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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.

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 5th 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 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  
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, AUGUST 4, 2012

5:00pm Italo Brandimarte †

7:30pm Jennie T. Frage †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2012

8:00am Lazio Family †

9:30am Anna Zanderzuk †

11:30am "God the Father"

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Jude

MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012

9:00am Erika Rae Hughes †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012

9:00am Pauline D. Kerhut †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012

9:00am Patti Davin †

12:00pm Saint Jude Guild:  
Living members of the  
'Legion of Mary'  
Louise Falco †  
Giuseppe Palma †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012

9:00am Charles Glover †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2012

9:00am Edward Nucatola †

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2012

8:30am Robert Ryan Jr. †

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Jude

7:30pm Charles Ronald Newman †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2012

8:00am Joanna Wasilewska †

9:30am Eugene Hintze †

11:30am Anna Jentz †

5:00pm Carla A. Ciner †

† 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 Franzzone, 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 Wahl, Donna Zumrol

FOR THE DECEASED: Frances Naglieri

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, Winnie Riveria, Randy Sanchez, Steven Schloesser, Carl Seaman, Don Skelton, Arlise A. Smith, Bobby Sosa, Derek Trabocchi, Timothy Weisner

## Feast of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 15th is the "Feast of the Assumption". **THE FEAST DAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.** The Vigil Mass is Tuesday, August 14th 7:30PM. Holy Day Mass is Wednesday, August 15th at 9AM, Noon and 7:30PM.

## Important Information

**RECTORY SUMMER HOURS:** The rectory will be closed on Fridays during the months of July and August.

## Faith Formation

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** CLASSES ARE STARTING EARLIER THAN IN THE PAST. Classes start on September 10th and we will end classes the week of April 22nd.

**ALL CATECHIST ORIENTATION MEETING:** The meeting will be on Saturday, August 25th from 1-3:30PM in the parish center. Please bring a lunch item to share.

**NEW CATECHIST MEETING:** On Wednesday, August 8th, from 7-8PM in the Faith Formation classroom in parish center. Please bring your Teacher Manuals and texts. See you then!

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FAITH FORMATION:** DON'T WAIT to register or re-register your child for Faith Formation Classes for the 2012-13 school year. Please go to our website (listed in front of the bulletin) follow links to Faith Formation, then to appropriate form and download the form. Then, follow the links to PARENT HANDBOOK and read the handbook online. Complete the forms AND SIGN THAT YOU READ THE HANDBOOK. You can bring or mail the re-registration forms to the office. If you are registering a new student, bring form into the office with the child's original baptismal certificate. Please note the registration fee at the top of the forms and include with form. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT. CLASS AVAILABILITY IS BECOMING LIMITED! OFFICE HOURS DURING AUGUST are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-4:30PM

**VOLUNTEER FOR OUR FAITH:** Faith Formation is desperately in need of responsible adults willing to volunteer some of their time to help with teaching the faith to the youth of our community. I understand that free time is something we seldom have, but maybe, somehow, you will be touched by the Holy Spirit to come forward and help. We need:

- 3 adults to teach Confirmation Prep 1 to 7th level students (age 12/13); and we Need 1 adult to teach RCIC1 Upper (6th, 7th & 8th level students preparing to receive sacraments). Above classes meet on Wednesday from 6:45-7:45PM and occasionally have additional large group meetings immediately following regular class.
- 1 adult to teach Confirmation Prep 2 to 8th level students (age 13/14). This is their final year of study before receiving Confirmation. The above classes meet on Monday from 6:45-7:45PM and have additional large group meetings immediately following regular class.
- 2 adults to teach Level 1 (age 6/7). You may pick your class day; Mon, Wed, Thurs. evenings or Saturday mornings.
- Adults to volunteer with assorted office.
- Adults to monitor security of students in building during class sessions.

PLEASE CALL 281-2835 TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY FROM 9-4:30PM FOR MORE DETAILS!

## St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel tell us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to live the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help. Through your gift to the 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul' your heart becomes a "listening heart" to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.



# Parish Outreach Update

Two weeks ago I received a request from the outreach coordinator at another parish in the area asking if I would permit a food drop-off box to be placed in St. Jude church, since their soup kitchen/outreach supplies were running quite low. Sadly I replied that I wish we were in a position to assist, but that our food shelves are quite depleted, as well, and that we would need to go out shopping to fill the demand for necessities for our most needy clients. Of course she understood, but this is the general state of affairs today when it comes to need.

The good news is that St. Jude parishioners have always been most generous to parish outreach with food and monetary donations (spare-a-dime; poor box; individual donations). There are a couple of major factors contributing to this current situation: a number of people are away this time of year, therefore, donations are typically down during the summer. Also, some people who used to be able to give more freely are realistically not in the same position at this time.

Though finances are tight all over, we never give in to despair. Our blessed Lord multiplied the loaves and fishes (as we heard in last Sunday's Gospel) and he still continues to feed those who are in need through us, his disciples. We ask Him to help us be His presence and generosity to others.

One particular blessing outreach is experiencing this year is the produce of a victory garden that was planted in the old rectory back yard. Members of Boy Scout Pack #88 roto-tilled the soil, removed the larger rocks, added topsoil, planted tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, eggplants, peppers and Brussels sprouts. For the size of the plot and the first time making this effort, this current output is amazing! The crop is producing beautiful, fresh vegetables (well, they are almost all technically fruits) for the tables of our Outreach clientele, who are so happy to receive fresh food. Our hope is to expand the size of the St. Jude vegetable garden next year so that even more can be grown to supply the need. Of course, this will require recruiting some more "farmers" to assist in this beautiful and very practical endeavor. Please consider the possibility of making a contribution of your time and green thumb, while enjoying gardening for a most useful and charitable purpose. Perhaps you may not be able to donate as much monetarily as you would like to help feed the hungry, however, time given to volunteer in the garden, or at Outreach, or for the St. Vincent de Paul Conference may be for you. Please pray on it.

Again, thank-you to all those who regularly donate food to our pantry, we are so grateful. We couldn't do it without you. One request, though, for those who do give food: please be mindful **not** to give outdated, previously opened, stale, spoiled, or moldy products to the collection. Any food that falls into these categories is sorted out and straightway thrown in the dumpster, without further thought. We just cannot in good conscience put it on our shelves. This is not only because we do not want to risk giving stale food to people in need (which can be a serious justice issue), but also because there is a very real legal obligation to only distribute wholesome food. The best rule to follow is: if you wouldn't give it to your family or guests, please don't give it those in need.

I thank the members of our parish Rosary-Altar Society who did a great job with their annual raffle party on July 13. The turnout was wonderful and the overall contribution to the parish was the largest ever... and a good time was had by all!

Our summer blood drive held last Sunday, July 29, was (thanks be to God and the wonderful parishioners of St. Jude) extremely successful: 118 pints of blood were collected! Thanks to our Outreach volunteers, and everyone else who helped make the day run so smoothly (please see the separate "Thank-you" elsewhere in this bulletin). I also thank members of the Mastic Beach Hebrew Center, folks from our Community Library, local individuals who received e-mail notifications from L.I. Blood Services, and other "walk-ins" who saw the signs and came in to the parish center to give blood. We had very few no-shows, and some who were willing, but for various reasons were turned down for donation, but still made the attempt... God bless all who came to share the gift of Life!

**In Christ,  
Fr. Greg**

## 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.

## Blood Drive "Thank you"

We would like to thank all our generous parishioners and friends of 'St. Jude Shrine Church' for giving "the gift of life" through your blood donations. We surpassed our goal and reached a record breaking amount of donations with a total of 118 pints of blood collected. Thank you to our devoted volunteers: Angela Minelli (BSA Venturing Crew), Pat, Gina, & Patrick Wrenn (Cub Scout pack #88) and Mary Jean Nappe. You put in a full day with a smile!! God bless you all!!! Whenever you have the opportunity, PLEASE donate blood...people can't live without it. Aida & Tom Dankowski.

## "Ooops!"

Two contributors to our Raffle Party were accidentally left off our list. We would like to thank "Then & Now" Thrift Shop of Mastic Beach and "Peace & Comfort" Furniture Inc of Shirley for their donations. The Rosary Altar Society is ever grateful!

## Rosary Altar Society

Our next meeting will be held Monday, August 6th at 7PM. in the parish center.

Agenda: Raffle Party recap.

## 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.

## 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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# 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 godparent 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

## 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.

## 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.

## Maria S.S. del Soccorso

On Sunday, August 19th, following the 11:30AM Mass, there will be procession from the church to the shrine for the 'Lady Maria S.S. del Soccorso'. We will pray the rosary beginning Wednesday, August 1st through Tuesday, August 21st in the church at 1PM. All are welcome to join us.

## 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.

James V. Kavanaugh Council is hosting a Virtus Class (child Protection Course) on Tuesday, August, 14th from 7-10PM (6:30PM sign in) at 176 Madison Street, in Mastic. Participants will need to register online at [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org). For more information please call Susan Donohue at 729-3711.

## Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY			Total
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	
July 15	235	105	202	286	345	1305
July 22	244	105	224	287	335	1381
July 29	270	120	210	273	370	1426

## Weekly Collections

July 29th \$8,993.89  
Spare A Dime \$1,042.00

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal \$56,200.00  
Pledges as of 8/1/12 \$63,715.00  
Number of Donors 201  
Payments as of 8/1/12 \$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, AUGUST 6, 2012 *Transfiguration of the Lord* DN 7:9-10, 13-14/2 PT 1:16-19/MK 9:2-10

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012 *Weekday*  
JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/MT 14:22-36 OR  
15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 2012 *Saint Dominic, priest* JER 31:1-7/MT 15:21-28

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012 *Weekday*  
JER 31:31-34/MT 16:13-23

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2012 *Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr*

2 COR 9:6-10/JN 12:24-26  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2012 *Saint Clare, virgin*  
HB 1:12-2:4/MT 17:14-20

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2012 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 1 KGS 19:4-8/EPH 4:30-5:2/  
JN 6:41-51

## Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of August 6th is donated:

By the Breakfast Club

Available weeks August 27th, Sept. 10th, 17th & 24th and Oct. 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th.

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for the weekend of August 4th & 5th were donated:

In loving memory of  
Vincenzo Giuseppe & Anna Maria Mercorella

Available dates: Sept. 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th.

## Wedding Banns

III. Anthony Gallino Jr. / Lindsay Sceravino  
I. Joseph Anthony Intravia / Jayme Dutcher

## Baptisms

Dylan Patrick Redmond,  
Anthony Nicholas Dimou, Lily Pistolese  
God Bless them and their families!

There is nothing which edifies others so much as charity and kindness, by which, as by the oil in our lamp, the flame of good example is kept alive.

—Saint Francis de Sales



## 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.

## Special Event at St. Mary's Church

We are please to announce that Dr. Scott Hahn, renowned Bible Scholar and Theologian will be speaking at 'St. Mary's' in East Islip. Dr. Hahn will be speaking about "The Bible, the Eucharist and the New Evangelization" and "The Lamb's Supper." The event is Saturday, October 13th, 10AM-4PM in 'St. Mary's School Auditorium'. Tickets are \$20 per person. No fee for Priests, Seminarians, Religious, but pre-registration is required. Seats are limited. Don't miss out. Please send your check made out to 'St. Mary's Church', 20 Harrison Ave. East Islip, N.Y. 11730. Attn: Scott Hahn. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order. Lunch is not included. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Linda Crowley, 631-581-3304, ext. 122. Include

on separate piece of paper: Your name and address; telephone; (number of tickets at \$20 Each); Total. Remember- Please include a self addressed, stamped envelope so we can mail your tickets to you! Thank you!

## Lighthouse Catholic Media GLORY STORIES - BLESSED JOSÉ SANCHEZ AND ST. JOAN OF ARC

The inspiring stories of two young people who gave their lives for Christ. In these true stories of vision and bravery, fierce determination, and loving service to God, Blessed José Sanchez and St. Joan of Arc set examples for youngsters... and teach parents at the same time! Please note: As stories include martyrdom, parental discretion is advised.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.*

# How does the Bible depict the transfiguration?

*Do biblical accounts of the transfiguration describe it the same way, or do they differ?—Doris*

Dear Doris,

The Gospel passages of Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36 describe Jesus' transfiguration, which we celebrate tomorrow, in similar ways. However, some of their details are unique. All three describe the transfiguration as happening shortly after Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion. All describe Jesus going up a mountain with Peter, James, and John and then being transfigured before them; Moses and Elijah appearing three tents upon the mountain; and a voice from a cloud commanding the disciples to listen to Jesus.

Among the differences, look for who mentions Jesus' face being changed and who does not. Also look for who describes the conversation among Moses, Elijah, and Jesus, and who does not.

The differences probably reflect both independent traditions in the communities where the Gospels were written as well as each author's sense of how best to communicate the truth of the events in Christ's life.

The more attention you give the differences, the more you will recognize the richness of having more than one Gospel to proclaim the Good News.

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