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**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.

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 9th 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 8, 2012

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

9:00am Debbie Brunjes †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

9:00am Molly Russo †

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

9:00am Margaret Dougherty †

12:00pm Saint Jude Guild:

William James Lehrfeld †, Max

Rhoads †, John Murray †, Joop

Morin †, Louise Rottler †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

9:00am Mathilda Wegenmeier †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

9:00am Susan Freda †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

8:30am Caroline Huber †

5:00pm St. Jude Knights of

Columbus Council

7:30pm Parishioners of St. Jude

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

8:00am Scott Biggart †

9:30am Anna T. VanWart †

11:30am Deceased members of the

J.V. Kavanaugh Council †

5:00pm Carla 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, Gaetano DeRicco, Gloria DeTomaso, Raymond Michael Dhyne, Robert A. DiFrancesco, Rayme Farmer, Carol Franzzone, 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 Mazzarella, 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, Maureen Wahl, Donna Zumrol

FOR THE DECEASED: Joseph Howell Sr., Stanley Lisek, William Loonam, Mary Vazzana, Angela Rose DiBartolo

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, Arlisa A. Smith, Bobby Sosa, Derek Trabocchi, Timothy Weisner

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes begin this week, starting Monday, September 10th! If you have not yet registered or re-registered your children, you can download the forms from our website [www.stjudemb.org](http://www.stjudemb.org). Please complete the forms and come into the office during office hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from Noon–8PM and Tuesday from 9–5PM. The registration fee is located on the form. All forms need to be paid in full upon registering. Please keep in mind that class space is very limited. Home Study is always available for certain grade levels.

**VOLUNTEER:** Faith Formation is still in need of volunteers for assistants in classes and various other tasks. PLEASE, if you are an adult, over 18 years of age and have some spare time to offer, please call the office at 281-2835.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:** On Sunday, September 16th we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. All Catechists will receive a blessing and at whichever Mass they attend.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** There will be NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES on September 17th & 18th, however, the faith formation office will be open from 9AM–5PM on both days.

**CONFIRMATION PREP 1&2 & RICI 1 & 2 UPPER AND HIGH SCHOOL:** The ‘Welcome Evening Of Prayer’ is on Wednesday, September 19th from 7–8:30PM in the church. Letters have been mailed to all parents with the yearly event calendar. If you have not received your letter, call the office at 281-2835 during office hours.

## St. Vincent de Paul

On September 9th, we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the ‘Society of St. Vincent de Paul’. Frederic heard the call of Jesus – to love and serve those who are suffering. And in the poor he found the face of Christ. In your heart, you also will find the “face of Christ” as you give your gift to the poor through the ‘Society of St. Vincent de Paul’.

## Rosary Altar Society

Due to Labor Day, our next meeting will be held this 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.

## Birthright “Walk for Life”

Next weekend of September 15th & 16th, volunteers will be at all Masses to collect monetary donations to help ‘Birthright Walk for Life’. Your continued support, interest, and prayers enable ‘Birthright’ 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.



# Life Imitates Art

Prior to 1965, *Cosmopolitan* was a women's magazine much like *Good Housekeeping*, *Ladies Home Journal*, and several others of the genre. They attracted the reader who was trying to be a model wife, mother, and cook; seeking how "to do it all" while ever looking trim and fashionable. In other words how to be perfect, just like Donna Reed. Was it a dream? Yes, yet an ideal and wholesome one. Sales of the publication were comparable to the others in the field: solid, but flat.

Enter Helen Gurley Brown. (Her husband David Brown produced "Jaws" and other successful films). In 1962, at her husband's urging, she wrote the book, "Sex and the Single Girl," which generally shocked the American populace and helped to launch the sexual revolution. It sold millions of copies. When Ms. Brown was asked by the Hearst Corporation to take over the ho-hum *Cosmopolitan* in 1965, she immediately replaced the prim-and-proper, modestly attired cover girls with provocatively dressed, voluptuous models and soft-core porn cover lines that went even further to invite the would-be reader into its shameless, fantasy contents. Circulation tripled, and that cover format has continued to be the template these past 47 years, as any visitor to a newsstand, supermarket, or drugstore chain checkout line magazine rack can testify.

When Ms. Brown died last month at the age of 90, her legacy and contribution to the modern women's movement was recognized as a tremendous one by the mainstream mass-media outlets. She prodded women to freely express and enjoy their sexuality whether prior to, or in addition to marriage. She encouraged wives who were bored with their husbands to move on to their friends' husbands for the guilt-free enjoyment and thrills she said they deserve. Unfortunately, a portion of the public bought into these lies then, and still continue to do to an even greater level to this day. While some aspects of the modern feminist movement had laudable goals (and results), such as gaining women greater access to higher education, better employment, and general opportunity using their gifts and intelligence to be on equal footing with men, it did so at a very high cost.

While (to varying degrees) some great strides have been made in the areas enumerated immediately above, womanity and society have been struck serious blows that may eclipse any of the good accomplished. In the name of "freedom," Ms. Brown's publication encouraged women to be aggressive in their pursuit of carnal fulfillment by imagining themselves as the wild and vivacious Cosmo cover-girls, all they had to do was employ the advice of the cover-line articles described.

What is being reported in *Psychology of Women Quarterly* is that the *Cosmopolitan* attitude has led to an even deeper objectification of women by women themselves. When women no longer treat themselves and their bodies with the respect and dignity that is rightfully theirs by suppressing their femininity and behaving as anything-goes-sex-kittens, it is no wonder that men treat women with even less respect than they did in the mid-1960's. Is it so surprising that some men today see women only as objects for their selfish pleasure?

The reality is, when one (whether male or female) absorbs this type of make-believe material, they slowly begin to believe that these pleasure-fantasies are possible. Once the seed is planted, people find themselves becoming disappointed with their less-than dynamic spouse and lives. People actually become unhappy because they think their lives should be as enjoyable, exciting, and uninhibited as the ones they read about.

Consequently, the movement looked down upon women who chose to get married, raise their children, and be stay-at-home-moms as somehow not with the times and counter productive to feminist goals. The denigration of motherhood and femininity (and also responsible fatherhood) are highly visible in our society. Readily available contraception and abortion are absolute musts for one seeking to live the Cosmo lifestyle, as children (God's gift) do not fit in well with it. I have been told that the magazines targeting teenage girls are almost just as bad as the "adult" ones; priming them for the more developed forms of immorality.

Motherhood is one of the most important (if not the most important) job in society, please God, with the support of a committed husband and father, who cherishes, honors, and protects his wife and family. Admittedly, this traditional family and marriage are not the fantasy-world lies sold by *Cosmopolitan*, *Playboy* or any other magazine. A good marriage is not a Hollywood thrill-a-minute. But it is the place where real life and true love have the greatest possibility of flourishing. A good marriage comprised of a husband and wife who are trying to be faithful, love God, each other, and their family is much better than anything the empty hedonism a self-centered society can conjure-up.

In Christ,  
Fr. Greg

## 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.

## 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.

## Fine Art & Family Fun

Saturday, September 15th, 12 noon–6PM. Rain date Sunday, September 16th. Join the 'Cultural Arts Guild of Mastic Beach' & 'The Community Library Friends of the Arts' 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.

## 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](http://www.molloy.edu/ce/chsee).

## 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@sjcny.edu](mailto:pginnetty@sjcny.edu).

## 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. Ticket price \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the rectory beginning Sept 10th.

## 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.

## Friends of the Poor Walk!

What can you do to help reduce poverty in America? Hit the Pavement for the Poor and join the 'Friends of the Poor' Walk! More Americans than ever are living below the official poverty line. By taking part in the 'Friends of the Poor' Walk, you can help raise national awareness of the challenges faced by the nation's poor and to raise significant funds for use in direct service to the poor. We invite the whole community to come out for this spectacular event. Put on your athletic shoes and Hit the Pavement for the Poor during the 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Friends of the Poor Walk'. The Walk will take place on Saturday, September 29th, at the 'Bethpage State Park Picnic Area'. New registration and check-in will begin at 9AM with the Walk following at 11AM. Participants will walk to help raise funds for use in direct service to the poor. One hundred percent of all pledges made by our parish will be used by the Society to assist our neighbors in need right here in the Mastic Beach area! Please join us. Walk a mile in someone else's shoes and find out how good it feels to give. To register visit [www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org](http://www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org) or call (516) 822-3132. Volunteers from the 'Conference of St Vincent de Paul' here at St. Jude will be signing up anyone who would like to pledge or make a monetary donation the weekend of September 22nd & 23rd.

## 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.

## In Defense of the Catholic Faith Communion Supper

Join us on Saturday, September 29th Immediately after 5PM Mass in the parish center at 6:30 PM for a dinner of spaghetti and meatballs for \$10 per person. There will be speakers focusing on our Religious Liberties. 'Religious Civil Liberties Speakers: Deacon Tom Gillen from 'St. Jude's Catholic Church', Sir Knight Sal Restivo from the 'State Deputy New York State Knights of Columbus' A speaker from 'Catholic Voices - USA' (name unknown at this time) \*Supper sponsored by: 'Shrine of the St Jude Council Knights of Columbus' and 'St. Jude Rosary Altar Society'

## Girl Scouts Play and Pray Day

All Girl Scouts, Brownies through Senior Girl Scouts are invited to the 'Girl Scout Pray and Play Day' on Saturday, September 29th at the 'Shrine of Our Lady of the Island' in Eastport, New York. Crafts, fun and prayer will begin at 9:30AM and conclude with Mass at 2:45PM. For information, call the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Office, 516-678-5800, ext. 245)

## St. Jude Blood Drive-Managed by Shrine Council of St. Jude Knights of Columbus

Join us on Friday, October 5th from 3:30PM-8:30PM in the 'St. Jude Parish Center' to donate blood. For more information, please contact Bill Doyle at 631-525-3336. Volunteers will be signing up anyone who wishes to be a donor, after Mass the weekends of September 15th/16th, 22nd/23rd and 29th/30th. Please consider giving the gift of life.

## 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](http://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](http://www.ccesuffolk.org) for more information.

## Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY			Total
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	
Aug. 12	290	155	200	261	385	1439
Aug. 19	290	125	225	300	430	1500
Aug. 26	236	145	219	282	340	1380
Sept. 2	274	135	275	295	340	1469

## Weekly Collections

September 2nd	\$8,892.64
Monthly Maintenance	\$3,036.00

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal	\$56,200.00
Pledges as of 9/4/12	\$63,745.00
Number of Donors	202
Payments as of 9/4/12	\$51,475.00

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

## Scripture Readings

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 *Weekday*

1 COR 5:1-8/LK 6:6-11

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 *Weekday*

1 COR 6:1-11/LK 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 *Weekday*

1 COR 7:25-31/LK 6:20-26

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 *Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13/LK 6:27-38

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

NM 21:4B-9/PHIL 2:6-11/JN 3:13-17

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

1 COR 10:14-22 (442)/JN 19:25-27\* OR LK 2:33-35\*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012 *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

IS 50:5-9A/JAS 2:14-18/MK 8:27-35

## Altar Bread and Wine

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

Donated for the Living & Deceased priests, of the Parish of St. Jude

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

## Altar Flowers

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

Donated by the Amaya-Ortiz Family

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

## Wedding Banns

II. Eric Jordan/ Ruth Gomez

# 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.

## Bereavement Retreat

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](mailto: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](http://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.

# dear Padre

September 9, 2012

## Do Muslims worship the same God we do?

A friend told me the Church teaches that Muslims worship the God of Abraham just as Christians and Jews do. I find this difficult to believe—Christians turn the other cheek, but all you hear about Islam is violence. How can we possibly worship the same God?

Joan

Dear Joan,

Paragraph 16 of the Second Vatican Council's 1964 document Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) says Muslims "acknowledge the Creator" and are included in "the plan of salvation." We differ in that we believe Christ is God, whereas Muslims believe Christ was merely a prophet. (To read this document, go to [vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/](http://vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/). Under *Lumen Gentium* [second on the list], click on English.)

You're correct that followers of Jesus have a serious call to be peacemakers. It was because of their belief in Jesus, the ultimate man of peace, that the early Christian martyrs were able to forgive the persecutors who were about to take their lives and that Pope John Paul II was able to forgive the man who tried to assassinate him. But Islam is not a religion that advocates violence, and the vast majority of the world's 1.5 billion Muslims are not violent.

When you're reading headlines, it's important to remember that throughout history the reputations of many large groups—including the Catholic Church—have been seriously damaged by the actions of a small minority who do things that violate the group's beliefs.

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