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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.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - June 3rd 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, JUNE 2, 2012

5:00pm William Farrington †

7:30pm Dennis Guerin †

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012

8:00am Parishioners of St. Jude

9:30am Anthony Curcio †

11:30am Anthony & Angelina Cincotta †

5:00pm William Farrington†

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012

9:00am William John Guiducci †

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

9:00am Sebastino Iuvara †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012

9:00am Allison Plutzer †

12 Noon Saint Jude Guild:

Keith Vooris †

Thomas J. Wilwerth †

Thomas Jr. †

Louise Dinoia †

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012

9:00am Vincent Palma †

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012

9:00am Luisa Finocchiaro †

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012

8:30am Mario Rakuin †

5:00pm Rocco Leone †

53 years Anniversary

7:30pm Margaret Askin †

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012

8:00am Michael Gordon †

9:30am Parishioners of St. Jude

11:30am Richard Rutkowski †

5:00pm Robert G. Stroh †

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

FOR THE SICK: Benjamin Archer, Joseph Buccilli III, Diane Buderer, Frances X. Butler, Hannah Chodkowski, 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, Daniel Mascia, 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 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, Richard D. McLaughlin, 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

Our Parish Celebrates: The Feast of the Holy Eucharist

Come and express publicly your love and devotion to our Lord in the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, June 10th. The "Corpus Christi" High Mass, at 11:30AM will be immediately followed by an exterior procession and Benediction on the church grounds, weather permitting.

Faith Formation:

Congratulations to our 96 Confirmandi that received the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Most Reverend Emil A. Wcela on May 30, 2012. Why not consider being an assistant in one of the Faith Formation Classes to further your catechesis? Call the office for details. God bless.

I sincerely wish to thank our Pastor, Rev. Gregory Yacyshyn and Msgr. John Heinlein and our Deacons for their participation in the Confirmation Mass and help throughout the year in teaching our Confirmandi about our faith; to all my Confirmation Prep 2 & RCIC2 Upper & High School Catechists who also taught the students and prepared them to receive the Sacrament, and to my staff; Ana & Laura, and the other volunteers who so graciously gave of their time to help at the Confirmation Masses; Cathy Carlson, Nick Drake, Peggy Ginocchio, Lorraine Hickey, Carol Nesta, Dr. Jeff Scaccio & Portia Wells. Great thanks to Gae & Mike LaSalle who always add so much to the Mass by their music and singing, and let me not forget the altar servers for their assistance and

John, Joe and Mary Ellen for their continued efforts in keeping things clean and working in our church and the parish center main hall. Thank you all and God bless you, Theresa

Registration & Re-registration for Faith Formation Classes For the 2012-13 year has begun. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER! CLASS AVAILABILITY BECOMES VERY LIMITED! Parents must return their child's textbook before they can register for the 2012-13 school year. To REGISTER NEW student, Log on to St. Jude Website, stjude.org, and follow links to Faith Formation Forms and download Registration Form. You will need to come into office with the form, child's original Baptism Certificate, tuition fee as stated on the form and have read the PARENT HANDBOOK that is online. To RE-REGISTER student that has attended this past year- Log on to St. Jude Website, stjude.org, and follow links to Faith Formation Forms and download Re-Registration Form. Complete the form, fill in all information, read the PARENT HANDBOOK that is online, 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 reregister a student unless you are also registering a new student.

•All 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 FOR REQUEST

Interested in TEACHING THE FAITH, VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CATECHETICAL MINISTRY, BEING SECURITY WHILE CLASSES ARE IN SESSION? Considering giving back something to the church for the many blessings you have received? THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED! If interested, please call 281-2835 for details.

St. Vincent de Paul

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. Your gift will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

Rosary Altar Society

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, June 4th at 7pm in the Parish center.

Agenda: Preparation for Raffle Party.

Mark your calander for our Annual Raffle Party Friday, July 13th watch the bulletin for further details. * Anyone wishing to donate a prize for our raffle party can do so by leaving it at the rectory marked "Raffle Party" or "Rosarians". All donated items must be new.

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 \$2,110.00 as of 5/30/12. (Cost for the statue approximately \$5,000.)

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.

Beautifully Modest

It is that time of the year. I have said it and written about it before; and you have heard it from other sources: the temperature rises and the quality of clothing lessens. Whether it is winter or summer, modesty is always the right choice. I am speaking particularly about how we should dress in church (which we should also extend to any general public appearance.)

A sign that had hung in the main hall of my high school read: "Live to please yourself; dress to please others." It was a reminder that how we clothe and adorn ourselves communicates something of how we regard ourselves and how we regard others. I believe this concept has been muddied and almost lost today. "Casual comfort" and "whatever pleases me" seems to be the driving force behind so many decisions in our society.

Clergy---bishops, priests, and deacons---dress in ancient-style vesture, that regardless of the particular cut of the outer garments, always covers one from the neck to the ankle and all the way down to the wrists. The vestments keep the body from being a distraction during Holy Mass and other sacred rituals. This does not impute that our bodies are of little value. The reality is quite the opposite. It means that they are indeed valuable and important, but are not to get in the way of the worship and focus on almighty God. We should be using this same line of thinking when putting together our appearance for Church, or wherever we are in the presence of others.

How is a Christian to determine what is appropriate when it comes to dress? Our first thought should be: What I am communicating about myself to others? Regardless of what I think looks good on me... What do the clothes I am wearing say?

Some women's clothing these days say, "I am looking to get attention." Many women (especially young women) are not even aware that the attention they are getting almost never translates into the attention they are looking for. The reality is when a man sees a woman dressed in skimpy, skin-tight apparel; short-shorts, mini-skirts; or other fashions that overly-expose her body, displaying herself as "an object," rather than a person, men react accordingly.

When a woman dresses modestly, a man is invited to consider the idea of something more exalted. Men treat a modestly dressed woman differently --- as a person --- not as a mere object to be tossed aside once novelty wears off. Women are too beautiful and wonderful to be treated in such a way.

Just because a Catholic shouldn't dress "sexy" for strangers doesn't mean that we should look ugly and boring! Beautiful clothing with brilliant color and texture, wonderfully cut and accessorized, all worn by a nicely groomed person --- is a very good thing!

How modesty and beauty are reflected in our clothing is a matter of personal taste and ethnic identity. With regard to fashions, you will find some dressed in clothes with a modern western cut, all in the latest colors and with the latest accessories. Some look really hard to find clothes from the latest designers that fit all the right criteria for modesty. Talented people even make their own patterns, to display their own unique styles.

The point is that there is no need to believe that we all have to look like cookie-cutter, calico-laden Little House on the Prairie refugees with Peter Pan collars and tent-like skirts (Christ, spare us!). No! It is good to dress attractively! (Proverbs 31:22) speaks of the "valiant woman" as being attired in "tapestry, fine linen, and purple." (Psalm 45) speaks of the "the Queen" in "gilded clothing." (Apocalypse 21:2) speaks of the Church as a bride "adorned for her husband." Queen Esther, a type of Our Lady, is described as an "exceeding fair" woman whose "incredible beauty made her appear agreeable and amiable in the eyes of all" (Esther 2:15). Pope Pius XII wrote in an address to the 'Latin Union of High Fashion' that the "penchant for the adornment of one's own person clearly derives from nature, and is therefore legitimate."

There is nothing wrong with adorning oneself and being attractive! As we Italians would say, it is good to "fare una bella figura!"--- to "make a good showing" by making things beautiful! Why allow something to be vulgar or unattractive when it could just as easily, or with little effort, be lovely? (this Italian attitude is applied to everything -- one's home, clothes, dinner table, etc.!)

Lets try this summer to dress for God and live our lives --- beautifully.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg

Lighthouse Catholic Media

OUR LIVES CHANGE WHEN OUR HABITS CHANGE

Matthew Kelly has inspired millions with the message that there is genius in Catholicism, but if the Church is to avoid falling into obscurity, individual Catholics must demonstrate its relevance through a dedication to becoming the best version of themselves. Matthew gives practical guidance in two dynamic talks on ways that we can change our habits to change our lives... and awaken the sleeping giant that is the Church. Books are available at the rectory.

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.

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'.

Father's Day Remembrance Envelopes

Fathers day is June, 17th. The remembrance envelope received in your mailing packages should be returned no later than June 15th. Additional envelopes are available in the church vestibule. All offering envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the rectory. Your intentions will be remembered in our Fathers Day Remembrance Masses on June 16th & 17th.

Alert, Alert

It has come to our attention a family has been approaching parishoners as they leave Mass at various churches on Long Island. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THEM MONEY. If approached tell them you will go get a priest for them to speak with. We have our parish outreach which assists the needy of our community. Any need for assistance should be directed to outreach

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

Thank You

We would like to thank the many parishioners and friends that came to our First Bunco night on May 11th. We are happy to report that, with your help, we raised over \$1,200! Amazing! The love of the people at St. Jude is outstanding and generous. The community thanks you for caring. We would like to mention our cash winners the person with the most wins was Lisa. W (\$220); the most losses was Heather Mulgannon(\$25); tied for the most Bunco's were Victoria. Graham and Linda Geoghan(\$80) and a special mention to Andrea Carroll(\$10) for No Bunco's at all. Thank you to our St. Vincent de Paul members Alex Mariani, Mary Ramsey, Sheila Pliego, Deacon Ken, Bob & Eleanor Smith, Donna Pliego, and Linda Giesecke. Your hard work at this event - and all events are testaments to God's love which He has for all of us. A mention for those members we call them ASSOCIATE members - Kathy & husband who worked wonders in the kitchen..Our young Associates Andy & Victoria who ran the entire night between Bunco marking and handing out baskets to the winners. Speaking of baskets- we started with 15 and ended up with 19! How did they get in there!? Thank you to those who donated baskets, they were all beautiful. Thanks also to Fr. Greg, for his support and allowing SVdP to run this event in the parish center. Mostly we would like to thank Doug Carabe who ran the games for us. Even though he had to deal with a microphone with low batteries, everyone seemed to understand him and we all had a great time with his help. I cant believe he kept his voice for Masses that weekend. Thank you Doug.

Finally watch future bulletins for our next BUNCO NIGHT!!!! Coming soon..

Community Dance

St. Sylvester is having a dance on Sat. June 9th 7-10pm. Featuring "The Good Old Dance Band" alive 15 piece swing band. Listen to music of the 40's and 50's Hit Parade Era. Singles and couples are welcome. Admission

is \$10 (food, snacks, soda, coffee, tea). Location Parish Center 68 Ohio Ave. Medford. For more information call Mike at 475-4506 or www.goodolddanceband.com

Stroke Prevention Screenings

10 MINUTES THAT CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!!!

On Thursday, June 21st from 9AM—3PM, 'St. Jude R.C. Church' (Parish Center), will be hosting stroke prevention screenings, sponsored by 'Precision Screening Plus', Long Island's first and only locally owned and operated 'Stroke Screening Company', serving the community since 2001. Unlike other companies, we give immediate results and pictures. Licensed ultrasound technologists will perform four non-invasive, painless ultrasound exams to determine your risk of stroke, aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis. All carotid artery doppler exams are reviewed by our board certified interventional radiologist. Your physician cannot order these tests without clear evidence of symptoms. Ironically, most people who suffer from a stroke or aneurysm never show signs or symptoms that a major catastrophe is about to occur. Individual tests are \$50, any 3 for \$120 and all 4 for \$140. Please call 'Precision Screening Plus' at 516-221-6543 to set up an appointment or if you would like any additional information.

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.

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.

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.

Vacation Bible School - Registration Time Is Here!

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

TIME: 9AM to 12PM PLACE: Parish Cente 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 #: _____

Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY			Total	
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30		
May 6	313	250	221	391	410	210	1795
May 13	315	135	256	332	385	130	1553
May 20	294	130	200	322	355	160	1481
May 27	261	95	257	297	420	144	1474

Weekly Collections

May 27th	\$9,628.56
Spare a dime	\$643.00

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal	\$56,200.00
Pledges as of 5/30/12	\$62,515.00
Number of Donors	200
Payments as of 5/30/12	\$38,715.00

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

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012 *Weekday*

2 PT 1:2-7 / MK 12:1-12

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012 *Saint Boniface,*

bishop and martyr 2 PT 3:12-15A, 17-18 / MK 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012 *Weekday*

2 TM 1:1-3, 6-12 / MK 12:18-27

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012 *Weekday*

2 TM 2:8-15 / MK 12:28-34

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012 *Weekday*

2 TM 3:10-17 / MK 12:35-37

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012 *Weekday*

2 TM 4:1-8 / MK 12:38-44

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012 *Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

EX 24:3-8 / HEB 9:11-15 / MK 14:12-16, 22-26

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of June 4th have been donated by:

The Breakfast Club

Available dates July 16th, 30th & August, 27th

Altar Flowers

Available Dates for most weekends
June through October

Wedding Banns

III. Matthew Corcia/Maria Palma
III. David Orlando/Melissa Barnes

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

understanding the basics ■ defending a right

Safeguarding America's Foundation (5 of 7)

One of the greatest characteristics that defines our nation's heritage is the religious freedom that is granted to all Americans as a fundamental right by the Constitution of the United States. That right, as Professor Mary Ann Glendon points out, has served as the hallmark of a democratic society and "enabled this nation's diverse religions to flourish and coexist in relative harmony." Expressing the implications of this freedom, Thomas Jefferson said it best when he assured the Ursuline Sisters of Louisiana in the early 1800s (who ran hospitals, orphanages, and schools) that the principles of the Constitution were a "sure guarantee" that their ministry – which served not only Catholics but people of all faith traditions – would always be "free to govern itself according to its own voluntary rules, without interference of civil authority."

This fundamental freedom, clearly articulated by President Jefferson, has been our country's lifeblood. It has supported and nourished the foundation of who we are as a nation. It has enabled all believers to bring the experience of their Sabbath into the daily life of the nation. In short, it has allowed all to practice what they believe. It has enabled Catholics over the centuries to be about the works of charity our faith demands and minister to Christ in the least of our brothers and sister, regardless of their creed. This work continues today.

Catholic hospitals bring healing to countless people, including the poor, the marginalized, and the disadvantaged.

Catholic Relief Services aids millions of people in this country and abroad in the worst moments of their lives.

Catholic Charities works tirelessly in trying to reduce poverty, respond to the needs of the poor, and to build up healthy communities.

All of this, of course, was made possible because of our nation's understanding of religious liberty. As Professor Glendon points out, even non-believers admit this fact. Jürgen Habermas, a German philosopher and atheist, says in *An Awareness of what is Missing: faith and reason in a post secular age*: "Among the modern societies, only those that are able to introduce into the secular domain the essential contents of their religious traditions which point beyond the merely human realm will also be able to rescue the substance of the human." Society, it is clear, must be open to faith, as our nation has been since its inception. The HHS mandate issued by the Obama Administration marginalizes religion and reduces religious liberty. In doing so, it also threatens to shatter the bedrock that enables every citizen – of every faith – to pursue life, liberty, and happiness according to the moral convictions prescribed by their faith. Defending our religious liberty means safeguarding America's foundation.

"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.

Fifth in a series of seven bulletin inserts.

for further information visit www.usccb.org and www.drvc.org

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