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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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 13th 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., TUES., & THURS.
9:00am-1:00pm
LAST WED. OF MONTH
5:00-7:00pm
CLOSED WED., FRI.,
SAT., SUN. & HOLIDAYS

Sacrament of Marriage
Couples wishing to be married should contact the rectory at least one year in advance to meet with one of the priests to make wedding arrangements. Pre-Cana is required for all couples.

Sacrament of Baptism
Celebrated on most Sundays throughout the year. Please contact the rectory to set up an appointment with a member of the staff to arrange for the Baptismal preparation session and to set a date for Baptism.

Devotions

MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA
Mondays after the
9:00am Mass

ST. JUDE NOVENA
Thursdays after the
9:00am Mass

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesdays
12:30pm-1:00pm
Benediction at 1:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY
8:00pm-9:00pm
Benediction at 9:00pm

THE HOLY ROSARY
Monday through Friday
at 8:30am; Saturdays
at 8:00am

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

5:00pm Mother's Day Remembrance

7:30pm Mother's Day Remembrance

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2012

8:00am Mother's Day Remembrance

9:30am Mother's Day Remembrance

11:30am Mother's Day Remembrance

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Jude

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012

9:00am Patti Davin †

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

9:00am Rosalie Signorelli †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012

9:00am Carmen & Vincent Pitaro †

12 Noon Saint Jude Guild:
Intentions of Kyle Butler,
Roddy Donald Charles †,
Angelina Tamburrino †

7:30pm Tony Abruscato †

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012

9:00am Parishioners of St. Jude

12 Noon Mary & Joseph Thompson †

7:30pm Healing of Nora Getchell

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012

9:00am Carolyn Robson †

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

8:30am Peter Quilla Sr. †

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Jude

7:30pm Anthony Mineo †

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012

8:00am Marianna Wasilewska †

9:30am Patti Davin †

11:30am Deceased members of the
Koller & Gauggel Families †

5:00pm Julio J. Saenz †

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

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

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, Ramon Ortiz, 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 Information

MOTHER'S DAY: The rectory will be closed on Sunday, May 13th for Mother's Day and re-open at 9AM Monday.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE: Thursday, May 17th is Ascension Thursday, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There is a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:30PM. Masses on Thursday, May 17th are at 9AM, Noon and 7:30PM.

OUTREACH SUMMER HOURS: Closed on Wednesdays in July and August.

St. Jude Golf Outing

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all our golfers and sponsors. In spite of some rain and cool temperatures, everyone had a great time. We would also like to extend our appreciation to those who participated in our raffle. As a result of everyone's generosity, we were able to raise over \$12,000 for our Outreach program. Congratulations to our raffle winners, Tim Pirro-\$1,000, Genevieve Probst-\$500, and Mike Mortimer-\$250. We are especially grateful to all our volunteers for all your hard work. The event would not have been as successful without your help. God bless you and your families. Please remember, Outreach needs our support all year. —The Golf Committee

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation staff wishes all Mothers a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day.

BOOK RETURN: Catechist Manuals and Student Text Books are to be returned to office during office hours, Monday through Thursday from 9–5PM. Parents and student books need to be returned prior to registering for the new year.

PROFESSION OF FAITH MASS: Will be at 5PM on May 19th

CONFIRMATION REHEARSALS: The 1:30PM Mass will be from 7–9PM on Wednesday, May 23rd in our church. The 4PM Mass will be from 7–9PM on Thursday, May 24th in our church. Your sponsor must attend rehearsal, if unable to attend, parent may attend in their place. PLEASE BRING YOUR CONFIRMATION OFFERING ENVELOPE TO REHEARSAL.

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

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

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

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

INTERESTED IN TEACHING THE FAITH? You can volunteer for the Catechetical Ministry. If interested, please call 281-2835 for details.

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 men are welcome to attend.

The Legion of Mary

Meets on Friday's at 10:30AM in the parish center 1st floor classroom, we welcome anyone who may wish to join us.



Commandments, (Part VII, Final)

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

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

By this commandment, we are commanded to speak the truth. Sins against this commandment include the following:

- False witness: a public lie.
- Perjury: lying under oath.
- Rash judgment: judging someone without sufficient evidence.
- Detraction: disclosing another's faults without a sufficient reason.
- Calumny: lying about another while destroying another's reputation.
- Flattering or praising the sinful acts of another.
- Boasting to the point of lying.
- Gossiping about another.
- If we have committed any of these sins against the truth, we must make reparation, i.e., we must tell the truth.

The commandment binds us to keep secrets we have promised to keep.

- The most solemn secret is that of the SEAL OF CONFESSION: a priest-confessor may absolutely never reveal the sins told to him by a penitent.
- Professional secrets may not be revealed. Professional secrets are those that entail privileged communications, e.g., doctor-patient, lawyer-client, etc.

The commandment imposes serious responsibilities on the media to convey the truth to their audiences. The eighth commandment also requires the expression of truth and beauty in art, above all in sacred art.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife

This commandment obliges us to be pure of heart. We are to avoid willful consent to impure thoughts or desires. Maintaining "**custody of the eyes**" is of great importance. Impure looks lead to impure thoughts, which lead to impure actions.

- Purity requires **modesty**.
- Modesty protects the mystery of persons as images of God and their love.
- Modesty protects the intimate center of the person.
- Modesty inspires one's **choice of clothing**. If one is conscious that their mode of dress is immodest and revealing/inappropriate and entices others to sin, they are guilty of the sin of immodesty.
- Modesty helps one keep silence in the face of unhealthy curiosity.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the model of purity. It is good to pray to her for help in keeping the sixth and ninth commandments and in developing purity of heart.

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The tenth commandment commands us to desire the happiness of heaven more than the goods of the earth.

- We must prefer God and the Kingdom of heaven above all earthly goods.
- The chief sin against this commandment is envy.
- Envy is sadness at the sight of another's goods and an immoderate desire to acquire them for one's self.

If envy includes a wish to inflict harm on one's neighbor, it is a grave sin.

For those of you with children, I particularly like the essay "*Purity of Little Girls*" you can find it at www.hisimageministries.org/downloads/purityoflittlegirls.pdf. Read it **only** if you are prepared for the truth!

Happy Mother's Day!

In Christ,
Fr. Greg

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you." By your gift to the 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul' you fulfill this commandment.

Rosary Altar Society

A big "Shout out" to the 'Shrine of St. Jude Council, Knights of Columbus' for hosting their first communion breakfast for the 'Rosary Altar Society', last Sunday. The Rosarians welcomed a speaker, Deacon Candidate John Gagliardi, along with his wife, Lori. Thank you, John, we were honored to have you share with us. Thank you, Knights for a job well done, it was truly appreciated. P.S. The roses were a beautiful touch.

COOKBOOKS: Copies of the 'Rosary Altar Society' cookbook are for sale at the rectory. The cost of the book is \$10. Checks can be made out to 'St. Jude R.C. Church'. The proceeds will go to the 'St. Jude Outreach' and a donation towards the 'St. Francis Statue'.

Collection for Catholic Communications Campaign

Next weekend, May 19th & 20th you will have the opportunity to participate in the collection for the "Catholic Communication Campaign". Collection proceeds support a wide variety of media projects that spread the gospel message and connect communities and individuals to their faith and to the Church. Please contribute generously and visit www.usccb.org for more information. Remember, half of the collected funds stay right here to support diocesan media projects.

St. Francis Statue—Eagle Scout Project

We are asking for donations towards the purchase of a 'St. Francis Statue' that will be mounted a podium on the west side of the church. All donations can be placed in the regular collection basket, dropped-off or mailed to the rectory. Please be sure to indicate that your donation is for the 'Eagle Scout Project-Statue'. Funds donated to the project are \$1,805.00 as of 5/7/12. (Cost for the statue approximately \$5,000.)

Help Fight Hunger

Please bring non-perishable food to the Masses Saturday and Sunday, May 19th & 20th in remembrance of the 'Irish Hunger Victims of 1845-51' (www.irishhungercomm.wordpress.com). They died from the infamous potato blight and the subsequent, not-so-well-known controlled starvation of many who refused to renounce their Catholic faith for food. Say a prayer for them and the starving people in the world today. The food will be given to 'St. Jude Outreach' to provide for the needs of those who may go without in remembrance of these ancestors in the Faith. Please call the 'Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. 5' for more information about joining contact John Hurley 631-281-0945.

Bishop McGann-Mercy High School Honor Roll

We are proud to announce that following students/parishioners from the 'Roman Catholic Shrine Church of St. Jude' in Mastic Beach have made the Honor Roll or Principal's List for the 3rd quarter of the school year. **HONOR ROLL:** Elison Loius, Joseph Luisi **PRINCIPAL'S LIST:** Elijah Louis, Jennifer Perugi, Elizabeth Talamo, Victoria Tremble. Congratulations!

Come Holy Spirit

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

Lighthouse Catholic Media

We have placed another order for Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Catholicism*, which will be available for \$5 each after all the Masses during the weekend of May 19th & 20th. In the meantime, new CD titles are available at the kiosk in the vestibule of the church.



Healing Mass at St. Patrick

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

Dominican Village

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

Mary Immaculate, Bellport Parish Mission

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

Seussical the Musical Jr.— OLQA Regional Catholic School

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

Kara's Hope Foundation 5KRun/Walk

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

Diocesan Choir Concert

The next event in the 'St. Agnes Cathedral 'music series will be on Sunday, May 20th, at 7:30PM. The concert will feature music from Vienna. Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. Rockville Centre's own 'Shore Symphony' and the 'Diocesan Choir' will combine forces for an evening of inspiring music. Some of the most popular choral works by Mozart will be featured, including the *Ave Verum*, and *Laudate Dominum*, with the assistance of soprano Christina Franco. In addition to the Mozart, Conductor Michael Wustrow will also lead the choir and orchestra in the rarely heard *Te Deum of Franz Josef Haydn*, one of the most ancient Latin hymns of the church. The second half of the concert will be Beethoven's famous *Fifth Symphony*, conducted by 'South Shore Symphony' Conductor, Scott Jackson Wiley. This well known symphony will be a favorite of orchestral music-lovers, with its well known theme that re-occurs throughout the work. Suggested donation is \$15 adults, \$10 student/senior. For more information please contact the 'Cathedral Music office' at 516.764.9578 or go to www.stagnescathedral.org. The Cathedral is located at 29 Quealy Place in Rockville Centre, and is handicap accessible.

Spring, Faith on Tap Series

Straight Talk, Good Company, & Honest Answers for Long Island's Young Adult Community. At the 'Wantagh Inn' located at 3264 Railroad Avenue, Across from L.I.R.R. Station this May 21st 'Happy Half Hour' is at 7pm! Talk and discussion is at 7:30PM. We will be talking about "Committing to God's Plan" with Br. Louis Mitrione, OSF. COME EARLY * GET SOMETHING TO EAT * MEET NEW FRIENDS. For information email Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drvc.org

The Woman at the Well

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

Dominican High School Class of 1962

The graduates invite you to attend a 50th class reunion on Saturday afternoon, September 29th. Please contact Eileen Kendrick Nockler at 516-599-3864 or Regina Dunne Keller at 631-385-7961, by June 1st. for further information and to help in locating 1962 lost alumni.

Altar Server Breakfast

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

Holy Angels Regional School—Summer Auction

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

Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY				
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	5pm	Total
April 15	349	185	220	313	515	203	1785
April 22	355	105	218	350	505	175	1708
April 29	325	145	220	313	500	215	1718
May 6	313	250	221	391	410	210	1795

Weekly Collections

May 6th	\$10,358.20
Catholic Elementary School	\$2,499.35

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal	\$56,200.00
Pledges as of 5/8/12	\$61,575.00
Number of Donors	193
Payments as of 5/8/12	\$35,365.00

We have reached our pledge goal. Thank you for your generous support of the CMA Appeal. God Bless You!!!!

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012 *Saint Matthias, apostle*
ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26/JN 15:9-17

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 16:22-34/JN 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 17:15, 22-18:1/JN 16:12-15

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012 *Ascension of the Lord*
ACTS 1:1-11, EPH 1:17-23 OR 4:1-13 OR 4:1-7, 11-13/MK 16:15-20

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 18:9-18/JN 16:20-23

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 18:23-28/JN 16:23B-28

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26/1 JN 4:11-16/JN 17:11B-19

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of May 14th have been donated:

By The Breakfast Club

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for the weekend of May 12th & 13th have been donated:

"Thank You St. Jude"

Wedding Banns

III. David Micheli/ Erin O'Hara

II. Anthony Giuffre/Lisa Carrion

Baptisms

Jacob Garces Villa, Samir Garces Villa, Gabriel Steven Craig, Annabeth Hope Clareen-Aiello

May God Bless them and their families!

Annulment Information

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

Retrouvaille Peer Ministry

Couples who have had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems, share their experiences with couples in troubled marriages with

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

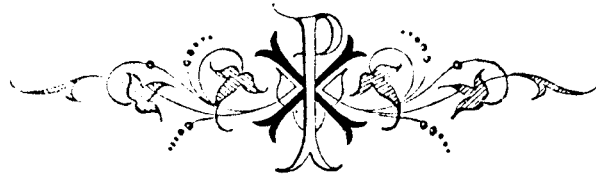
Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Join us for our annual seventh pilgrimage to the shrine in Washington, NJ on Weds, June 13th. We will depart from 'Our Lady of Mercy', in Hicksville at 8:30AM and Lindenhurst at 8AM. Bring your own lunch-picnic grounds and snack bar on premises. This trip is open to all who love the Blessed Mother. The cost this year is \$30 per person (due to an increase in the cost of the bus) and it includes

transportation, driver gratuity, "The Song of Bernadette" movie on the bus, and group singing favorite Marian hymns. If you are interested or have any questions please call Dan Sullivan 516-681-5633.

Life Center of Long Island with Dr. Alveda King

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



Vacation Bible School - Registration Time Is Here!

The camp will take place from: Monday August 6th thru Friday the 10th.

TIME: 9:00AM to 12:00PM

PLACE: Parish Center

WHO: Children age 5 to 12 years

The fee is \$30.00 per camper. (Cash or checks)

Registration forms with payments can be returned to the rectory during business hours. Deadline for registration is July 8th. Time is needed to order supplies and plan special events. We are looking forward to seeing your children there!

Vacation Bible School 2011

Camper Name:	Grade in September:
Date of Birth:	Phone:
Street Address:	Town:
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Emergency Contact:	Phone:
Special Needs or Alerts: (ex. Allergies):	
Paid:	cash /check #:

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

understanding the basics ▪ defending a right

Threatened: America's Unique Model (2 of 7)

Writing recently in *America* magazine, Harvard Law Professor Mary Ann Glendon noted that in the United States, "Citizens of all faiths have long taken for granted the unique model of religious freedom that has enabled the nation's diverse religions to flourish and to coexist in relative harmony." How true. Certainly on Long Island, where believers from every tradition live side-by-side, we can quickly overlook the gift of religious freedom that is ours. We can take for granted its splendor and forget the impact it has in shaping our nation and community.

Undoubtedly, America's greatness is built upon hard work and daring. But there is more to the country than sweat and courage. Its greatness stems from the fact that people are free to be themselves, free to live life according to the dictates of their conscience. America's proud heritage of religious freedom, though not always appreciated, has given the country a firm foundation. It has enabled people to be themselves and contribute that greatest gift—their total self, faith included—to the life of the nation.

Presently, however, Professor Glendon sees this vital freedom, so crucial to American life, as endangered. She warns, "Recent legal and political developments...suggest that the first freedom in our First Amendment may be en route to becoming a lesser right—one that can be easily overridden by other rights, claims and interests." Our first freedom is being reduced from the fullness it had in the eyes of our founders to freedom of worship. Freedom of conscience is being left behind. Two examples of this pattern stand out. They directly impact the charitable work of the Church:

In recent years, Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the state of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the work of providing adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit or same-sex couples.

Notwithstanding years of excellent performance by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require the Church to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.

In both circumstances, by curtailing the robustness of our religious liberty and impinging on our freedom of conscience, America's heritage of religious freedom is threatened. Unfortunately, these two instances are part of a bigger trend. More recently, and in an unprecedented manner, the federal government issued a mandate concerning contraception and sterilization which again threatens to limit our cherished first freedom.

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

BISHOP WILLIAM MURPHY

PRAYER

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

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

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

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE AT ST. JUDE
IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE OUR

2ND ANNUAL TAILGATE YARD SALE

On Saturday, June 2nd

From 8AM to 3PM

(Rain date June 9th)

It's time to clean out your attic, basement and garage.
Get rid of all those new and old items that you just don't use!
Put them all in the trunk of your car and sell them right from the trunk at St. Jude!
If you would rather just shop please come on down
and get an eyeful there is sure to be something for everyone!

ALL VENDORS: To reserve a spot at the Yard Sale, please call Linda at 631-495-9097
NO LATER than May 28th. A \$25 fee will pay for 1 parking spot. **Reservations only please.**

You keep your profit from your sales
while the fee for RESERVED PARKING SPOTS will benefit St. Vincent de Paul

100% will go to help the needy in our community... DIRECTLY!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE! THE MORE THE BETTER!

Please help St. Vincent de Paul—help others!