

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15,17-19, Jn 2:1-5a,

Lk 24-35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8;1a, Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Pt 5:5b-14, Mk 16:15-20

Sunday Acts 4:8-12, Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY April 20, 2015
7:00AM Mary San Chirico
9:00AM Robert Korkuc

TUESDAY April 21, 2015, St. Anselm, Bishop

7:00AM *Madeline Rose Haggerty*

9:00AM Andreas Schutz
WEDNESDAY April 22, 2015
7:00AM Liz Waters
9:00AM Richard Ferraro

THURSDAY April 23, 2015, St. George and

St. Adalbert

7:00AM Pearl and Wallace Bolcavage

9:00AM *Jo, John, Melito and James McNamee*

FRIDAY April 24, 2015

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

7:00AM Etelvina Velazquez

9:00AM Luiza. Luis

SATURDAY April 25, 2015, St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00AM Jimmy Barnett 5:00PM John Sommers SUNDAY April 26, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola

9:30AM Jimmy Gries
11:00AM Felicisima Binuya
12:30PM Emanuele Bondi
5:15PM Francesco Marinelli
7:00 PM Mass in Spanish



Mark Stapleton, Cecilia McLaughlin, John & Mary D'Antonio, CPL. Garrett Carnes, USMC, Philip Zederbaum, Michael Maher, Patrick McGee, Dawn Levchenko, Harry Mulligan, John Lupski, Raymond Morris, Maria Estupinan, Theresa Locke, Maureen Remsky, Joanne Wallick, Margaret Kropac, Brian Crowley, Mary Burdo, William Lee, Ernest Calza, Pedro Dobladillo, William Horbs, Rose Marie Heitschusen, Angelique Cadarr, Phillip R. Sanita, Jr., Justin David Wall, Sara Olsson, Dan Creamer, Helen Mackreth, Thomas Duffy, Sandra Reinhardt, Marcel Chaillol, Christopher Nova, Martin D'Amico, Lucy Mize, Virginia Perna, Manuel Da Silva, Harold Smith, Pasqual Malerba, Michael Russo, Alexander Abruzzo, Anthony Barton, Czeslawa Geslak, Jenna Pappas, Eileen Yorke Smouth, Stanley Stachacz (Fr. Jim's Dad), Bill Cheslock Arthur Vigotty, Maria Lucas, William Barton

> We Pray For Our Dead And We Mourn With You

> > Rita Ann Hanifan Thomas J. Daly

We Celebrate our Sacraments

Marriage Banns



Daniel George Schmidt St. Ignatius Loyola Jacqueline Montalbano Our Lady of Mercy, Forest Hills

Belong More Deeply

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2015

Theme: Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Breaking Open the Word: Suggested text for faith sharing: Gospel Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this lovely reading about Jesus as shepherd, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

<u>Ouestion for Children:</u> Jesus tells us he is the Good Shepherd, but how do you experience God guiding and protecting you?

<u>Question for Youth:</u> How do you feel about Jesus' being your shepherd? What does it mean to you that he lays down his life for you?

<u>**Question for Adults:**</u> What qualities of God does the image of the Good Shepherd suggest? How do you experience God in this way?



The Bread and Wine this week
Are in Memory
Of
Margaret (Peggy) Sticco
From
Your Loving Family

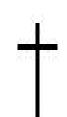


The Candles this week
Are in Memory
Of
Terrence B. Morris
From
Your Loving Family



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul"



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday, April 12,2015 \$13,329

Sunday, April 13,2014 \$15,898

Pastor's Corner

3rd Sunday of Easter Lk 24:25-48

Recently, we have had series of situations in our parish buildings where some of our ministries have not followed the use of our Parish Facilities. As Pastor and chief steward of St. Ignatius Loyola, it is my responsibility to remind all of us of the guidelines we are all to follow. Remember, the use of the buildings is a privilege and not a right. Recently Room D in the basement of the Old School was left a mess before Sunday April 12, 2015. This is very disappointing. The following is Part One of the contract signed by each Ministry Leader. Please read it and pass this along to your ministry or group leader. I want to thank those leaders and their ministries or groups who do follow our regulations faithfully each week.

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Facilities Regulations-September 1, 2014

PART 1

1)When requesting the use of any facilities/buildings in the parish, a Request for Facilities Form must be completed with Pat Schrader. When requesting an event i.e. fundraisers (inside or outside the Church) on Saturdays/Sundays both a Facilities Request Form and the Mass Book for that particular date must be completed as well. For general meetings and the use of rooms, the calendar for each ministry should be in by July 31st for the coming year. (any change/updates in the schedule should be received by January 3rd. For special events, a facilities form must be submitted four weeks before the event and approved by the Pastor. If a scheduled meeting/event is cancelled, it is courteous to notify the rectory at least one week before in order to give another ministry the opportunity to use the facility. All dates must go through Pat, our facilities calendar manager and approved by the Pastor. If a ministry is not scheduled on the facilities calendar, they cannot use the parish facilities. Be aware the Parish reserves the right to change the facilities schedule at will. All Ministries should be aware that submission of schedule use should be given to the rectory as soon as possible. The time slotted will be on a first come first serve basis.

- 2) Saturday and Sundays-Only Park between the Railroad and the School building. Parking lots by the church are for parishioners using the Church. During the week, all parking lots may be used, unless a major function occurs in the Church.
- 3) If Religious Education or a major Parish function is to occur in the Msgr.Tarrant Auditorium/Gym during a time that you are scheduled to use, YOUR ORGANIZATION/ MINISTRY must reschedule to a different date/time. Notification of change will be sent as soon as possible to the ministry that is scheduled.
- 4) Your Ministry/Organization Must Supply Security at The Door. This is a high priority. Blocks or anything wedged under the door CANNOT BE USED TO BLOCK THE DOOR. An ADULT must be at the door at all times. This is for the safety of your ministry/organization and that of our entire faith community. Children are not permitted to open doors and may not act as security for any event/occasion/meeting.

Each ministry must have one group leader, one cleaning person and a security person designated (name should be submitted to the rectory). Each group is responsible to allow **ONLY** members of their ministry into the building. In order to accomplish this, the ministry leader /security person should be at the building 15 minutes before scheduled meeting time. Each leader will have a monthly calendar. If any person is not a member of your ministry, they are not allowed to enter the building under any circumstances.

- 5.) All ministries/organizations or groups must exit the building by 9:30pm. No exceptions. Please note exceptions will be made for major parish events only by request.
- 6. When your event/meeting is over and you are ready to leave the building, the following must be taken care of:
 a. All tables and chairs MUST be put back in the proper place. b. All garbage MUST be put in plastic garbage bags and placed in dumpsters, which are located in the area between the OLD & NEW SCHOOL buildings. c. All spills MUST be cleaned up using a wet mop. Mops and brooms can be found in 2 areas in the Old School. In the lower level in the closet near the Boy's Bathroom and on the Main level on the stage. d. Lastly, make sure all lights and windows are locked. Any fans used must be turned off and windows closed.

Part 2 is next Sunday.

May God bless you and Mary keep you and your families with joy. May we remember to always do things for the greater glory of God. *St. Ignatius Loyola, pray for us!*Fr. Tim

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Pastor

St. Ignatius Parish Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 29 through Thursday July 2, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon (516) 935-6873

Instructions: Please fill out the form completely and mail to: St. Ignatius VBS 2015 Religious Education Office 129 Broadway Hicksville, NY 11801

Registration will be accepted **BY MAIL ONLY**, beginning April 1, 2015 thru June 1, 2015. ***T-shirts may not be available to children registered after June 1, 2015.

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THE FIRST DAY OF THE PROGRAM.

Vacation Bible School will accept campers from age 3 (child must be "potty-trained" and have attended a

Fee: \$45 one child or \$35 each for 2 or more children in a family (non-refundable).

Circle Child's T-Shirt Size (**Please order larger than usual**. T-Shirts included in Registration Fee)
Small (6-8) Medium (10-12) Large (14-16) Extra Large



Annual Family Communion Breakfast Sponsored By

Joseph Barry Knights and Columbiettes

Date: Sunday, May 3rd

Following 9:30AM Mass

Where: Knights Club House

Cost: Admission \$10 per person

Family of 3- \$25

Guest Speaker Robert Palasciano

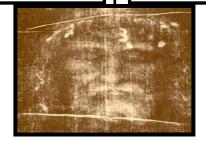
Popular speaker and author of "From Anger to Enlightenment"

Call: Grace 931-2529 to reserve



Chess Club

You are invited to join Mr. Toner and the Chess Club in the Old School Cafeteria for friendly games **Sun., April 26th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00pm** All ages and all levels of players, from beginners to advanced, are encouraged to come down and play. Chess sets will be provided or you can bring your own set if you have one. Please call the Rectory at 931-0056 for more information.



Look Upon the Face of Jesus

The last miracle was Jesus' full body image on His burial cloth, known as the Shroud of Turin. The miracle was His resurrection. What does 35 years of scientific reports and studies actually say about the Shroud in a city called Turin? Join Bill Lauto for this timely presentation in Eastertide.

When: Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:30pm

Where: Our Lady of Mercy, Lower Church, 500 S. Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville



We received a lovely thank you letter from Fr. Michael Sullivan thanking us for our hospitality and most of all for the kindness of our parishioners. The "love offering" amounted to \$3,091 and he is extremely grateful for your generosity. God bless each and everyone of you. *Fr. Jim*

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Anyone with a family member serving in the military, please forward their name and rank to our bulletin editor at bulletin1859@aol.com or bring the name to our Rectory Front Office. We pray to give all of our soldiers the courage and strength to do the duty that is required of them. May they always remember our appreciation for the sacrifice they are making for us. We are thankful for the men and women who are willing to risk their lives to protect our freedom. I ask You to go with each of them and protect them wherever they go. Amen.

Sgt First Class. Matthew Loheide SSgt. Kevin J. Hennelly Lt. Jonathan W. Lang Lt. Jeanine A. Lang SPC Justin T. Sikorski Sgt. Mathew Burrafato DCC James Pennington Col. Paul J. Laughlin Captain. Patrick O. Kelly, USMC Staff Sgt. Thomas P. McLoughlin, USMC Atan Lisa Olynk, USN M Sgt. Michael Marascia Sgt. Stephen L. Emlaw P.O. Third Class E-4 Kyle A. Kamermayer, Navy Major Edward A. McGoldrick, US Army Steven Orbon, 1st Lt., U.S. Army Lt. David Jacobs Pvt. Thomas Wright Airman Peter F. Clark, USAF Capt. Joseph Whittaker, USMC LCPL Michael J. Mc Ilwrath, USMC 1st Lt. James Michael Vaz, U.S. Army Louis Bombardiere, USMC Gunnery Sgt. Brian Moran, USMC Second Lt. Bridget Flatley, USAF Cpt. Richard Macchio Pvt. Joseph Gergely, U.S.M.C. LTJG Alie Disher, U.S.N. LTJG John Patrick Orr, USN, C.E.C. **PVC Andrew Hughes** Airman Denis C. Clark, USAF Sgt. Lotachukwu Okoye 1st Lt. Brian W. Way, USMC PFC Jim Arbelaez, US Marine Sgt. Dustin Lusby LTJG Christopher Medford, US Navy Lt. Lindsay Conte, USN Sgt. Matthew Mercurio Sgt. Phillip Michael Yopp, U.S. Army

This week at St. Ignatius Loyola e-mail parishfacilities@stignatius.us

Sunday, April 19th

9:30 am Family Mass-Church
10am Antique Car Show-Sears Parking Lot
1:30pm Pre Cana Class
2pm Baptism Class -0ld School Room 1
5pm Choir-Spanish-Old School Room D

5:30pm Baptism Class-Spanish Old School Rm B Monday, April 20th

7pm SCJ Youth Group-Old School Art Room 7pm Dance-Hispanic – Room D 7pm Charismatic Group-Old School Room A 7:30pm St. Ann's Mother's Prayer Group, Rm B

Tuesday, April 21st

9:30am Scripture Disc Mtg. Room B. Old School No Activities

Wednesday, April 22nd

5pm Childrens Choir-Church 7pm Rel Ed. Upper Grades-Old School 7:30 Adult Choir-Church 7:30pm RCIA Rectory Basement

Thursday, April 23rd

9:30am Bible Study-Deacon Mais' Office 6pm CYO/Gym 7pm Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts-Old School Café 7pm Hispanic Dance-Room D 7:30pm Bible Study-Deacon Mais' Office

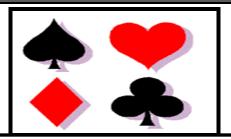
Friday, April 24th

6pm Charismatic Group-Old School Café 6pm CYO-Gym Volley Ball 6:30pm GS Robotics Mtg. Science Lab 7pm SCJ Youth Group-Old School Art Room 7pm Middle School Youth Room B 7:30pm Pastoral Formation-Old School Rms 6,7,8

Saturday, April 25th

7:30am Mens Prayer Group-Old School, Rm B&C 8:30am ESL/Human Service Basement 9:30am Rel Ed. Lower Grades-Old School 12pm CYO/Gym 2pm CYO-Gym 6pm Charismatic Group Event-Gym

COMMUNITY NEWS



<u> Military Bridge</u>

Where: Joseph Barry Columbiettes

45 Heitz Place, Hicksville

When Friday, April 24th

Time: Doors open at 7pm and games

will start at 7:30pm

Cost: \$10 per person-includes coffee,

tea and dessert. Please make check payable to Joseph Barry

Columbiettes

Proceeds will benefit Columbiette charities and scholarships. For reservations, please call Pat at (516) 433-4186.

Limited walk-ins are welcomed.





<u>Legion of Mary</u> <u>Invites you to the</u>

6th Annual Women's Silent Retreat

When: Friday, May 8, 2015 to

Saturday, May 9th

Where: Seminary of the Immaculate

Conception,

440 West Neck Road, Huntington

Cost \$110 per person

Includes dinner on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday

plus a private room with a shower.

For reservations or for further information, please call (631)804-7222 or visit their

website keepntuch@aol.com

Please let them know if you have any special dietary needs.



We thank the Boy Scouts for their preparation and their work in creating a wonderful bonfire for our Easter Vigil during the Service of Light! May the risen Lord guide and fill your lives with His light! **Fr Jim**

Come join us!

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Presents—A 6 day, 5 night trip to the Biltmore Estate and Asheville, NC—Sunday, April 26 to Friday, May 1, 2015—at the incredible price of only \$499 per person (add \$150 for single occupancy).

There is still time to sign up for this fabulous trip! If interested, please call Barbara at 935-5576



Family Life

Committee



especially Fr. Jim and Fr. Saul!

Boletín: 50

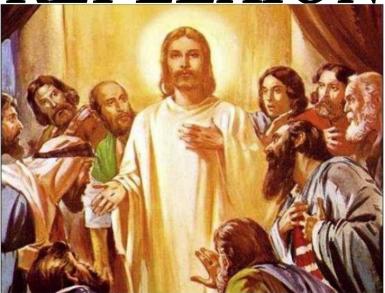
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III DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Editado por Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz

<u>REFLEXION</u>



Los discípulos de Jesús creen que después de haber vivido la experiencia de la resurrección no volverán a tener contacto con él, pero Jesús es consciente de que su tarea aún no ha terminado. San Luca nos relata como Jesús intenta quitar el miedo y la pesadumbre a sus seguidores para que sean anunciadores de la Palabra de Dios, por ello, se pone delante de ellos; estos se asustan, se quedan mudos por el estupor y la incredulidad ante lo que están viendo, Jesús les pregunta: ¿Por qué se alarman? ¿Por qué surgen dudas en su interior? Soy yo. Hoy, al igual que entonces, Jesús quiere que miremos sus heridas, heridas que encontramos en los hermanos y hermanas más desheredados: los enfermos, los niños maltratados, las mujeres violentadas, los ancianos en soledad, los que viven la falta de libertad.... Sin embargo seguimos empeñados en buscar un Cristo milagrero, un Cristo bello al que llevar flores, poner velas, al que muchas veces chantajeamos «me concedes y te doy a cambio...»

Con este comportamiento estamos lejos de ser testigos, de ser buena noticia, porque para ser portadores de la Palabra de Dios, tenemos que experimentar su amor en nuestra vida, dejarnos llenar de su Espíritu y caminar día a día siendo lámparas y senderos para los hermanos(as). Como Iglesia éste es el Jesús que debemos experimentar y anun-

ciar. ¡Seamos lámpara y luz cada día!

PARTICIPA DE

LA MISA a las 7 pm los DOMINGOS y Primeros Viernes. VEN QUE JESUS RESUCITADO TE INVITA! TRAE OTRAS PERSONAS. SI?

BAUTIZOS

CLASES: A Las 5:30 PM. Segundo y Tercer Domingo de cada mes, en el sótano de la escuela. Padrinos, madrinas, papás y mamás deben asistir a las clases, y quedarse en la misa de las 7 PM. No es necesario hacer una cita para registrarse, pues en la clase lo hacen. No olvides traer el registro de nacimiento del niño.

Los BAUTIZOS SON Ios

<u>ÚLTIMOS SÁBADOS del</u>

<u>MES, a la 1:00 PM.</u> Abril 25,

Mayo 30, Junio 27, Julio 25, Septiembre 26,

Noviembre 28, Diciembre 26. Habla con

ROSA y ROBERTO ROMERO:

516-749-4693 / 516-749-5135.



Felicitaciones A todos nuestros y hermanas Catecúmenos en su ceremonia de Bautismo, Confirmación

y Primera Comunión . Que Dios esté con Ustedes.



Organiza Parroquia San Ignacio de Loyola

Grupo de Jovenes SCJ

Día de la Madre og de Mayo, Día de la Madre ီMi Heroíngi **O** Feliz Día Mamá

Sabado 9 de Mayo de 6pm a 11pm

SIRVIENDO A DIOS

PASTOR: Rev. James T. Stachacz

PASTOR ASOCIADO: Rev.Saúl Londoño García DIACONADO: Mario & Dora Gómez y José & Judith Contreras

COMISION: Erika & Jaime Aldana. Lorena Medrano y Leiny Escobar.

CATEQUESIS: Colleen Tuzzolo: Educación Religiosa Niños 516 935 6873 / Karina del Mar, Delfina Hernández, Rosa-José Romero, Julieta McLaughlin (CATECUMENADO).

CLASES BAUTIZOS: Roberto y Rosa Romero CLASES INGLÉS: Lissette Muñoz, Gloria Viruet, Kerry Engrert, Josué Flores, Ingrid A. COMITÉ FESTEJOS: Lorena Medrano, Erika y Jaime Aldana, Maribel Adames, Luis Reyes, Tesla Calderón, Ana Berrios, Cistina Díaz, Álvaro Meléndez.

COMUNICACIONES: Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz COMENTARIOS MISA: Migdalia Vásquez CORO DE LOS NIÑOS: Leiny & Tony Escobar DIVINA MISERICORDIA: Delfina Hernández, Asunción Rivera.

ENSAYOS BODAS, CELEBRACIONES DE 15 & 16 AÑOS: Lorena Medrano, Leny Escobar. GRUPO DE ORACIÓN: Rosío Rivera, Rosa Gutiérrez y Servidores.

HOSPITALIDAD Y COLECTAS: Marta Romero, Luis Reves.

JARDÍN HISPANO: Fidel Zabala & Guadalupe LECTURA MISAS DE LOS NIÑOS (AS):

Viviana Echeverry y Dina Tenas.

LITURGIA DOMINICAL NIÑOS: Carmen-Gabby & Daniela Gómez, Cindy Medrano, Verónica Saquicela, Olga Carvajal, Jackeline Zabala, María Lazo, Ivania, Flor, Kaylan, Ashley MINISTERIO DE LA PALABRA: Jaime Aldana MINISTERIO DE LOS ENFERMOS: Rosio Rivera, Romy Taveras, Rosa Gutierrez & Lorena MINISTERIO SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS: Karina del Mar y Jovana Arteaga. MINISTERIO DE MÚSICA Y DANZAS: Leiny y Antonio Escobar

MINISTROS EXTRAORD. DE LA COMUNIÓN & SACRISTÍA: Juan Hernández, Rosío Rivera. MONAGUILLOS (Servidores del Altar) Lester & Carmen Zelaya, Viviana Echeverry MOVIMIENTO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO CATÓLICO: Roberto y Rosa Romero.

PASTORAL JUVENIL: Carlos Campos, Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz, Lissette Muñoz, Carla Duran, Samuel Sánchez, Eliséo Meléndez,Katie Crayne, Isabel Agosti & Diego.

PRE-CANA: Mario y Dora Gómez OFERTORIO MISA: María Carmen Adames. SEGURIDAD: Orlando Cruz, Diego Echeverry BIENVENIDA y DESPEDIDA: Gr. Hospitalidad

Kiwanis Foundation of Hicksville

Invites you to

SHALL WE DANCE

Join us for a Night of Jazz Music and Swing Dancing

Saturday, May 2nd 2015 at 8:00 PM St. Ignatius Loyola, 129 Broadway, Hicksville Msgr. Tarrant Hall on East Nicholai Street

> Baby Soda Jazz Band \$20 per person

> > B.Y.O.B

All proceeds will benefit our local Food Pantries St. Brigid, Holy Family, United Methodist, St. Ignatius, and Our Lady of Mercy,

> Don't forget to bring a can of food or paper product for the pantries!

Best dressed Jazz age, 20's and 30's, outfit will win a prize!

For more information contact St. Ignatius Human Services (516) 935-8846 Or buy tickets at St. Ignatius Human Services office, 129 Broadway, Hicksville



Winners of the 2015 L.I. Coalition for Life Pro-Life Oratory Contest for high school age students will be first on the agenda to present their 5-7 minute speeches:

When: Monday, April 27th

Time: 7:45pm

Where: Joseph Barry Knights of

Columbus, 45 Heitz Place

Hicksville

All are welcome. For more information, please call (631 243-1435.



2015 Spring Registration

Where: Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track

Program, Hicksville

When: Runs from April –June.

This program is to provide a fun, relaxed environment where boys and girls, kindergarten through 8th grade, can learn the basics of track and field while also developing sportsmanship and teamwork skills. No experience required.

To register your child, please contact coordinator, Gynni Farrell at gynnifarrell@verizon.net.



Spring Open House

When: Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 1pm
Where: Molloy College, Rockville Centre
For further information, please call (516) 323-4000

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Hicksville is hosting an

Antique/Classic Car and Bike Show

You are invited to attend the St. Ignatius Loyola Parish "1st Annual Blessing of Antique/Classic Cars and Bikes Show".

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015...rain or shine!

Place: Sears Parking Lot

North Broadway, Hicksville

Time: 9 am—4 pm

Cost: Cars and bikes will be welcomed with a \$15 Registration which <u>includes</u> the

blessing by Father Jim and an accompanying certificate!

Spectators are admitted free of charge.

There will be Live Entertainment, Judge's Choice Trophies, a Chinese Auction, a 50/50 Drawing, food, and vendors. Come early—stay late. Be there or be square!

PASTORAL COUNCIL Fr. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

Elizabeth Fitzgibbon Jaime Aldana John Crayne Kevin Stoltz Bruce Wimbiscus Joe Malerba Kieran Sullivan "The Council serves as a forum of consultation for the pastor and members, primarily by engaging them in ongoing dialogue about the needs, feelings, hopes and reactions of parishioners."

Guidelines for Pastoral Councils #B-2

Please feel free to contact any council member at any time regarding your needs, feelings, hopes and reactions. All council members can be reached through the rectory office.



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

Governor Cuomo and Legislature: Don't let us down!

One year ago, with the promise of Education Tax Credits on the horizon, thousands of tuition-paying families were left out in the cold – excluded from a state budget that provides the nation's highest level of spending per pupil in public schools. Governor Cuomo knows how genuinely disappointed we were.

This year, the Governor has included Education Tax Credits in his proposed state budget. And so we have renewed hope. But in politics, it is not enough to propose; the measure still must survive the negotiation process with the Legislature in order to be enacted, and we are strongly urging the Governor to be unwavering in demanding the tax credit be included in the final budget.

We have reason to be hopeful. In addition to the Governor's important actions, we have seen continually increasing support for Education Tax Credits since last year. The state Senate has again passed the measure with strong bipartisan support, and strong bipartisan support exists in the state Assembly. Nearly 150 community, business, education, faith, and labor organizations support the measure, having seen the benefit such tax credits bring to improving educational opportunity in other states.

While tax law can be complicated, the bottom line is quite simple. The Education Tax Credit will help all children by encouraging increased charitable donations to generate more private scholarships for tuition-paying families *and* additional resources to our public schools. It's a win-win for all families, regardless of where their children attend school.

Despite the strong support of families and parishes firmly committed to the value of Catholic education, more than 200 Catholic schools have closed in the last 15 years throughout New York State, simply due to increasing costs. This has been devastating, both to the children who missed an opportunity for a quality education, and for taxpayers.

Governor Cuomo is right to have called the Education Tax Credit a "matter of justice." And with matters of justice, there can be no delay. Please join us in praying that our leaders include it in the enacted state budget this month.



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