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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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 20th 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
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 19, 2012

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 †

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012

9:00am Erika Rae Hughes †

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012

9:00am Edward N. Collins †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012

9:00am Saint Jude Guild:
Elizabeth Hollaran †
Laurett Lawlor †
Elizabeth Kiernan †
Catherine Padich †

12 Noon Deceased members of the
J.V. Kavanaugh Council #5293

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012

9:00am William Farrington †

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012

9:00am Robert G. Stroh †

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012

8:30am Robert Stroh †

5:00pm Theresa Nappa †

7:30pm Parishioners of St. Jude

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012

8:00am Maria & Giuseppe Giammalva †

9:30am Harry & Patrick Hennessey †

11:30am Joseph Hancock †

5:00pm Patricia Ann Collins-Sewell †

† 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., Chase Richard Musolino, Edward Pallan, Christopher Frank Panzarella, Fairlie Pasfield, Abdul Rattu, Eugene Russo, Mary Saggio, Patricia Swenson, Pam Tyimoke, Mary Vazzana, Donna Zumrol

FOR THE DECEASED: Josephine Zinn, William Santana, Giovanni Salvaggio, Virginia Schoenig, Catherine Hooley, Joel Schieferstein, Annmarie Doloroso

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

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

Wear Something Red

Next Sunday, May 27th is Pentecost Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Spirit. The traditional color for the Holy Spirit is red so why not show your devotion and wear red to church on that day?

Faith Formation

Our parish celebrated the last two weeks, by having First Holy Communion Masses. Sincere congratulations to all the children! May they each know that Jesus and His Blessed Mother, Mary, love them very much. Please continue to attend Mass each week so that you can receive the Eucharist, Jesus, our spiritual food so you may grow in His Grace. Remember, Jesus is always with you. God bless each of you.

A special thank you to each of our Altar Servers, Lectors, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Catechists and Ushers for volunteering and participating in the Communion Masses. Your being there was greatly appreciated. God bless each of you. Theresa

CONFIRMATION REHEARSALS: If you are attending the 1:30PM Confirmation Mass, your rehearsal is from 7–9PM, Wednesday, May 23rd in our church. If you are attending the 4PM Confirmation Mass, your rehearsal is from 7–9PM, 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 is in progress. 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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples today—through us. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

Rosary Altar Society 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'.

“You go to pray; to become a bonfire, a living flame, giving light and heat.” —Saint Josemaria Escriva



Current Events

Thanks to the 196 donors who have made pledges and contributions on behalf of our parish. Once again, the 2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) for the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been successful here at St. Jude; having reached 110% of our goal! We are one of about 40 parishes out of the 130 in the diocese to have reached—and surpass—our goal to this date. Details may be read on page 5 of this bulletin.

As you may recall, in 2010 our parish debt to the Diocese of Rockville Centre was in slight excess of \$1.5 million. This amount was due to outstanding monies that were never collected for the construction of the new church, and the accumulation of unpaid diocesan bills and assessments for over eight years. To make a long story short, for several years now we have been current with all invoices; therefore, as we continue to make monthly payments of \$3,974.36, our current debt owed to the diocese is \$778,974.36. It is only by your sacrifices that we are able to make significant progress in reducing our debt and building-up our parish. My sincerest gratitude!

Thanks to the efforts of Tom and Ron Gross, their committee, numerous volunteers, and generous donors, the St. Jude Outreach Golf Outing held on Wednesday, May 2nd at Rock Hill C. C., brought in over \$12,000 for the operation of St. Jude's social ministry. Some "old friends" of St. Jude were on hand to support the cause: Fr. Joe Mirro, Fr. Joe Baidoo, and Msgr. Steve Camp joined in the fun on the course and at the dinner. It was enjoyable to be in their company, once again.

Through the generosity of anonymous benefactors, St. Jude parish has had the good fortune to obtain three handsomely framed 19th century oil paintings. They are, of course, copies. One is of the famous "Madonna of the Chair" by Raphael. We hope to hang this piece of artwork in the church. The other two pieces are unidentified; one being The Nativity, and the other a canvas of The Assumption. These will be displayed either in the parish center, adding to the beauty of the Main Hall, or in the church narthex/entrance vestibule.

Hopefully you have noticed the new sign (displaying the weekend and daily Mass schedules) that proudly directs visitors to where the building is located. The large lettering enables those passing on Neighborhood Road to see where the building is. It has already proved itself useful the last two Saturdays, when family and friends coming for First Holy Communion Masses were able to identify which of the several buildings is the church. An LED spotlight has been installed in the lawn to illuminate it at night; mulch and flowers will soon follow.

After too many seasons of sun, rain, snow and wind, the rectory has finally received a much needed repainting, and new decorative shutters have been installed. Before priming and painting the 31 year old building, a good number of badly weathered and warped cedar shakes were replaced. Some fascia boards and soffits that were deteriorated were addressed as well. Now the edifice looks good, and I don't have to listen to squirrels running around in the attic at night! Additionally, the remainder of the rectory re-roofing is to be completed within the next few weeks. This new roof should last 40+ years. We will eventually (hopefully within the next year) convert the rectory first-floor pastor's suite into a meeting room suitable for approximately 30+ persons, and also "resuscitate" the St. Jude Gift Shop therein.

It is my hope that reconstruction and refurbishment of the St. Jude Shrine can begin by autumn. It is my further hope that we will have more than sufficient memorial donations (various memorial opportunities will be available) not only to pay for beautification of the existing shrine building and grounds, but that the extra funds can be put towards the rectory meeting room and gift shop, as well as towards a new roof for the parish center, as the current one will be ready to be replaced in four or five years from now. I believe that *saving* towards a future project is imperative. This will sort of be a way of having a capital campaign without formally having one.

I am most grateful for the sacrifices that so many of you make for the good of our church community. I am not fond of asking the good people of St. Jude for monetary support, however, I pray that you understand that at times it is necessary. I know that, as God wills, our beautiful parish will grow and flourish in His time. If good God wants it to happen, I trust that He will send the donors our way...

**In Christ,
Fr. Greg**



"Madonna of the Chair"
Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino
c. 1515



"The Assumption"
Artist Unknown



"The Nativity"
Artist Unknown

St. Francis Statue— Eagle Scout Project

We are asking for donations towards the purchase of a 'St. Francis Statue' that will be mounted on 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 5/16/12. (Cost for the statue approximately \$5,000.)

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.

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: Tuesday, 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 this weekend. In the meantime, new CD titles are available at the kiosk in the vestibule of the church.

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 Monday, 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 Mitrone, OSF. COME EARLY * GET SOMETHING TO EAT * MEET NEW FRIENDS. For information email Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drcv.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.

Annulment Information

The 'Office of Faith Formation' in collaboration with 'The Tribunal' is offering a 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.drcv-faith.org.

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.

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.

One cannot separate the
most Holy Eucharist from
the Passion of Jesus.
—Saint Andrew Avellino

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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Celebration

Save the date!!! (Nap tann ou!!!) The 'Haitian-American Apostolate Ministry' of the 'Diocese of Rockville Centre' will be celebrating the Eucharist on honor of the Patroness of Haiti, 'Our Lady of Perpetual Help' (Selebrasyon Ekaristik nan okazyon Fèt Patwòn Peyi DAYITI, 'Manman Pèpetyèl Sekou') Saturday, June 23rd at 7PM. 'Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help' located at 210 S. Wellwood Avenue in Lindenhurst. The presider/celebrant is Most Rev. Bishop John C. Dunne, D.D. The homilist: Father Eden Jean Baptiste Choir: "La Lumiere du Monde" from 'St. Boniface' in Elmont. Candles with holders for street procession will be available for a \$1 donation. Information/pou enfòmasyon please call: 516-678-5800 xs/233/407 or email: HAAM@drvc.org.

Maria Regina D.H.S. Class of 1971, 40th Reunion

Saturday, July 21st from 7-11PM at 'Plattdeutsche Park' restaurant on Hempstead Tpke. in Franklin Square. The cost is \$60 per person, payable to 'Maria Regina 40th Reunion' by May 31st. To respond, ask a question or just to share contact information for future notices, contact Mike Forestano on Facebook (Mike Forestano) or email mforestano@corcoran.com, or send mail to Joanne Pedian at 'Maria Regina Class of 1971' P.O. Box 304, Bellmore, NY 11710. You can also join us on Facebook at /MRHS1971. Please spread the word to our classmates and let's keep that M.R. spirit alive! If you have any questions, please email or call 516-445-5073.

National Youth for Family and Life Conference

We need Catholic judges for the 2012 'National Youth for Family and Life Conference' held at 'Hofstra University' on August 3rd-5th. We are looking for guest to volunteer judge our competitions such as a Band, Dance, Original Song, T-Shirt Design, Banner Design, Sketch, Photography, Spoken Word and Film. We only ask the judges to be qualified in any of these fields and have a passion for encouraging Catholic Youth in their talents. If you have any questions please contact the competition heads Kyle Mefferd 702.768.0817 or Dana Del Rosario 917.251.3297.

World Youth Day

Journey to Rio de Janeiro for 'World Youth Day 2013' with the 'Diocese of Rockville Centre' from July 20-29, 2013 "Go and make disciples of all people." *Matthew 28:19* For information on how join this powerful pilgrimage please contact Marianne Sheridan at 516-678-5800 ext. 615 or e-mail msheridan@drvc.org.

Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk, Inc.

The 'Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice' will be having their Bereavement Retreat for families with children that have lost a loved one this year. The weekend, held out in Montauk, October 20-21, is a unique experience for families to explore different ways to develop their own rituals of remembrance. The Montauk setting allows for memory work, physical movement and mindfulness. The \$100 fee includes meals and may be waived should it cause financial difficulty. For further information please call Andrea Fierro, 'LMSW Bereavement Coordinator' at 631-930-9316. Screening required by appointment. The retreat is not suitable for children under 4.

Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY		5pm	Total	
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30			11:30
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
May 13	315	135	256	332	385	130	1553

Weekly Collections

May 13th	\$9,010.95
Monthly Maintenance	\$3,102.00

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal	\$56,200.00
Pledges as of 5/16/12	\$62,100.00
Number of Donors	196
Payments as of 5/16/12	\$37,250.00

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

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 19:1-8 • JN 16:29-33
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 20:17-27 • JN 17:1-11A
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 20:28-38 • JN 17:11B-19
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11 • JN 17:20-26
FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012 *Easter Weekday*
ACTS 25:13B-21 • JN 21:15-19
SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012 *Saint Philip Neri, priest*
ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31 • JN 21:20-25
SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012 *Pentecost Sunday*
ACTS 2:1-11 • 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13 OR
GAL 5:16-25 • JN 20:19-23 OR JN 15:26-27;
16:12-15

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of
May 21st have been donated:
By the Rosary Altar Society

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for the weekend of
May 19th & 20th have been donated:
In Honor of Our Confirmation Candidates

Wedding Banns

- III. Anthony Giuffre/Lisa Carrion
- I. Matthew Corica/Maria Palma
- I. David Orlando/Melissa Barnes

Seven Wonders of the World

Junior high school students were studying the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of the lesson, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. The Taj Mahal in India
3. The Grand Canyon in Arizona
4. The Panama Canal
5. The Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

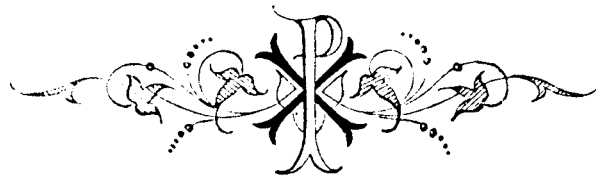
While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to touch...
2. to taste...
3. to see...
4. to hear...
5. to feel...
6. to laugh... (She hesitated a little, and then added...)
7. and to love.

The room was so quiet, you could have heard a pin drop. May this story serve as a gentle reminder to all of us that the things we overlook as simple and ordinary are often the most wonderful—and we don't have to travel anywhere special to experience them.

Enjoy your gifts!



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 2012

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

Limiting Freedom: The HHS Mandate (3 of 7)

On January 20, 2012, President Obama approved new regulations from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that would require most private health insurers, including, with few exceptions, all Catholic employers, to cover sterilization, contraception and drugs that induce abortion, even if they have religious objections against doing so. Despite a so-called accommodation by the Administration on February 10, the sweeping HHS mandate stands today little changed. Some were satisfied with the President's concession, but not our shepherds. Speaking for his brother bishops about the current regulations, Cardinal Dolan said, "We're still as worried as ever."

In an unprecedented way, the Administration's plan for better healthcare impinges upon the religious liberty of the nation's citizens. The HHS regulations will both force religious institutions to facilitate and fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching and purport to define which religious institutions are religious enough to merit protection of their religious liberty. Upon taking effect next year, the mandate will force religious employers, like Catholic Health Services of Long Island and Catholic Charities, which provide services beyond the Catholic community, to violate their moral convictions and religious beliefs.

Some see the issue as concerning only contraception or sterilization, but it encompasses much more. As Archbishop-designate William Lori of Baltimore testified to Congress, "This is not a matter of whether contraception may be prohibited by the government. This is not even a matter of whether contraception may be supported by the government. Instead, it is a matter of whether religious people and institutions may be forced by the government to provide coverage for contraception or sterilization, even if that violates their religious beliefs."

Bishop Murphy makes clear what is at stake: our cherished freedom. "This mandate," he says, "directly interferes with the freedom of conscience of individuals and with the freedom of religious belief and practice of our Catholic institutions. The Administration has chosen to cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty and free exercise of conscience."

The HHS mandate is alarming. It is the most recent infringement upon our nation's understanding of religious freedom. It shrinks the grandeur of religious freedom that Americans have long valued as both freedom to worship and freedom of conscience. It continues a pattern that seeks to marginalize faith, making it a purely private matter, irrelevant to the shaping of the life of the nation.

"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.



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

2ND ANNUAL TAILGATE YARD SALE

Next 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!