

Curé of Ars R. C. Church

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Pastoral Team

Rev. Charles N. Mangano, Pastor
Rev. Augustine, Associate Pastor
Rev. Zachary Callahan, In Residence
Deacon Joseph Zubrovich, Permanent Deacon
Mary Dennis, Youth Ministry
Lee Hlavacek, Religious Ed/Curé Family Ministry
Lisa Hudson, Parish Social Ministry/Stewardship
Marty Kenny, Business/Facilities Manager
Robert C. Levulis, Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 12:45pm

Holy Days

Vigil: 7:30pm
Day: 6:30am, 9:00am, 4:00pm, 7:30pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Thursday: 6:30am
Monday - Friday: 9:00am
Monday and First Friday: 7:30pm
Saturday 8:30am (with Anointing of the Sick on
First Saturday only)

Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday - 9:00am and 7:30pm

Sacred Heart Novena
First Friday after 9:00am & 7:30pm Masses
with Benediction at 1:00pm & 9:00pm

Rosary
Monday - Friday 9:30am
Saturdays 9:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm
First Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm & 8:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:45pm/Chapel

S.E.A.S. Regional School

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (516) 785-5709
www.STEAS.com



*"This is our glorious duty
to pray and to love"*
St. John Vianney,
Curé of Ars



March 11, 2012 - Third Sunday of Lent

Parish Registration - We extend a welcome to all new members of our parish family. We ask all parishioners to welcome and invite new neighbors and their families to become a part of Curé of Ars. Parish Registration booklets are available in the Rectory and at the doors of the Church. Once completed, please submit your form to the Rectory so we can finalize your registration process. You will receive a visit from a Parish Welcoming Committee member shortly thereafter.

Baptism - Parents wishing to present a child for Baptism should be registered members of Curé of Ars Parish. Parents are required to have a Baptism Preparation Interview with a member of the Pastoral Team and attend a Baptism Class. Please call the Rectory for an appointment. Baptisms usually take place on the first and third Sundays of the month from 2:30pm - 3:30pm.

Marriage - Those wishing to be married in Curé should consult with a member of the Pastoral Team before any other arrangements are made. A minimum of six months is needed for marriage preparation. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS are required for all couples. Weddings may be scheduled on Fridays at 5:30pm (or an agreed upon time), on Saturdays at 11:15am, 1:00pm or 2:30pm and Sundays at 4:00pm.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - An ongoing process of formation for those who ever wonder if they should become "Catholic". If interested please call for a meeting with a member of the Pastoral Team.

Reconciliation - Is celebrated on Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45pm and in the Rectory upon request.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Saturday, there was a Public Policy Convocation at Holy Trinity High School entitled: ***Lifting up Our Voices: How Catholics Can Make An Impact on Public Policy***. Cardinal Dolan of New York gave a wonderful keynote address and Bishop Murphy said the Mass and homily. All of it was excellent. Telecare, our diocesan television station, will be airing this two hour special on Sunday, March 11th at 8:00pm, Tuesday, March 13th at 1:00pm and Thursday, March 15th at 9:30pm. Please make the time to watch this special. It will consist of interviews, the Cardinal's keynote address and Bishop Murphy's homily. Telecare can be seen on Cablevision channel 29/137 and Verizon FiOS 296 in addition to www.telecareTV.org or on the free APP available at the App Store.

It is very important that as Christians we be responsible citizens and register to vote now for the presidential election coming up in November. It is a gift that God has given us, the ability to vote and try to shape public policy that is in accord with our religious beliefs. In our Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. Even after voting, if people get into office that go directly against what we believe are Gospel values, we would have at least done our part in trying to ensure that our society lives in justice and peace. God will not judge us on the outcome of the voting. He will judge us if we choose *not* to vote and if we vote by ignoring the gospel values and vote selfishly, by whatever benefits my own wallet or lifestyle. The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. Faith helps us see more clearly the truth about human life and dignity that we also understand through human reason. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to love one another (John 13:34). Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI said in his encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), no 29, "*charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as 'social charity'*".

Once again, I want to remind everyone that the only way we can fight against President Obama trying to take away our Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience is through legislation – the creation of laws which protect our freedoms. What he is trying to do with his HHS mandate and "accommodation" is unconstitutional and affects all peoples of faith. See the bulletin flyer regarding what you can do to take action (see ***Take Action Today***).

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE ALERT: In addition to what is happening with the HHS Mandate, there is another piece of legislation that needs our immediate attention. Governor Andrew Cuomo has let it be known in his ***State of the State Address*** that he will "vigorously protect a woman's right to choose and will fight for the passage of the ***Reproductive Health Act***. *What is the Reproductive Health Act?* If passed, it will declare abortion a "fundamental right" in New York State, prohibiting even basic protections, such as parental notification, limits on government funding of abortion, and a ban on gender-selection abortions. It will allow an abortion at any time during pregnancy and allow persons other than licensed physicians to perform the procedure. For the sake of pregnant women and their unborn children, we **urge our legislators to oppose this bill**. Therefore, representatives from our Respect Life Committee are at tables in the lobby of the church today for you to sign a petition opposing this bill, which they will mail to our legislators on our behalf or you can contact the following legislators yourself:

Senator Charles Fuschillo, 188 State Street, Room 609, Legislative Bldg. Albany, NY 12247.

Phone: (518) 455-3341 or <http://www.nysenate.gov/senator/charles-j-fuschillo-jr/contact> AND

Assemblyman David G. McDonough, LOB 443, Albany, New York, 12248.

Phone: (518) 455-4633 or McDonoD@assembly.state.ny.us.

Have a blessed week walking with God.

Peace and blessings, Father Charles, Pastor

Welcome!

Our pastor, Fr. Charles Mangano, his brother priests, Fr. Augustine, Fr. Zachary Callahan, and our Pastoral Team welcome you to Curé of Ars. If you are visiting us for the first time, you are our honored guests and we pray that you will consider making Curé of Ars your church home. We are here to assist you in your spiritual growth and maturity as together we give glory to God through our worship, prayer and service in the Name of Jesus Christ. We are committed to the fullness of Roman Catholic teaching and to the promise of Salvation that the Church offers to all believers. May God accomplish a great work in you among us.

Mission Statement - The Church of the Curé of Ars is a faith-filled Long Island community formed by Scripture and Tradition, shaped by the Gospels, enlivened by the sacraments, rooted in the teachings of Christ and His Church, and marked by the living witness of our parishioners. With the power and gift of the Blessed Trinity at our center, we are a community of faith, inspired by the wisdom of our patron, St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney: *"This is our glorious duty, to pray and to love."*

- WE** strive as a faith community to love all people, respecting the dignity and worth of each person, welcoming all and excluding none.
- WE** accept our duty to respond to the spiritual, catechetical and social needs of our parish and local community.
- WE** are committed to the Spirit of Stewardship - sharing our time, talent and treasure, as witnesses of Jesus' presence in the world.

Lenten Symbols in Front of the Altar

The broken and whole pottery reminds us to bring to Jesus all the broken pieces of our lives and that only He can make us whole. Only He can make sense of the broken pieces of our lives, working all things unto the good for those who love Him. The dry, barren, leafless branches remind us we are hopeless without Christ but with a personal relationship with Christ there is hope and we bear much fruit. The glass bowl of Ashes reminds us that we started this holy season of Lent making a commitment, a conscious decision, to do all we can to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel. The three large nails serve as a reminder of the depth of God's love for us. It is His love that embraces us, sustains us, forgives us, strengthens us, and changes us. We have nothing to fear. Let nothing hold us back from opening our hearts to Him. Lastly, in the basket are the written petitions from the front lobby **Lenten Cross of Intentions**. Placed at the foot of the altar, they are prayed for at every liturgy.

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving Stewardship - A Way of Life

Tithing Income for Sunday

March 4, 2012 \$ 18,700.25

March 5, 2011 \$ 18,786.75

Kids for Kids \$ 103.00

Pastor's Comments - Thank you for your inspiring examples of generous giving and participation in the life of the parish. Because of your great faith & stewardship our parish is proclaiming the Gospel and building the reign of God. May the Lord Jesus bless you and your families in abundance. I am grateful to you for your giving of your time and your talent as well as your general financial support by tithing.

Comments on Tithing from the pews - "My husband recently lost his job so I had to find a source of income while he stayed home with the kids. Although our income is down we are managing to tithe and thank God for His goodness and ask for His assistance during these challenging times." A parishioner

Checks

For those parishioners who place checks into the weekly collection basket without an envelope, if you were able to write your envelope number on the face of the check it would make the recording of the offering an easier and faster process for our bookkeeping staff. Thank you so much.

Lenten Regulations

Weekdays of Lent: There is no obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday: are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of (1) Full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Easter Duty Obligation: After receiving First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 11th



Saturday, Mar. 10

5:00pm - Parishioners

Fr. Charles

Sunday, Mar. 11

7:30am - Ida Kinpoitner

9:30am - Donald J. Leadbetter

11:15am - John Ryan

12:45pm - Vocations, Alexandra
Richardson, John Rotchford,
Joan Koenderman, Paul
Nuzzi, Victoria Del Pilar,
Barbara Lechner, Vito &
Catherine Stabile & Family

Fr. Zachary

Fr. Augustine

Fr. Augustine

Fr. Charles

Monday, Mar. 12

6:30am - Intentions of Our Lady

9:00am - Marino & Rizzo Families

7:30pm - Lenny Manzo

Tuesday, Mar. 13

6:30am - The Unborn

9:00am - Grace & Vincent Lunati

7:30pm - Edwin Holmes, Sr.

Wednesday, Mar. 14

6:30am - Souls in Purgatory

9:00am - Vocations, Joe Sheridan,
Joseph Camisa, Pearl Rao

7:30pm - Parishioners

Thursday, Mar. 15

6:30am - Jason Jimenez

9:00am - Davey Family

Friday, Mar. 16

9:00am - Ethel Buccola

Saturday, Mar. 17

8:30am - William & Margaret Eagan

5:00pm - John Ryan

Fr. Zachary

Sunday, Mar. 18

7:30am - Parishioners

Fr. Augustine

(Deacon Joe preaching)

9:30am - Fred M. Vetere

Fr. Augustine

(Deacon Joe preaching)

11:15am - Kevin McCann

Fr. Charles

12:45pm - Vocations, St. Monica's
Parents Group, Albert Ibrahim,
Kevin Mahoney, Victoria
Del Pilar, Grace Waltonen,
James Francis Prongay, Jr.,
Florence McDermott

Fr. Zachary

2012 Mass Intention Book

If you would like to have a Mass said for your loved ones, please stop by the Rectory. The stipend for Announced Masses is \$20.00 and \$15.00 for Unannounced Masses, **exact change and / or checks will be appreciated.**

Pray for Our Sick

*Names submitted by immediate family members only
will remain on this list for 6 weeks. Thank you.*

Daniel James, Anthony Marchello, Nicholas Ripandelli,
Peter Barrere, Ronald Munson

Altar & Sanctuary Candles

*In Loving Memory of
Marie Boyle
by Kay Murphy & Family*

Rest in Peace

Kathleen Lemier-Fairhurst

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10;
Jn 3:14-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: Saint Patrick

2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Parish Goal	\$ 86,400.00
Pledges-to-Date	\$ 44,510.17
Paid-to-Date	\$ 23,514.55

Please see the bulletin flyer to make a pledge. If you want your CMA pledge to go toward the Curé of Ars goal, please write that on your pledge card and on the memo line of your check. Thank you for all your support of the parish not only with your treasure but with your time and talent as well.

Televised Sunday Mass!

In addition to 8:00am Sunday Mass on EWTN, Cable Channel 135, **televised Sunday Mass** airs on WNYW Fox 5 at 5:30am, ABC Family at 6:30am, & WLNY Channel 10/55 at 9:00am. **Sunday Mass** by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers of New York City is available nationally on local affiliates. Too early for you? Tape it, Tivo it, or watch it online. For information, see the website: www.TheSundayMass.org.

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Lee Hlavacek, 623-1400, Ext. 109
E-Mail: lhlavacek@cureofarschurch.net

Initiation

Formation

Witness

Religious Education Week in our Diocese begins today and runs through Sunday, March 18th. Each day, our classes in Grades 1-6 will be experiencing a **holy hour** for children including **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** this week. It will take place during class time in the church with Fr. Charles and Fr. Augustine. All parents are welcome to attend.

Our next **Family Liturgy** will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 18th at 9:30am Mass** and will feature our **4th Grade** students taking an active role in the liturgy as greeters, readers, gift-bearers and ushers. Please plan to join us to **celebrate our partnership in faith with refreshments and fellowship** after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, March 18th.

Curé Family Ministry

The goal of CFM is to bring members of our parish family together in a spiritual and social atmosphere.

Grade Level Family Liturgy Hospitality: after 9:30am Mass the 3rd Sunday of each month.

New Date: Dad's Night Out: Tuesday, March 13th at 7:30pm in the auditorium. Come out for a night of fun-loving family basketball!

Children's Liturgy of the Word: (CLOW) - Children K-6 are invited to participate in their own special **Liturgy of the Word** during the 9:30am Mass, on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

cYM - Curé Youth Ministry

Mary Dennis, 623-1400, Ext. 114
E-Mail: mdennis@cureofarschurch.net

High School Youth Group meets on Sunday from 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the Youth Center. All are welcome to join us.

St. Patrick's Dinner - All high school teenagers are invited to join us on Sunday 3/18, 6:00 to 8:00pm in the Youth Center for a corned beef & cabbage dinner and some wacky leprechaun games. The cost is just \$5 at the door.



Adult Faith Formation

Sunday Scripture Prayer Group - will meet Thursday, March 15th, at 7:30pm in the Rectory Lower Level for a prayerful discussion of the three readings for the upcoming Sunday with intercessory prayer.

Circle of Women: Our next meeting is Thursday, March 22nd, at 7:30pm in the Rectory Lower Level. Our book will be "The 9 Habits of Highly Effective Christians" by Victor M. Parachin. Books available at the Advent Shop in Massapequa. All are welcome. Call Regina Bakota 623-6802 for information.

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Training

If God is placing it upon your heart to serve Him at Holy Mass as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (*distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the parish family*) or Lector, then please feel free to write me a letter expressing this sentiment. The next minister training day will be Saturday, April 14th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Kellenberg High School. All ministers must be fully initiated into the faith (*having received Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and if married, a marriage recognized by the Church.*)

Father Charles

All Parish Volunteers

For the Safety and Protection of all our parish children **All Volunteers, in every ministry**, are required to complete Background Check forms (available in the Rectory) and attend VIRTUS training **before** starting in a ministry. If you are unable to register on-line, you can go to our Rel. Ed. Office in person & they will assist you. For a list of training sites, please go to the www.virtus.org website & register for the session of your choice by following the prompts. Future training dates in our area are:

Tues., 3/20	Sacred Heart, N. Merrick	7:00pm
Thurs., 3/22	Curé of Ars, Merrick	7:00pm
Tues., 4/17	Sacred Heart, N. Merrick	7:00pm



Parish Social Ministry

Lisa Hudson, 623-1400, Ext. 108
E-Mail: lhudson@cureofarschurch.net

Tax Preparation - the volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help for low to moderate income individuals and families. For additional information, contact Lisa Hudson, ext. 108.

Eat Yummy Chicken & Help Raise Money for Curé - Zorn's Chicken will donate 10% of all purchases our parishioners make during February and March directly back to Curé. Participating locations include Zorn's on Merrick Rd. in Bellmore, and on Hempstead Tpke. in East Meadow & Bethpage. For more information, contact Lisa Hudson, ext. 108.

Stewardship

It is everything we do after we say we believe

REFLECTION - "You shall not covet" is a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this realization that **all** is a gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP - We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who are making a conscious effort to simplify their lives by reprioritizing and getting back to basics.

If any of the following items pertain to you or to your family, please check the item. This information will be a great help to us. You may tear-off this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory. Thank you!

- ☐ New in parish, would like to register
- ☐ I am considering membership here, please call me
- ☐ Change of Address / update on information
- ☐ Request Weekly Collection Envelopes
- ☐ Registered, but not receiving envelopes / mailings
- ☐ Moving Out of Parish
- ☐ Need information, please phone
- ☐ New telephone number
- ☐ Family member (Name: _____) ill
- ☐ at home,
- ☐ at _____ hospital, room # _____
- ☐ and would like to receive Holy Communion.
- ☐ Preparing for Surgery would like to receive Sacrament of the Sick
- ☐ Interested in volunteering in some way, please call me.
- ☐ Other

Your Name: _____
Address: _____ Zip _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

S.E.A.S.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School

2341 Washington Avenue, Bellmore - (516) 785-5709

Basketball: Our 5th thru 8th grade Boys & Girls basketball teams had a great season. They played well/hard and it showed. Congratulations to all our athletes!!

Family Bingo Night: was a huge success! Over 250 people attended and over 15 games were played, fun was had by all. **Thank you** to all those parents who spent their day and night helping out with this event and to Jimmy Jacks in Bellmore for the delicious food.

Creative Arts Program: During March the children of St. Elizabeth's will enjoy a Creative Arts program after school on Tuesdays. This includes workshops in sports, baking, woodworking, room decorating, kick-boxing, crafts and many others. All programs are run by parents and faculty who share their time and talents with our children. Thanks to all of them for making this experience possible for the kids. They love it!!

Our Time: One of our unique offerings is a Parent & Child program called Our Time. This program offers a variety of age-appropriate activities for two or three-year-olds, such as arts and crafts, live music, story time, playtime and prayer. Classes are conducted in a well structured classroom setting and taught by Sabina Lamb, Director of Family Music, at St. Barnabas Church. Sessions meet once a week from 10:00-11:00am Monday or Wednesday. Classes will be held from September thru June at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. More information or registration is available by calling 516-781-9834. Space is limited!

Faith Direct

New Debit Date Option: As you may already know, we offer electronic giving (*Faith Direct*) in place of envelopes for the weekly offertory and other collections. Faith Direct informed us they can now accommodate two different dates each month, the 4th **or** the 15th, on which they can debit your account depending on the need and choice of the parishioner. If you are not using Faith Direct and would like to learn more about it, please log onto the parish website at - www.cureofarschurch.net and place the cursor on "Parish Information".

Congratulations

The following St. Anthony's High School students have made the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter - Leo Boccia and Haley Roberts.

Vianney Fifty-Plus Club

Wed., Apr. 4th - 1:00pm Meeting in Msgr. Leonard Hall. Speaker, Debbie Markowitz from the Nassau County Film Office.

Tues., Apr. 17th - Bus trip to Showboat Atlantic City. Cost \$15.00 per person. Call Maureen at 379-7943.

Tues., June 12th - Trip to Thimble Islands, CT. Includes boat cruise, trolley ride, museum & lunch at the Chowder Pot, Branford, Ct. Cost \$80 per person. Call Maureen at 379-7943.

Free Income Tax Preparation for Seniors by AARP. Have your federal & state income tax returns prepared by AARP-trained tax preparers. You **DON'T** have to be an AARP member. Come to the Merrick Library on Tuesdays during the tax season from 10:00am - 1:00pm. No appointment necessary.

Vianney Sunshine Club ☺ Monthly Raffle Society

Congratulations to our February winners!

President	300 shares	#002	M/M Rogan
Vice-Pres.	150 shares	#096	Helen Wilkens
Secretary	75 shares	#020	Patrick Higgins
Treasurer	75 shares	#109	Camille Morvay
Trustee	50 shares	#210	M/M Vecchione
Trustee	50 shares	#445	Rose Marino
Associate	3 mo.Ext.	#078	Vincent Accardi
Associate	3 mo.Ext.	#152	Mary Re

We had 167 members in this drawing, 3 less than last month. Five members did not renew and we had 2 new members. Thank you all. The next drawing will take place on March 26th. Good luck to all!

Shroud of Turin

A Lenten Special Presentation - the Shroud of Turin an authentic life-size replica of the Holy Shroud of Turin (the burial shroud of Jesus) will take place on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:30pm in St. Raymond Church in East Rockaway. Presenter: Donald Nohs, Associate General Director, of the Confraternity of the Passion. Opera singer Mina Woodward will sing the Divine Mercy. For directions call (516) 593-5000.

Weekly Reflection

Remembering Jesus' story - and ours - Lent is a time when we simplify our lives so we can focus on living out our faith. Liturgically, we journey with Jesus, whose mission we continue in our time and place, so we can see our lives in light of His. And we recognize that our spiritual growth comes through an encounter with Jesus, our brother and our model. But how do we discover what is asked of us? How do we discern God's invitations to us?

Like the disciples who accompany Jesus as He cleanses the Temple, we are students of life & seekers of truth. Through the disciples we are reminded of the importance of memory in our quest. John's gospel tells us that as they observe Jesus ejecting merchants, the disciples recall a certain relevant passage of Scripture. Similarly, after the Resurrection, they remember comments Jesus made here about raising a temple in three days. Through remembering, through recalling Jesus' words and actions, they discover meaning, relevance.

When we gather for Eucharist, we remember. We recall the gospel stories on which our faith is founded so that we may make connections, discern invitations. Faithful disciples, we too make sense of our lives, our actions, and our decisions through entering Jesus' story. In our remembering we perceive the interweaving of our stories with the story of God among us. We discover clarity, meaning, and our very identity as Christians and as disciples.

Sr. Ella Allen, SCIC, *Living with Christ*

Accommodations for the Disabled

Curé of Ars provides the following accommodations for people with disabilities - space for those using wheelchairs, scooters, etc., seating for those accompanying them in the last pew in the right wing of the church; a ramp and automatic doors located at this side entrance for accessibility into the Church; headsets for those who need hearing amplification; large print missalettes; and accessible restroom to the right of the lobby.



E-Mail

cureofarscya@yahoo.com

Our 4-week **Volleyball Clinic** for 4th grade girls will be held Saturday, March 17, 31, April 14 & 21 in Msgr. Leonard Hall. Sign-ups will be held the 1st day (March 17th). Time is 10:00 - 11:30am. Fee is \$25. **Boys Basketball Awards Night** will be held on Friday, March 23rd at 7:30pm in Msgr. Leonard Hall.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The season of Lent is an extraordinary moment of grace the Church is called to live every year in preparation for the Sacred Triduum. These Lenten weeks of prayer and fasting and works of charity are all pointed to the solemn holy days of the Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Friday of His Passion and Death on the Cross and then the exultant moments of proclaiming His Resurrection at the Easter Vigil and Easter Day.

What we will celebrate on those days shapes and informs what we seek to become by conversion, prayer and penance in the Lenten season. At the heart of the Cross of Jesus Christ is forgiveness and reconciliation. In fact the message of the Cross is the message that love, God's love for us, the Son's love in human form, that love is poured forth as the greatest act of forgiveness the world can ever know. God forgives us through His Son's death, a death that brings about the reconciliation of all humankind to God. Praised be Jesus Christ! Hail, O Cross, our only hope!

As we enter into the season of Lent with our eyes fixed on Jesus, I would like us all to pray for forgiveness of our own sins and pray for the conversion of the hearts and lives of us all so that we may belong more deeply to Christ, to His Church and to one another. As we examine our consciences and as we see ourselves in the light that shines forth from the Cross, I pray we may all receive the forgiveness that only a merciful Father can give us through His Son and through the Church. I pray that we all will seek the healing of our hearts and reconciliation with God that the Church offers through the great sacrament of merciful love, the sacrament of penance and reconciliation.

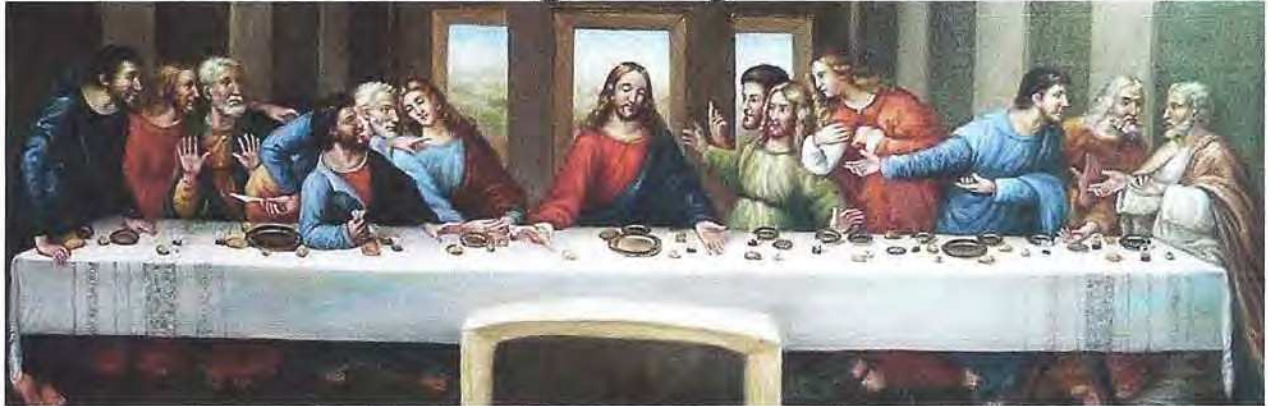
And I pray that, as we are forgiven by God, we may also forgive one another and be reconciled with one another so that, as the one Body of His Church, we may celebrate the Easter sacraments worthily and with great joy. Sister Mary Hughes, OP, Prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville, wisely shared these thoughts with consecrated women: "Forgiveness never pretends that all was well...Neither does forgiving mean that one does not speak. Make no mistake. It is wrong to have so many fractured relationships in the Church and in our world". She is right! Forgiveness and reconciliation are sorely needed in our Church and in our world. If God forgives us, we too must forgive one another. You know those whom you must forgive. You know those with whom you must be reconciled. Are they in your family? In the Church? In your neighborhood? Near or far away? Now is the time for forgiveness, now is the time for salvation.

On the Cross Jesus cried out to the Father, "Forgive them". That cry was for each and every one of us. This Lent He will whisper that same cry to each one of us: "Forgive them". As He healed a fractured world and a torn humanity making us one with God and one another, I pray we too might help heal any and every fracture in our lives by imitating Him, forgiving one another from a sincere heart, and reconciling ourselves with one another so that His cross might be not only our hope but the hope for all humankind.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

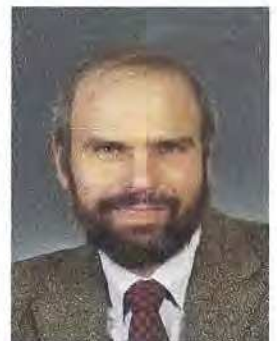
Bishop of Rockville Centre

A “Passover Seder in the Light of Christ”



Did you ever wonder why the Last Supper was at one and the same time a Passover Seder and the First Holy Mass? or Why God had Jesus be crucified on the eve of Passover? How does sacramental Judaism foreshadow the sacraments of the Catholic Church?

Experience a Jewish Passover Seder along with an explanation of its Christological significance by joining us when noted Jewish entrant into the Catholic Church Roy Schoeman (author of several books on Judaism and the Catholic Faith and frequent guest on EWTN) leads a “Passover Seder in the Light of Christ” at our parish.



**Saturday, March 24, 2012
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Msgr. Leonard Hall
Free Will Offering**

In order to properly plan this Seder, *please RSVP* by March 19th by calling the Rectory at 623-1400, x 100. Some customary foods will be part of this experience, but dinner will *NOT* be provided.

Summer Splash

It is time again to begin selling tickets for our summer splash. The winners win \$7,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000. Over the years, we have had parishioners who acted as team captains, meaning they worked at selling tickets to all their family, friends, co-workers and the businesses they frequent. We are in need of more captains. Would you consider doing this for the parish? This year, anyone who sells 10 or more tickets by May 15th will be awarded a free \$100.00 ticket (and that free ticket will be entered into the drawing) plus you will also win a free dinner at the Rectory with Fr. Charles, Fr. Zach and Fr. Augustine (you can even plan the menu). If you are interested, please call Anne Marie at 868-8475. Feel free to buy a ticket for someone in need.

St. Monica's Parent Intercessory Group

A few parishioners came to me and said they would like to start a Parent Intercessory group for their children under the patronage of St. Monica who prayed for her son, St. Augustine, for 30 years. Augustine was lost in a life of self-indulgence and sin. Her prayers brought him to God and the church and helped to lead him to a life of holiness, priesthood and sainthood. She is a powerful intercessor for us in heaven. This group is for all parents, dads, moms, grandparents, etc., and the focus is praying for children. All are welcome. They meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month 7:30pm in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

Website

As a reminder, in case you forget to pick up your weekly bulletin, it is on our Website. It also has a listing of all our upcoming events. Our web address is www.cureofarschurch.net.

Hotline Numbers

Crisis Pregnancy Center	(631) 243-2373
Post-Abortion Counseling	(631) 463-4399
or (Project Rachel)	(631) 243-0066
Pregnancy Counseling	(631) 243-2373
Domestic Violence	1-800-799-SAFE
Suicide Prevention	1-800-NEW-LIFE

Invitation Home

Feel free to invite those Catholics who have been away from the Church and the Sacraments to visit the website www.catholicscomehome.org.

Pray for Our Troops

We are interested in collecting the names of our parish family members who are actively serving in the Armed Forces. Please send the name, rank and branch of service of your family members, in writing, to the rectory so we can list their names.

Brig. Gen. John Uberti	U.S. Army
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L/Cpl. Christopher Rossi	U.S. Marine Corps
Lt. Col. John O'Grady	U.S. Army
Spc. John Donohue	U.S. Army

Schedule of Parish Groups

Choir - Youth	- Wed., 5:15pm / Church
Choir - Adult	- Wed., 7:00pm / Church
Divorced/Separated	- 3rd Tues. Rectory Lower Level
Prayer Cenacle	- 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at 8:00pm / Church
Men's Group	- 1st Thursday & 3rd Monday of the month 7:30pm/MLH
Moms' Group	- Mon., 10:00am/Youth Center
Shawl Ministry	- Every other Monday, 6:30pm in the Conference Rm.
St. Monica's Group	- 2nd & 4th Thursday / 7:30pm in the Divine Mercy Chapel
R.C.I.A.	- Thur., 7:45pm/PSM Parlor
See of Peter	- Wed., 7:45pm/PSM Parlor
Youth Ministry	- Sun., 6:00pm/Youth Center
Vianney 50+ Club	- 1st Wed. ea. month at 1:00pm (except July & August)/MLH
3rd Order of Franciscans	- 3rd Sun. ea. month/12:00pm Conference Room

2012 Lenten Events

Lenten Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 6:30am, 9:00am (Novena), 7:30pm (Novena),
Tuesday - Thursday 6:30am & 9:00am, Friday 9:00am and Saturday 8:30am.

Cross of Intentions

Starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout the Season of Lent parishioners will have the opportunity to put prayer intentions on the Wooden Cross in the Lobby of the Church. These petitions will also be prayed for during Sunday liturgies.

Lenten Morning Journey

Thursdays 3/15, 3/22 after 9:00am Mass in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 8:00pm - 3/16, 3/23,
3/30 Movie - Passion of the Christ,
4/6 - 1:30pm Outside Stations & 8:00pm Traditional Stations in the Church.

Parish Lenten Mission - "Dare to be Holy" presented by Bill Wegner.

Sunday, 3/11 - 7:30pm Mission Talk, Monday, 3/12 - Wednesday, 3/14 Mission Talk after the 9:00am Mass and at 7:30pm. Confessions will follow the Mission Talk on Tues., 3/13.

Journey, Cross & Crucifixion - Wednesday, 3/21 - 8:00pm to 10:00pm in the Church.

Jewish-Christian Seder - Saturday, 3/24 - 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the Parish Center.

Presenter - Roy Schoeman RSVP (516) 623-1400, Ext. 100.

Soup Supper

Friday, 3/30 - 6:00pm in the Parish Center followed by the movie, "The Passion of the Christ" 8:00pm in Church.

Olive Wood Carvings from Israel for Sale - Saturday/Sunday, 3/31 & 4/1
in the Youth Center after all the Masses.

Mass for Couples Trying to Conceive - Sunday, 4/1 at 1:00pm following the liturgy there will be a Special Blessing with the relic of St. Gerard Majella, the Patron of Motherhood & Fatherhood.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Every Saturday 3:45pm - 4:45pm / Every Monday after 7:30pm Novena Mass.
Tuesday, 3/13 - 8:15pm after the Mission Talk, Monday, 4/2 - 3:00pm to 9:00pm in the Divine Mercy Chapel.
Friday, 4/6 after the 3:00pm Good Friday Service &
Saturday, 4/7 - 4:00pm to 4:45pm or anytime in the Rectory by appointment.

Curé of Ars - Bereavement Ministry

The Curé of Ars "Journey of Hearts" Bereavement Team will hold a six-week session Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:30am in the Rectory Lower Level starting May 5th. Please call the Rectory at 623-1400, Ext. 175 if you would like to attend. One of the Bereavement Team members will return your call. Grief is the process of healing from the pain of loss. If you find yourself on this journey through grief, let us share our resources to get you through it, for with God all things are possible. Sharing your thoughts, feelings and experiences will help you get beyond the pain caused by the death of someone you love. The support of your faith community is so needed at this time. We will help you survive those rough changes in your life and help you to understand that the emotions you are feeling may be shared by others as well. You need not walk alone. God is with us.

☐ *No, do not publish this.*

Curé of Ars Parish Lenten Mission

“Dare To Be Holy”

Presenter: Bill Wegner

Sunday, March 11th

Monday, March 12th

Tuesday, March 13th

Wednesday, March 14th

- 7:30pm in the Church

- after the 9:00am & 7:30pm Masses

- after 9:00am Mass & at 7:30pm
with Confessions following

- after 9:00am Mass & at 7:30pm

Topic: Our Call to Holiness

Topic: Our Call to Witness

Topic: Our Call to Reconcile

Topic: Questions of Jesus

(Free Will Offering will be taken)

Founder of:

Good News International

A Catholic lay ministry



Bill Wegner is an American success story. He rose from a modest childhood to become a prosperous businessman, community leader, and elected official. Combined with a wonderful family, he seemed to have it all. Yet he was still unsatisfied. Bill came to realize that what was missing in his life was a relationship with his God. Through a major conversion he was able to finally find the peace of Jesus.

Now in full-time ministry for the last thirteen years, Bill has conducted over 300 parish missions, workshops and conferences throughout the United States, Ireland, and Central America.

He is the founder and president of Good News International, a Catholic lay ministry, which was nominated in 2001 for the Pope Pius VI Evangelization Award by the National Catholic Conference for Evangelization (NCCE) in Washington, DC.

Bill is also the founder of “Celebrating Our Catholic Faith Tent Revival” held each year in Monmouth County, New Jersey. He and his wife, Cheryl, are the co-administrators of the Good News School of Evangelization. He has also been a featured guest on EWTN, “The Abundant Life”. Bill echoes Pope John Paul II as he reminds us of our baptismal call to “Dare to be Holy”, which is also the title of his recently published book.

Bill and Cheryl are the proud parents of four children and the very proud grandparents of seven grandsons and three granddaughters.

Come Celebrate & Rejoice

**Father Augustine's Silver Jubilee
25 Years of Priesthood**



Date:

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Time/Place:

5:00pm Mass in Church

6:30pm-11:00pm Reception in

Parish Center

***Buffet Dinner and soft drinks will be provided
BYOB (Bring Your Own "Alcoholic" Beverage)***



RSVP by April 14, 2012

Limited to 350 People

In lieu of gifts, please feel free to make a donation which will go directly towards building a House in India, per Father Augustine's request. Please make checks payable to Curé of Ars Church, and in the memo line please write "House in India."

**To reserve your seat(s) please return the tear-off below to the:
Curé of Ars Rectory, 2323 Merrick Ave., Merrick, NY 11566
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Silver Jubilee Form



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Attending _____ Adults (11 & up) _____ Children (10 & under) _____

Tickets will be mailed to you

Take Action Today

We urgently need legislation to correct President Obama's mandate, even his amended mandate, with its threat to religious liberty and conscience rights. ***The Respect for the Rights of Conscience Act*** has recently been introduced in Congress to ensure that those who participate in the market for health insurance ***"retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions."*** We need to contact our Senators and Representatives to urge them to pass this important legislation.

When contacting our Senators refer to bill number: S. 1467 and when contacting our Representatives refer to bill number: H.R. 1179.

Here are the local and Washington, DC phone numbers for the Senators and Representatives who represent all of us who live in New York State.

1. **Senator Kristen Gillibrand**
New York Phone Number - (212)688-6262
Washington, DC Phone Number - (202)224-4451
E-Mail <http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact>
2. **Senator Charles Schumer**
New York Phone Number - (212)486-4430
Washington, DC Phone Number - (202)224-6542
E-Mail <http://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact>
3. **Representative Peter King**
New York Phone Number - (516)541-4225
Washington, DC Phone Number - (202)225-7896
E-Mail <http://www.peteking.house.gov>
4. **Representative Carolyn McCarthy**
New York Phone Number - (516)739-3008
Washington, DC Phone Number - (202)225-5516
E-Mail <http://www.carolynmccarthy.house.gov>

Please pray ardently that wisdom and justice will prevail and that religious liberty will be restored. Also, visit www.usccb.org/conscience to learn more about this severe assault on Religious Liberty.

Below is an example of a message you might send by mail, e-mail or phone:

"Please co-sponsor and support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act. ***(If contacting your Senators, refer to bill number S. 1467 and for your Representatives H.R. 1179)*** The Obama administration's decision to mandate coverage of sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that can cause an abortion, makes passage of this measure especially urgent. Please ensure that the religious liberty and conscience rights of all participants in our nation's health care system are respected."

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE ALERT

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT **S.2524 (Klein)/S.2844 (Stewart-Cousins)/A.6112 (Glick)**

While it is hoped that, on the federal level, the infamous Roe v. Wade decision will soon be overturned by the Supreme Court, the fact is that legal decisions regarding abortion will then just return to the sovereign states. Many of us can remember a time when New York State was known as the "Abortion Capital of the World" because it was the first state to legalize abortion and make it a big and lucrative business.

The REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT will declare abortion a "fundamental right" in New York State, prohibiting even basic protections, such as parental notification, limits on government funding of abortion and a ban on gender-selection abortions. It will allow abortion at any time during pregnancy and allow persons other than licensed physicians to perform the procedure.

For the sake of pregnant women and their unborn children, we urge our legislators to oppose this bill.

How to Oppose?

Contact **Senator Charles Fuschillo**

188 State Street, Room 609
Legislative Bldg. Albany, NY 12247
Telephone (518) 455-3341

<http://www.nysenate.gov/senator/charles-j-fuschillo-jr/contact>

and

Assemblyman David G. McDonough

LOB 443
Albany, NY 12248
Telephone (518) 455-4633

McDonoD@assembly.state.ny.us

Why the Urgency? Governor Andrew Cuomo has let it be known in his State of the State address that he will "vigorously protect a woman's right to choose and will fight for passage of the Reproductive Health Act".

Curé of Ars

Youth Ministry



Diaper Drive

Please help our Youth Group as we collect Diapers
(all sizes), Baby Wipes and Pull Ups.

Donations can be left in the Church Vestibule,
Youth Center or the Rectory.

Collection Dates: Sundays, March 18th & 25th

Thank You for your support!

The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to Belong More Deeply as we care for God's People and help those in need



The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps support Parish Outreach Programs that serve more than 100,000 people in need each year by providing food, clothing, emergency fund support, and advocacy services.

Susan shared her story of how she was helped by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Susan, a Registered Nurse, became disabled and unable to work. Shortly after, her husband of many years left and she became the sole supporter of their children. Susan felt hopeless and didn't know where to turn. Praying for guidance at Mass one Sunday, Susan saw a story about the outreach program in the Parish bulletin. The outreach program was an answer to her prayers. *"They have helped my children and me in so many ways, never judging — being there like a family would be. Without this program we wouldn't have survived — they even helped to pay for Religious Education — so that my children could know what God is all about. God is about Love and they need to know that God is there for them and that people besides their family love them too."*

Parish and Catholic Charities food programs have seen an increase in requests for help by 35-40% over the last year.

Please consider donating to the Appeal in order to help those in need. Thank You!

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