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

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - June 15th 2014

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Msgr. John Heinlein
Senior Priest
Rev. James Leone

Deacons
Thomas Gillen
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Useful Numbers

RECTORY

1-631-281-5743

PARISH OUTREACH

1-631-281-5634

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1-631-281-2835

NURSERY SCHOOL

1-631-395-3959

QUEEN OF APOSTLES

SCHOOL

1-631-878-1033

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

1-631-219-3542

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

Sacrament: 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

4-4:45 pm

WEDNESDAYS

2:00–2:45pm

Also by appointment

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 most 1st and
3rd Sundays throughout
the year. Please contact the
rectory to set up an appoint-
ment with a member of the
staff to arrange for the
Baptismal preparation and
then to arrange for a
Baptism date.

Parish Outreach

MON.–THURS.

9:00AM–1:00PM

CLOSED FRI., SAT., SUN.,
AND HOLIDAYS

Corpus Christi Procession

The Feast of the Holy Eucharist at St. Jude
Come and express publicly your love and devotion to our
Lord in the Holy Eucharist next Sunday, June 22nd. The
'Corpus Christi' High Mass, at 11:30AM will be immediately
followed by an interior procession, Adoration and
Benediction.

A Father's Day Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank you for all fathers. Inspire them to raise
their children with love and care. Bless all fathers and instill
in them the kindness, compassion, patience and strength to
always be there for their children. Amen.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD of the Week

Four Pillars of Marian Spirituality – Mike Sweeney
Mike Sweeney was a five-time Major League Baseball All-
Star. In this talk given at the Catholic Athletes for Christ
retreat for professional athletes, Mike gives a Marian
perspective on sports and the Christian life by using what he
has identified as the Four Pillars of Marian Spirituality.

Bulletin Reflection

The Gospel today is sometimes called “the Gospel in minia-
ture” because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message.
In even more condensed form, “God loved...God gave...,” it
is the paradigm for stewardship—we give because we love.

Rosary Altar Society Annual Raffle Party

Hold the date: Plans are underway for our Annual Raffle
Party to be held on Friday, July 11th in the parish center.
We are looking for donations of new items for our raffle
party tables if you or anyone you may know would like to
donate a basket or individual items please bring them to
the rectory marked attention: Rosary Altar Society. We
appreciate any donations you may have to share

Parish Planning Study Set to Begin!

As outlined at all Masses two weeks ago by Father Greg, all
parishioners are asked to participate in a parish-wide
planning study to determine the extent of parishioner sup-
port for our proposed plan to accomplish important proj-
ects and major improvements to our parish buildings and
grounds.

Soon you will receive information in the mail that invites
your input, advice and suggestions on our proposed plans.
All registered parish families are a part of the process and
your input is important. If you have any questions, please
call the parish office at 281-5743.

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014

5:00pm Father's Day Remembrance

7:30pm Parishioners of St. Jude

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014

8:00am Father's Day Remembrance

9:30am Father's Day Remembrance

11:30am Father's Day Remembrance

5:00pm Father's Day Remembrance

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

9:00am Mary Thompson †
(Happy Birthday)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

9:00am Frederick C. Johnson †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014

9:00am Fred Kobasiuk †

12 Noon (Guild) Grace Leone †,
Margaret Palmblad †

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

9:00am Muriel Breschard †

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014

9:00am Eric Henderson †

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014

8:30am Anna Speranza †

5:00pm Carmella Sosnicki †

7:30pm Parishioners of St. Jude

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014

8:00am Jennie & Anthony Ponzio †

9:30am Frank Scida †

11:30am Vivian Corelli †

5:00pm Anna Petralia †
(Happy Birthday)

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

For the Sick: Francine Albertina, Debra Anderson, Benjamin Archer, John Blume, Gary & Jennifer Brendel, Francis X. Butler, Jean Capuano, Dana Celentano, Ryan Codey, Douglas Corrigan, Dawn Costello, Edward Corrigan, Mary Czak, Jim Daly, Mary Diaz, Robert DiFrancesco, Alexandra Ditman, Michael Drury, Heather Duryee, Raymond Michael Dhyne, Joann Espaillat, John Fitzgerald, Erika Frank, Joseph Frigano, Stephanie Frigano, Gary & Debbie, Lisa Gaeth, Josephine & Bob Gamberalle, Deacon Ken Geohan, Nora Getchell, Ann Giordano, Frank Giordano, Michelle Gonzalez, Steve Heerbrandt, Marybeth and Nick Hoffman, Anthony Iomo, Gussie Jackson, Everly Jansen, Matthew Kaminisky, Lawrence Katz, Richard King, Lewery Family, Carmela McDonald, Baby Matthew, Susan May, Joseph Mohn, Sue Murch, Ronald Nappe, Doris Ortiz, Jessica and Joan Passaro, Frank Perez, Robert Pickering, Frank Pisano, Leslie Pulsonetti, Eileen Riboni, Justina Rodriguez, Judy Rosato, Arianna Rose, Eugene & Salvatore Russo, Pauline Russo, Vito Schiraldi, Sister Mildred Scrivano, Elizabeth Skolnick, John Baptiste Sorgie III, Richard Thomas, Sue Transue, Joyce Travoglia, Saivone Vance, Stephanie Walsh, Pat Zamboli, Gynnie Zatrepaek

For the Deceased: Edwin John Jackson, Rita Kerick

For the Military: John Abel, Matt Corica, Michael Cuervo, Daniel Engo, Kyle Christopher Gray, Jeffrey Holmes, Chris Howell, Steven Kay, Richard Kruger, T.J. Kurlowicz, Chris Manakides, Thomas Mannix, John Maresca, Richard McLaughlin, Joe Occhineri, Anthony Ochoa Jr., Katherine M. Onorato, Ramon Ortiz, Matthew Parenti, Rich Pinckney, Kerri-Anne Pliego, Gerard Posillico, John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Vinnie Riveria, Steven Schloesser, Carl Seaman, Don Skelton, Arlise A. Smith, Bobby Sosa, Anthony Thompson, Timothy Weisner, Robert Weyer

Faith Formation

To return books, please bring into the Faith Formation Office Monday – Thursday, 9-5:00 pm. a Parent Signature is required.

Grow a Row for Outreach

Are you planning your summer vegetable garden? Please consider growing a row to share with your less fortunate neighbors who come to parish outreach for help. Gardening and eating locally produced food has a positive

impact on our environment. Fresh vegetables are a wonderful food source for the health and nutritional needs of the families who rely on food pantries. Even if you can't grow an extra row, keep us in mind when your bumper crop leaves you wondering what to do with all those tomatoes?

St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Jude

We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. If you want to come to a meeting & see what we're about, please give our hotline a call 631-219-3542 and we'll give you more information. Our next meeting is TUESDAY, JUNE 24th @ 7pm. at the Library.

We have been busy planning more fundraisers – God bless you all – you've been so good to us – so generous! The Holy Thursday collection was over \$2,200! BUNCO was \$450! You would think that \$2,650 would last a long time. No, not when jobs were lost and they became late with the rent, SVdP was able to help keep their low-rent home where they've lived for 20 years! SVdP has helped many clients with furniture and still many with LIPA and Water. SVdP can do this because of YOU! Thank you for your support and generosity as always. Deacon Ken Geohan, President.

For The Sick

We will be updating our sick list on Wednesday, June 25th. If you, or someone you love, is still sick and needs our prayers, please contact the Rectory at 281-5743 or rectory@stjudemb.org. All other names will be removed.

The Diocesan Choir of Rockville Centre

The choir will present Rocking Horse Comedy Productions a spectacular evening of dinner and comedy. Friday, June 20th 7PM at St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre. Ticket price \$60pp. For tickets and reservations please call Toni @ 516-551-4711.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize that life is a gift from God and a sacred trust. "What are you going to do today with your gift of life?"

2014 CMA

Congratulations!! Our parish has done a great job of responding to the call to serve God by serving others through support of the '2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal'. We have reached our parish goal of \$61,900 and more with pledges from 190 households. Thank you to all who contributed-we couldn't have done it without you! Now that we have reached our goal we will receive 20% back and 80% of all paid pledges we raised over goal. This is a wonderful opportunity to increase parish revenue while also supporting the critical ministries and programs of the Appeal. Thank you to all who contributed. God Bless You!!



Properly Receiving Holy Communion

In years past when Holy Communion was received universally “at the rail”, distribution was carried out by the Priest, with no variation in reception on the part of the communicants. The Communion Rite was the same everywhere. Today there are many different ways in which Catholics display their reception of Holy Communion, and this should not be so, for whenever anyone receives the Most Holy Eucharist (either on the tongue or in the palm of the hand) it should be done so according to proper Church protocol and most importantly with the utmost piety, reverence, and respect.

Though the official Catholic norm is still for reception of the Most Holy Sacrament on the tongue, if Holy Communion is to be received in the hand it should be so done in the following manner: **While in line, the communicant reverences (makes a bow) to the Sacrament while the person in front of them is receiving. When the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister says, “The Body of Christ,” the communicant responds, “Amen,” and puts out their tongue and receives; or puts out their hands (one hand under the other) as flatly as possible; the Sacred Host is then placed on the flat, horizontal palm. The communicant then steps aside (so that the next person can receive), and immediately places the Host on their tongue with the other hand, and returns to their place in the congregation. (Intinction - the dipping of the Host into a chalice of the Precious Blood - is not permitted for the faithful to do by themselves.)**

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (315-386 A.D.) gave instruction for the manner in which the faithful should receive: *“They should make a throne of their hands, laying the right upon the left to form a throne for the King, forming at the same time a cross. This symbolic gesture, so fine and so profound, is what concerns him: The hands of man form a cross, which becomes a throne, down into which the King inclines himself. The open, outstretched hand can thus become a sign of the way that a man offers himself to the Lord, opens his hands for him, that they may become an instrument of his presence and a throne of his mercies in this world.”*

Presenting oneself to receive with hands that are curled, cupped, held down low to the body; held side-by-side and/or with open fingers... make it difficult for the one distributing to therein place the Sacred Body of our Lord. It also increases the danger of the Sacred Host falling to the floor. Please also remember that no communicant should ever “pluck” the Host themselves from the fingers of the one distributing.

One is never required or forced to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist (except to make one’s Easter Duty, and in the state of grace); so if one is unsure as to whether they should present themselves or not in the Communion procession, it is probably best to err on the side of not receiving and make a Spiritual Communion. The inside front cover of the missalette/hymnal has a useful guideline issued by the U. S. Bishops for the reception of Communion in the Catholic Church. (And no one should ever be chewing gum in church if they intend to receive Holy Communion.) When one is presenting him/herself for the Eucharist, the Host should be received on the tongue, especially if one:

- Has an arm in a sling or cast, etc.; is carrying a baby, a hymnal, or any other item(s) that would prevent one from receiving the Most Holy Eucharist with both hands unoccupied or unobstructed and completely empty in a reverent manner. (There should never be single-handed receptions nor flipping/juggling of the Host.)
- Has bandaged hands/fingers
- Is wearing gloves/bandaged hands
- Is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion who has a pyx in their hand to bring Communion to the sick
- Has unwashed, dirty hands or things written on their hands (sometimes seen among young people.)

Unfortunately, I have experienced numerous abuses in the reception of Holy Communion. **Occasionally, parishioners find Hosts in the pews or on the floor!!!** Please, please, please be vigilant! Should you see someone not consume the Holy Eucharist, immediately alert the priest or deacon; or you may even take the Host back from them yourself and bring it to the priest or deacon. This is a very serious issue.

We cannot be too wary of abuses that can occur, either through ignorance or with evil intentions. Truly, there are practitioners of devil worship and of the occult who seek to obtain the Sacred Body of our Lord for use in so-called “black masses.” The main goal of this heinous act is to commit desecration and blasphemy towards God. **The Holy Eucharist is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ**; so when we come to receive Him into our souls, may our reverence, modest dress and demeanor, actions, and love be displayed accordingly.

In Christ, Fr. Greg

From Parish Outreach

The shelves in our emergency food closet are getting bare again and we appreciate any food donations, especially cereal, pasta, sauce, jelly, tuna, canned fruit and drink boxes for the school children. We also can always use paper products and toiletries. *Please remember that we cannot and do not give out food that is past the expiration date.* Thanks to all in this wonderful community for your constant generosity towards those who are in need.

The Messenger of the Truth

A must see movie for all Catholics and lovers of freedom. The movie will be shown on WNET Weds, June 18th at 10:00pm. To learn more about Fr. Jerzy and to watch the trailer, visit www.messenofthetruth.com. One man. The truth. The world changed forever.

Camp Good Grief

East End Hospice is pleased to offer Camp Good Grief, a summer program for children who have experienced a loss. The camp will be held August 18-22nd at Camp de Wolfe in Wading River. For registration and information, please call Angela Byrns, LMSW, @ 631-288-8400. There is no fees, please note due to an increase in the demand for registration, preferences may be given to children who are first year campers, those who previously attended camp may be placed on a waiting list.

Tabor Retreat Center

"IN MY OWN WORDS" June 22, 2014, Sunday, 2pm - 4:30pm

At this afternoon of prayer Sr. Ave Clarke, OP will present a woman's reflection about living life deeply . . . by sharing the 3 C's in Life . . . caring, compassion and coming-together.

Presenter: Sr. Ave Clark, OP is a Dominican Sister of Amityville. She is the author of several books and articles on spirituality and healing. Sr. Ave is a pastoral counselor and the co-coordinator of Heart-to-Heart Ministry. Sister Ave comes to her ministry with a gentle heart that loves to pray. Donation: \$15.00. Please call 516 536-3004 to register, located at 60 Anchor Ave., Oceanside.

Free-Pre-K at St. Jude

'St Jude Pre-K' offers a FREE NYS Pre-K program through the 'William Floyd School District'. If you or someone you know has a child that will be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2014 please contact the rectory at 281-5743 to receive an application for the upcoming school year 2014/2015. The program is a five day a week, 2 ½ hour session program that is free to anyone who resides in our community.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Pilgrimage

Join us for a pilgrimage to Greece and Italy in October. Catholic Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul visiting Greece and Rome October 14 – 23, 2014 with air transport from JFK. To receive a flyer or more information please call Cathie or Mike Milano at 631-569-2620.

A Father's Cross

A father's love is unconditional just as Jesus' love for us.
He never stops caring, nurturing loving and worrying.
He carries that love for his child with him throughout his life.
Just as Jesus carries our burdens, a father's love never stops.
So thank you for always being there for me, always teaching,
always loving, always caring.
You are the best father a child could ever ask for!

Mass Attendance

	Saturday		Sunday			
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	5pm Total
May 18	283	119	194	256	470	145 1467
May 25	250	165	234	254	350	125 1378
June 1	230	168	219	223	360	151 1351
June 8	241	125	215	229	440	130 1380

Weekly Collection

June 8th	\$7,821.08
Monthly Maintenance	\$3,017.00

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

Weekday- 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

Weekday - 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014

Weekday- 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

Weekday- Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014

Weekday - 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 206/Mt 6:19-23

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014

Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious- 2 Chr 24:17-15/Mt 6:24-34

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood
of Christ (Corpus Christi)- Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16-
a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Altar Bread and Wine

Have been donated:
In memory of Muriel Breschard

Available dates:
Week July 21, & 28th,
August 11th & 25th

Altar Flowers

Have been donated:
In memory of Peter & Edna Clancy

Available dates:
July 13, 20 & 27th
August 3, 10, 17 & 23rd.

6th Annual Vincent Nasta Foundation Golf Outing

The Golf Outing will be held on July 7th at Rock Hill Country Club, Manorville.

Register online for golf, dinner and/or sponsorship
<http://vincentnasta.org>

Golf & dinner \$175, golf only \$125, or dinner only \$60.

Ice Cream Social Fundraiser

The Saint Theresa Circlette/Squirettes of Mary will be holding their 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social. It will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 176 Madison St., Mastic. The cost is \$3 per bowl with a choice of ice cream flavors and toppings. All proceeds will go to help the Squirettes raise money for their council. For additional information, or if you would like to reserve a table please contact Susan at 281-0949.

Liturgical Music Institute-Workshops

The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception is offering Liturgy Workshops June 30, July 1, 2 & 3rd from 8:45a.m.-11:15a.m.

Which Workshop are you interested in? A Retreat for Liturgical Ministers (\$100), Music Workshop (\$150) organ, music theory, guitar, voice, or conducting and Liturgy Workshops (\$150) Liturgical Year, Liturgy Documents, or RCIA.

Prior registration is required by June 16th. For more information you can download the registration form by visiting www.liturgicalmusicinstitute.org or call 631-423-0483 ext 102.

Operation Hearts & Home

We need a immediate response if you are interested in sponsoring and hosting Ukrainian children and teens during the month of August for respite from the turmoil surrounding them in Ukraine. For information contact Susan Bies 516-319-9837, Pat Donahue 516-662-4094 or operationheartsandhome.org

McGann-Mercy Annual Golf Classic

On Monday, June 23, 2014, McGann-Mercy will host its Annual Golf Classic at The Woods at Cherry Creek in Riverhead. In keeping with this year's theme, "SoCo on the NoFo," golfers will enjoy this picturesque golf course with raffles and contests followed by an extravaganza of Southern Comfort Cuisine and signature cocktails. Registration and lunch starts at 12:00 pm; there is a 1:30 pm Shotgun Start. Southern Comfort Cocktails and Dinner at Stonewalls will follow the fun-filled afternoon of golf at 6:00 pm.

All proceeds from this event go toward the programs at Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School. For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to play golf at this exciting event, call 631.727.5900, ext. 394 or go to www.mcgann-mercydhs.org

Catholics for Freedom of Religion Educating and Advocating for Freedom of Religion for All

June 15, 2014

America's First Freedom: Religious Liberty

And so – will we allow America's Freedom of Religion to end... not with a bang, but with a whimper? Our freedom of religion is being regulated into a mere freedom to worship, which confines faith and worship, religious morals and principles within the four walls of the church, well out of public discourse and the public square.

Our first amendment Religious Liberty has been breached; but not with blood in the streets, troops tearing religious symbols from churches and citizens murdered for their faith as was done most recently in Egypt and Syria. This unprecedented, unconstitutional denial of the right of Americans to practice their conscience in their community came with the Aug 1st, 2012, imposition of the new healthcare law's Health and Human Services mandate which imposes secular ideology over the religious-based conscience rights of all Americans.

As of that date, all private employers were required to bend to the HHS mandate to provide or facilitate contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs as part of their employees' insurance. The religious beliefs of those employers are grievously denied in a way not imagined in the 222 years our 1st amendment has protected Freedom of Religion.

Many Catholic institutions are also subject to the mandate because they are not deemed to be "religious enough" to be exempted. Will the Little Sisters of the Poor be forced out of their ministry to the elderly poor? Will our Catholic schools, hospitals and charities close their doors to avoid violating the consciences of all Catholics involved or be bankrupted out of existence by crushing fines?

The Fortnight For Freedom, June 21 to July 4, reminds us to pray for the preservation of religious liberty and offers opportunities to learn the issues involved. It comes to us, in this place and time, to inform ourselves and make it clear to those who would tell us how much of our religious beliefs we may follow, that we will not surrender our freedom.

As Bishop Murphy has said, *"We will not compromise our faith. We will not accept rules and regulations that violate our consciences or impose actions and practices that go against the moral teachings of our faith and our Church. We will not bend our knees to the false gods of secularism. We will not allow Caesar to re-define our faith or banish us, our Church or other religious faiths, from the public square to the shadows of our cities or the walled gardens of our inner selves. AND WE WILL NOT GIVE UP OR GIVE IN!"*

Fortnight events in the Diocese of Rockville Centre include:

-Bishop Murphy will celebrate the opening Mass which marks the beginning of the Fortnight on June 21 at 5pm at the St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Pl, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

-Father Philip K. Eichner, President of Kellenberg High School and Chairman of the Board of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights will be the distinguished guest speaker of Catholics for Freedom of Religion on Wed., June 25, 7:00pm at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

-The second annual rally, "Religious Freedom: Our First Amendment Right" will be held Sat., June 28 at 10am in the auditorium of St. John the Baptist High School, 1170 Montauk Hwy, West Islip, NY 11795. You are invited to join in praying the Rosary in public prayer and witness in front of the school after the rally.

-Bishop Brennan will celebrate the closing Mass of the Fortnight at 12:15pm on July 4 at the St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Pl, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

-Check your church bulletin and www.LICatholic.org for additional events during the Fortnight For Freedom.

Saint Jude Vacation Bible School

Registration Time Is Here!

The camp will take place, Monday August 4th thru Friday August 8th, from 9AM–12 NOON in the Parish Center for children entering grades K–6, Junior volunteers entering grades 7th–8th, Senior volunteers entering grades 9th–12th, and Adult volunteers 18 and over with Virtus Training. (Junior and Senior Volunteers can earn community service hours.)

The fee is \$30 for the week which includes a T-shirt, iron on decal, music CD , lesson materials, daily snack, daily crafts, daily give-away and an end of the week party. If multiple children in same family, first child is \$30. Additional are \$25.

Registration forms with payments can be returned to the rectory during business hours or place this form with payment in an envelope and drop in the collection basket. The deadline for registration is July 8th. We are looking forward to seeing your children there!

Vacation Bible School 2014

Camper Name: _____ Grade in September: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Town: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Special Needs or Alerts: (ex. Allergies): _____

Circle one T- shirt size: Kids Medium or Kids Large Adult Medium or Adult Large

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Paid: cash /check #:



A Statement from Timothy Cardinal Dolan and the Bishops of New York State

Calling on Governor Cuomo and Leaders in Albany: Don't Let Us Down

More than 200 Catholic schools have closed in the last 15 years throughout New York State, as families and parishes, who strongly believe in the value of Catholic education, struggle to keep up with increasing costs. Many of our public schools also desperately need help.

To address these needs, the NYS Catholic Bishops joined a broad coalition of faith groups, community organizations and labor unions backing legislation called the **Education Investment Tax Credit**. The measure would encourage increased charitable donations to generate more private scholarships as well as additional resources to public schools. It also helps all teachers provide needed materials and supplies for every classroom in New York.

The vast majority of legislators support the bill. Why? It's because the legislation will help all children, regardless of where they go to school. It's a win-win for all families!

Although Governor Cuomo assured us he would fight to include the proposal in the state budget, in the end, we were left out.

As the legislative session ends in Albany this coming week, we pray that Governor Cuomo won't let us down. We ask that you join us in that prayer. Pray that Governor Cuomo will put children ahead of politics and fight for the Education Investment Tax Credit.

We also ask that you contact him immediately with that same message. You can send a message to the Governor through the website of the New York State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org.

Time is short. Please act today. God bless you.

June 14, 2014