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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 Easter - April 15th 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, APRIL 14, 2012

5:00pm Brittney Novotny †

7:30pm Parishioners of St. Jude

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012

8:00am Anna Diadema †

9:30am Barbara Gorin †

11:30am William & Sarah Hamill †

5:00pm Catherine Ramos †

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012

9:00am Margaret Weis †

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

9:00am Rita Cutolo †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012

9:00am Joseph Jude Cuomo †

12 Noon Saint Jude Guild:

Dorothy Sarvis †

Steven Gassick †

Kathleen LaRocca †

Deacon Galvin Murphy †

Fara Schacca †

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012

9:00am Frances Crytzer †

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012

9:00am Rita Cutolo †

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012

8:30am Russell Ruff †

5:00pm Michael Mattera †

7:30pm Saul Levine †

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012

8:00am William Giordano †

9:30am Parishioners of St. Jude

11:30am Joan Hamill †

5:00pm Joseph Babington †

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

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

FOR THE DECEASED: : Anna Petralia, Frank Fucarino, John George Tremel Jr.

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

Faith Formation

LENT DONATION BOXES: ‘Operation Rice Bowl’ boxes should be returned to the Faith Formation Office this week. Thank you all for your generosity and saving your coins, so others may have food, water, shelter—things we sometimes take for granted. God bless you for your daily sacrifices. Look for the total amount donated in upcoming bulletin.

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION ARTICLES FOR SALE: Great assortment of religious items will be displayed April 16th, 18th & 19th from 4–6:30PM in the parish center main lobby. Come and browse, there is something for everyone!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: April 21 & 28th from 9:30–3:00PM at ‘Our Lady of the Island Shrine’ in Eastport. Please come on your assigned date. Transportation to and from the Shrine is provided by the parents. Bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch from luncheonette on premises which will be open.

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!” During Mass we turn to each other and say, “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift of food or money into the collection you say, “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

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 1,560.00 as of 4/8/12. Cost for statue approximately \$5,000.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

THE SAVING POWER OF DIVINE MERCY—FR. JASON BROOKS Pope John Paul II said that Divine Mercy is THE message for the third millennium and God’s gift to our time. There is nothing that mankind needs more than Christ’s Divine Mercy. To help us avail ourselves of that loving mercy, Fr. Brooks focuses on our response to His Love, how we can become merciful to others, and how to become apostles of mercy. Bonus: The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at the end of this presentation.

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. Jude Outreach Golf Outing

Volunteers will be outside of Masses on the weekends of April 21st & 22nd and April 28th & 29th to sell raffle tickets. The cost is 3 for \$10, 1st prize \$1,000, 2nd Prize \$500 and 3rd Prize \$250.

Candle Shrine of St. Jude

With the cost steadily increasing over the last year, unfortunately we have no choose but to increase the price of a candle to \$3.00. Remember the offering is for the parish and the shrine.

Membership Appeal Sunday Collection

The weekend of April 21st & 22nd a second collection will be taken for the ‘2012 Propagation of Faith Membership’; join in the worldwide mission of Jesus. What better way to celebrate this year than to help bring the life-giving message and the love of Christ to the millions of the poorest people in the world today? We can do this—all of us—by praying daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve, and making financial gifts. Each year, 15,000 Masses are celebrated by mission priests for members of the ‘Propagation of Faith’, living and deceased. We are called at baptism to be “missionaries”. Please say “Yes” in this special way next weekend.



paschaltide Current Events

The Octave of Easter draws to a close today with *Low or Divine Mercy Sunday*. Though the activities of Holy Week confessions, preparations, and the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday in themselves require much time and energy, the *Paschal Mystery*—the passion (suffering), death, and resurrection of our blessed Lord—is the heart of who we are as Catholics; and so it is all well worth the effort.

We are very pleased and grateful to God that 10 participants in our St. Jude Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) and St. Jude Faith Formation are now fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Four were baptized, another three were received into the Catholic Church from other Christian denominations, another three Catholics completed their Sacraments. All were Confirmed, and received our Lord in Holy Communion; most of them for the first time. What a great blessing for them, their families, and this community! I especially thank Ana Pauze' and Carol Thomas who have generously coordinated the R.C.I.A. for numerous years, and are grooming other members of the parish to work with future participants.

Our Easter Fair held on March 31st (Palm Sunday Eve) was “blessed” with a rainy day. As people were prohibited from doing spring clean-up yard work, many attended the fair instead! The parish center kitchen concession sold-out on breakfast and lunch specials, the St. Jude Italian Society's tasty subs and rice balls disappeared in a flash. Even the Easter Bunny maxed-out on photo paper. It was a good day for many of our vendors, and the parish netted a little over \$5,000 on the event. Many thanks to Sue Fumai and the Easter Fair Committee, and to all those who assisted and contributed (listed on the next page) to making our 2012 fair so successful.

Thanks also to all those who made our St. Jude Friday Lenten Fish Fry a success: Especially the Shrine of St. Jude Council Knights of Columbus who spearheaded and coordinated the Fry and logistics; as well as some of the brothers of J.V. Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus Council who were very hard at work in the kitchen; the members of our parish Rosary Altar Society who lovingly baked and served; members of Faith Formation catechists, Youth Group, Altar Servers, Men's Ministry, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors, all who helped... And of course, Msgr. Heinlein and his fish stories! So many parishioners made it a most enjoyable community builder... And the fish, french-fries, and coleslaw tasted darned good, too! The parish netted \$3,351, and a good time was had by all. We look forward to more community-building events in the future, and to a fresh catch of Msgr. “Jonah” Heinlein's ever-growing repertoire of fish tales next Lent!

Thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to the 2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal here at St. Jude. The Appeal is going very well. As of Wednesday, April 11th, 176 donors have brought our total up to \$58,175—104% of our goal! Thanks to all who have participated and made the CMA here at St. Jude a great success.

(Next week's letter will continue with the Fifth Commandment.)

In the Risen Christ,

Fr. Greg

Easter Fair—Thank you!!

This year's Easter Fair was very successful due in part to the hard work of our many volunteers and the generosity of our business community for donating raffle prizes. A special thank you to: Cynthia Lacey, Maryann Bechhofer and Angela Szumski for the terrific job they did in the kitchen; Our stage crew Carlo and Gina Fumai, Maria Fumai Dietrich and Cameron Lacey for doing such a wonderful job taking pictures, and to JoAnn Dietrich for being the cashier; Heather Raghunandan, Loraine Caruana for running the raffle and Chinese auction; George and George W. Dietrich for selling 50/50 raffles; 'The Italian Society' (Anna Maria Pisano, Silvia Mancini, Sarina Franzino, Grace Montalbano, Nina Oddo, Anna Cialto, Santa Iazzetta, Luisa D'Ambrosio, Luisa Dimartino, Maria Realmuto, Giuseppina Barale, and Michelle Campisi) for donations and also for cooking and running the Italian food table; Marina & Mike Kobasiuk for running the bake sale table.

There were many other volunteers and several people that donated items that contributed to the success of our annual Easter Fair. They include: Patty Bona, Melissa DiMaria, Bob and Renee Spaziante, Catherine D. Kobasiuk, Julie and Brianna Novotny, Alexa Panitteri, Aida Dankowski, Laura Vecchio, Pat Fusco, Vincent Rutkowski, Theresa Reyes, Cynthia Steel, Linda, Robert and Isabel DiFrancesco, Brittney & Christian Lopez, Virginia Mattered, John Feeney, Mary Jean Nappe, Rose Marie Akie, Claudia Cependa, Anne Snyder, Jim Allen, Alice Cullington, Robin and Dan Gallo, Angie Tremble, Eileen Denobile, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Ramera, Antonia Leweny, Melissa DiMaria, Mary Ellen Dillion, Angela Gross, Susan Bartholomew, Agnes Lecher, Cathy Beczak, 'The Rosary Altar Society', 'Shrine of Saint Jude Knights Council'.

Thank you to the following businesses for donating items for our raffle and Chinese Auction: 'Roma Funeral Home', 'Sheer Obsession', 'N'Le Nails', 'Ground Round', 'Lee Anne's Flower', 'Ice Cream Cottage', 'Boston Market', 'Handy Pantry', 'AMF Shirley Bowling', 'Carlo's Pizzeria & Restaurant', 'Gateway Playhouse', and 'Beacon Cottage'. Thank you to all the shoppers and all who anonymously donated items for the raffle.

A very special thank you to The Easter Bunny for being here at our Easter Fair at his busiest time of year and to Father Greg and Msgr. John Heinlein for making an appearance at the fair. Also thank you Father Greg for calling the Raffles and 50/50 winners.

The fair raised \$5,055 .01 for the parish.

A Very Happy Easter to all!

Sue Fumai and The Easter Fair Committee

Learn to Communicate the Pro-Life Message Effectively—Lobby Training Day

Saturday, April 21st from 10AM–2PM at 'Our Lady of Mercy R.C. Church' (Lower Hall) 500 South Oyster Bay Road in Hicksville. It is now, more important than ever, to learn to how to communicate the pro-life message effectively with your legislators at their local office, in Albany or, in Washington, D.C. Techniques are also useful in everyday conversation. Adults and Students welcome. Bring your lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Free will offering. Presented by the 'N.Y.S. Right to Life Committee, Inc.' Sponsored by 'L.I. Coalition for Life'. To register leave name and phone number by April 20th, at 631-758-2093 or e-mail maryannedumas@yahoo.com

Sacred Heart University—2 Day Conference

'Sacred Heart University' in Fairfield, Connecticut, will sponsor a two-day conference to mark the special milestones of the second 'Vatican Council Conference' on April 23rd & 24th. The conference will coincide with the '50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council'. The conference is open to individuals working at the pastoral and parish level including priests, laity and those who work in hospitals, social workers; people from the academic community and young adults. "We particularly think it's important to have young people at the conference because they will be living these issues and they are the future," For more information and to register visit www.sacredheart.edu/vii/conference.cfm

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 Tuesday, April 24th where we will be discussing **Leader and Teacher, Priscilla** 7:30–9PM at 'Mary Immaculate' in Bellport. Class is located in Room 7 of the Church Auditorium with Sister Grace.

Bishop McGann Mercy High School

From April 26th–29th, the members of the 'McGann-Mercy Theatre Company' perform their version of 'Jekyll & Hyde, the Musical'. Based on the novella, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson, this Gothic mystery explores the good and evil in everyone. With over 50 students coming together to produce this show, it is a sure shot to entertain the theatre going community. Running from Thursday, April 26th through Saturday, April 28th in the school auditorium, the show starts at 7:30PM. There is also a matinee on Sunday, April 29th at 2PM. Tickets are \$10 per person. In the mood for dinner and a show? On Friday night, April 27th, make it an evening out by attending the Mercy on a Mission Annual Spaghetti Dinner before the play. The Spaghetti Dinner will be served from 6PM–7:30PM. Tickets are \$15 a piece, which includes a ticket to the show. 'Bishop McGann-Mercy High School' is located at 1225 Ostrander Avenue in Riverhead. For more information on Jekyll & Hyde or the Spaghetti Dinner or to purchase tickets for either event, call 631.727.5900, ext. 10.

J.V. Kavanaugh—Knights of Columbus

Is hosting a 'Night at the Races' on Friday, April 27th. Doors will open at 7PM. Tickets are \$15 per person and includes dinner, beer, wine and soda. For tickets call 772–8081 or 772–8736.

St. Joseph's Prayer Center

Couples Retreat—Saturday April 28th from 10AM–3PM. "Bring new life into your marriage" Presented by Deacon Marty and Martha McIndoe at 'St. Joseph's Prayer Center' located at 312 Maple Avenue in Patchogue. R.S.V.P. 631-730-6210. Please bring your lunch. Donation is \$30 a couple.

College Open House

'Molloy College' is hosting a 'Spring Open House' for prospective students and their guests. On Sunday, April 29th at 1PM at 'Molloy College' in Rockville Centre. For information please call 516–678–5800 ext. 6230.

Easter Flower Donations

In memory of: or dedicated to:

Brandi Deshler Families	Rocco Leone & Vic Mendolia
Vita & Nunzio Realmuto	Anthony & Jennie Ponzio
The Ziegler Family	John & Blanche Bohl
Joseph T. Romo	Jacqueline Gusmerotti
DelValle/Vasquez Families	Alma S. Castillo
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Orlando	Esterly, Brown, & Ruggieri Families
Herminia DeBarrera	Alice Kehoe
Michelle Como	Mary & Michael Sullivan
Carmelo Frontino	Daniel F. Crawford
Lipari & Luparello Families	Sr. & Baby Joseph F. Barbieri
Nancy Burns	Barbara Biondo-Mattera
Richard & Virginia Archer	William John Guiducci
Richard Archer Jr.	Mrs. Patricia Ann Boschi
Filandro & McNeil Families	Elizabeth Miller, Anthony & Angelina Cincotta
Kenneth Kinman	Helen Mannino, Eugene & Anita Cullington
Mabel & Daniel Gallo	George & Elizabeth Brooks
Rosa Iorio	Marion & Leonard Reddy
Tony & Johanna Ponzio	Kenneally & Reilly Families
Deceased of the Curnya & Albanese Families	Patrick McDonnell
Edward, Mary, Edward & Angelina Feger	Eli Family
Arturo Torres	Nick & Tina Mazic
Aida Rodriguez & Eliado Cabarra	343 Firefighters lost at WTC
Maria & Vince Boroul	Georgia Berkhout
Lanni Family	Grace Nugent, Padich Family
Desmond Family	Donovan & Doyle Families
Mr. James Brennan	Anna & John Diadema
Robert Cimusz	Ann Fazio
Howard & Helena Ramsay	Rosalie & Andy Signorelli
Helen Anderson & Grace Benevento	Anne Petralia
Fitzgerald/Scileppi Family	Anna & George Kubala
Walter Clevenger & John Zielinski Sr.	Grandma Leven
Elizabeth DiGiovino	Zolnowski Family
Diver Family	Gerard Asaro
Rohart & Spaziante Families	Czak Family
Alice & LeRoy Wells	Bateman & Troisi Families
Spagnola & Mahon Families	Charles Philip Cottiers
Eileen & Guy Roberts	Alice Wilfinger
Patricia McGaughey	John Sbarbaro
Blume & Crow Families	Coach Hodgson
All the deceased	
Sigmund & Alan Czak	

Names are flowering offering envelopes received after March 30th.

Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY				Total
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	5pm	
Mar. 25	244	145	212	367	520	220	1708
April 1st	375	225	263	446	625	325	2259

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY				Total
	Vigil Mass	8am	9:30	11:30	1pm	Total	
Easter	745	483	672	725	225	2850	

Weekly Collections

April 1st Palm Sunday	\$12,913.49
April Monthly Maintenance	\$3,778.00
Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Holy Thursday)	\$1,636.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$1,494.00
April 8th Easter (Easter 2011-\$30,507.00)	\$29,907.74

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal	\$56,200.00
Pledges as of 4/10/12	\$58,175.00
# of Donors	176
Payments as of 4/10/12	\$27,955.00

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

God Bless You!!!!

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 4:23-31 • JN 3:1-8

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 4:32-37 • JN 3:7B-15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 5:17-37 • JN 3:16-21

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 5:27-33 • JN 3:31-36

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 5:34-42 • JN 6:1-15

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 6:1-7 • JN 6:16-21

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012 *Third Sunday of Easter*
ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19 • 1 JN 2:1-5A • LK 24:35-48

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of April 16th have been donated:

In memory of Philomena Fino and
June & Joseph Stozzetto

Wedding Banns

I Danielle Fahie/Tommaso Campione

St. Jude Annual Golf Outing for Outreach

The golf outing will be held Wednesday, May 2nd at 'Rock Hill Country Club' in Manorville. All proceeds will go to our Outreach Program here at St. Jude. Price is \$150 per golfer for golf and dinner or \$45 for dinner only. Tee sponsorships are \$100. Registration is from 8–9:30AM, during this time please enjoy the driving range and the buffet breakfast. The shotgun start begins at 10AM play is in a scramble format. Lunch, beverages, and course snacks are available. A buffet dinner with an open bar begins at 4PM. Please call Tom 921-6793 or Ron 255-0339 for more information. You can also register or sponsor a tee at www.stjudegolf.org. Raffle tickets can be purchased after Masses the weekends of April 21st & 22nd and April 28th & 29th or at the rectory. 1st prize \$1000, 2nd prize \$500, 3rd prize \$250. Cost of the raffle is 3 tickets for \$10.

ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Foundation Benefit

Presents the comedy "Clothes Encounters" by Roger Karshner on Thursday, May 3rd at 8PM. (Doors open at 7:15PM and close at 7:45PM) at the 'Clare Rose Playhouse' located at 'St. Joseph's College', in Patchogue. The ticket price is \$15 per person and includes coffee, tea and cake. For tickets please contact MJ at 395-3767 or Janeth at 252-8759.

St. Joseph's College

The ACES (Achieving Creating Educated Students) Club is now planning it's 1st Annual Chinese Auction, to be held on Friday, May 4th beginning at 7PM–10PM at 'St. Joseph's College – Danzi Athletic Center'. The auction is being held to raise money for the 'Long Island Coalition for the Homeless'. Donations of goods, services, gift certificates and other items for this year's auction are now being accepted. All donors will be listed in a distributed printed brochure the night of the auction. To make donations, or for further information, please contact Nicole Nappe at 631-729-3193 or email sjaces.li@student.sjcnny.edu

Outreach

We would like to thank all those special people who donated Easter baskets, treats, and full meals for those in need in our community. We were able to provide 75 families with an extra special Easter. Thank you to the 'James V. Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus' and the 'Kavanaugh Columbiettes' for your special Easter gifts to Outreach. Your monetary support will go a very long way to assist the needy in

our community. Our emergency closet is in need of breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix, oatmeal, etc...), beans, canned fruit, and chicken noodle soup. We signed up 40 new families in March, and were able to supplement 763 people with food. Our closet runs low very quickly, so please consider picking up an extra item when you shop this week. Spring cleaning? Outreach would love to take your unwanted house wares, curtains, bedding, towels, and anything may think of donating. Come visit us Monday–Thursday from 9AM–1PM and the second and last Wednesday of the month from 5PM–7PM. We are located just behind the 'St. Jude Candle Shrine'. "*And if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry... then your light will rise in the darkness*" Isaiah 58:10

Annual Spring Tea Party

'St. Andrew's Episcopal Church' is hosting their Annual Spring Tea on Saturday, May 5th from 1–4PM in their parish center hall located at 250 Neighborhood Road in Mastic Beach. The cost is \$15 per person. **Make your reservations early, as space is limited.** Assorted sandwiches, scones, cakes and cookies will be served with a variety of teas. A Chinese Auction will also be held during the tea with many homemade and quilted items. For tickets and additional information please contact Bea at 281-3082 by email Sushi08@optonline.net or Laura at 281-5123.

Bunco Night

'St. Vincent de Paul St. Jude Conference' is happy to host a BUNCO NIGHT in St. Jude's Parish Center on 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.

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.

Vacation Bible School 2012

Keep the week of August 6th–10th open for our 'Vacation Bible School' this summer. The cost is \$30 per child. The time is 9AM to 12PM Ages 5–12 years old. More details and registration form will be in future bulletin.

April is National Donation Awareness Month

This notice is in support of finding kidney donors for those in our community who are currently on the transplant list at 'Stony Brook Medical Center' (SBMC). For the average healthy person, 2 kidneys are not necessary, as only 1 is needed to filter waste and remove excess fluid from the body. Currently, SBMC has 300 people waiting for kidneys on their transplant list. The number is increasing and more people spend years on this list because of a lack of donors. Transplant donors allow former dialysis patients to live a longer, more fulfilling life. Although dialysis is life-sustaining, the process takes 4 hours, 3 times weekly, and leaves many too drained to work or enjoy daily activities. Kidneys that are donated must have the same ABO blood type, and a second level of testing involves antigen matching to assure that the donors and recipients are immunologically compatible. All this is accomplished by a blood test on behalf of the donor. Once the blood test show compatibility, the donor must undergo a medical work-up—the tests are specific according to age and gender—and a physical exam at SBMC, to ensure their eligibility to donate. Donor work-ups are typically paid for by a kidney recipients' insurance. Nowadays, the surgery used to remove a kidney (nephrectomy) is done laparoscopically, which means a more minimally invasive surgery. Visit www.stonybrookmedicalcenter.org/transplant for more concise information. During this Easter season, as we celebrate the gift of life, let's remember those less fortunate, who could benefit tremendously from our self-sacrifice. Further questions can be directed to Stephen Knapik, Living Donor Coordinator at SBMC 631–444–6944.