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Shrine Church of  
**St. Jude**

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



**Celebration of  
the Eucharist**

SATURDAY EVENINGS  
5:00pm Vigil Mass  
7:30pm Spanish Mass

SUNDAY  
8:00am English & Italian  
9:30am Children's Choir  
11:30am Adult Choir  
5:00pm Youth Mass

MONDAY, TUESDAY,  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY  
9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY  
9:00am Mass  
Noon Mass

SATURDAY  
8:30am Mass

HOLY DAYS AS  
ANNOUNCED.

## Second Sunday of Lent - March 4th 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 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  
12:00-12:45pm during  
lent and 4:00-4:45pm  
also 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, MARCH 3, 2012

5:00pm Sam Carcione †  
7:30pm Giles Wanemaker †

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012

8:00am Parishioners of St. Jude  
9:30am Victor Mendolia †  
11:30am Christopher E. Clay †  
5:00pm James Colbert †

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012

9:00am Vincent Fava †

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

9:00am Caroline Huber †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012

9:00am Intentions of the Heyse Family  
12 Noon Saint Jude Guild:  
Franks Montanez †

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

9:00am In thanksgiving, Mom and Dad †

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012

9:00am Tyrone Lucus †

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012

8:30am Intentions of Sandy Phillips  
5:00pm Maria Fumai †  
7:30pm Richard Rydzewski †

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012

8:00am Victor Mendolia †  
9:30am Parishioners of St. Jude  
11:30am Bob Cento †  
5:00pm Joseph Ramos †

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

FOR THE SICK: Benjamin Archer, Faith Barile, Paul Bidegain, Jeanne Blevis, Janet Brandimarte, Francis X. Butler, Maddi Lechner-Citera, Lewis Ciullo, Cathy Cremmens, Anthony Cuccia, Mary Theresa Cunningham, Michael Francis Cunningham, Anna Daly, Natalie Danisi, Joseph DeLuca, Alexandra Ditman, Isabella Grace Dobbeck, Chuck Drake, Nicholas Ferrara, Anthony Fino, Carol Franzone, Christian Gallucci, Frank Gaeta, Bob Gamberale, George Gebhart, Deacon Ken Geoghan, Nora Getchell, Ann Giordano, Michelle Gonzalez, Joan Guarino, Madeline Hale, Charlotte Hall, Catherine Hannon, Steve Herrbrandt, Jo, Richard & Matthew Kaminsky, Father Walter Kedjierski, Donna Kilmer, Cookie Landau, Frances Lee, Christine Leone, Katherine Lindsey, Carmine Linsalata, Brian Loftus, Julius Manchise, Patricia Miller, Joseph V. Mosca Jr., Joan Muller, Ruth Muller, Ronald Nappe, Frank Nitto, Miguel Oriana, Doris Ortiz, Joan & Jessica Passaro, Jackie Pastore, Gina Pisano, Abdul Rattu, Karen Ratcliff, Aurora Riela, Salvatore Russo, Al & Farah Schacca, June Simone, Lucille Story, Patricia Swenson, Angelo Tafuro, Al Vanderbilt, Mary Vazzana

FOR THE DECEASED: John Green, Frances Coleman

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

## Important Lenten Information

**LENTE REGULATIONS:** All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat all Fridays 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.

**MORNING LAUDS:** As has been the custom here at St. Jude, we will pray Morning Prayer (The Prayer of the Church) Monday through Friday at 8:15AM. We will begin on Thursday, February 23rd, followed by the Holy Rosary.

**LENTE STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** The Way of the Cross devotion will be prayed each Friday night during Lent at 8PM. Spanish Stations will be on Tuesdays at 7:30PM. Italian Stations will be on Wednesday at 7:30PM.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION/PENANCE:** Lent is a special time of grace in the life of the Church. It is a time when many people receive the grace to come back to the practice of the faith. It is also a time of ongoing conversion for each of us. The Sacrament of Confession/Penance is available each Saturday during Lent 12 noon-1PM and from 4PM-4:45PM and on Wednesdays from 2PM-2:45PM. We encourage you to make use of this sacrament. The Confession Schedule for Holy Week will be printed closer to that week. Please mention this opportunity to family and friends who may be looking for the opportunity to come home!

## Faith Formation

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE, SPONSOR AND PARENT MEETING:** March 6, 2012 at 7PM in the Parish Center Main Hall. If a sponsor is unable to attend, a parent may attend in their place.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** A Fee of \$10.00 is due into Faith Formation Office by March 31st. If you have not yet made your payment, submit promptly. Attendance at the retreat is mandated by the diocese for each student receiving Confirmation. If you are unable to attend please contact the office. Other arrangements must be made.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND LEVEL 2 AND RCIC2 UPPER CATECHISTS:** For your help with our First Communion retreats. The children (and us grown ups too) had a great time throughout the day. Time for praying, listening, doing work and sharing, and oh, don't forget... Dancing too! Thank you all again for your continued help in our formation program. May God bless you abundantly for the many times you volunteer to help get the job done, for the benefit of the children. God bless all!

**LEVEL 2 FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE** on Saturday March 10th at 1PM at Church. Please be prompt. Your child receiving another Sacrament; make this a family celebration. All are welcome to attend.

## For The Sick

We will be updating our sick list. If you, or someone you love, is still sick and needs our prayers, please contact the rectory at 281-5743 or [rectory@stjudemb.org](mailto:rectory@stjudemb.org) before March 12th to be sure their names remain on the sick list. All others will be removed.

## St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your gift will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

## Altar Guild

Thank you to all those who helped beautify our church on February 18th, we greatly appreciated the extra helping hands.



# Lenten Rubrics and Current Events

The season of Lent has a character all of its own. It is the oldest established liturgical season, for the reason that it culminates in the celebration of the *Sacred Paschal Mystery* or Passover; our blessed Lord's Passion (suffering), death, and glorious Resurrection. The history of its observance throughout the centuries of Christianity is most interesting; but the major reason for Lent was the particularly intensified time of preparation for *catechumens*; primarily through their acts of prayer and fasting for Baptism, Confirmation, and reception of the Holy Eucharist. The 40 days symbolize an imitation of our Savior's 40 days in the desert as He prepared for His public ministry. Today, the individuals participating in our R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process are those for whom this period is most acutely geared; yet, it has been extended to all members of the Church who of course can always use the strength and purification that this season calls us to.

"In the first 3 centuries the period of fasting in preparation for the paschal feast did not exceed a week at most; 1 or 2 days was the usual limit. Irenaeus of Lyons declares that in some places the faithful fasted on only 1 day, in others, 2 days, and in still others, for 40 consecutive hours... At Rome the 3rd century *Apostolic Tradition* prescribes a 2 day fast...

"The first mention of a period of 40 days occurs in the fifth canon of the Council of Nicaea (325), although some scholars dispute whether Lent is meant there. There is no question about the existence of the 40-day fast later on in that century, however, for St. Athanasius often alluded to it in his festal letters. The Council of Laodicea (360) expressly commanded its observance, and by the end of the 4th century the 40-day fast called *tessarakoste*' in Greek and *quadragesima* in Latin, was observed everywhere throughout both East and West." ([The Catholic Encyclopedia](#))

All Lenten observances are aimed towards the spiritual purification from sin and greater striving for holiness through prayer, self-denial, and discipline. When we come to church during this time, we notice the purple/violet appointments and vestments; the instruments of the passion—the crown of thorns and nails. This violet shade represents the royal purple robe that was placed on our Lord in mockery of His Kingship. With the exception of the Solemnities of St. Joseph (March 19) and the Annunciation (March 25), and especially the Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Laetare Sunday*), in which **rose-colored** vestments may be worn, no flowers are permitted in the sanctuary. The *Gloria* is (generally) not said or sung; and the *Alleluia* is never said or sung until Easter. The purple *passion cloth* will go on the crucifixes and sacred images on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. **Red** is worn on Palm Sunday. We may also notice that the organ and other accompanying instruments are only employed to support the singing of the choir and congregation. Instrumental music is absent, making a point that Lent is a solemn and introspective period which precedes the full glory of the Resurrection.

For anyone who wishes to wear the liturgically correct color when they come to Mass over the next few weeks, **violet** will be worn next Sunday, March 11th; **rose** will be worn on the 18th; **violet** again on the 25th; and **red** on April 1st. (By the way, the word *rubrics* refers to the red-lettered instructions that are found in the Roman Missal [and other liturgical and ritual books], which tell the sacred ministers and servers what to do.)

The 2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal is off to a really good start here at St. Jude. As of February 28th, 104 donors have pledged \$35,640 towards our goal of \$56,200, representing 63% of the goal. Thanks to all who have made a pledge or gift to the CMA!

The church paint is completed, with just a few touch-ups to be taken care of. The colors really reflect well the shades of the stained-glass windows. The lighting is going to be addressed next.

Speaking of the stained glass, an inquiry was made as to the cost of completing the two transepts of the church where the rose-window symbols of baptism and confirmation are. To complete the full, large panels of windows on the east and west sides that include the remaining four sacraments depicted, the cost would be \$75,000. If anyone is interested in this memorial project, please let me know. Otherwise, it will wait a while, I'm sure...

Anyone interested in donating towards the statue of St. Francis that will be placed on the base on the west side of the church may place their donation in the collection with the envelope marked, "Statue of St. Francis" on it; or donations may be sent or brought directly to the rectory.

And for a milestone note, parishioner Grace Leone turned 100 years young on leap-year day—February 29th. A blessed and Happy Birthday, Grace! (Does that mean she's really only 25?)

In Christ,  
Fr. Greg

“For my will was perverse and lust had grown in it, and when I gave into lust, habit was born, and when I did not resist the habit it became necessity.” —Saint Augustine

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## Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School

Proud to announce that following students/parishioners from Church of St. Jude in Mastic Beach have made the Honor Roll or Principal's List for the 2nd quarter of the school year.

**HONOR ROLL:** Rebecca Davis, Joseph Luisi, Sasa, Elizabeth Vann

**PRINCIPAL'S LIST:** Elijah Louis, Elison Louis, Jennifer Perugi, Elizabeth Rachel Talamo, Victoria Tremble

## Catholic Men's Ministry

**WERE MOVING:** Beginning in March 'St. Jude's Catholic Men's Ministr'y will be moving to the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. We are also starting at 7PM instead of 8PM. For more information please call the rectory 281-5743

## Rosary Altar Society

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 5th. The rosary will be recited in the church at 7:30PM the meeting will immediately follow in the Parish Center. Agenda: Plans for Communion Breakfast. The evening will finish with our "Luck of the Irish" celebration.

## Lighthouse Catholic— Media News

We are currently out of Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Catholicism*, but will be placing an order in the near future. In the meantime, please take a look at the new CD titles available on the kiosk in the church vestibule. Listening to these talks are sure to help you on your spiritual journey, especially during the Lenten season.

## Mass Book for 2013

The 2013 Mass book will open for Mass Intentions on Monday, March 12th, 2012. The book will open for the calendar year of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

**There will be a limit of 5 Mass Intentions per individual requesting on any given day, until April 2nd. Mass offerings are \$20 for an individual intention and \$15 Guild Masses (multiple intentions).**

## Lenten Fish Fry

St. Jude Parish is hosting the annual Lenten fish fry! Come feed your body and soul. Fridays during Lent ending March 30th, 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 (or bring a drink of your choice) for just \$8 per person. The fish fry will be held in the parish center serving time 5-7:30PM Friday's March 9th, 16th and 30th. On March 23rd the serving time is 5 -7PM to allow enough time for anyone wishing to attend The 'Stations of the Cross Passion Presentation' in the church at 7:30PM.

## Eagle Scout Project

As you may have noticed an outside podium has been completed off the path on the west side of the church. We are now asking ministries, parishioners, families and friends who may be interested in donating towards purchasing the St. Francis statue that Fr. Greg has chosen to be mounted on the completed podium. 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 \$995.00 as of 2/28/12. Cost for statue approximately \$5,000.

## Retreat Experience for Gay Men & Women

'Mary Immaculate Church' in Bellport invites all gay woman and men to participate in a 10 week 'Ignation Retreat'. This Retreat will offer an opportunity to renew and deepen your spiritual roots and come together in community with others seeking to share their faith experience. The retreat is scheduled to begin in March. For more information, please call Fr. Jerry at 286-0154.

## Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Sunday is March 11th. All Girls working in religious awards program are asked to attend 9:30AM Mass, please meet Mrs. Schiraldi at 9:15AM.

## Seminary of Immaculate Conception

**AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS:** Msgr. Peter Vaccari will present a 'Lenten Day of Prayer' at the 'Seminary of the Immaculate Conception' in Huntington on Sunday, March 11th from 9:30AM-3PM. Program includes conferences, lunch, opportunity for confession, and Mass. Donation \$25 for non-Friends. Sponsored by the 'Friends of the Seminary.' Reservations required. Please call 631-423-0483 ext.102 or email bmarlone@icseminary.edu.

**HOW GOD BECAME KING:** Sunday, March 25th at 3PM N.T. Wright Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the 'University of St. Andrews' will be speaking about "*How God Became King: Why we've all misunderstood the Gospels*". For further information, contact the 'Seminary of the Immaculate Conception' located at 440 West Neck Road in Huntington. Call 423-0483 ext 112 for more information. Free will offering.

## Hibernian Festival Singers

On Sunday, March, 11th at 3PM the 'Hibernians Festival Singers' will be hosting 'Taylor's Traditional Irish Dance Cabaret' direct from Dublin at the 'Bay Shore High School'. The show will feature Ireland's greatest comedian, Noel V. Ginnity, Irish tenor Paul Hennessy, soprano Emer Hartnett, Irish ballad singer Andrew McCarthy, a musical ensemble featuring Pat Maranane, accordionist Aible Grace, uilleann piper Tommy Keane, Ireland's most talented dancers and the 'Hibernian Festival Singers', under the direction of Christopher Bilella. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. For further information, please call 631-665-1371 or 631-563-1032.

## 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. Join us next Tuesday, March 27th where we will be discussing "**A feather on the breath of God,**" **Hildegard of Bingen** 7:30-9PM at 'Mary Immaculate' in Bellport. Class is located in Room 7 of the Church Auditorium.



# 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 RECEIVE 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 the Sacrament of Eucharist as Catholics, but **HAVENOT RECEIVED SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.** This course begins Tuesday, April 10th at 7PM and will continue meeting once a week until May 22nd. Attendance is mandatory, more than one absence will result in you being dropped from the class. Material fee is \$20.00 per person. Must provide documentation of baptism and communion.



If you are interested in completing your initiation in our Catholic Faith, please fill out the form below and return it in any of the collection baskets or at the rectory. You will be contacted by phone or email. 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.

PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Your age: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Joy is a net of love by which we catch souls.  
—Mother Teresa

## Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY			Total
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	
Feb. 5	332	189	221	372	590	1864
Feb. 12	349	145	182	300	565	1718
Feb. 19	296	145	185	306	565	1689
Feb 26th	380	125	245	422	620	1989

## Weekly Collections

February 26th	\$9,916.63
Spare-A-Dime	\$862.00
Ash Wednesday	\$2,721.57

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal	\$56,200.00
Pledges a/o 2/29/12	\$35,640.00
# of Donors	104
Payments a/o 2/29/12	\$13,595.00

Thank you to all who have pledged.

## Scripture Readings

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012 *Lenten Weekday*  
DN 9:4B–10 • LK 6:36–38

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 *Lenten Weekday*  
IS 1:10, 16–20 • MT 23:1–12

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012 *Lenten Weekday*  
JER 18:18–20 • MT 20:17–28

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012 *Lenten Weekday*  
JER 17:5–10 • LK 16:19–31

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012 *Lenten Weekday*  
GN 37:3–4, 12–13A, 17B–28A • MT 21:33–43, 45–46

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012 *Lenten Weekday*  
MI 7:14–15, 18–20 • LK 15:1–3, 11–32

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012 *Third Sunday of Lent*  
EX 20:1–17 OR 20:1–3, 7–8, 12–17 • 1 COR 1:22–25 • JN 2:13–25

## Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of  
March 5th has been donated:

By the Breakfast Club

Dates are available for week of April 23rd

## Altar Flowers

We apologize for the incorrect information reported in the bulletin Sunday, February 19th.

The information should have read:

The flowers were donated for the weekend of  
February 18th & 19th:

In memory of Michael Mattera

## “Blessed Are You” Bereavement Conference

Sponsored by ‘Catholic Cemeteries’ and the ‘Office of Faith Formation’ in the ‘Diocese of Rockville Centre’. For the bereaved and those ministering to them. All faiths welcome! On Saturday, March 17th from 8:30AM–5:30PM at ‘Kellenberg Memorial High School’ in Uniondale. The ‘Bereavement Conference’ is designed for anyone who has experienced loss and for those who minister to the bereaved. A keynote speaker and multiple workshops are offered in specific loss, traumatic loss, spirituality and support and workshops for facilitators. Download a listing of workshops or register online and save. “...Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted” (MT5:4). For more information go to <http://www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.html>.

## The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion

Creative Ministries offers a dramatic presentation, ‘The Journey, Cross & Crucifixion’. A dramatic presentation of the of the passion of Jesus with song and sacred dance. Many presentations are offered throughout Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk to see dates and times visit [www.cmpac.com](http://www.cmpac.com).

## Divine Mercy Conference

On March 24th Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the ‘Archdiocese of New York’ is one of the special guests slated for the ‘Marians’ 7th Annual Divine Mercy Conference’ at ‘Cardinal Spellman High School’ 1 Cardinal Spellman Place in the Bronx. Speakers include: Cardinal Timothy Dolan, ‘Archdiocese of New York’; Scott Hahn; Linda Santo, ‘Mother of Little Audrey – Witness to Sanctity of Life’; Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR; Abby Johnson, former director of ‘Planned Parenthood’, now pro-life advocate; Msgr. James Lisante; Susan Tassone; Joan and Dave Maroney of ‘Mother of Mercy Messenger’s; Perth Amboy Catholic NJ - Grade School Divine Mercy prayer group; Sister Rebecca Piatek, ‘CSSF-Felician-Franciscan-Lady of Hope province’. The conference includes Holy Mass. The celebrant will be Fr. Joe Roesch, MIC. There will be Adoration, opportunities for confession, and a question and answer session. For more information call 1-800-462-7426, email [service@marian.org](mailto:service@marian.org) or go to [www.thedivinemercy.org/events/event.php?id=227](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/events/event.php?id=227).

## Stations of the Cross— Passion Presentation

The most dramatic moment in all of history, was when a people, without understanding what they were about to do, put Jesus, the Son of God, to death. It was a terrible way to die. Jesus knew full well what it was. He went willingly, a testament to love and forgiveness that has reverberated for 2,000 years.

The ‘Parish of St. Jude’ will host the presentation of the ‘Stations of the Cross’ on Friday, March 23rd at 7:30PM in the church. The use of film clips from the movie, “*The Passion*”, by Mel Gibson combined with prayer and music. It is a powerful reminder for us of what happened to Jesus on that day. These stations are deeply moving, filled with meaning and at times, hard to watch. Still, watch we must, for it tells the story we need to be reminded of during the Lenten season. The stations are not recommended for children under thirteen years old. Free-will offering.

## St. Jude Easter Fair

This year’s Easter Fair is Saturday, March 31st. Thank you to all our generous parishioners who have donated beautiful assembled baskets for our Chinese Auction. If you haven’t handed in a basket and would still like to do so, please contact the rectory. Come visit the Easter Bunny, shop the vendors, purchase raffle chances, enjoy great food; there is something for everyone!

Fresh baked goodies are needed for our bake sale if you would like to make cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. Please call the rectory.

## Catherine McAuley High School Reunion

The CMHS Annual Reunion is on Saturday, April 21st from 12 noon--5PM at ‘Russo’s on the Bay’ in Howard Beach. Alumnae, Former Faculty, Friends and ‘Sisters of Mercy’ are cordially invited. If you, or someone you know, is a graduate of ‘McAuley’ or ‘Mercy Commercial’ and would like further information about the reunion, please call Sister Margaret Dempsey at 718-462-7282 ext 16 or email [mdempsey@mcauleybrooklyn.org](mailto:mdempsey@mcauleybrooklyn.org).

## Attention To All Parishioners, Volunteers, Employees and Clergy

### THE IMPORTANCE OF HANDING

**WASHING:** Our hands carry out hundreds of tasks in a given day. From washing faces, handling food and taking out garbage to greeting strangers, shaking hands and holding doors for others, hands work hard. Unfortunately, hands also carry a plethora of germs, diseases and infections.

Despite the known risks associated with improper hand washing, the spread of illness and disease continue throughout the world, and contributes to many epidemic illnesses in poorer countries. The fact is that clean hands are the #1 way to prevent the spread of disease because the most common mode of germ transportation is hands. One square centimeter of skin holds roughly 1,500 bacteria cells. The average work desk holds 21,000 germs in 1 square inch.

We all know germs lurk everywhere. In fact, it’s impossible to avoid all germs, but clean hands will help prevent the spread of germs. Germs love to convene on toys, doorknobs, cell phones, handbags/purses, shopping carts, remote controls and light switches.

Any location that has lots of people traffic also has lots of germs traffic. Think of your hands as the Public Transit System for the germ population. It is important to wash hands on a regular basis, it is vital to practice proper technique. A quick rinse under a cold tap does nothing but get the germs wet. In order to kill these invisible passengers, you need to: wet your hands with warm water, apply bar or liquid soap and lather well, rub and scrub vigorously for at least 20 seconds, make sure to cleanse all surfaces, including wrists, backs of hands, in between fingers and under fingernails, thoroughly rinse to remove all soap and dry with blower, clean dry towel or paper towel. The true benefit of hand washing is that it prevents the spread of infection and disease. Clean hands are essential to maintaining good health.

PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS!

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In prosperity, give thanks to God with humility and fear  
lest by pride you abuse God’s benefits and so offend Him.

—Saint Louis IX