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Shrine Church of
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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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 2nd 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

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
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, SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

5:00pm Madalena Padlucci †

7:30pm Theresa Simpson †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

8:00am Victor Dalmani †

9:30am Anna Jentz †

11:30am Parishioners of St. Jude

5:00pm Ana Rosa Garcia †

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

9:00am Rosalie Signorelli † “Happy Birthday in Heaven Mom”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

9:00am Luigi & Theresa Scalzo †

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

9:00am Debbie Brunjes †

12:00pm Saint Jude Guild:

Arthur Agidi †, Brenda Mary Rossi †, Helen Simchick †, Phyllis Maquire †, Paul R. Bauchard †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

9:00am Patrick Hickey †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

9:00am Deacon Thomas Gross †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

8:30am Mary Rodas †

5:00pm Stanley Fabianowicz †

7:30pm John O'Connor †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

8:00am Scott Biggart †

9:30am Deacon Thomas Gross †

11:30am Evelyn & Angus Gillis †

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, Mary Czak, Anna Daly, Liz Daly, Gaetano DeRicco, Gloria DeTomaso, Raymond Michael Dhyne, Angela DiBartolo, Robert A. DiFrancesco, Rayme Farsmer, Carol Franzone, George Gebhart, Nora Getchell, Charlie Gibilaro, Catherine Gillin, Michelle Gonzalez, Ralph Guardi, Laura Guisto, Catherine Hannon, Steve Heerbrandt, Jeffery Hughes, Agnes Janssen, Ronald Jones, Donna Kilmer, Richard Kaminski, Cookie & Steve Landau, Maddi Lechner, Pat Longhitano, Megan Malone, Joseph Marchetti, Melinda Martucci, Daniel Mascia, Betty Mazzairella, 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 Stokes, Mary Vazzana, Maureen Wahl, Donna Zumrol

FOR THE DECEASED: Carroll Rocks, Mary Rose Polcha

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 Possilico, 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

All parish offices will be closed this Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day. There will be one Mass at 9AM.

OUTREACH: The Outreach office will re-open Tuesday, September 4th at 9AM.

CORRECTION: We apologize for the wrong name for the Guild Mass intention of August 29th should have read James Kokindo.

Faith Formation

Whew! Where did this summer go? We're already preparing for opening week! Registering and re-registering your child for the 2012-13 Faith Formation school year is quickly filling up class space and availability. DON'T WAIT any longer. Call 281-2835 for details or go online at stjudemb.org and follow the links to faith formation registration & re-registration forms. We are in need of a Adult Volunteer as a classroom assistant for Level 2, if you are interested please call the office.

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. REGISTER NOW! Class space is limited!

CONFIRMATION PREP: Confirmation Prep families should be receiving Welcome Letter in mail. Please watch for it. Mark all dates on your personal calendar and will see you on Wednesday, September 19th at 7PM in our Church.

First Friday Devotions

First Friday is September 7th. 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.

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say *"This people pays me lip service but their heart is far from me."* In living the gospel, we must serve God from our heart especially by helping those who are poor and suffering. Give to the 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul' so that together we can *"make God's presence known"* to those who are suffering and poor.

Rosary Altar Society

Due to Labor Day, our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th. We will meet in the church at 7:30PM for the rosary, our meeting will immediately follow in the Parish Center. Ladies interested in our society are welcome to attend without obligation. Coffee and cake served after meeting.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

PURE FREEDOM – CHRISTINA KING In this very unique presentation, Christina King shares in a powerful way the beauty of the Sacraments and how through them the virtue of chastity and the discipline of abstinence can save not only the body, but especially the soul. She has spoken to thousands of teens, empowering them to see the incredible and special plan God has for them in their lives.

Catholic University of America Collection

The 'Catholic University of America' (CUA), located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including our diocese. The second collection will be taken the weekend of September 8th & 9th.

San Gennaro Feast

Next weekend at the 'Sacred Heart Church' located at 282 Long Beach Road in Island Park. For more information call 516-432-8585 or 516-432-0655. On Thursday September 6th: 6PM Mass and Procession, 7-10PM Friday: September 7th 5-11PM, Saturday, September 8th 3PM-Midnight, Sunday, September 9th 1:30-9PM.

Outreach Update, September 2012

A few weeks back I wrote about the general situation at St. Jude Parish Outreach. We are most grateful for all those who support our parish social ministry with donations of money, food, other supplies, and personal involvement. Some people really go above-and-beyond in seeking to assist those in need, and it is inspiring to me. I hope in this short space to convey a more specific overview of how Parish Social Ministry/Outreach (and also our St. Vincent de Paul Conference) has to operate in the present day and economic climate.

The corporal works of mercy are very much a part of living the Gospel, and it is a good sign of a living Christian charity when these works are being accomplished. That being stated, it is always to be remembered that we deal with the reality of limited resources and ever increasing demand. Many messages from Washington have been telling us that the national economy has been improving for over two years; and that “recovery is just around the corner.” We wish we could believe that this is true, yet, it certainly does not appear to be so in our part of the country, and in our community in particular.

And so, in these difficult times, we know there is a constant need to re-evaluate expenditures on all levels: federal, statewide, local; businesses; diocesan, parish; and of course our personal ones. When purse-strings are tight, the constant question is: *Where can non-essential expenses be cut so that funds can be put more efficiently and effectively to good use?* Accordingly, on the level of parish Outreach/Social Ministry, we have been forced to make some serious re-evaluation of how the resources are allocated with which we are blessed, both from our parishioners and from others from outside our parish community.

In the past, and especially before the economic downturn of four+ years ago, demand at outreach was certainly vibrant, but less than it is currently, and donations were proportionally greater. Clients (of whom the overwhelming majority are not Catholic, yet they reside within our parish boundaries) were frequently helped beyond the basic need for food, diapers, formula, etc., as funds and benefactors were more available. On numerous occasions, assistance could be given for other household needs, utility bills, and sometimes even rent. While we are still able to provide food and basic necessities to most of our clients, unfortunately, due to the constantly growing number of requests, we now have to generally refuse those who ask for rent or utility assistance, because it simply cannot be done. Over 300 people showed up the first day, on the Outreach doorstep, for the school supplies that were lovingly donated. Sometimes it is totally overwhelming!

Parish Outreach is meant to be a bridge for those undergoing difficult times. It is for some people who require assistance when an unforeseen expense comes along, or when on occasion, their income falls a little short of their bills, and they need a helping hand to close that gap which “keeps the wolf from the doorstep”. Also, assistance is offered to help people help themselves with whatever social services may be available to them; such as instruction with sometimes confusing paperwork and applications, or assistance in evaluating their income/expenses to see if they can budget better and eliminate non-essentials; as some individuals may seriously need help in identifying priorities. We try to stress self reliance and doing the best one can with the resources one has, but as the old saying goes, “you can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink.”

Sometimes when I pull my seven-year-old Buick (which I hope to drive for *at least* another seven years) out of the rectory garage and look at some aspiring Outreach clients’ late model \$45,000 plus, gas-guzzling vehicles parked in the lot; the owner brandishing the latest \$400 I-phone in hand (I don’t even own a cell phone), I do seriously question the genuine level of need and the priorities of these individuals. Parish Outreach receives no government funding. It does not have to exist by any command, except for that of our Blessed Lord. In order to keep it in existence so that we may serve Christ in our brothers and sisters most in need, it is essential that we try to “separate the needy from the greedy,” as there are many genuinely-in-need families (those we earnestly strive to serve and assist); and also a growing number of people who simply believe we are a bottomless well of cash and resources, and that they are deserving of a “freebie” just for the asking. (To put it mildly, these are those who need to re-prioritize.)

Lately, more people than one would think possible have come into the Outreach office (and then usually call me directly when they don’t receive satisfaction there) seeking help to pay overdue utility bills; some that have gone unpaid for years, and now because of eminent shut-off of water or electricity, are expecting the Church to foot the bill, or at least make a substantial payment to get their utility services restored. I am not exaggerating when I relate that some of these bills are in excess of \$10,000! To give credit where it is due, LIPA is extremely responsive and compassionate when it comes to people who owe them a lot of money, but the customer must consistently pay an affordable amount of that debt each month to keep their electricity on. If an electrical customer ignores their bill, the consequence is then certain.

I have not taken a survey of what social ministry client volume the other churches and faith communities in our area handle, but I could say with very high certitude that no entity even comes close to the number of families and individuals served here (and in our neighboring parishes), and that people in need almost anywhere in the western Christian world almost instinctively come to the Catholic Church, because they know that this is just what we do. To add to the demand here, some of our local community assistance programs (that

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receive government funding) have (for whatever their particular reasons) significantly cut their distribution of food and resources to their clientele. So guess where the people in need then go? Yes, to St. Jude Outreach and our St. Vincent de Paul Conference... Even the local Family Service League – *which receives government funding* – called the St. Jude Outreach last week to ask if we could do a cost share with them!!!

At Christmas time, we will be putting less stars on the “giving tree” in the church entrance, because we are just not able to fulfill the hundreds of request for toys and other gifts that are made by Outreach clients. Therefore, stars will not be posted for the very youngest of children, nor for late teens. However, for those wishing to sponsor a whole family at Thanksgiving or Christmas, that opportunity is always available.

I am always edified and encouraged by the generosity of St. Jude parishioners and others who help us, and give from the bottom of your hearts to the monthly Spare-a-Dime, the poor box, and individual donations, but you do not have bottomless bank accounts, and some of you may be financially hurting, as well. These are tough times, and we have to concentrate on taking care of the essentials for those most in need. And it can be easily overlooked, but those who serve the poor in these ministries are often very emotionally drained. It is not an easy task, and gratitude from those serviced is not always forthcoming. Please pray for their intentions and strength.

For those who may wish to offer their time and talent to help in the effort, and have ideas to assist our fellow parishioners and citizens in need, please contact the Outreach Office at 281-5634, or the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Jude at 219-3542.

On another topic, the statue of our resurrected Lord will be coming back into the church soon in a very suitable location. I have suggested to paint Him gold to make Him stand out, as He had originally been in the parish center sanctuary. If you have any ideas about that, please speak with Deacon Tom Gillen, as he would be more than happy to hear from you about this cherished parish image.

**In Christ,
Fr. Greg**

Free NYS 4 year-old PRE-K Program

Applications are still being accepted for the Free New York State Funded “Universal Pre-K” program through the ‘William Floyd School District’. Any child that is or will be 4 years old by December 1st, 2012 and resides in this school district is eligible to apply. If you or someone you know may have a child that is eligible please call the rectory at 281-5743 to receive an application. The program is 5 days a week, 2 1/2 hours per day. We are presently looking for a substitute teacher (MA certification required) for the upcoming 2012/13 school session. For anyone who may be interested please send your resume or you can drop it off at the rectory, attention: Pre-K.

Smith Point Bridge 5K Run

The 12th Annual ‘Smith Point Bridge 5K Run’ to benefit the ‘Community Library’s Family Literacy Project, Inc.’ and the ‘William Floyd Scholarship Fund’ is on Saturday, September 8th, at 9AM. Call the library at 399-1511, ext. 214, 215 or 295, for information. SAME DAY REGISTRATION AT THE PARK BEGINS AT 7:30AM.

Good Old Dance

Come spend an enjoyable evening with us at ‘St. Sylvester’ in Medford, for our “Community Dance” on Saturday, September 8th from 7–10PM. Bring a friend, meet a friend, featuring the “Good Old Dance Band” a live 15 piece swing band, listen to the music of the 40’s & 50’s Hit Parade Era. Singles and couples welcome. Admission is \$15 (snacks, soda, coffee, tea are included). The parish is located at 68 Ohio Avenue in Medford, 1/4 mile south of the LIE at exit 64. For more information call 475-4506 or visit www.goodolddanceband.com.

Birtright “Walk for Life”

The weekend of September 15th & 16th, volunteers will be at all Masses to collect monetary donations to help ‘Birtright Walk for Life’. Your continued support, interest, and prayers enable ‘Birtright’ to continue their work encouraging women to choose life for their babies, and assist them and their families with their many needs. *“It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born”.*

Ladies High Tea

The Parish of ‘St. Joseph the Worker’ is having their 10th Annual Ladies High Tea on Saturday, September 15th downstairs in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 p/p which includes homemade scones, tea sandwiches, desserts and your choice of teas. There are door prizes and raffle prizes. Guest Speaker is Marcia Johnson, who is well known throughout the Diocese. Contact the Parish at 631-286-9133 to purchase tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door. Wear your best hat, bring your favorite tea cup and come to be pampered.

24th Annual Mass for Deceased Children

St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre on Saturday, September 15th. 12:30PM, celebrated by Msgr. William Koenig. Come early to inscribe child’s name in the “Book of Families”. All are welcome. Light refreshments and fellowship following in the Rectory Meeting Room. For information call 516-678-1294.

A gentle maiden having lodged a God in her womb,
asks as its price, peace for the world, salvation for those
who are lost, and life for the dead.

—Saint Peter Chrysologus

East End Hospice

Hospice volunteers needed. Who is a hospice volunteer? Someone who is caring & friendly, a good listener, can have friendly conversation or just sit quietly, can drive to an appointment or help with shopping and can be a positive presence even in difficult times. Are you that someone? If you are, 'EAST END HOSPICE' needs you. 'East End Hospice' is a New York State certified hospice serving the six eastern towns of Long Island. Our team of skilled professionals and volunteers provide social, emotional and spiritual support to terminally ill patients and their loved ones in the comfort of their own home. This October, 'East End Hospice' will offer comprehensive training to prepare you to be a hospice volunteer. Training is mandatory for volunteers who visit with patients and their families. If you would like to find out more about volunteering, please call Faith or Susan at 288-8400 before September 15th to schedule an interview and register for the volunteer training program.

Cultural Arts Guild of Mastic Beach & The Community Library Friends of the Arts:

Saturday, September 15th, 12 noon–6PM. Rain date Sunday, September 16th. Join us at the 'Brookhaven Town Gazebo' on Neighborhood Road in Mastic Beach Village for an afternoon of fine art and family fun. Local artists will have their works on display for sale. Families with children may paint a street square with colorful art chalk, \$5 per square. Trash or treasure? Bring one antique or collectible and get an expert opinion on what it's worth at the Antique Road show booth with Eddie Costello, a certified antiques appraiser. Exhibit space to local fine artists (painting, photography, drawing, pottery, sculpture): \$10 per booth (bring your own tent). If you wish to be an exhibitor, please send your name, phone number and two pictures of your work to the 'Friends of the Arts c/o Community Library', 407 William Floyd Parkway in Shirley by September 3rd or email (Subject Line: Fine Arts Show) to tara.damato@gmail.com.

Isotope Stompers Dixieland Jazz Concert

The community library will be hosting concert on Sunday, September 16th 1–3PM. Registration began Friday, August 24th. The 'Isotope Stompers Dixieland Jazz Band' is a truly exciting group of musicians playing a revved-up style of early American jazz. Their emphasis is on revival jazz, the traditional New Orleans-style spiced up with greater drive and tempo. Favorites like Tiger Rag, Muskrat Ramble, Bourbon Street Parade, Tin Roof Blues, Fidgety Feet, China Boy, and Louis Armstrong's Wonderful World. If you haven't been to New Orleans, don't worry, the Isotope Stompers will bring Bourbon Street and Mardi Gras to you! Open to all. To register, call 399-1511 x240 or click here.

Molloy College—Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course

'Molloy College Continuing Education Program' is offering a 'Catholic High School Entrance Exam' prep course for eighth graders planning to attend any of the ten Catholic High Schools on Long Island. Students will review the math, reading, writing, vocabulary and grammar skills that will be tested on the exam, and will learn test-making strategies to help them work faster and more confidently to maximize their scores. Classes begin September 16th at the Suffolk Center in East Farmingdale, and will be completed in time for the October 27th exam. Contact Molloy Continuing Education office at 516-678-5000 ext. 6206 or register online at www.molloy.edu/ce/chsee.

BUNCO Game Night

Hosted by the 'Conference of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Jude' on Friday, September 21st. Doors will open at 6PM the game begins at 7PM. Bring a Friend! There will be cash prizes, door prizes, & a basket raffle. Volunteers will be at all Masses the weekend of September 8th & 9th to sell tickets. Ticket price \$10 per person.

Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY			Total
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	
Aug. 5	254	140	209	286	395	1646
Aug. 12	290	155	200	261	385	1439
Aug. 19	290	125	225	300	430	1500
Aug. 26	236	145	219	282	340	1380

Weekly Collections

August 26th \$10,411.81
Spare A Dime \$603.00

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal \$56,200.00
Pledges as of 8/22/12 \$63,715.00
Number of Donors 201
Payments as of 8/22/12 \$50,460.00

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

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2012 *Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

1 COR 2:1-5/LK 4:16-30

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 *Weekday*

1 COR 2:10B-16/LK 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 *Weekday*

1 COR 3:1-9/LK 4:38-44

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 *Weekday*

1 COR 3:18-23/LK 5:1-11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2012 *Weekday*

1 COR 4:1-5/LK 5:33-39

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

MI 5:1-4A OR ROM 8:28-30/MT 1:1-16, 18-23
OR 1:18-23

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012 *Twenty-third*

Sunday in Ordinary Time IS 35:4-7A/JAS 2:1-5/
MK 7:31-37

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of September 3rd is donated:

Donated by the Breakfast Club

Available weeks: Sept. 10th, & 17th and
Oct. 1st, 22nd & 29th.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for the weekend of September 1st & 2nd were donated:

Donated by the

J.V. Kavanaugh Columbiettes 5293

Available dates: Sept. 16th, 23rd & 29th and
Oct. 14th, 21st & 28th.

Wedding Banns

I. Eric Jordan/ Ruth Gomez

Baptisms

Frank John DeBlanco Jr., Jaiden Antonio
Estrella, Kaylee Lorin O'Rourke
God Bless them and their families!

You must receive God well; give Him a loving welcome, for then He has to pay us rent.
—Saint Bernadette Soubirous

OLQA Golf Outing

On Thursday, September 27th. 'Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School' will hold their 3rd Annual Golf Outing at 'Rock Hill Country Club' in Manorville. The event begins at 11:30AM. Cost per golfer is \$150 and includes driving range, 18 holes of golf, lunch, and dinner. The 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.

Vatican II Lecture Series

'The Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life of Saint Joseph's College' is presenting the five part series: *Vatican II Revisited: Perspectives from Fifty Years Later*. It will begin on Thursday, September 20th at 7:30PM in the McGann Conference Room on the Patchogue campus. The first speaker in the series will be Dr. William Marrin, S.T.L., S.S.L., PhD who will be discussing *Vatican II: Unfinished Pentecost*. No R.S.V.P. is required. The talk is free and open to the public. For further information contact Professor Paul Ginnetty at 687-2681 or pginnetty@sjcnj.edu.

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.

St. Mary's Church Event

We are pleased 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 a 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!

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 for details.

Tick Bites

Ticks can be dangerous. If you find yourself exposed to a tick bite you can contact the 'Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County' at 631-727-4126 in Riverhead. For a minimal fee they will identify the type of tick and cause of action will be recommended if needed. Visit www.ccesuffolk.org for more information.

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.

Clary School for the Deaf

'Clary School for the Deaf' is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language, levels 1, 2, 3, and Intermediate/Advanced September 4-December 12th (age 12 & up). Call Carolyn Kelly at 631-588-0530 or email claryasl@hotmail.com for more information. The school is looking for vendors for their craft fair on Saturday, October 13th from 10AM-4PM, rain date October 14th, applications available online at www.claryschool.org. The school is located at 301 Smithtown Blvd. Nesconset. For further information call Susan P. at 737-1492 or Karen at 588-0530.

Long Islanders for Freedom of Religion

You are invited to join fellow Long Island residents to learn the issues and how to preserve America's Religious Liberty. On Saturday, September 8th from 1-4PM join us for the "Rally for Religious Freedom," along Veterans Highway in front of the Dennison Building in Hauppauge. For more information email: Grace at gcolucci@aol.com or Barbara at parishleaders@yahoo.com.

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.