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Roman Catholic  
Shrine Church of  
**St. Jude**

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



### Celebration of the Eucharist

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY  
9:00am Mass  
Noon Mass

SATURDAY  
8:30am Mass

HOLY DAYS AS  
ANNOUNCED.

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 29th 2012

**Pastor**  
Rev. Gregory Yacyshyn

**In Residence**  
Msgr. John Heinlein

**Senior Priest**  
Rev. James Leone

### Parish Office Hours

MONDAY, TUESDAY, &  
THURSDAY  
9:00am-5:00pm

WEDNESDAYS  
9:00am-6:00pm

FRIDAYS  
CLOSED JULY & AUG.

SATURDAYS  
CLOSED

SUNDAYS  
9:00am-12:00pm

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  
WEDNESDAYS  
2:00-2:45pm  
Also by appointment.

**Parish Outreach**  
MON., - THURS.  
9:00am-1:00pm  
LAST WED. OF MONTH  
5:00-7:00pm (Note:  
Closed Wed. in Jul/Aug.)  
CLOSED 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, JULY 28, 2012

8:30am Rita Cutolo †

5:00pm Donato Sasanelli †

7:30pm Sister Mary Loyla Engel †

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2012

8:00am John Yakita †

9:30am Patrick Maroney †

11:30am Parishioners of St. Jude

5:00pm Ana Garcia †

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2012

9:00am Erika Rae Hughes †

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2012

9:00am Brittany Mowdy †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012

9:00am Victor Dalmani †

12:00pm Saint Jude Guild:  
Deceased members of the Legion  
of Mary †  
Mel Hoffman †  
Guiseppe Palma †  
Salvatore Mondì †  
Raja Tembe †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012

9:00am Vincent Pitaro †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2012

9:00am Luisa Finocchiaro †

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2012

8:30am Frances Weis †

5:00pm Italo Brandimarte †

7:30pm Jennie T. Frage †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2012

8:00am Lazio Family †

9:30am Patrick Maroney †

11:30am "God the Father"

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Jude

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

FOR THE SICK: Benjamin Archer, Joseph Buccilli III, Diane Buderer, Frances X. Butler, Anna Campagna, Hannah Chodkowski, Audrey Cronin, Michael Cuervo, Anna Daly, Liz Daly, Raymond Michael Dhyne, Robert A. DiFrancesco, Carol Franzone, George Gebhart, Nora Getchell, Charlie Gibilaro, Catherine Gillin, Michelle Gonzalez, Ralph Guardi, Nikki Guinta, Catherine Hannon, Steve Herrbrandt, Ronald Jones, Donna Kilmer, Richard Kaminski, Cookie & Steve Landau, Maddi Lechner, Father James Leone, Pat Longhitano, Joseph Marchetti, Melinda Martucci, 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, Sister Mary Mildred Scrivano, Bill Stockes, Patricia Swenson, Mary Vazzana, Maureen Wah, Donna Zumrol

FOR THE DECEASED: Barbara L. Trotta, Marianna Heller

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 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

## Important Information

**RECTORY SUMMER HOURS:** The rectory will be closed on Fridays during the months of July and August. **OUTREACH:** Outreach will be closed for the week July 30th–August 3rd to allow our staff a much needed rest.

## Faith Formation

Summer is half over, are you asking yourself, "When do I get some time away from my daily routine?" Well, if this is the case, give yourself one less thing to worry about and register your children for the Faith Formation 2012-13 school year, NOW, if you have not already done so! Log onto our website, follow the links to Faith Formation, read the Parent handbook, print out the registration, or re-registration, forms needed and follow the instructions on the form. Then relax with a tall glass of lemonade or iced-tea with plenty of ice, kick off your shoes and put your feet up, close your eyes, imagine yourself on the beach, with the warm sun on your face and relax. YOU GOT IT DONE! Enjoy the rest of the summer.

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

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds expectations: with little he feeds many... Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donations to the 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul' is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

## St. Francis Statue—Eagle Scout Project

The donations are going towards the purchase of a 'St. Francis Statue' that will be mounted on a podium on the west side of the church. Funds donated to the project are \$6,488 as of July 25th. Thank you to all who so generously donated towards the St. Francis Statue!

## First Friday Devotions

First Friday is August 3rd. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8PM, and concludes with Benediction at 9PM. We encourage all of our parishioners to participate in the Hour of Adoration.

## First Saturday Devotions

The First Saturday of each month is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Please join in the praying of the Rosary and the First Saturday Devotion prayers, August 4th at 8AM, preceding the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:30AM.

## 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 Thursdays at 10:30AM in the parish center 1st floor classroom. We welcome anyone who may wish to join us.

## Lighthouse Catholic Media

We have placed an order for new CD titles, including two for children, which will arrive by August. There are still a few copies of Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Catholicism*, left in the rectory. These are available for \$5 per book.

## Matthew Kelly Coming to Long Island in October

A "Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose" Event will be held at 'St. James Catholic Church' in Setauket on Saturday, October 20th from 9AM–1:30PM. Tickets are available through the 'Dynamic Catholic' website for \$39. Visit [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com) for details.

# St. Alphonsus Ligouri

Alphonsus Mary Antony John Cosmas Damian Michael Gaspard de' Liguori (yes, that is his full name!) was born in his father's country house at Marianella near Naples, on Tuesday, September 27th, 1696. He was baptized two days later in the church of Our Lady of the Virgins, in Naples. The family was an old and noble one, though the branch to which the Saint belonged had become somewhat impoverished. Alphonsus, like so many saints, had an excellent father and a saintly mother. Don Joseph de' Liguori was a naval officer and Captain of the Royal Galleys. Though essentially a good man, he did have his faults. He was ambitious and a bit worldly, and could be difficult when opposed, especially in the plans he had for his first-born son. Regardless of these faults, he had a genuine piety and impressed upon his son that he should always put God first in his life. Don Joseph and Alphonsus would make an annual retreat together in the house of some religious community.



Alphonsus was the eldest of seven children and the hope of his house. The boy was bright and quick beyond his years, and made great progress in all kinds of learning. His love for music was well known (he was accomplished on the harpsichord). Though exposed to many of the trappings and experiences of aristocratic society of the 18th century (some of which he obstinately opposed), his pure and modest boyhood passed into manhood without reproach. He was given the grace of great purity and self-control, never wanting to, nor committing a mortal sin in his 90+ years of life. One such example of his modesty was that in early manhood he became very fond of the opera, but only that he might listen to the music, for when the curtain went up he took off his glasses, so as not to see the players distinctly, as some of the costumes were a bit risqué; therefore an occasion of sin.

His intellectual gifts and academic prowess were displayed at an early age. Alphonsus was not sent to school but was educated by tutors under his father's eye. At the age of sixteen, on January 21st, 1713, he took his degree as Doctor of Laws, even though twenty was the age fixed by the statutes. He said of himself that he was so small at the time as to be almost buried in his doctor's gown and that all the spectators laughed. Soon after this the boy began his studies for the Bar, and at about the age of nineteen practiced his profession in the courts. In the eight years of his career as advocate, years crowded with work, he is said never to have lost a case. Even if there be some exaggeration in this, for it is not in an advocate's power always to be on the winning side, the tradition shows that he was extraordinarily able and successful. In fact, despite his youth, he seems at the age of twenty-seven to have been one of the leaders of the Neapolitan Bar. He was a Doctor of Canon (Church) Law, as well.

While he was a faithful Catholic and never had a taste for nor enjoyed the life of high society and nobility—parties, balls, banquets, and the like to which he was exposed—he was neither on the fast track of sanctity. That would shortly come. To make a long story short, in 1723, there was a lawsuit of considerable weight with a large sum of money involved. Alphonsus made a brilliant opening speech, and was confident of victory. A document of evidence which the future saint had examined many times and used, believing it was of great benefit to his client, actually was used to the benefit of the opposition. He had made a huge blunder and lost the case. He was totally and completely crushed to his core. He felt as if his career was ruined, and left the court almost beside himself, saying: "World, I know you now. Courts, you shall never see me more." For three days he refused all food. Then the storm subsided, and he began to see that his humiliation had been sent to him by God to breakdown his pride and wean him from the world. He plunged himself into the font of prayer. From this point he was converted—"born again" so to say—to a radical living for the Kingdom of God, and the real work that would satisfy the deepest longings of his soul. He left the world behind, and after a period of formation was ordained a priest at the age of 30. He and his companions labored in and around Naples for the salvation of souls and brought many sinners back to God's grace through preaching and the sacraments; especially confession. Yet the Lord was calling him to go more deeply into his life's work.

A vision of Sister Maria Celeste seemed to show what was the will of God. On October 3rd, 1731, the eve of the feast of St. Francis, she saw Our Lord with St. Francis on His right hand and a priest on His left. A voice said "This is he whom I have chosen to be head of My Institute, the Prefect General of a new Congregation of men who shall work for My glory." The priest was Alphonsus. Soon after, his dear friend, Fr. Thomas Falcoia made known to Alphonsus his vocation to leave Naples and establish an order of missionaries at Scala, who should work above all for the neglected goat herds of the mountains. A year of trouble and anxiety followed, yet on November 9th, 1732, the "Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer", or as it was called for seventeen years, "of the Most Holy Saviour", was begun in a little hospice belonging to the nuns of Scala. To this day, the order is commonly referred to as "The Redemptorists." The many persecutions and suspicions that were beset upon the order and its members, both from without and from within; and most particularly Alphonsus, were obviously the work of the evil one, who did not want to see the un-catechized and lost sheep of Christ return to the grace of their Divine Shepherd.

In the year 1747, King Charles of Naples wished to make Alphonsus Archbishop of Palermo, and it was only by the most earnest entreaties that he was able to escape. In 1762, there was no escape and he was constrained by formal obedience to the Pope to accept the Bishopric of St. Agatha of the Goths, a very small Neapolitan diocese lying a few miles off the road from Naples to Capua. Here with 30,000 uneducated people, 400 mostly indifferent and sometimes scandalous secular clergy, and seventeen more or less relaxed religious houses to look after, in a field so overgrown with weeds that they seemed the only crop, he wept and prayed and spent days and nights in unremitting labour for thirteen years. More than once he faced assassination unmoved. In a riot which took place during the terrible famine that fell upon Southern Italy in 1764,

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he saved the life of the syndic (magistrate) of St. Agatha by offering his own to the mob. He fed the poor, instructed the ignorant, reorganized his seminary, reformed his convents, created a new spirit in his clergy, banished scandalous noblemen and women of evil life with equal impartiality, brought the study of theology and especially of moral theology into honor, and all the time was begging pope after pope to let him resign his office because he believed that he was doing nothing for his diocese! To all his administrative work we must add his continual literary labors, his many hours of daily prayer, his terrible austerities, and the stress of illnesses which made his life a living martyrdom.

Eight times during his long life, without counting his last sickness, the Saint received the sacraments of the dying, but the worst of all his illnesses was a terrible attack of rheumatic fever during his episcopate, an attack which lasted from May, 1768, to June, 1769, and left him paralyzed to the end of his days. It was this which gave St. Alphonsus the bent head which we notice in the later portraits of him. So bent was it in the beginning, that the pressure of his chin produced a dangerous wound in the chest. Although the doctors succeeded in straightening the neck a little, the Saint for the rest of his life had to drink at meals through a tube. He could never have said Mass again had not an Augustinian prior shown him how to support himself on a chair so that with the assistance of an acolyte he could raise the chalice to his lips. But in spite of his infirmities both Clement XIII (1758-69) and Clement XIV (1769-74) obliged Alphonsus to remain at his post. In February, 1775, however, Pius VI was elected Pope, and the following May he permitted the Saint to resign his see.

Alphonsus returned to his little cell at Nocera in July, 1775, to prepare, as he thought, for a speedy and happy death. Twelve years, however, still separated him from his reward, years for the most part not of peace but of greater afflictions than any which had yet befallen him. Through a very complicated turn of events, both religious and political; dealing with sometimes hostile civil powers, the saint was unwittingly induced to sign a document that so "reformed" the rules of the Redemptorist Order, so as to make it unrecognizable. "You have founded the Congregation and you have destroyed it", said one Father to him. The Saint only wept in silence and tried in vain to devise some means by which his Order might be saved. So the Saint was cut off from his own Order by the Pope who was to later declare him "Venerable". It was only after his death, as he had prophesied, that the Neapolitan Government at last recognized the original Rule, and that the Redemptorist Congregation was reunited under one head (1793).

Alphonsus had still one final storm to meet, and then the end. About three years before his death he went through a veritable "Night of the Soul". Fearful temptations against every virtue crowded upon him, together with diabolical apparitions and illusions, terrible scruples and impulses to despair—made his life a hell. At last came peace, and on August 1st, 1787, as the midday Angelus was ringing, the Saint passed peacefully to his reward. He had nearly completed his ninety-first year. He was declared "Venerable", May 4th, 1796; was beatified in 1816, and canonized in 1839. In 1871, he was declared a Doctor (Teacher) of the Church. His devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Lady was extraordinary. He had a tender charity towards all who were in trouble; he would go to any length to try to save a vocation; he would expose himself to death to prevent sin. (With many excerpts from the Catholic Encyclopedia)

He is the patron saint of moral theologians, confessors, and arthritis sufferers... St. Alphonsus, pray for us!

**In Christ,  
Fr. Greg**

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## Are You a Fully Initiated Catholic?

RCIA : The Parish of St. Jude welcomes any Adult Non-Catholic who would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or any baptized Catholic who has not been confirmed, nor received First Holy Communion,

### **WHO WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

(which are Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion).

**One must be a fully initiated Catholic to be a qualified god-parent or confirmation sponsor.**

The group will be beginning Monday, August 27th and reception of sacraments in 2013. A \$25 material fee is requested at the time of registration. Special circumstances will be considered. It is very important that you come and stay for every class.

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Please fill out and return to rectory. Attn: St. Jude RCIA

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

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

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

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

Sacrament(s) needed, please check all that apply:

- Baptism       Confirmation       Communion       Please check if Baptized other than Roman Catholic



## St. Jude Blood Drive

Due to the dangerously low supply of blood in the summer months, 'St. Jude' is hosting a blood drive this Sunday, July 29th from 8:30AM–2:30PM. Please consider donating blood. You never know when YOU might need it! Walk ins are always welcome.

## Outreach School Supply Drive

It is time again when 'Outreach' will begin to collect school supplies for the children in need in our community. We will be distributing supplies from August 20–September 13th. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Some suggestions on what is needed: pens, pencils, sharpeners, blunt scissors, composition notebooks, loose leaf binders and paper, dividers, pocket folders, colored pencils, washable markers, index cards, and anything you find on sale. Through your generosity, we can help the children get off to a good start. Please leave your donations in the rear of the Church, or you can drop them off at 'Outreach' Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday's from 9AM–1PM. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## A Great Big "Thanks!"

This goes out to all parishioners and community supporters of the 2012 'Rosary Altar Society' Annual Raffle Party. Our success was only possible because of your loyalty and generosity. We appreciate the many anonymous donations left at the rectory. Also, we would like to acknowledge the following merchants for their contributions: 'Aspava Gyros', 'Beach Burger', 'Beacon Cottage', 'Best Yet Market', 'Creative Ministries', 'Columbiettes #5293', 'Dick's Bait & Tackle', 'Handy Pantry of Mastic Beach', 'Hank's Farmstand of Moriches', 'Home Depot of Shirley', 'Island Cinemas of Mastic', 'John's Pizzeria', 'King Kullen', 'Lucille Roberts of Shirley', 'Mastic Pizza & Café', 'Mastic Seafood', 'Mommy Lou's Cheesecake', 'Onofrios/Steve & Patti's Bar & Brick Oven', 'Paul's Bicycle & Shoe Repair', 'Pizza Time', 'Roma Funeral Home', 'Seafield Center', 'Staples of Shirley', 'Village Bagel & Deli.' Thanks also to Jim & Tim Allen. Winners of the Raffle drawing: **1st Prize:** Diane S., **2nd Prize** Kathy Blume, **3rd Prize:** Ana Haass. From all of the Rosarians: Thank you and "See you next year!!"

## Lay Order of Carmelites

'St. Mark's Church' in Shoreham, 'Third Order of Lay Carmelites', invites those interested in a deeper spiritual life and have a special place in their heart for Our Blessed Mother, to join them at their monthly meeting the first Saturday of the month, following the 9AM Mass. For more information please call, 744-4335.

## The Beginning Experience

'The Beginning Experience' weekend is August 17–19th at the 'Montfort Spiritual Center' in Bayshore. The program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning and move into the future with renewed hope. Turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. For information and reservations, call John at 516-822-0635 Jim at 718-474-3779 or email us at BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com.

## Beginning A New Life Inc.

'The Women's Support' will be meeting once a month if you need encouragement and motivation, we are here to give you that support. Call our office at 631-615-6170 for further information ask for Janice. Supported by the 'Diocese of Rockville Centre'.

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"Our Savior says, if you have not received  
the graces that you desire, do not complain to Me,  
but blame yourself, because you have neglected to  
seek them from Me."

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

## Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY			Total	
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30		
July 8	239	135	219	282	330	127	1332
July 15	235	105	202	286	345	132	1305
July 22	244	105	224	287	335	186	1381

## Weekly Collections

July 22nd \$9,048.64

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal \$56,200.00

Pledges as of 7/25/12 \$63,715.00

Number of Donors 201

Payments as of 7/25/12 \$46,680.00

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

## Scripture Readings

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2012 *Weekday*

JER 13:1–11 • MT 13:31–35

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2012 *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest* JER 14:17–22 • MT 13:36–43

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 2012 *Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church*

JER 15:10, 16–21 • MT 13:44–46

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012 *Weekday*

JER 18:1–6 • MT 13:47–53

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2012 *Weekday*

JER 26:1–9 • MT 13:54–58

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2012 *Saint John Vianney, priest* JER 26:11–16, 24 • MT 14:1–12

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2012 *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* EX 16:2–4, 12–15 • EPH 4:17, 20–24 • JN 6:24–35

## Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of July 16th was donated:

In memory of living and deceased  
for Amaya Ortiz family.

Available weeks August 27th,  
Sept. 10, 17 & 24th and  
Oct. 15th 22 & 29th.

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for the weekend of July 14th & 15th were donated:

St. Jude Thank you.  
Available dates: August 5th, & 26th;  
Sept 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th.

## Wedding Banns

II & III. Thomas C. Chiarello / Theresa Rider  
I & II. Anthony Gallino Jr. / Lindsay Sceravino

## Baptisms

James Joseph Cole Jr., Abigail Margaret Birch,  
Daniel James Bosman, Giuliana Maria Luisa  
Maione, Connor Joseph Michaud, Jonathan  
Angel & David Luis Rivera  
God Bless them and their families!

## Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille

**HELP HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE:** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, September 7th-9th at the 'Montfort Retreat House' in Bay Shore, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from 'Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille' who can help.

## Gennesaret Retreat

For those facing serious illness. A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned September 21, 22, & 23rd, at 'The Montfort Spirituality Center' in Bayshore. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette Fanelli (631) 665-7052. The retreat is offered free of charge.

## Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic School

**SAVE THE DATE:** Thursday, September 27th. 'Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School's 3rd Annual Golf Outing' at 'Rock Hill Country Club' in Manorville. Event begins at 11:30AM. Cost per golfer is \$150 and includes driving range, 18 holes of golf, lunch, and dinner. Wish to join in the fun for dinner only? Dinner only price is \$50 per person. Unable to attend but wish to support the event? Purchase a tee sign for only \$100. Please contact the school for more registration and sponsor information at 878-1033. All proceeds from this event support the operating expenses of the school.

"He who trusts himself is  
lost. He who trusts God  
can do all things."  
—St. Alphonsus Liguori

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## St. Joseph's College Trip to Peru

'Machu Picchu & The Land of the Inca' January 8-16th, 2013 Travel with 'St. Joseph's College' faculty member Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ. For a detailed brochure call Sister Grace at 631-654-0199 or email growland@sjcny.edu.

## Bibles Needed

The RCIA gives instruction to adults learning or inquiring about the Catholic faith. To do this, we need Bibles! We are looking to you, our parish family, to help us in this task. Every bible donated will be inscribed with the donor's name and given to one of the candidates. They will be asked to remember the donor in their prayers. Last year your response was overwhelming and we are extremely grateful for your generosity. If you are interested in donating a copy of *The New American Bible*, please leave a \$5 donation at the rectory to the attention of Ana Pauze', RCIA.

## Displaced Homeowners

Are you struggling to make ends meet? Are you widowed, divorced, separated, and unemployed, underemployed or receiving Public Assistance? You may be eligible for career readiness training! Join us Monday, August 20 thru Friday, August 31st to be held at the 'Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center' located at 39 Montauk Highway in Blue Point. Registration is Monday, August 13th at 10AM. Prepare to enter the workforce of tomorrow! Move toward personal and economic self-sufficiency! Discover opportunities that could change your life! Computer training is available. Call 853-6540 to confirm eligibility and enroll.

## 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 20-21st, 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.

## Passage of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act

Copies are available in the church vestibule of letters to contact our Congressman & Senators to encourage them to support the *Respect for Rights of Conscience Act* that will ensure that the religious liberty and conscience rights of all participants in our nation's health care systems are respected.

## Prayer for Religious Freedom

*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, forever and ever, Amen.*

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"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him,  
familiarily and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.

Speak to Him often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears—  
of everything that concerns you. Converse with Him confidently and frankly;  
for God is not wont to speak to a soul that does not speak to Him." —St. Alphonsus Liguori