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

That
“Love Thy Neighbor”
thing...

I meant it.

—God

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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 20th 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, FEBRUARY 19, 2011

5:00pm Ann York †

7:30pm Missael DeJesus †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2011

8:00am Joseph Passaro †

9:30am Parishioners of St. Jude

11:30am Diana M. Loughren †

5:00pm Jean Ryan †

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011

9:00am Fred Kobasiuk †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

9:00am John Sisas †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011

9:00am Maria Ingrasciotta †

NOON Saint Jude Guild —
“Happy Birthday in
Heaven” - Joseph Thompson †,
Madeline Caulfield †,
Maricel Villegas †,
Ninfa Pacificador †,
Audur Sotto †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011

9:00am Patrick O’Connell †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011

9:00am Eileen Gosselin †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2011

8:30am Louis Coppola †

5:00pm Olympia Miraba †

7:30pm Carol Huber †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011

8:00am McLaughlin Family †

9:30am Rose Aquino †

11:30am Parishioners of St. Jude

5:00pm Vincent DiMaggio †

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

FOR THE SICK: Christopher Barnes, Barbara Breier, Don Bull, Francis X. Butler, Cory Castelli, Rose Coppola, Anthony Cuccia, Mary Theresa Cunningham, Dorothy Davin, Anthony DeLuco, Alexandra Ditman, Al Ehresman, Mike Fallgren, Nicholas Ferrara, Theresa Ferrer, James Fiore, Steven Heerbrandt, Richard & Matthew Kaminsky, Lawrence Katz, Cookie Landau, Joseph Lutz, Dennis MacWilliams, Joe Maloney, Jean McDonald, Jack McCarthy, Vic Mendolia, Phyllis Mohn, Anthony Naglieri, Francis Naglieri, Jennie Paruolo, Frank Russo, Jeffrey Scaccio Jr., Fara Schacca, Lucille Scharrer, Barbara Schiebel, David Simon, Tony Sinagra, Richard Steffen, Julia Tolve, Julia Vaglio, Mary Vazzana, Ronald Weick, Joan Weisner, Tony Zottoli

FOR THE DECEASED: Matthew Yuhus,
Rose Palminteri

FOR THE MILITARY: John Abel, Joseph Competello, Matt Corica, Michael Cuervo, Kenneth Drumm, Jr., Daniel Edwards, Daniel Engo, Michael Hickey, Jeffrey Holmes, Richard Kruger, Chris Manakides, 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

ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT’S DAY.

Faith Formation

MID WINTER RECESS: Mid winter recess began on Saturday, February 19th to February 26th. The office will be closed and there will be no faith formation classes during this time. Classes will resume and office will reopen on Monday, February 28th.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Dear Supporting Parishioners, Our Blizzard Bucks campaign is in full swing. The tickets are \$50 each. As you know we sell them after Masses but you can also purchase them through the school. If you have any questions the school number is 878-1033. Blizzard Bucks truly helps us to make ends meet in the budget, thank you for your continued support.

This year we celebrated Valentine’s Day by donating to the ‘Life Center’, an organization that supports expectant mothers through the birth and care of their child. As usual the children were very generous. Our next event is the Chinese Auction on April 2nd. Save the date. Details will follow.

The weekend after we return from winter break, March 5th and 6th, performances for Belle and the Beast will take place. The students have been working hard getting into character and our set designers have out-done themselves. I hope you will be able to join us for this very special event. Seating tickets can be obtained through the school.

Can’t believe winter break is here already. I guess everyone is hoping it will be snowless! Blessings, Sister Helen Ann

Lighthouse Catholic Media—News

Following the Call of Christ: Biblical Stories of Conversion—Fr. Robert Barron. Fr. Barron presents three familiar people from the Bible in such a way that we can understand the rich symbolism more fully. Bartimaeus (the man born blind), the woman at the well and Jonah were each called to conversion. We are all called to follow Christ.

St. Vincent de Paul

In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying, “You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect.” When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts and into our lives.

The Beginning Experience

Help for the heartache of divorce, separation, and widowhood. A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is March 4–6th at the ‘Monfort Spiritual Center’ in Bay Shore. For information and reservations, call John at 516-822-0635, Jim at 718-474-3779 or Karen at 201-736-8200.

Healing After Abortion

‘The Life Center of Long Island’ invites any woman suffering from the pains of abortion, to attend a weekend retreat for ‘Healing After Abortion’. Our English healing retreat will begin next Friday evening, February 25th until Sunday afternoon, February 27th. For all information contact Deacon Frank Gariboldi at 516-523-0586 or by email at fgariboldi@optonline.net. All communication is strictly confidential. To learn more about ‘Rachel’s Vineyard’ look online at www.rachelsvineyard.org

Help one another with the generosity of the Lord, and despise no one. When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by. —Saint Polycarp



St. Polycarp

As Butler's *Lives of the Saints* attests: "St. Polycarp was one of the most famous of the little group of early bishops known as the 'Apostolic Fathers', who being the immediate disciples of the apostles, received instruction directly from them, as it were from the fountain head. Polycarp was a disciple of St. John the Evangelist, and was respected by the faithful to the point of profound veneration." He was bishop of the church in Symrna (present day Turkey), and suffered martyrdom at the hands of Roman officials at the age of 86 (on February 23rd, about the year 155) for refusing to give worship to the false gods of the pagans. He was responsible for training many holy disciples who would continue to spread the Gospel and bring people to salvation in Christ. The following account of his martyrdom was recorded by members of the Church of Symrna:

When the pyre was ready, Polycarp took off all his clothes and loosened his under-garment. He made an effort also to remove his shoes, though he had been unaccustomed to this, for the faithful always vied with each other in their haste to touch his body. Even before his martyrdom he had received every mark of honor in tribute to his holiness of life.

There and then he was surrounded by the material for the pyre. When they tried to fasten him also with nails, he said: "Leave me as I am. The One who gives me strength to endure the fire will also give me the strength to stay quite still on the pyre, even without the precaution of your nails." So they did not fix him to the pyre with nails but only fastened him instead. Bound as he was, with hands behind his back, he stood like a mighty ram, chosen out for sacrifice from a great flock, a worthy victim made ready to be offered to God.

Looking up to heaven, he said: "Lord, almighty God, Father of Your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of Yourself, God of angels, of powers, of all creation, of all the race of saints who live in Your sight, I bless You for judging me worthy of this day, this hour, so that in the company of the martyrs I may share the cup of Christ, your anointed One, and so rise again to eternal life in soul and body, immortal through the power of the Holy Spirit. May I be received among the martyrs in Your presence today as a rich and pleasing sacrifice. God of truth, stranger to falsehood, You have prepared this and revealed it to me and now You have fulfilled Your promise.

"I praise You for all things, I bless You, I glorify you through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. Through Him be glory to You, together with Him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen."

When he had said "Amen" and finished the prayer, the officials at the pyre lit it. But, when a great flame burst out, those of us privileged to see it witnessed a strange and wonderful thing. Indeed, we have been spared in order to tell the story to others. Like a ship's sail swelling in the wind, the flame became as it were a dome encircling the martyr's body. Surrounded by the fire, his body was like bread that is baked, or gold and silver white-hot in a furnace, not like flesh that has been burnt. So sweet a fragrance came to us that it was like that of burning incense or some other costly and sweet smelling gum.

St. Polycarp, pray for us!

**In Christ,
Fr. Greg**

Mission Impossible

The iconic television TV show Mission Impossible was recognizable not only for its theme song, but also for the instructions heard from a reel-to-reel tape recorder that would “self-destruct in five seconds,” leaving the main character to pursue his impossible mission without further assistance.

When I was reading today’s Gospel, the Mission Impossible theme song immediately leapt to mind. Turn the other cheek? Offer no resistance to evil?

And most shocking of all—love your enemies? Could any mission be more impossible than that?

The difference is that our Gospel “tape” doesn’t self-destruct. Jesus’ message of nonviolence and love toward those who wish us harm is repeated in each Gospel as well as in the witness of Jesus’ own life and death.

There’s simply no way around it—Jesus’ teaching is hard. The challenge to love your enemies flies in the face of

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our basic human nature to seek revenge or at least harbor anger and resentment toward those we consider “enemies.” Does Jesus really mean I should love my vindictive ex-spouse? The boss who unjustly fired me? The former friend who betrayed my trust? The criminal who burglarized my home? How can we even begin to love these people?

I feel better when I remember that, while the TV show Mission Impossible wrapped up each mission neatly in sixty minutes, our own “mission” is an ongoing process that takes time. We aren’t expected to embrace our worst enemy overnight. But if we ask God’s help, our efforts will be strengthened. Can we start by praying for that “enemy” as Jesus suggests? That can be the first step toward loving others with the seemingly impossible and endless love of our God.

JANEL ESKER
sundaybulletins@liguori.org

J.V. Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus/Columbiettes

Wanted: Bowlers for a charity event (Do not have to be a “Professional Bowler”). Open to organizations, families and friends on Saturday, February 26th. Doors open at 6:30PM, bowling begins 7PM SHARP! It is an all weather event at the ‘AMF Bowling Alley’ in Shirley, located on Wm. Floyd Pkwy. Price is \$25.00pp. (\$10.00 Non - Bowler) which includes: 2 hours of ‘Cosmic Bowling’, shoes, ball, hero, salads, and DJ. Each team needs 6-8 people per Lane. The team with the most points picks the charity and a trophy. Deadline for registration is February 21st (Sorry No Exceptions or Refunds). Make checks out to J.V. Kavanaugh Columbiettes P.O. Box 272, Moriches 11955. Call Patti at 772-8081 for more information. Please enclose all the names of bowlers and non-bowlers. We are asking each team to pick a color t-shirt to wear that night, please call to make sure your color wasn’t taken.

Christ will guard his own.
—St. Agnes

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Jude Parish and the J.V. Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus will be hosting the annual Lenten fish fry! Come feed your body and soul. Fridays during Lent beginning March 11th and ending April 15th, the week before Good Friday. There is plenty of time to enjoy your meal and afterwards join us for the Stations of the Cross at 8PM in the church.

Dinner includes: Fish fillet, french fries, coleslaw, roll, dessert and soda for just \$8.00 per person. The fish fry will be held at the parish center hall from 5:00PM to 7:30PM.

St. Jude’s Blood Drive

St. Jude will be hosting a Blood Drive Friday, March 18th from 2:30PM to 8:30PM. Volunteers will be available after Mass for three weekends beginning Feb 26th & 27th, March 5th & 6th and March 12th & 13th. Long Island Blood Services is in desperate need of donors due to the recent cancellation of many blood drives, because of inclement weather, please consider a donation, possibly visiting both our Fish Fry and our Blood Mobile on Friday March 18th.

Thank you, St. Jude Outreach

Mary Immaculate, Bellport

WOMEN AT THE WELL: Come together with other women as we look at the stories of women in the Bible, as well as women in our church history, and see how they relate to our lives today. Every Tuesday, from 7:30–9:00PM. The facilitator is Sister Grace. The next ‘Women at the Well’ discussion is about *Catherine of Siena* Tuesday, February 22nd.

LENTEN SERIES: PRAYER IS A HUNGER: We will explore a variety of approaches and experiences to pray that can open one more fully to God’s presence. Prayer form that will be introduced are Ignatian Prayer, the Jesus Prayer, Lectio Divina (Holy Reading), Guided Meditation, and the Taize Prayer. Join us on Tuesdays, March 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 12th, & 19th from 9:30–11:00 and Wednesdays, March 16th, 27th, 30th, April 13th, & 20th from 7:30–9:00PM. The facilitator is Sister Grace. Free for all, both men and women. Lectures are located at ‘Mary Immaculate’ in Bellport in the church auditorium Room 7.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Appeal has begun 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. Because of the tremendous generosity of the people of this parish and others throughout the diocese, the appeal helps more than 600,000 people each year.

We realize that everyone's financial situation is different. Discuss with your family and prayerfully reflect upon the graces that God has bestowed on you and your loved ones. The decision you make is between you and God, and through prayer and reflection, you will come to a meaningful response. Parish Goal for 2010 was \$45,612.00. Parish Pledged & funds received \$45,612.00 Parish Share 20% St. Jude received \$9,122.40. Pledged over goal \$6,508.45. Pledge payments received \$5,033.45. Parish share received 80% \$4,026.76. Total parish share received for 2010 \$13,149.16. Parish Goal for 2011 is \$50,174.00. Total pledges received already is \$14,630.00. If we reach our parish goal, St. Jude will receive our parish share of 20% totaling \$10,034.80. Any money pledged and received over goal the parish receives a share of 80%. Please contribute what you can afford.

St. Joseph Renewal Center

EVENINGS FOR MARRIED COUPLES: "Nourishing Our Spirituality." The evening begins with a candle light dinner. Facilitators are Michael & Valerie Dunne, Owen & Helen Farley, Bob & Mary Freudenberg, John & Mary Anne Keenan, Marty & Martha McIndoe and Sonny & Sue Pagnotta. On Sunday, March 6th from 5:00-8:00PM. Offering for the program is \$60 per couple.

LENTEN WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN: "Finding our Way along the WAY of Jesus." This weekend retreat begins on Friday, March 11th at 4:00PM. Presenters are Josephine Daspro, CSJ and Father Ron Richardson. Offering for the program is \$175.00 for the weekend, which includes all meals and accommodations.

All programs are held at the 'St. Joseph Renewal Center', 1725 Brentwood Road, in Brentwood. Call for reservations at 631-273-1187 x23.

Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Center

THE THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM: *Nurturing and Sustaining Our Faith Through Scripture.* Presented by Monsignor James McNamara Pastor of Holy Cross in Nesconset. On March 1st, from 10:00-Noon followed by lunch. The cost is \$25 per session. Registration is required.

REFRESHING YOUR SPIRIT: On Sunday, March 6th from 9:30AM-3:30PM join us for *A Day of Spiritual Renewal for Men and Women in a 12 Step-Program.* Sister Maurice Dodd is a highly esteemed retreat leader. She brings humor and an affable style of presentation as well as an understanding of the daily struggle. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

All retreats are located at the 'Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Center' in Manhasset. Registration is required. Please call 516-627-9255 or email us at olgcenter@gmail.com.

Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY			SUNDAY			Total
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	5pm	
Jan. 16	320	165	202	352	620	161	1820
Jan. 23	318	225	183	371	550	199	1846
Jan. 30	307	175	189	342	565	250	1828
Feb. 6	261	90	184	339	566	176	1616
Feb. 13	315	115	197	330	600	195	1752

Weekly Collections

Regular Collection Feb. 13th	\$9,543.73
Monthly Maintenance	\$3,253.00

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2011 Goal	\$50,174.00
Total pledges a/o 2/16/11	\$14,630.00
# of Donors	45
Payments a/o 2/16/11	\$5,905.00

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011 *Weekday*

SIR 1:1-10 / MK 9:14-29

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011 *Chair of Saint Peter, apostle*

1 PT 5:1-4 / MT 16:13-19

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011 *Saint*

Polycarp, bishop and martyr

Sir 4:11-19 / Mk 9:38-40

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011 *Weekday*

SIR 5:1-8 / MK 9:41-50

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011 *Weekday*

SIR 6:5-17 / MK 10:1-12

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2011 *Weekday*

SIR 17:1-15 / MK 10:13-16

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011 *Eighth Sunday in*

Ordinary Time IS 49:14-15 / 1 COR 4:1-5 / MT 6:24-34

Altar Flower Offering

The altar flowers for the weekend of February 19th and 20th have been donated:

In Memory of Peter & Edna Clancy

Available dates June 4th & 5th,

All weeks July & August

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of February 21st has been donated:

In Memory of Harry & Patrick Hennessey

Dates are available July 18th,

and August 15th & 22nd

Woman's Life Day

On Saturday, March 26th at 9AM–3PM, the 24th Annual 'Woman's Life Day' will be held at 'Grace Lutheran Church', located at 240 Mastic Road in Mastic Beach. The theme is "Fearlessly Courageous" For any additional information please contact Linda Guterres at 631-924-1776.

Long Island Housing Partnership

On Tuesday, March 29th from 7:00PM–9:00PM there will be an informational meeting with the Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP) at the Mastic Firehouse located at 1080 Mastic Road in Mastic, NY. The LIHP is a non-profit housing developer, which provides communities with valuable guidance for those individuals en route to home ownership. They will be discussing: 'Home Ownership'; 'Community Development'; 'Neighborhood Stabilization'; and 'Community Stabilization'. If you are a potential homebuyer, at risk of foreclosure, a realtor or a contractor please don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the LIHP.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

On Sunday, April 3rd, couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop William Murphy at the 'Church of Saint Lawrence the Martyr' in Sayville at 2:30PM. Please pick up your registration card at your parish, fill it out and return to the rectory in time to reach the 'Diocese of Rockville Centre' no later than March 17th. Approximately one week before the ceremony, information regarding the day will be mailed to you. There will be another celebration in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 207.

Religion and Rock

This week's theme is Leadership don't miss it! To listen online go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at 'Religion and Rock' on iTunes.

Lenten Day of Prayer

Sponsored by the 'Friends of the Seminary'. *Belong More Deeply—Lent as a People of Hope* Presented by Rev. Msgr. James C. Vlaun, C.E.O. and President of Telecare on Sunday, April 10th 9:30AM to 3:00PM. A \$25.00 Donation (for non-friends of the Seminary) includes: Presentations, Lunch, Confession and Mass. For information and reservations please call 631-423-0483 ext. 102 or bmalone@icseminary.edu. Please reserve by April 1st. The 'Seminary of Immaculate Conception' is located at 440 West Neck Road in Huntington.

Operation Hearts & Homes

We are headed to Ethiopia on April 14th for 10 days for the second annual mission trip to assist children in orphanages. We have limited availability but can accept a few more volunteers. Would you consider being a missionary? A parent or guardian MUST accompany any teenager. For information, please contact us at the numbers listed below. We are also asking that you spread the word for a sponsor for a young man to study here at Suffolk or Nassau Community College on an international student visa. We were asked last year to find a sponsor for this young man by his uncle, an Ethiopian Catholic Priest, who is currently working in Rome. If you are willing to consider sponsoring him to study here for one year (and supply room and board) please email marybethcass@aol.com or call Mary 631-388-3613 or Grace 516-367-7413 for further details.

Fordham University GRE

'Fordham University's Graduate School of Religion' has online programs in Pastoral Care, Religious Education/Youth Ministry starting March 21st. Both programs can be completed at the Rose Hill campus, entirely online, or a mix of both. Please visit us at www.fordham.edu/gre, call 718-817-4800 or email gremitt@fordham.edu.

HEC Retreat Weekend Needs Volunteers

HEC ('Handicapped Encounter Christ') has been serving the spiritual needs of adults with special needs on Long Island for over 25 years. The Retreat Weekend for adults with physical and/or developmental challenges will be held this year at 'Camp Alvernia' from April 28th to May 1st (Thursday to Sunday). Coordinator, Michele Barone is in need of volunteers to assist participants at the weekend. Planning meetings will be held on March 10th, and April 14th at 7PM in 'St. Francis of Assisi Church', in Greenlawn. Can you donate your time to make this a wonderful Retreat Weekend for the candidates who are ready to encounter Christ? Call Michele at 516-420-1207 or email mrbarone@verizon.net for more information.

Earned Income and Child Tax Credits

You could owe less in taxes and get cash back from the IRS if you worked in 2010—full or part time—you may qualify. Even if you don't owe income tax you may qualify. If you had children living with you for more than half of 2010 you may qualify. If you did not have children living with you and you were between the ages of 24–64 in 2010 you may qualify. For more information go to IRS.gov/EITC or to my.benefits.ny.gov and click on Earned Income.

Assurance Wireless

Free phone and 250 free minutes each Month. How do I qualify? Eligibility varies by state. You may qualify based on participation in any one of the following programs: Medicaid, Food stamps/SNAP, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Federal Public Housing Assistance (LIHEAP), National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch program or you may also qualify based on household income. Call 1-800-392-3850 for the income requirements in NY State or visit assurancewireless.com for more details.

“Charity may be a very short word, but with its tremendous meaning of pure love, it sums up man's entire relation to God and to his neighbor.”

— St Aelred of Rievaulx