sosa, Derek Trabocchi, Timothy Weisner

Outreach—Help!

The parish outreach is in desperate need of tuna fish!!

Faith Formation

THANK YOU: Faith Formation Classes are officially over and I want to thank all of my Catechists for their commitment and dedication in teaching the faith to the youth of our community. Thank you for your fine representation of the Catechetical Ministry of our parish, your patience, your cooperation, your assistance throughout the year. Without you we could not have done it all! God bless all and hope you return for another rewarding year! Thank you to our maintenance staff, Joe & John, who daily met the needs of the program with classroom cleanliness, sanitary conditions and last minute changes. Thank you for your patience gentlemen and God bless you for always willing to help me out. —Truly thankful, Theresa

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSALS: On Friday, May 11th for students receiving Communion on May 12th. The 10:30AM Mass rehearsals are at our church from 3–4:30PM and the 12:30PM Mass rehearsals are from 5–6:30PM. An adult must stay the entire rehearsal. **Please bring your communion offering envelope to rehearsal.**

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS: For May and June, Monday–Thurs, 9–5PM, closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Registration & Re-registration for Faith Formation Classes For the 2012-13 year: Will begin May 7th. Parents must return their child’s textbook before they can register for the 2012-13 school year.

REGISTER NEW: A new student must, log on to the St. Jude Website at www.stjudemb.org, and follow the links to “Faith Formation Forms.” Download the “Registration Form”. You will need to come into office with child’s “Original Baptism Certificate”, tuition fee as stated on the form and completed form.

RE-REGISTER: A student that has attended this past year must log on to the St. Jude Website www.stjudemb.org, and follow the links to “Faith Formation Forms” and download the “Re-Registration Form”. Complete the form, fill in all information and sign bottom of form. Include a check for the tuition and MAIL all to the Faith Formation Office. There is no need for you to come into office to re-register a student unless you are also registering a new student. The forms will be kept in order as received and the classes will be formed beginning in July. You will then receive a post card from the office stating class assignment. WE WILL GLADLY MAIL FORMS TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE – 281-2835 TO REQUEST A FORM.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: They recently completed their day of retreat at ‘Our Lady of the Island Shrine’ in Eastport. It was a fun filled day; activities, Mass, song, praise, adoration and walking the grounds of the Shrine. You truly are the young adults of our church and you showed that by your presence and respect for all. You were all highly complimented on your respectfulness and good behavior. Good job! You make me so proud of each of you. I know on your Confirmation day, you will be just as respectful to the Bishop and those attending Mass. God bless all of you as you get closer to the day of your Confirmation and may the Holy Spirit continue to be with you and guide you.

THANK YOU: Pat Bona, Thomas Brooksbank, Mary Ellen Dillon, Mary Iapalucci, Mike Savino, Dr. Jeff Scaccio, Cosmo Vitolo and Phyllis Zolnowski for your help during the year in preparing our young adults for the reception of Confirmation and for those of you who were able to join us at the retreat. Thank you to my volunteers—Jacquie Cronin and Cira Saccente also for helping and being with us for the day. God bless all for their volunteering and commitment to the students.

CATECHIST SOCIAL: ‘End of Year Social’ gathering on May 18th in the main hall. R.S.V.P. by May 18th. Hope you can all make it.

Considering giving back something to the church for the many blessings you have received? Consider becoming a security guard while classes are in session. Or are you **INTERESTED IN TEACHING THE FAITH?** You can volunteer for the Catechetical Ministry. If interested, please call 281-2835 for details.



Commandments, (Part VI)

(The primary source for the following is from *Outlines of the Catholic Faith: Revised Edition 2011*. Leaflet Missal Company.)

The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.

This commandment commands us to practice justice and charity in the administration of earthly goods and the fruits of human labor:

- In the creation of man, God entrusted all the goods of creation to all people in common.
- The right to private property does not abolish what God gave to all men and women together.
- The right to hold private property is a means of justly distributing the goods of the earth to individual people.
- The right to hold private property must yield to justice when the holding of some good or goods violates justice or inflicts serious harm on other people. (For example, when people are starving, it is unreasonable and unjust for a landowner who has a barn full of grain not to make it available to those who are hungry.)

In all ordinary circumstances, we must respect the private property of others:

- We should never take what rightly and justly belongs to another.

Sins against this commandment include the following:

- Theft, burglary, or fraud.
- Deliberately damaging another's property. (Vandalism)
- Failure to pay a just debt or obligation.
- Failure to fulfill a promise or a contract.
- Failure to return what has been found or borrowed.
- The wasting of time, money, or property of an employer.
- Failure to pay employees a just wage.
- Neglecting to help the poor or those in need.
- Excessive gambling which deprives a person or those dependent on that person of what is needed.
- Reducing people to slaves or mere things for profit.

These sins require reparation. For example, goods stolen must be returned (or at least their value given to their legitimate owner).

This commandment enjoins on everyone to respect everything God has made. We must respect the environment and not leave future generations without the benefits of what God has given to all people of all time.

We must not cause animals to suffer needlessly or kill them for no reason:

- We may kill them for food and clothing.
- We may use them to help us in our work.
- We may even experiment with them for the sake of relieving human misery as long as the experimentation remains within reasonable limits.

This commandment includes the principle that the human person is the author, center, and goal of all economic and social life:

- Profit cannot be the sole motive. A concern for persons must also be present.
- Everyone has a right to work.
- Labor strikes are morally legitimate when they cannot be avoided and when they are undertaken without violence.
- Wealthy nations should help the poor ones.
- Everyone should help the poor.

**In Christ,
Fr. Greg**

Catholic Men's Ministry

'St. Jude Catholic Men's Ministry' meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7PM in the parish center. All are welcome to attend.

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. Your gift to the 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul' will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

St. Francis Statue— Eagle Scout Project

We are asking for donations towards the purchase of a 'St. Francis Statue' that will be mounted a podium on the west side of the church. All donations can be placed in the regular collection basket, dropped-off or mailed to the rectory. Please be sure to indicate that your donation is for the 'Eagle Scout Project-Statue'. Funds donated to the project are \$1,785.00 as of 5/1/12. (Cost for the statue approximately \$5,000.)

Lighthouse Catholic Media

CONTRACEPTION: CRACKING THE MYTHS – PROFESSOR JANET E. SMITH

In this new edition of Professor Janet Smith's ground-breaking exposé on the effects of the pill on modern society, she presents a God-centered view of sexuality that can bring married couples a joy that they could never have imagined. Backed by statistics and armed with decades of research, Professor Smith shows the crippling effect of the contraceptive culture on our relationship with God, our romantic relationships and marriages, the culture at large and our physical and mental health.

Rosary Altar Society

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 7th. There will be NO installation of new officers as our current officers will remain in their elected positions. We will now be meeting at our summer hours. We will begin our rosary at 7PM in the parish center, and will continue to do so until the Fall of 2012. At this month's meeting, our "members only" the meeting will complete with our "Spring Tea". Rosarians, don't forget our Hat contests prizes will be awarded to the "prettiest" and "funniest" hats.

St. Anthony's High School—Honor Roll

The following parishioners have made the honor roll for the third quarter at 'St. Anthony's High School': Tiffani Greene and Aisling McGeean. Congratulations!

Subscribe to Long Island Catholic Today!!!

The diocesan newspaper is to serve the truth with courage, helping the public see, understand, and live reality with the eyes of God. This mission is even more important today, when our society seems to be trying to keep religious values out of public life and banish religious faith to the private sphere. For just \$20, you can receive a full year (47 issues) delivered to your home. To renew or start your subscription go to www.LICatholic.org or call 516-594-1000. Flyers are also available in the church lobby.

Mastic/Moriches/Shirley Community Library

This Tuesday, May 8th from 7–8PM We invite you to hear Shirley author, Henry Osmer's conduct a talk on his latest book, *American Gibraltar: Montauk and the Wars of America*. Mr. Osmer has worked as tour director and lighthouse historian at the Montauk Point Lighthouse since 2001. He is also author of *On Eagle's Beak: A History of the Montauk Point Lighthouse*, *Living on the Edge: Life at the Montauk Point Lighthouse 1930-1945*, and *They Were All Strangers: The Wreck of the John Milton at Montauk, New York*. Join us as we learn about Montauk's truly remarkable history. A book signing will follow the program.

Mother's Day Remembrance Envelopes

Please remember to return your Mother's Day Envelopes by this Wednesday, May 9th. Remembrance intention offering envelopes are available in the church vestibule. All offering envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the rectory. Mother's Day cards can be purchased at the rectory for \$1. Your intentions will be remembered on Sunday, May 13th (Mothers' Day).

"Sanctify yourself and you
will sanctify society."

—Saint Francis of Assisi

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lector Meeting

For all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors please join Father Greg for a meeting in the parish center this Wednesday, May 9th at 7PM. We strongly urge all to attend!! The weekend of Saturday, May 12th and Sunday, May 13th all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be publicly commissioned at all the Masses.

Diocesan Youth Event

Featuring Chris Padgett, hosting 'A Night of Praise & Worship' – All Are Welcome! Next Wednesday, May 9th from 7–9PM at 'St. John Nepomucene' in Bohemia. Or Friday, May 11th from 7–9PM at 'St. Agnes Parish Center' in Rockville Centre. Chris is one of the most effective champions of family life in the church today who speaks from experience. He is passionate about his relationship with Jesus Christ and excited to share his passion with our youth! For more information, contact Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drvc.org or 516-678-5800, ext. 615.

Bunco Night

'St. Vincent de Paul St. Jude Conference' is happy to host a BUNCO NIGHT in St. Jude's Parish Center next Friday, May 11th. Doors open at 6:30PM, game begins 7PM. No knowledge of the game is required! We will teach you how to play this EASY & FUN game! Bring your friends and family (adults only, please). Chances to win BIG Prizes—Door Prizes, 50/50, & Basket Raffles! A night of pure fun for only \$10 per person which includes coffee, tea and cake! You can't even get into the movies for that price! Tickets will be sold at all the Masses the weekend of May 5th & 6th and at the Rectory during office hours. For more information, call Linda at 631-495-9097. We always have on our minds & hearts those who are most needy. Please bring a donation of a non-perishable item to help Outreach re-stock the Food Pantry.

William Floyd School District Budget Hearing

This Tuesday, May 8th at 7PM in the William Floyd High School auditorium located at 240 Mastic Beach Road.

St. Anthony's High School—Concert

Join us for our 'Spring Concert of Instrumental and Choral Music' next Friday, May 11th and Saturday, May 12th at 8PM. Located in St. Anthony's Auditorium, 275 Wolf Hill Rd. South Huntington. Donation \$10. For more information visit www.stanthonyshs.org or call 631-271-2020.

Come Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is calling out to those in our 'St. John the Evangelist' parish family and surrounding areas to re-ignite the 'English-Speaking Charismatic Prayer Group' at St. John's on Tuesday nights. Do you hear His voice? THEN HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS! Our next meetings will be on: Tuesday, May 15th & June 12th at 7:30PM in the 'OLQA School Auditorium'.

A reunion of 'St. John's Charismatic Prayer Group' is planned for Tuesday, July 10th, from 7-9PM at the 'Shrine of Our Lady of the Island' in Eastport. The prayer group met every Tuesday at 'St. John the Evangelist Church' in Center Moriches from 1975 to June, 1995. All are welcome to this evening of prayer and praise and to renew old friendships. For information email Anne Leonardi at sjgpreunion@aol.com or Mary Mensch at mensch.mary@gmail.com.

Mary Immaculate, Bellport Parish Mission

COME ENCOUNTER JESUS—Presented by Reverend Cedric Pisezna, C.P. All are welcome!!! Monday, May 14th, Tuesday, May 15th and Wednesday, May 16th at 9AM Mass and at 7PM. **WHAT IS A MISSION?** A parish mission is a three day retreat or "revival" for the parish community. During this time the universal message of the Gospel and the Church is preached. It is a time of God's special grace. Through prayer, music, and the preaching of God's word, Fr. Cedric tries to create an atmosphere through which people's hearts will be touched. The centerpiece of the mission is the *Lord Jesus Christ and His paschal Mystery: Jesus died so that we could be forgiven, He rose so that we could know new life, He will come again in Glory to raise us up and take us home to Heaven.* Fr. Cedric will focus on Jesus and lead people into a deeper personal relationship with Him. New life is the goal and purpose of the mission; the refreshing new life that God offers us in the Holy Spirit. Presently, Fr. Cedric preaches retreats and missions throughout the United States ministering out of the 'Passionist Retreat' complex in Houston, TX. Fr. Cedric's television program "Live with Passion" airs on 'Telecare' on Mondays and Fridays at 10PM. You may visit his website at www.frcedric.org.

Healing Mass at St. Patrick

Come join us—Remain in Hope!!!! 'Cathedral of St. Patrick', 460 Madison Avenue, New York City. **NO TICKETS REQUIRED:** For those suffering from emotional and psychological difficulties and illness of the mind such as Alzheimer's or Autism or their families, friends, and the mental health community. The Healing Mass is Tuesday, May 15th at 7PM, including the communal rite of anointing the sick and devotion to Saint Dymphna, patron saint of mental health.

New Life Center—

Golf Outing

Next Friday, May 11th in collaboration with the 'Office of Prison Ministry', the 'New Life Center' assists formerly incarcerated persons become productive members of society. Join us for our 3rd annual golf outing at 'Rock Hill Golf & Country Club' in Manorville in honor of Bishop Emil Wcela, DD. Please call 631-615-6170 for more information and fees.

Dominican Village

'Dominican Village' is an independent retirement community, assisted-living residence, respite care and short-term stay. Join our Open house from 1-3PM on Saturday, May 19th. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, contact us today at 631-842-6091 or info@dominicanvillage.org.

Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY				
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	5pm	Total
April 15	349	185	220	313	515	203	1785
April 22	355	105	218	350	505	175	1708
April 29	325	145	220	313	500	215	1718

Weekly Collections

April 29th	\$9822.55
Spare a Dime Sunday	\$833.00

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal	\$56,200.00
Pledges as of 5/1/12	\$61,575.00
Number of Donors	193
Payments as of 5/1/12	\$34,305.00

We have reached our goal. Thank you for your generous support of the CMA Appeal.

God Bless You!!!!

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012 *Easter Weekday*

ACTS 14:5-18 • JN 14:21-26

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 *Easter Weekday*

ACTS 14:19-28 • JN 14:27-31A

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012 *Easter Weekday*

ACTS 15:1-6 • JN 15:1-8

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012 *Easter Weekday*

ACTS 15:7-21 • JN 15:9-11

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012 *Easter Weekday*

ACTS 15:22-31 • JN 15:12-17

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012 *Easter Weekday*

ACTS 16:1-10 • JN 15:18-21

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2012 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 • 1 JN 4:7-10 •

JN 15:9-17

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of May 7th have been donated:

In loving memory of Billy Giordano

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for the weekend of May 5th & 6th have been donated:

In loving memory of Billy Giordano

Wedding Banns

II. David Micheli/Erin O'Hara

I. Anthony Giuffre/Lisa Carrion

Baptisms

Christopher Stephen Naso,

Matthew Ryan Naso,

Giada Loretta Boscia, Daniella Grace Segarra,

Alexandra Payne Besemer

May God Bless them and their families!

Seussical the Musical Jr.— OLQA Regional Catholic School

Presented by 'Our Lady Queen of Apostles'
Performance dates are Saturday, May 19th
7PM and Sunday, May 20th 2PM. Cost per
ticket is \$8. SEATING BASED ON FIRST
COME BASIS. For more information
please call (631)878-1033.

Kara's Hope Foundation 5KRun/Walk

The second annual 5K Run/Walk for
William Floyd Scholarships will take place
on Saturday May 19th on the grounds of
the beautiful Southaven County Park. For
additional information and registration go
to: www.karashopefoundation.org

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 woman in church
history and see how they relate to our lives
today. Join us, Tuesday, May 29th where we
will be discussing, The '**North American
Martyrs of El Salvador, Maura Clarke,
Jean Donovan, Ita Ford, and Dorothy
Kazel**' 7:30-9PM at Mary Immaculate in
Bellport. Class is located in Room 7 of the
Church Auditorium with Sister Grace.

Altar Server Breakfast

We would like to cordially invite all altar
servers and their families to our 'Annual
Altar Server Breakfast'. It is at this time
that we would like to thank you for your
devoted and reverent service to the Altar
Server Ministry. On Saturday, June 2nd
from 9–11:30AM in the parish center.
R.S.V.P. to Aida at 395-1774 by May 25th
with the number attending, or email your
response to mayanmomx4@msn.com.

Holy Angels Regional School—Summer Auction

Join us on Wednesday, June 6th at the
'Holy Angels Gymnasium' located on
Division Street in Patchogue. Tickets are
\$10 for 50 chances and other raffles. For
information call Kim Calandra 516-903-
2636.

Annulment Information

The 'Office of Faith Formation' in
collaboration with 'The Tribunal' is offering
a annulment information evening on June
5th at 7PM 'St. Patrick's' in Bay Shore
located at 9 N Clinton Ave, Bayshore in
the 'Msgr. Purick Hall'. These workshops
are designed to give information, answer
questions, and come to understand the
annulment process as a healing opportunity
for those divorced individuals wishing to
pursue an annulment. These meetings
are an excellent opportunity for parish
staff members and volunteers to learn
more about the specifics of the annulment
process. We kindly ask that you make
this information known in your parish and
invite individuals to these evenings. The
presenter is Fr. Eric Fasano, Judicial Canon
Lawyer for the 'Diocese of Rockville
Centre'. Cost is \$10 per person. Register
online at www.drvc-faith.org.



Retrouvaille Peer Ministry

Couples who have had problems in their
own marriages and have recovered from
those problems, share their experiences
with couples in troubled marriages with
the hope that they too will see that their
marriage can be saved. A Retrouvaille
weekend is a deeply personal and private
experience shared between a husband and
wife that can help a couple to reconnect
and go on to lead a happy and fulfilling
life together. YOU CAN SAVE YOUR
MARRIAGE NOW! For more information
about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend
that begins on Friday, June 8th at the
'Montfort Retreat House' in Bay Shore,
please call 1-800-470-2230 and you
will be connected (confidentially) to an
experienced couple from Long Island/
Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Join us for our annual seventh pilgrimage
to the shrine in Washington, NJ on Weds,
June 13th. We will depart from 'Our
Lady of Mercy', in Hicksville at 8:30AM
and Lindenhurst at 8AM. Bring your own
lunch-picnic grounds and snack bar on
premises. This trip is open to all who love
the Blessed Mother. The cost this year
is \$30 per person (due to an increase
in the cost of the bus) and it includes
transportation, driver gratuity, "The Song
of Bernadette" movie on the bus, and
group singing favorite Marian hymns. If
you are interested or have any questions
please call Dan Sullivan 516-681-5633.

Life Center of Long Island with Dr. Alveda King

Join Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr. at a fundraiser for the 'Life
Center of Long Island'! Dr. King will speak
on the effects of Abortion on women, the
genocide of African Americans and the
hope of the pro-life movement today. On
Tuesday, June 19th from 7–9PM at 'Cure
of Ars Church', 2323 Merrick Avenue in
Merrick. General Admission ticket price is
\$25 per person. This is an awesome way
to be educated, inspired and transformed
by the words and witness of one of today's
most powerful pro-life patriots! Also there
will be a HUGE announcement at this
event concerning the special guest speaker
for our 2012 Banquet... you do not
want to miss this! For info call 516-798-
8746(ask for Anthony) or email [agentile@
lifecenterli.org](mailto:agentile@lifecenterli.org).

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Join Sr. Marcie Purpura and Fr. Peter
Kaczmarek July 28th–August 7th on
this unique trip to 'The 23rd Annual
Youth Festival'. Sr. Marcie has traveled to
Medjugorje since the early days and we stay
with people who supported the visionaries
during the fearful days of persecution and
continue in their fidelity to Mary. They
have many special experiences to share.
All inclusive (airport tax incl.) \$2,749
per person from New York. For more
information email Sr. Marcie at [srmciep@
aol.com](mailto:srmciep@aol.com) or to register contact Cara Manise
800-206-8687.

"In the royal galley of divine Love, there is no galley slave: all rowers are volunteers."

—Saint Francis De Sales

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

understanding the basics ▪ defending a right

God's Gift, America's Heritage (1 of 7)

To the west of Nassau and Suffolk counties, a tower in lower Manhattan, rising ever-higher into the sky, bears the name of that which makes this nation great: freedom. America is synonymous with freedom. It is the hallmark of our republic.

Living in the land of the free, we inherit a legacy of liberty passed down from our founders. They put forth clearly and succinctly what freedom entails, enshrining the basic rights of every American in our nation's founding documents, most especially in the Bill of Rights. It was the genius of the American project to take what belongs to each person by virtue of their human dignity, their God-given liberties, and place these freedoms at the heart of a democratic society. In the United States, rights and freedoms were no longer the domain of rulers to parcel out. Here, those God-given rights were documented for all to see and none to snatch.

As believers, we hold especially dear our nation's guarantee to religious freedom and freedom of conscience. When the Bill of Rights was ratified in 1789, this freedom had the distinction of being the First Amendment. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," our founders wisely declared. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty's recent statement *Our First, Most Cherished Liberty* stresses the esteem with which those first citizens regarded this right.

"By the end of the 18th century, our nation's founders embraced freedom of religion as an essential condition of a free and democratic society. James Madison, often called the Father of the Constitution, described conscience as 'the most sacred of all property.' He wrote that 'the Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate.' George Washington wrote that 'the establishment of Civil and Religious Liberty was the Motive that induced me to the field of battle.'"

With this appreciation of religious liberty firmly in place alongside other freedoms, the founders and a new nation set out on a bold experiment. Over the centuries, injustices in the application of our fundamental rights were overcome despite resistance and because of courage: freedom would no longer be conditioned by color; suffrage would belong to all. Setbacks came with growth, most egregiously when the fundamental right to life was denied to our most vulnerable, the unborn. However, as our union strove to become more perfect, respect for our fundamental rights, including our right to religious liberty and freedom of conscience, seemed assured. That is, until recently.

"As a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail and religious liberty may be restored."

BISHOP WILLIAM MURPHY

PRAYER

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).

We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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