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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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent- “Laetare” - March 15th 2015

Pastor
Rev. Gregory Yacyshyn
In Residence
Msgr. John Heinlein
Senior Priest
Rev. James Leone

Deacons
Thomas Gillen
Kenneth Geoghan
Mark Herrmann
Joseph Simeone
John Gagliardi
Useful Numbers

RECTORY

1-631-281-5743

PARISH OUTREACH

1-631-281-5634

RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION

1-631-281-2835

PRE-K

1-631-395-3959

QUEEN OF APOSTLES

SCHOOL

1-631-878-1033

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

1-631-219-3542

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

CLOSED FRI., SAT.,

SUN., AND 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 most 1st and
3rd 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
and then to arrange for
a Baptism date.

Parish Office

Hours

MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY

9:00am–5:00pm

WEDNESDAY

9:00am–6:00pm

FRIDAY

CLOSED

SATURDAY

CLOSED

SUNDAY

9:00am–12:00pm

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays after the
9:00am Mass

St. Jude Novena

Thursdays after the
9:00am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

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; Saturday at
8:00am

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

5:00pm Jennie & Anthony Ponzio †
7:30pm Parishioners of St. Jude

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

8:00am Paolo Ciatto †
9:30am Stanley Simchick †
11:30am Timmy Clifford †
5:00pm Edward Frak †

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

9:00am William Joseph Guiducci †

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

9:00am Agnes & Jerry McCarthy †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

9:00am Catherine Stella Ales †
12 Noon (Guild) George Zagloul †,
Walter O'Dea †, Diane Gentile †

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

9:00am Joseph P. Carey †

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015

9:00am Dorothy Sacco †

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015

8:30am Thomas Baugh †
5:00pm John Belle †

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015

8:00am Jennie & Anthony Ponzio †
9:30am Jennie Paroulo †
11:30am Patricia Isabella McGaughey †
5:00pm Frank Arcara †

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

For the Sick: Benjamin Archer, Joseph & Cindy Balzer, Christina Bobas, Francis X. Butler, Joann Dillman, Raymond Dhyne, Alexandra Ditman, Robert & Robby DiFrancesco, Michael Drury, Elaine Fino, Richard Formisano, Joseph & Stephanie Frigano, Edward Fusco, Anne Giordano, Marybeth Hoffman, Lawrence Katz, Marilyn Lyden, Carmela MacDonald, Ronald Nappe, Kathleen Papile, Jessica & Joan Passaro, Robert Pickering Sr., Virginia Purchia, Linda Rodecker, Justina Rodriguez, Elizabeth, Eugene, Grace & Salvatore Russo, Baby Leah Stefanov, Christopher Stozetto, Angelina Tangredi Richard Thomas, Bobby Walsheaha Stefanov, Richard Thomas, Bobby Walsh

For the Deceased: Frank A. Perez, Maryann Mastrandrea

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2015

PALM (Passion) SUNDAY-March 29th
Saturday 5:00PM, 7:30PM (Spanish)
Sunday 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, and 5:00PM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK-March 30th

Confessions from 3:00PM to 9:00PM

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK-April 1st

Confessions 12:45PM - 2:45PM
8:00PM Penance Service with Confession

HOLY THURSDAY-April 2nd

9:00AM- Morning Prayer
8:00PM-Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY-April 3rd

9:00AM – Morning Prayer
Noon-Stations of the Cross
3:00PM-Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY-April 4th

9:00AM- Morning Prayer
Noon- Blessing of Food (parish ctr.)
Confessions –noon to 2:00PM
8:00PM – Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY-April 5th

8:00AM-(English –Italian)
9:30AM; 11:30 AM; and 1:00PM

No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday



Important Lenten Information

LENTEN REGULATIONS: All Catholics who reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all Friday's of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food in between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be eaten during the day.

MORNING LAUDS: As has been the custom here at St. Jude, we pray Morning Prayer FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS (The Prayer of the Church) Monday through Friday at 8:15AM, followed by the Holy Rosary.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Way of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 8PM. (Except March 20th Live at 7:30PM), Spanish Stations will be on Tuesday at 7:30PM, Italian Stations will be on Wednesday at 5PM.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION/PENANCE: Lent is a special time of Grace in the life of the Church. It is time when many people receive the Grace to come back to the practice of the Faith. It is also a time of ongoing conversion for each of us. Sacrament of Confession/Penance is available each Saturday during Lent 12 noon-1PM and from 4PM-4:45PM and on Wednesday from 2PM-2:45PM. We encourage you to make use of this sacrament. Please mention this opportunity to family and friends who may be looking for the opportunity to "come home"!

Easter Remembrance Envelopes

The envelope for the Easter Remembrance Masses is included in the active coded parishioner mailed envelope packet. These Masses will be celebrated Easter Sunday, April 5th. Please return your Remembrance Mass envelopes by Tuesday, March 31st in the regular collection basket or at the rectory, so that your loved ones are remembered in the Easter Day Intentions. Envelopes are available in church lobby.



Confession: Content

Last week's column was a detailed outline for the proper format of the Sacrament of Confession. This column will focus on the **importance** of maintaining the formal structure; generally what matter/content to bring to the Sacrament, and what to leave out; and on "the other side of the coin" an understanding of the sacred role of the Priest-Confessor. It is very important to consider his perspective in the Sacrament, so as not to compromise the sacred position he holds as one who acts *in Persona Christi* - in the Person of Christ.

Therefore, once you have made the Sign of the Cross and said, "*Bless me Father for I have sinned, it has been* (state the interval of time) *since my last confession; and I accuse myself of the following sins,*" it is crucial that what is then said is the necessary matter for your confession, and little else, regardless of how important it may be. Therefore, do not "slide" or "ease" into your confession, or veer off to topics that are **not absolutely** essential to your confession. Conversation should be kept outside of the formalities of the Sacrament. Prayfully, have a formal beginning, then the confession of your sin(s), then a formal ending to your celebration of the Sacrament (see last week's column). Please keep the lines clear. Please remember: confession is not a conversation.

Consider this analogy when it comes to the content of your confession: you have begun a "billable" conversation with your attorney who charges \$500/hr. Whether you are talking the business at hand for which you have come to his/her office or chit-chatting about the weather, your children, or any other subject, the clock is running, and every minute is costing you \$8.33. Unless you like to throw money away and/or don't care about the best outcome for your real estate, business deal, or legal action, it is imperative to *stay focused on why you are there*, and you certainly don't want to confuse your attorney who needs to know the cogent information that is given to him/her *in confidence*, for the benefit of you, the client: This scenario would not be a "casual conversation" situation. In the same sense we must be concise, not lackadaisical, in our Reconciliation with God. Of course there is no price tag on Confession, for the gift we receive is "priceless", however, I used that example to express the importance (for both the penitent and the confessor) of a formal, concise Confession! The Sacrament of Confession is not "coffee talk" with the Priest. It is confessing **clearly**, with sincere contrition, the sins of which we are guilty. And although very often there is normal anxiety associated with admitting *ownership of our* transgressions; try to remember that the Priest is not there to judge...he is there to absolve.

I invite you, so to speak, to "get into the Priest's shoes," so that you can understand the privileged position and the grave responsibility that he holds under the Seal of the Sacrament. Once a penitent has begun his/her Confession, technically everything that is said therein is under the sacred seal, and the Priest incurs the penalty of excommunication should he reveal the content of a confession, no matter how insignificant. The seriousness of this cannot be overemphasized. Think about being in that position and try to understand the weightiness of it for the Confessor. When penitents (particularly those who are well-known to the Priest) come to the Sacrament and sit opposite him, face-to-face, clearly revealing their identity, it is imperative that, as best as possible, they do not bring up subjects that they discuss with the Priest outside of the confessional, whether business or social, or even spiritual in nature (unless it directly pertains to one's sins), so that the Priest does not have to start having scruples about what matter was mentioned to him within the seal and what was spoken about outside of it. While the Priest acts sacramentally in the place of Jesus Christ, he is not somehow protected from and/or immune to being human and imperfect. He is more than capable of getting confused about these things, especially when great quantities of non-essential "filler" are interspersed within a confession; padding and insulating (and possibly obscuring) the actual sins being confessed.

Moreover, many spiritual writers contend that the more penitents get off the topic of directly and as concisely as possible accusing themselves of their sins, and provide greater quantities of *non-essential* information - whether on topic or not - the more that they are subconsciously attempting to justify or downplay their commissions and omissions; attempting to not make themselves look so bad. The point is that our sins do make us "look bad." If there is qualified contrition or a total lack thereof for the evil we have done and for the good that we have failed to do, we are abusing the Sacrament. If we do not directly humble ourselves in a straight forward manner, how can we expect to receive God's mercy? The *attitude* that should guide our confession should always be: "**I have done sin X, sin Y, and sin Z. I am ashamed; I am sorry; please forgive me.**" The Priest is there to offer God's forgiveness and peace to the humble and contrite of heart. The Lord knows the details that the Priest need not to hear. When the Priest himself goes to Confession, he gets right down to the business of telling his sins as succinctly as he knows them, expresses his sorrow, and asks for forgiveness...

After having received absolution, the celebration of the Sacrament is then officially over. It is then also important to tend to your penance as soon as possible immediately following your Reconciliation. However, if there is information that you would like to discuss with the Priest that is not essential to your confession, save it for some other time outside of the confessional, so as not to compromise the forum our blessed Lord has given us for the forgiveness of our sins.

On a personal level, please know how blessed I am to be pastor of this wonderful parish. We truly have a vibrant family at St. Jude; one of great fellowship, interaction, love, charity and support; and because we are so close-knit, we openly display much banter and exchange, which is a wonderful gift from God. Yet, we must all - clergy and laity - remember the sacredness and reverence that should be applied, not only to Confession but to *all* of the Sacraments of the Church.

In Christ, Fr. Greg

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD of the Week

Confession— Fr. Larry Richards

Based upon his proven and powerful parish mission presentations, Fr. Larry Richards deals with one of the Catholic Faith's most misunderstood Sacraments. He is riveting, honest, very human, often touchingly gentle, and yes, even humorous, and provides listeners with hope for a closer, healing relationship with Jesus Christ.



Myers-Briggs Workshop

Which personality type best describes you? Are you an INTP, ENFJ, SFP, or ESTJ? Knowing your type can help you understand how you function in your ministry, in relationships, what career is best for you, and how you can use your strengths to create a happy and satisfying life.

Myers Briggs is a proven method for helping people enhance personal growth, clarify career direction, and develop leadership skills.

The workshop will be held at Christ the King, Commack on Saturday, April 18th & 25th from 9-4p.m. The cost is \$75pp (two day workshop, attendance is required for both days). Please bring a brown bag lunch. Pre-Registration is required, register online at www.drvc-faith.org. Any questions please call 516-678-5800 ext 536.

After you have registered you will receive a Myers Briggs questionnaire with an answer sheet, which must be completed and returned to the DRVC/Office of Faith Formation by April 11th. If you do not complete the questionnaire you will not be able to attend the workshop.

28th Annual Woman's Life Day

"Build God's Kingdom Here" hosted by Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 25th, doors open at 8:30a.m. Registration is required the cost is \$25pp, price includes lunch. Any questions or to register call Grace Lutheran at 281-8196 or visit graceinmb.org

Stations of the Cross—Passion Presentation

The most dramatic moment in all of history was when a people without understanding what they were about to do, put Jesus, the Son of God, to death. It was a terrible way to die. Jesus knew full well what it was. He went willingly! A testament to love and forgiveness which, for 2,000 years still reverberates.

The 'Parish of St. Jude will host the presentation of the 'Stations of the Cross' this Friday, March 20th at 7:30PM in the church. The use of film clips from the movie, "The Passion", by Mel Gibson combined with prayer and music. It is a powerful reminder for us of what happened to Jesus on that day. These stations are deeply moving, filled with meaning and at times, hard to watch. Still, watch we must, for it tells the story we need to be reminded of during the Lenten season. The Stations (on this particular evening) are not recommended for children under thirteen years old. A free-will offering is appreciated for those who wish to donate.

Lenten Fish Fry or Alternative Pasta Dish

'Now available- an alternative 'Pasta Dinner' option every week.'

'St. Jude Parish' is hosting the Annual Lenten Fish Fry! Come feed your body and your soul on Friday's during Lent concluding March 27th, the week before Good Friday. There is plenty of time for you to enjoy a meal then afterwards join us for the 'Stations of the Cross' at 8PM in the church (March 27th). There will be a special Live presentation this Friday, March 20th, at 7:30PM in the church.

All Dinners include: roll, dessert, and soda (or bring a drink of your choice) for just \$8pp. The fish fry will be held in the parish center hall on March 27th from 5-7:15PM (last serving) and 5-6:30PM (last serving) on March 20th to allow everyone to attend the living stations.

Every Friday night we will offer our traditional Lenten fish fillet, French fries, & coleslaw. The alternative is the 'Pasta' option listed below:

March 20th: Pasta with ala-vodka sauce and salad

March 27th: Pasta with broccoli, garlic and oil and salad

Fish Fry Raffle:

39' Sharp LED HD Television, raffle tickets will be sold at the fish fry, ticket donation is 3 for \$10 or 1 for \$5. Drawing will be held the last night on Friday, March 27th. Tickets can also be obtained at the Rectory.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2015 Catholic Ministries' Appeal (CMA) has begun here at St. Jude and throughout our Diocese of Rockville Centre. Our original goal for this year was \$62,200. Due to the upcoming Capital Campaign to improve our parish building and grounds, St. Jude Parish petitioned Bishop Murphy and the Pastors' Advisory Committee (PAC) to consider a reduction in our goal. We are most grateful to Bishop Murphy and the PAC for granting us a one-year Capital Fund Adjustment. Therefore our 2015 goal is now 50% of the original amount, or \$31,100. Any monies that we receive in excess of 70% of the original goal – anything over \$43,540 – will be 100% returned to St. Jude.

So even though the goal has been reduced to encourage parishioners to contribute/pledge more generously to the Capital Campaign, the more we can raise for the CMA will be money in the bank – literally – for our needs. In the last few years, St. Jude has gone about 110% of our goal. For those who have previously supported the CMA, Thank-You for your sacrifices and generosity in the past, and we ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider a gift or donation this year; even if you have not done so in the past. Personally, I have pledged the same amount of support as last year, and will do so over a 10 month payment period on my credit card. Thanks, again, for your consideration to support the 2015 CMA.

A/o March 3/10/15 we have received pledges totaling \$46,850. Donors 101 Pymt's received \$20,130.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend, March 14th & 15th, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this collection make a real difference in lives across the globe. **How will you help?** Next week, please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise**.

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Manual for the Society we read: On the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the canonization of St. Vincent de Paul, Pope John Paul II quoted the famous historian of Christian spirituality, Henri Bremond, about Vincent de Paul: "It was not love for men that led him to sanctity; rather it was sanctity that made him truly and effectively charitable; it was not the poor that gave him to God, but, on the contrary, God gave him to the poor." God acts in the same way in the lives of all Vincentians. "Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!"

Youth Group

Becoming a leader starts with becoming a follower ... of Christ
Come on down to YDisciple Youth nights each Friday from 7 – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Youth in grades 7 and up are encouraged to attend any and all sessions. All sessions include time for socialization, pizza and refreshment.

Easter Flower Donations

Easter is just around the corner and what would the celebration be without all the flowers that gracefully decorate our church and help bring us into the joyful spirit of Christ's Resurrection? Flowers may be dedicated to or in memory of your loved ones. Their names will be printed in the bulletin. (A minimum suggested offering is \$20.) Please use your envelope received in your mailed package. There are envelopes also available in the church lobby. You may drop your offering at the rectory or place in the collection baskets. Thank you.

Parking Sticker Sale

The Town of Brookhaven Department of Parks, Recreation and Sport, and Cultural Resources announces the pre-season sale of the 2015 Seasonal Resident Parking Sticker at selected locations throughout the town. This year resident seasonal stickers bought prior to Friday, May 22nd will be discounted.

The price of the 2015 Seasonal Parking Sticker is \$15.00 and is good for the entire 2015 season. If purchased before Friday, May 22nd the sticker cost will be \$10.00. Resident Senior Citizen, Handicapped and Veteran's seasonal stickers will be \$5.00 throughout the season.

Stickers are available at the Town of Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Office in the Mastic Recreation Center in Mastic and Kaler's Pond Park in Center Moriches.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored during Masses on Sunday, April 19th at the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville and on Sunday, April 26th at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30p.m. *Couples may register for ONE liturgy.* Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 6th for the Mass at St. Lawrence and by April 13th for the Mass at St. Maria Regina. There will be additional celebrations in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 207.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Join us on Wednesday, March 25th at St. James Church, parish center in Setauket, 429 Route 25A. Kelly Shackelford, President and CEO Liberty Institute and Thomas Renker, General Counsel DRVC discuss why there is a need to protect and restore religious freedom in America and how it is under serious attack-in our schools, our churches, our military and throughout the public arena. For more information, please email parishleaders@yahoo.com or call 631-896-8331.

Mass Attendance

	Saturday			Sunday			
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	5pm	Total
Feb.15	259	80	95	135	245	180	994
Feb. 22	239	65	169	216	330	195	1214
Mar.1	260	150	189	291	460	97	1447
Mar.8	250	128	187	217	435	190	1407

Weekly Collection

Mar. 8th \$10,379.75

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, MAR. 16, 2015

Lenten Weekday- Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY, MAR. 17, 2015

Lenten Weekday- Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18, 2015

Lenten Weekday- Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY, MAR. 19, 2015

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary-2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

FRIDAY, MAR.20, 2015

Lenten Weekday- Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY, MAR. 21, 2015

Lenten Weekday- Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

SUNDAY, MAR. 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Jer 31:31-34, 19-23/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Altar Bread and Wine

Have been donated:

In loving memory of

William Joseph Guiducci

Available dates:

April 20, May 25th, June 22nd

Altar Flowers

Have been donated:

In loving memory of Rosa Fabbro

Available dates:

June 14 & 21st

Baptisms

Cristian Martinez

May God Bless him and his family

Parish Outreach

As winter lingers on, the shelves at our emergency pantry are almost empty. Donations of non-perishable food (especially peanut butter, jelly, tuna, soup) and/or money will help us keep serving those in need in our community. Please think of outreach for your Lenten almsgiving.

The spare-a-dime collection will be taken next weekend. Baskets will be available as you leave Mass. The money collected helps the needy of our community through our Outreach program.

Are You a Fully Initiated Catholic?

The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist! If you have not received all of these three sacraments, your initiation in our Catholic Faith is not complete. To sponsor someone who is going to be baptized or receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, you must have received all of these sacraments yourself. Some of our parishioners may not have completed their preparation for these sacraments when they were younger – they may have only been baptized or been baptized and received their First Communion.

As in past years, we are offering a course for those who have been baptized and received first Communion as Catholics but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This course begins Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00PM and will continue meeting once a week until May 19th. Materials fee is \$20 per person.

If you are interested in completing your initiation in our Catholic Faith, please fill out the form below and return it in any of the collection baskets or at the rectory and you will be contacted by phone or email. All of the classes will be here at St. Jude in the parish center and run approximately an hour and a half to two hours a week. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE, PROOF OF BAPTISM AND COMMUNION.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____

Phone: _____

Age: _____

Date & Church of Baptism _____

Sacrament you need to receive

Confirmation Only

To take this course you must be at least 18 years of age and out of high school. For further information or any questions you may have, please contact the rectory during regular office hours.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who remain steadfast in their Lenten promises through increased prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving.

McGann-Mercy Theatre Company

The members of the award winning Theatre Company will perform their version of the stage adaptation*, "The Diary of Anne Frank". Set during World War II in the Netherlands, this stirring drama brings to life the pages of a diary written by young Anne Frank, who, along with her family and acquaintances hid for more than two years from the Nazis.

Running from Thursday, March 19th through Saturday, March 21st in the school auditorium, the show starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person and will be sold at the door. For more information, please call 631-727-5900 ext. 310.

Bulletin Reflection

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly His handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples! Looking for the perfect weekend that will bring a husband and wife closer together? A WWME weekend is exactly what you are looking for. At a Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the original and continually updated marriage enrichment program, you get away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on each other! The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for April 24-26 at The Immaculate Conception Seminary in Lloyd Harbor, NY. For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at www.wwme.org.

Faith Formation

1. Student 10 minute Prayer Services this week before all classes. Meet in the Parish Center Main Hall for sign in with your child's Catechist prior to class.
2. Level 2 & RCIC2 Lower PARENT MEETING on Monday, March 23rd at 8 pm in the Parish Center Main Hall.
3. On Wednesday, March 25th, at 8 pm, there will be a GENERAL PARENT MEETING held in the Parish Center Main Hall. This meeting is for PARENTS of students attending St. Jude Faith Formation.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles- Regional School

Our Chinese Auction & Dinner is being held at the Rock Hill Country Club, Clancy Road, Manorville on Saturday, March 28th, door's open @ 5pm and dinner starts at 6:30pm. Ticket cost is \$45.00 per person (Adults 21 and over please). Ticket price includes salad, choice of entrée, dessert, tea or coffee. Cash bar will be available. 'ADVANCED TICKETS REQUIRED'.

For more information, please contact the OLQA school office at 878-1033.

The Beginning Experience

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation is one of life's most traumatic experiences, often resulting in feelings of loneliness and grief. When those feelings remain, it can be overwhelming and hard to move forward. The Beginning Experience weekend is time to focus on you...to feel understood by peers and experience a sense of peace and a renewed hope for the future.

The next weekend is on Long Island at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore on April 10th-12th. For more information or reservations, call Jean at 631-903-0973.