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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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 9th 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 Lent,
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, OCTOBER 8, 2011

5:00pm Lucille Formisano †

7:30pm William Laskee †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2011

8:00am Maria Ingrasciotta †

9:30am Parishioners of Saint Jude

11:30am Timothy Traskos †

5:00pm Carole Murphy †

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011

9:00am Carmela Bivona DiStefano †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

9:00am Catherine Columbel †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011

9:00am Carl Brouard †

12 Noon Saint Jude Guild:

Angelo Rizzuto †,

Deacon John Fadale †,

Luisa Finochiaro †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011

9:00am Catherine Friscia †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011

9:00am Ellen Ryan †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

8:30am Joseph Kirklewski †

5:00pm James Green †

7:30pm William Laskee †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011

8:00am Romeo D'Ambrosio †

9:30am Harold Scholl †

11:30am Parishioners of Saint Jude

5:00pm John Mazzone †

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

FOR THE SICK: Paul Bidegain, Janet Brandimarte, Francis X. Butler, Cecelia Cottone, Anthony DeLuco, Isabella Grace Dobbeck, Chuck Drake, Nicholas Ferrara, Anthony Fino, Christian Gallucci, Frank Gaeta, Nora Getchell, Deacon Thomas Gillen, Ann Giordano, Michelle Gonzalez, Joan Guarino, Jon Hanson, Steve Herrbrandt, Jo, Richard & Matthew Kaminsky, Father Walter Kedjierski, Cookie Landau, Christine Leone, Katherine Lindsey, Carmine Linsalata, Julius Manchise, Joseph V. Mosca Jr., Joshua Mussi, Logan Murphy, Ronald Nappe, Frank Nitto, Miguel Oriana, Doris Ortiz, Joan & Jessica Passaro, Jackie Pastore, Gina Pisano, Salvatore Russo, Richard Rydzewski, Lucille Story, Joseph Stozzetto, Joseph Stozzetto Sr., Angelo Tafuro, Al Vanderbilt, Mary Vazzana

FOR THE DECEASED: Marie T. Bremner, Richard Rydzewski

FOR THE MILITARY: John Abel, Matt Corica, 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., Matthew Parenti, Rich Pinckney, Tory Pinckney, Gerard Posillico, John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Vinnie Riveria, Randy Sanchez, Steven Schloesser, Don Skelton, Bobby Sosa, Derek Trabocchi, Timothy Weisner

ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is Tuesday, November 1st. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, Vigil Mass is Monday, October 31st at 4PM. (**note earlier Mass time because of Halloween**) All Saints Day Mass Schedule: 9AM and 12 noon and 7:30PM.

All Souls Day

Wednesday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. The names of those buried from our church since last All Souls Day will be placed at the foot of the altar. Please return your 'All Souls Novena Envelopes' in time to have your intentions remembered in the Novena Masses. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. All Souls Day Mass Schedule: 9AM, 10:30AM(Latin) and 12 noon.

Faith Formation

CLASSES UNDERWAY: Faith Formation classes have begun. All parents must go onto the St. Jude website (http://www.stjudemb.org/Parent_Handbook.html) read the Parent Handbook, sign and return the form to the office.

REGISTRATION: Anyone who has not yet registered their children, please come into the office with your registration form and tuition IMMEDIATELY.

COLUMBUS DAY: There are no faith formation classes on October 10th. The yearly Faith Formation calendar can be viewed online at (<http://www.stjudemb.org/ffcalendar.html>).

HOME STUDY: Books can be picked up from the office the week of October 24th.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: Faith Formation office hours are October–April; Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Noon–8PM, Tuesdays 9–5PM, Fridays CLOSED, Saturdays 9AM–12:45PM. **DURING SCHOOL RECESS WEEKS:** The office is open Monday through Thursday 9–5PM and is CLOSED on Friday & Saturday.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD of the Week

THE MASS COMES ALIVE: EPISODES 1 & 2 CAT.CHAT: Cat.Chat is a Catholic Audio Show for kids ages 3-11 to help them learn and love their faith like never before! Using prayer, great conversations, faith-filled stories, and catchy songs, each CD discusses the Catholic faith while teaching kids powerful lessons for living out their faith every day.

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "*Many are invited, but few are chosen.*" To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul'?

New Years Eve Party

Preparation is under way to reinstate our 'New Year's Eve Party' here at St. Jude. If you are beginning to look for a place to ring in the New Year, consider joining your parish community for a fabulous evening of good food, music, atmosphere, company and much more. Further details will be forthcoming on the menu, and upcoming ticket sales.

Outreach

We would like to thank Robert Vecchio & family for getting the word out that our food shelves were bare. The donations this past Monday morning have been non-stop. Thank you to Michael from the "Beach Hut" at Smithpoint Park, for your very generous donation of chicken, cheese and many other food items which filled our freezer. Thank you to Maureen & Mario DiMeo for completely re-stocking our cereal & soup. You are our guardian angels. It takes a lot to go "begging" for food all over town and you do it so well! Thank you to the 'James V. Kavanaugh K of C' for your very generous donation & your continuous support of the Outreach program. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated through the "Poor Box" this and every week. Without your donations, Outreach would not be able to assist as many families as it does. The generosity of our 'Parish of St. Jude', community organizations, and individuals who care, is humbling. God bless you all for all you do for our community.



Gloria and Collect

Last week, we looked at the Introductory Rites and Penitential Act of the Mass... then when it is prescribed, the great hymn of praise, **Gloria in excelsis Deo** (Glory to God in the highest), is either sung or said. This hymn begins with the joy-filled words that the angelic host sang at the birth of our Savior (Luke 2:13&14), and continues with the attributes that make the Triune God worthy of all glory and praise. It is said on Sundays during the Christmas and Easter seasons and on the Sundays of Ordinary Time; and on solemnities and certain feasts. It is not said on the Sundays of Advent or Lent or in Masses for the dead. The following, excerpted from the Catholic Encyclopedia, briefly attests to the history of the use of the **Gloria** at Mass:

The "Liber pontificalis" says Pope Telesphorus [128-139?] ordered that . . . "on the Birth of the Lord Masses should be said at night . . . and that the angelic hymn, that is Gloria in Excelsis Deo, should be said before the sacrifice"; also that Pope Symmachus [498-514] ordered that the hymn, Gloria in excelsis, "should be said every Sunday and on the feasts [natalicia] of martyrs." The Gloria is to be said in its present place, after the "Introit" and "Kyrie".

We see it then introduced first for Christmas, on the feast to which it specially belongs, then extended to Sundays and certain great feasts, but only for bishops. The "Ordo Romanus I" says that when the Kyrie is finished "the pontiff, turning towards the people, begins Gloria in Excelsis, if it be the occasion for it" and notes specially that priests may say it only at Easter. The "Ordo of St. Amand" gives them leave to do so only on Easter Eve and on the day of their ordination. But towards the end of the eleventh century the Gloria was said by priests as well as by bishops. The "Micrologus" (by the same Berno of Constance, 1048) tells us that "On every feast that has a full office, except in Advent and Septuagesima, and on the feast of the Innocents (Dec. 28), both the priests and the bishop say Gloria in excelsis (c. ii). It then became, as it is now, an element of every Mass except in times of penance. Even in Advent, until it began to be considered such a time, it was said. As early as Amalarius of Metz (ninth century), it was said during Advent "in some places". This would apply, of course, to bishops' Masses on Sundays and feasts at that time. White vestments were used, and the Gloria said, in Rome during Advent to the end of the twelfth century, "Ordo Romanus XI", 4. After that, Advent was gradually considered a time of penance in imitation of Lent. The Te Deum and Gloria were left out during it, and the use of purple vestments introduced.

The following is the text from the new edition of the *Roman Missal* that we will be using. It is a truer translation of the ancient Latin text than the one we currently sing/say. Please note the changes from what we are used to:

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Following the Gloria, the **collect** is prayed. The original meaning seems to have been this: it was used for the service held at a certain church on the days when there was a station Mass somewhere else. The people gathered together and became a "collection" at this first church; after certain prayers had been said they went in procession to the station-church. Just before they started, the celebrant said a prayer, the prayer "of the collection of people". This prayer, the collect, would be repeated at the beginning of the Mass at the station-church itself.

The way in which our collects are now said at Mass is the fragment of a more elaborate rite. Of this longer rite we still have a vestige on Good Friday. The celebrant, after greeting the people ("The Lord be with you"), invited them to pray for some intention: "Let us pray dear friends for...", etc. The deacon said: *Flectamus genua* (let us bend the knee), and all knelt for a time in silent prayer. The subdeacon then told them to stand up again (levate), and, all standing, the celebrant closed the private prayers with the short form that is the collect. Of this rite—except on Good Friday—the shortening of the Mass, which has affected all its parts, has only left the greeting "Let us pray," and the collect itself. Here, as always, it is in Holy Week that we find the older form. It should be noted, then, that the "Let us pray" *did not refer immediately to the collect, but rather to the silent prayer that went before it*. This also explains the shortness of the older collects. They are not the prayer itself, but its conclusion. One short sentence summed up the petitions of the people. It is only since the original meaning of the collect has been forgotten that it has become itself a long petition with various references and clauses. On all feast-days the collect naturally contains a reference to the event whose memory we celebrate. (from the Catholic Encyclopedia)

For those who are interested in "reading ahead", the *Roman Missal*—with all rubrics (the red-letter instructions) and text—can be accessed at <http://old.usccb.org/romanmissal/order-of-mass.pdf>

**In Christ,
Fr. Greg**

Rosary Altar Society

The Rosarians would like to welcome 4 new members to the society: Theresa Cacciato, Catherine Kobasiuk, Eleanor Kobasiuk and Fara Schacca. "Congratulations!"

60 Voice Mainz, Germany, Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys Concert

This Wednesday, October 12th at 7:30PM at 'St. Agnes Cathedral' in Rockville Centre. Hosted by the '100 voices of the St. Agnes Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys' and the 'Diocesan Boys Choir of Rockville Centre'.

Welcoming The Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

On this Wednesday, October 12th in the 'Mary Immaculate Auditorium' located at 16 Brown's Lane in Bellport from 7:30-9PM and on Wednesday, October 19th from 7:30-9PM at 'St. John the Evangelist' in the church located at 25 Ocean Avenue in Center Moriches, Msgr. Andrzej Zglejszewski, 'Director of the Office of Worship', will explain the reason for the changes and how they are going to affect the way we pray the Mass. *The 3rd edition of The Roman Missal* will be implemented in the United States on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th. This is an opportunity for us—The Body of Christ—to deepen our understanding of Eucharist, and to appreciate its meaning and importance in our lives. The Roman Missal is the book used for the celebration of the Mass. For information on some of the prayers visit www.USCCB.org/RomanMissal.

Tri-Hamlet Project

There will be a public meeting this Thursday, October 13th at 7PM in the 'William Floyd High School Auditorium'. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss various specific ideas to improve the Tri-Hamlet community's economic outlook and reputation.

Celebrate 25 Years of Life

Join us at the Life Center's '25th Anniversary Banquet' on Thursday, October 20th at 7PM at the 'Coral House' in Baldwin. Guest speaker: Bishop Libasci. For Information and tickets please call: 516-798-8746 or visit our website at: www.lifecenterli.org.

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport

On this Thursday, October 13th is 'Our Lady of Fatima Day' we will pray Stations of the Cross at 10AM, Rosary at 11AM, Celebration of the Eucharist at 11:30AM, Lunch Break will be at 12:30PM Speaker: Fr. Ben Cameron, CPM will discuss "Our Lady of Fatima and Divine Mercy" at 1:30PM and Benediction will be at 3PM.

Next Saturday, October 15th at 9:30AM until 4PM, the 'Shrine of Our Lady of the Island' will be hosting a 'Day of Prayer' sponsored by 'St. Isidore's Parish' in Riverhead. Msgr. Peter Vaccari from the 'Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington' is the guest speaker. Mass is at 11:30AM and Benediction will be at 3PM. All are welcome to join us on this day. For more information, please call 631-325-0661.

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Next weekend, October 15th & 16th members of the 'Ancient Order of Hibernians' will be outside after Mass selling raffle chances. Drawing will be held on Saturday, November 16th at their annual fund-raiser. Chances are \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. 1st Prize is a 5 day, 4 night vacation for 2 at the 'Irish Village' in Cape Cod. 2nd Prize 'Blarney Irish Shamrock Afghan' (throw) 3rd Prize Dinner for 2 at 'Meeting House Creek Inn' in Aquebogue. Funds raised help support many charitable causes throughout our area.

Hibernian Festival Singers Auditions

The internationally acclaimed 'Hibernian Festival Singer's', under the direction of Christopher Bilella, is welcoming new singers for 2011-2012 concert series. Auditions are held in Bayshore on Thursday evenings by appointment. All voice parts are welcome. For more information or to schedule an audition, please call the 'Hibernian Festival Singers' Managing Director, Ronnie Allen at 631-665-1371.

"Lord, grant that I might
not so much seek
to be loved as to love."
—Saint Francis of Assisi

Annual Public Square— Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally Crusade

Next Saturday, October 15th join us on the sidewalk of Montauk Highway and corner of Railroad Avenue in Sayville from 12 noon-2PM. We will be one of 6000 public square rosary crusades across America. All are scheduled to take place at exactly the same time coast to coast on October 15th. The day Our Lady performed the miracle of the sun witnessed by 70,000 people, some 20 miles away, 94 years ago. Please take part, America needs Our Lady's intervention as never before. We start exactly at noon in sync with all 6000 across the USA. There is no rain date. If necessary remember to bring an umbrella.

Chinese Auctions

At '**St. Joseph the Worker**' in East Patchogue next Saturday, October 15th doors open at 6:30PM, Auction begins at 8PM. Admission \$8.00 Includes 25 prize tickets, coffee, tea and dessert. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase. **ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY, NO SALES AT THE DOOR.** Tickets are on sale daily at the Parish office. Due to space restrictions, admission is limited to adults and teens 13 and older. For information call 286-9133.

The annual Chinese auction at '**R.C. Church of the Resurrection**' will be held on Sunday, October 23rd, 50 Granny Road in Farmingville. Admission price of \$10 includes 100 tickets, coffee and cake. Doors open at 1PM For more information or for advance ticket purchases please call Rosemarie 696-0270 ext 25.

St. John the Baptist H.S. Open House

Next Sunday, October 16th from 10AM-2PM. There will be an open house for families of 7th & 8th graders and interested transfer students. If you have any questions, please call 631-587-8000 x116 or check us out online at www.sjbdhs.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 women in our church history and see how they relate to our lives today. On Tuesday, October 25th from 7:30-9PM at 'Mary Immaculate' in Bellport located in Room 7 of the Church Auditorium. We will be discussing *Mother of Us All, Eve*.

St. Joseph — Study of Religion

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Sheryl WuDunn will be speaking about the book she co-authored with her husband, 'New York Times' columnist Nicholas Kristof. It is called *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*. The talk will be given on Thursday, October 27th at 7:30PM in the auditorium of O'Connor Hall at St. Joseph's College, 155 W. Roe Blvd., Patchogue. Free, open to the public, no R.S.V.P. required. Contact person Professor Paul McGinnetty 631-687-2681.

Sisters of St. Dominic

Invite you to participate in their 2011 Dominican Gala being held on Friday evening, October 28th at the Garden City Hotel. Cocktails start at 6PM followed with dinner and dancing in the Grand Ballroom. \$12,000+ in prizes will be given away. Tickets are \$250 each. Raffle tickets are \$50 each 5 for \$200. For further information regarding tickets, sponsorship opportunities and raffle tickets, please call our development office at 631-842-6000 ext. 238.

9/11 Memorial/All Souls Concert of Remembrance

Sunday Evening, October 30th, at 7:30PM at 'St. Agnes Cathedral' in Rockville Centre. Featuring John Rutter's "Requiem," performed by the 'Cathedral Chorale', 'Advanced Boys Choir', 'Cathedral Singers', 'Schola Cantorum', with Soloists and Orchestra. Michael L. Bower is the Conductor.

Immigrant Mass and Celebration

You are invited to join as we celebrate 'Immigrants of Yesterday and Today'. 'Catholic Charities Immigrant Services Diocese of Rockville Centre' invites you to be our guest in our Mass and Celebration on Sunday, October 30th at 1:30PM at 'St. John the Evangelist Church' in Riverhead. Father Lawrence Duncklee will be presiding over the Mass along with other concelebrants. Our celebration continues after Mass with a reception. Call us 631-789-521 and tell us how many in your family will be able to attend. This is a free event and all are welcome.

Attention Girl Scouts

All scouts in second grade and higher are eligible to work toward earning a Religious Award. All girls, except Brownies, must be registered by November 1st, therefore, I ask that you contact me by October 15th. I will order the appropriate program booklet for your child. Books range in price from \$3.50 to \$5. Girls work on the booklets at home at their convenience and I am always available to answer questions and offer guidance. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information please call Anne Schiraldi 281-6501, 'St. Jude Girl Scout Religious Awards Coordinator'.

St. Jude Christmas Fair

In past years, our parishioners have been extremely generous with our requests for donations for our fair raffles. This year we would like to try a change in our donation request. We are looking for donations of fully assembled baskets ready to raffle off at the 'St. Jude Christmas Fair'. If needed we have some baskets to get you started. Please let us know if you can help by calling the rectory. Fully assembled baskets, would be turned in by November 1st. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Donated baskets value range from \$5 to \$50.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter—Long Island

Join us on a Marriage Encounter weekend! If you would like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship you'll love what a Marriage Encounter Weekend can do for you! Upcoming weekend November 4-6 registration is limited. For more information or to register call 1-866-499-6354. Please visit us at www.wwmeli.org or email Ron & Chris Morasse ron@morassefamily.com for more information.

Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY				
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	5pm	Total
Sept. 11	294	150	213	325	445	106	1533
Sept. 18	294	130	199	303	460	185	1571
Sept. 25	273	125	227	267	460	154	1506
Oct. 2	276	145	197	290	365	150	1423

Weekly Collections

Regular Collection Oct. 2 \$9,145.37
Respect Life \$2,435.00

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2011 Goal \$50,174.00
Total pledges a/o 10/4/11 \$59,389.08
of Donors 200
Payments a/o 10/4/11 \$51,404.08

Thank you to all who have pledged.

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011 *Weekday*

ROM 1:1-7 / LK 11:29-32

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 *Weekday*

ROM 1:16-25 / LK 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011 *Weekday*

ROM 2:1-11 / LK 11:42-46

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011 *Weekday*

ROM 3:21-30 / LK 11:47-54

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011 *Weekday*

ROM 4:1-8 / LK 12:1-7

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011 *Saint Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church*

ROM 4:13, 16-18 / LK 12:8-12

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011 *Twenty-ninth*

Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 45:1, 4-6 / 1 THES 1:1-5B / MT 22:15-21

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of October 10th has been donated:

In memory of Robert Cimusz

Altar Flower Offering

The altar flowers for the weekend of October 8th & 9th have been donated:

In memory of Peter & Edna Clancy

Many dates are available including the last three weekends in October.

Wedding Banns

III. Marc Yerkey/Amy Lahr

III. Anna Tagliamonte/Alfred Mothes

Baptisms

Angelica DeLaPaz Hernandez,

Fuentes Hernandez, Elmer Bladimer

May God bless them and their families!

R.S.V.P. to God's Banquet

Sometimes Jesus' words can seem quite vague to us; at other times, he makes his point with extreme clarity. The latter is the case today. For the past three Sundays, Jesus has used parables to indict the religious leaders for their self-righteousness, their assumption of God's favor, and their rejection of Jesus. Today he compares them to wedding guests who decline their invitation to attend. Some must see to more important matters; others believe they needn't attend because they're already in the host's good graces.

The story doesn't end well for them, and outsiders accept the invitations.

Jesus indicates the religious leaders can't slide by in the Father's eyes—salvation is guaranteed to no one, especially not to those who reject the Father's invitation.

We might too easily dismiss this story as one that doesn't apply to us. We wouldn't reject an invitation to God's banquet. Yet don't we often put other responsibilities and activities before our relationship with God? Don't we sometimes take God's

love for granted? "God can't possibly expect us to live as Christians 24/7." "That little lie I told isn't so bad." "God always forgives us, right? We don't have to try that hard."

If those thoughts sound familiar, we have more in common with the invited wedding guests than we thought. Our response to God's invitation should be an ongoing, daily response rather than one given only when it's convenient. We have important responsibilities every day, but we can't accomplish any of them without God—a truth Saint Paul echoed in our second reading: "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me." With these words first on our lips, we can respond, *s'il vous plaît* (RSVP), to God's invitation with a resounding yes—and renewed commitment and conviction.

"God can't expect us to live as Christians 24/7, right?"

JANEL ESKER

sundaybulletins@liguori.org

Golden Wedding Liturgy

'Church of Christ the King' in Commack will host a 'Golden Wedding Liturgy' for couples married 50 years or more, on Sunday, November 6th at 2:30PM. Please pick up a registration card at the rectory, fill it out and return it in time to reach the 'Diocese of Rockville Centre' by October 20th. Approximately one week before the ceremony, information regarding the day will be mailed to you. For further questions please call Suzanne at 516-678-5800 ext. 207.

Project Rachel Training

The 'Project Rachel Training Program' is designed to minister and help heal those touched by abortion. Please join us if you are interested in helping build our network by participating in a one day training session presented by Vicki Thorn from the National Office, founder of the 'Project Rachel Ministry.' Monday, November 7th at the 'Seminary of the Immaculate Conception' in Huntington. 8:30AM Registration, 9AM-3:15PM Program, 11:45AM Mass Celebration. R.S.V.P. before November 1st (There is no cost for the day and Lunch is included.)

Clara's Dream, The Nutcracker

On Friday, December 2nd, 'The American Dance Theatre of Long Island' presents *Clara's Dream, The Nutcracker* at the 'Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts' located at 71 Main Street in Patchogue. Show time is 10AM. To reserve seats call 631-472-3455.

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.

Respect Life Youth Contest

The 'Diocesan Respect Life Office' is excited to announce the '9th Annual Youth Respect Life Contest' for grades 7-8 Level 1, and grades 9-12 Level 2. We welcome all Catholic youngsters in the Rockville Centre Diocese to participate. The awards ceremony will be on March 22, 2012. All entries must be attached to the registration form, postmarked by January 27, 2012, and mailed to the 'Respect Life Office'. Please note the registration form must be signed by a parent or guardian. Participation in the contest is through poetry, art (book mark design), essay, photography, music and video. All entries will be judged on originality and expression of thought in relation to our Catholic faith and the contest theme, "**I came so that all might have life and have it to the full**". Respect life issues cover abortion, adoption, euthanasia, cloning, stem cell research, just war doctrine, death penalty, suicide, responsibility of Catholic politicians, reproductive technologies that include invitro-fertilization and embryo adoption, marriage, chastity, rights of the disabled and conscience protection for Catholic health care workers.