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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MAY 13- 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHER'S DAY**

- 6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish
- 8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
- 9:30 Anne Tibbe
- 11:00 Book of the Faithful Departed
- 12:30 Irene Brennan
- 5:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 6:30 Polish Mass

**MONDAY: MAY 14—St. Matthias, Apostle**

- 8:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 12:00 Joseph Piazza
- 7:00 Barbara Amuso
- 7:30 Devotions (Novena)

**TUESDAY: May 15- St. Isidore, the Worker**

- 8:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 12:00 In Honor of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Mother
- 7:00 Jose Zulueta

**WEDNESDAY: May 16—Easter Weekday**

- 8:00 Vera Nielsen
- 12:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 7:00 Jack Ambrosio

**THURSDAY: MAY 17—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

- 8:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 12:00 Eva Pesa & Juliana Domjo
- 5:00** Pat Miller
- 7:00 Minnie D'ellaria

**FRIDAY: May 18—Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

- 8:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 12:00 Peggy Cullen
- 7:00 Louise LaMorte

**SATURDAY: May 19—Easter Weekday**

- 8:00 Francis Kelly
- 9:00 Mother's Day Novena
- VIGIL MASS -**
- 5:00 Immaculata DeMarco

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*



*Mission Statement*

“Trusting in God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and, motivated by Christ’s Life, Death and Resurrection, we, the people of God, under the protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, accept as our mission, the evangelization of our parishioners both active and inactive. We accept the call to bring all to a personal, Covenant relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior, to live the Paschal Mystery and to promote the spiritual health and growth of everyone in our parish community.”

*- The OLPH Pastoral Council*

*Altar Wine*

*In Memory of*

*Mary Fazio*

*Requested by*

*Joan & Sam Mangieri*





**From the Pastor's Desk**

"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts". --Washington Irving

# A Blessed Mother's Day

~ Not just today on this Mother's Day ~  
But with each remembrance  
Of the love she's expressed  
My thankfulness to the Lord I've professed

For my life began  
In a warm and safe place  
Then grew more secure in Mom's tender embrace

When I was little  
She taught me to crawl  
Then to walk and run, and get up when I fall

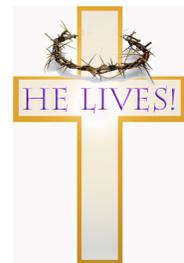
Nurtured and cared for  
She raised me to stand  
Lifted, supported, by her loving hand

She believed in me  
Inspired me to dream  
Nothing was impossible for me, it seemed

It was her example  
That pointed the way  
To the life in Christ I know today

My mom, I love her  
On this Mother's Day  
She's the reason I'm taking this moment to pray

My mom, I love her  
Let her know, dear Lord  
Please bless her with the most abundant reward  
--Mary Fairchild



*May God +bless you, and yours, today and forever.*

*Father Anthony*

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**Second Time:**

*Patrick Matyja & Jennifer Scatorchio*

**First Time:**

*John E. Connolly (St. Joseph's, Babylon) & Sacha Acuna (OLPH)*

*Jason Segesto & Christine Vano (OLPH)*



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

*Deborah Semendinger  
Walter Borowicz  
Leah Ettinger  
Peter Farranto, Jr.*

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

*Catherine Troiano  
Christopher Moran  
Iris Kraft  
Marie Jenne Sniado*

**Baptisms**

*Sebastian Goralczyk*

Dear God,

We place our worries in Your hands and ask that You restore Your servant to health again.



We ask you, O God, to be our quiet strength and consolation



We Welcome you, with love, to our parish family!

We have had 45 Baptisms so far in 2012.

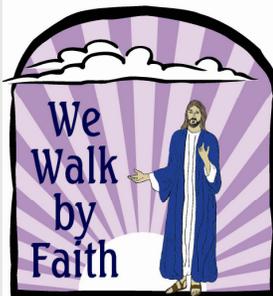


As Christian Stewards in Today's World, We "Walk by Faith."

May 13, 2012 — 5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself—my skills and talents, my time and resources—will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek out new opportunities to share their gifts to serve through parish ministries such as Pre-Cana and baptismal Preparation.



**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

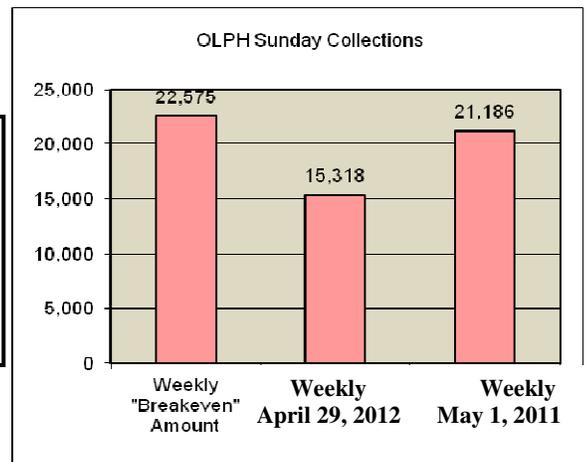
Your Parish Finance Council has suggested that this simple bar graph be added to our weekly bulletin to illustrate the gap between the Sunday collection and the amount needed to achieve a balanced parish budget. Since the beginning of our fiscal year, September 1, 2011, we have experienced a weekly shortfall in collections. It is urgent that we begin to reverse this trend.

**OUR PARISH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH  
DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY**

All envelopes must have your account number and offering amount indicated in order for your account to be credited (for taxes) those weekly and special donations. Separate checks in each envelope, please.

The account number, after the #267, is located under the date. Remember you must be registered (filled out an information card) in the parish in order to receive envelopes. Thank you.

**PLEASE HELP CLOSE THE GAP!**



PARISH NEWS

- **Today, Sunday, May 13** the 8am Mass is for the members of the **Holy Name Society** and they will be outside the doors of the Church to help with the Pro Life Mother's Day Carnation Sale. Please stop by and help their cause.
- There will be a **second collection next weekend, May 19 & 20** for the **Catholic Communication Campaign** which supports a wide variety of media projects that spreads the gospel message and connects communities and individuals to their faith and to the Church.
- **Applications** for **Catholic Sports Camp** to be held at OLPH **July 23-27**, from 9am—1pm, can be picked up at the rectory. The Sports Camp is open to all Elementary School children in Kindergarten & up. *There is a \$5 discount on application fees if received by May 30th!* Contact: Terry Hirten 631-957-6069 for more information.
- **The OLPH Community of Praise Prayer Group** meets Tuesday evenings at 7:45pm in the Convent Meeting Room. Please enter through the front Convent door. *All are welcome.*
- **Golden Age Society Meeting**—Thursday, **May 17** from 12-3pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. New members welcome.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** To our May "1000 Club" Winners:

<p>\$1000— <b>M &amp; J Doyle</b>          \$250— <b>Lance &amp; Carolyn Ninomiya</b>          \$150— <b>Tonia Murphy</b>          \$100— <b>Dorothea McCowan</b></p>
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**Do You Have a Green Thumb?** We are looking for volunteers to *help plant flowers around the church, school and convent grounds.* If interested, please call Debbie @ 957-0765 or email your name and contact phone number to **OLPHFAMILYLIFE@aol.com**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, **May 20**, at 7:30pm. the **St. Agnes Cathedral Music Series** concert will feature music from Vienna - Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. Rockville Centre's own *Shore Symphony and the Diocesan Choir* with works by Mozart soprano *Christina Franco*. Conductor **Michael Wustrow** will lead the choir and orchestra, and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, conducted by South Shore Symphony Conductor *Scott Jackson Wiley*. \$15 adults, \$10 student/senior. For information contact the Cathedral music office at 516.764.9578 or go to [www.stagnescathedral.org](http://www.stagnescathedral.org).
- **15th Annual St. Ignatius Loyola Golf Classic**— 9:30 am through 7pm dinner buffet **May 29** at The Woodlands, Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course. Payments are due by May 13. Please contact St. Ignatius Loyola, in Hicksville, for details (516) 931-0056.
- Seminary of the Immaculate Conception **Master of Arts in Theology Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies** Summer Semester: June 18 – 26, Offering 3-credit courses and 4 or 5-day, 1-credit (option) *Workshop* Contact – Academic Office 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743 **631-423-0483 x 112 or x 147 – [www.icseminary.edu](http://www.icseminary.edu)**
- **Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy**—provided by NYS licensed therapists available to our parish and 102 other parishes. Services provided by Catholic Counseling Center. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments: call Dr. Giuliani 631-243-2503 or go to our website [thecatholiccounselingcenter.com](http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com).
- **THE 2013 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN ON OR ABOUT JULY 10— THE EXACT DATE WILL BE PUBLISHED AT THE APPROVAL OF OUR NEW PASTOR!**

***Readings for the Week—May 13—May 19, 2012: Mother's Day***

***Sunday, May 13: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17***

***Monday, May 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17***

***Tuesday, May 15: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11***

***Wednesday, May 16: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15***

***Thursday, May 17: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20***

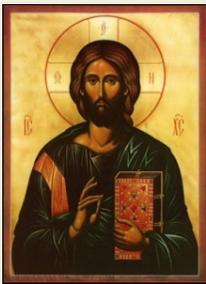
***Friday, May 18: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:2-23***

***Saturday, May 19: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28***



**Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings: May 13, 2012 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17**



What is love?

For many of us, our immediate reaction to the word invokes thoughts of romance or even of sugar coated feelings toward our loved one — our family and our friends- but in today's readings we are reminded that love is not just a feeling. Real, true love — whether it's directed toward one's spouse, one's children or other family members, or toward one's friends — is a choice. It is a choice that results (necessarily so) in self-giving action. Loving one another means giving of ourselves for the good of the other.

Simply put, it means doing what Jesus did.

“In this way, the love of God was revealed to us: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him. In this is love” (second reading).

In reality that is not simple at all. It involves utter self-sacrifice. It involves putting others before ourselves (a very hard thing to do especially in a society that emphasizes personal happiness and selfishness above all else). But loving one another — real, self-giving love — is what Christian discipleship is all about. We are called to love. And when we do, when we live our lives out of love for one another, when the things we do, the way we use our time, our talents, and our treasure is driven by our love for our fellow men, we are more fulfilled as human beings. We follow Christ's example. And, indeed, we give glory to the Lord.

“Jesus said to His disciples, ‘As the Father has loved me so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love... I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete’” (Gospel).

Keeping God's commandments, then, means not only “do this and don't do that” according to the words of the Ten Commandments. It involves living our lives out of self-giving love for one another.

Jesus tells us that each one of us has been called by name to live this noble calling. It is as real for us as it was for Jesus Himself. He was called by the Father, sent to give of Himself in love of us — even to the point of death — and we are called to do the same.

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain... This I command you: love one another” (Gospel).

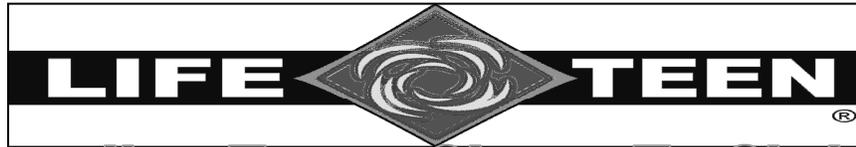
Ponder for just a few moments the amount of love it took, the utter sacrifice it took, and the pure selflessness that was required of Christ to give of Himself as He did. It is phenomenal. No doubt, it was exceptionally hard. He even begged the Father, “Let this cup pass me by.” But, in selfless love, Christ surrendered to the Father's will and died for love of us. And His death and resurrection have born great fruit — breaking the chains of sin and death and offering us life everlasting.

Likewise, when we give of ourselves as Christ has called us to do, that self-giving bears great fruit — making others feel loved, showing others the love Christ has for them, and making us more fulfilled human beings.

Of course, for most of us, this call to live a life of love does not involve a martyr's death. More commonly, it involves the complete and selfless giving of our time, talent, and treasure on a daily basis, a gift of self that, though a lot less gruesome than Christ's death, is oftentimes quite hard itself.

Be assured. Hard though it may be, giving ourselves in love for one another bears great fruit. It is an act of love that we will never regret.

Let us, therefore, follow Christ's example and answer His call, making self-giving love our way of life.



## Leading Teens Closer To Christ

**Pray, pray a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners. Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace in the world!**

**-Our Lady of Fatima**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!**

**Thank you to all of our Mom's who put up with our craziness, messiness, and love us anyway! And of course our Blessed Mother! Hail Mary! Where would we be without you interceding for us always? Today spend some time in prayer with your mom. There is no Life Night today!**

***Next week- Life Night- Trust***

**Guys Night- Friday, May 18th at 7:30pm in the Life Teen Office. YOU HAVE THE STUMP!**

**Life Teen Car Wash Sunday May 20th from 8am till 2pm in the school parking lot. Cars \$10 vans/trucks \$15. Please come and support the Life Teen Program!**

**Stay tuned for more events [www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com](http://www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com)**

**Are you in 8th - 12th grade? Bored on Sunday nights? Come to the Life Teen mass and our Life Night that starts at 6:15 in the convent basement. You won't be sorry, we have a group of 25-30 teens each week growing closer to Christ and making tons of friends along the way. Each week we have a different activity and theme, Summer BBQ's, and a retreat every year. Come once and I guarantee you will be hooked! Contact Brittany or Tom at [OLPHLifeteen1@gmail.com](mailto:OLPHLifeteen1@gmail.com)**

**Are you an adult 20-35 interested in leading our teens closer to Christ and being an active part in our community here at OLPH? We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to apply please contact Brittany or Tom at [OLPHLifeteen1@gmail.com](mailto:OLPHLifeteen1@gmail.com)**



The Edge is for all middle school age kids – no matter where you go to school—this is the place for you! We meet in the basement of the Convent. Look for the blue door on the south side of the Convent. We meet from 7:30 til 8:45 pm. It's a great place to come, hang out, play great games and learn about our faith.

**Just come on down, no need to sign up!**

**Tuesday, May 29th. May 29th is a *Glow-in-the-dark night!***

Any 5th graders who would like to join us are also invited to come to Edge!

Open to anyone in 6th, 7th and 8th grade! No cost!

Just let us know you'll be here so we can plan food!

Email [olphedge@gmail.com](mailto:olphedge@gmail.com) or call 226-6239 and leave message to let us know you'll be here!

Any questions call and leave a message for Peggy.



# SUPERMARKET BINGO

**FRIDAY, May 25th**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

BINGO WILL START AT 7 PM

cost: **\$7 per person** & includes:

Bingo paper package, door prizes  
coffee & cake.....plus

**LARGE & SUPER SWEEPSTAKES -PLUS A 50/50**

All are welcome!

call Carol—631 592-8697 for information



HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
210 South Wellwood Avenue  
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2012 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Holy Name Society is open to the men of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. Our goal is to honor the Holy Name of Jesus and promote the public profession of our faith.

**JOIN US! GET INVOLVED!**

If you are interested in belonging to the Holy Name Society or renewing your current membership, please fill in the membership form printed below. You may mail this application and dues payment to the address listed below or drops it off at our monthly meeting.

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST DIRECT MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Check To: O.L.P.H. Holy Name Society

Note: As your receipt, you will receive a paid Holy Name Membership Card.

For additional information, call Jerry Cunningham at 631-226-1581 or

Email: [www.jerrybettycunningham@yahoo.com](mailto:www.jerrybettycunningham@yahoo.com)

Mail to: Jerry Cunningham  
2 East Lido Promenade  
Lindenhurst NY, 11757

## 50's Sock Hop To Celebrate Armed Forces Day



Date: Saturday May 19, 2012 Time: 8:00PM till Midnight  
K of C Council 794 : 400 S. Broadway, Lindenhurst, NY

Includes

- Heros and Trimmings at each Table
- Tap Beer, Wine and Soda
- Coffee and Dessert

Cost: \$25 per Person

For Tickets and Info, contact: Mike 631-560-0451,  
Bill 631-988-3068 or the  
Reservation Office 631-226-3240

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Home Association

### PARISH SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

#### MONTH 2 – Developing Baby – “I can jump!”

Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week.



A word from Pope John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion:

*“Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope... The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”*  
(The Gospel of Life, no. 99)



All are invited to participate in the  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help May Crowning**  
**Sunday, May 20th following the 9:30 a.m. Family Liturgy.**  
 We will process from the church to the Blessed Mother statue located on the front lawn of the rectory and crown Mary. Following the prayer ceremony, please join us for a **free hospitality breakfast** in the Parish/School cafeteria.  
**We especially invite all the First Holy Communion children to be part of this special ceremony.**

*(Please wear your First Holy Communion attire).*

For information, please contact [OLPHFAMILYLIFE@aol.com](mailto:OLPHFAMILYLIFE@aol.com) or  
 Debbie McDonough Family Life Coordinator @ 957-0765

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Grade 7 - Religion-**Students created mantles at their *Confirmation* preparation Mass which takes place on **May 23, 2012** at 9:00. Each student cut out letters displaying the name of the patron saint which he/she chose for Confirmation. They also selected symbols of the Holy Spirit for his/her mantle. This project reaffirms their connection with their chosen saints and their connection with the Holy Spirit.



**Grade 2 -** On Saturday, **May 5, 2012**, the Second Grade students of OLPH School received their *First Holy Communion*. The mass was special and the children sang beautifully!



**Chaminade High School Honor Roll**

Christopher J. Gaudino

**Holy Trinity Diocesan High School Honor Roll**

Dominic Pizzuco Meaghan Lynch Samantha Novak

**Kellenberg High School Honor Roll**

Lisa Abramski

Marykate Bayley

Catherine Brennan

Colleen Hehir

Elizabeth McAlvin

Kaitlyn McAlvin

Jacqueline Ortiz

Matthew Seaman



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul : "WE HELP PEOPLE"**

CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, SHELF-STABLE MILK, POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEATS, INST. COFFEE JELLY, 1LB. BOXES SUGAR, JAR TOMATO SAUCE, CANNED MEALS WITH MEAT, RICE, ALL TYPES OF JUICES, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOOS, SOAPS, TOILET TISSUE, PAPER TOWELS.

*In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "this is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you."*

***By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.***

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is located at 272 South Wellwood Ave.

The office is open: **Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 am—12 noon.** Call 631-225-5531.

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*understanding the basics ▪ defending a right*

## *Threatened: America's Unique Model (2 of 7)*

Writing recently in *America* magazine, Harvard Law Professor Mary Ann Glendon noted that in the United States, "Citizens of all faiths have long taken for granted the unique model of religious freedom that has enabled the nation's diverse religions to flourish and to coexist in relative harmony." How true. Certainly on Long Island, where believers from every tradition live side-by-side, we can quickly overlook the gift of religious freedom that is ours. We can take for granted its splendor and forget the impact it has in shaping our nation and community.

Undoubtedly, America's greatness is built upon hard work and daring. But there is more to the country than sweat and courage. Its greatness stems from the fact that people are free to be themselves, free to live life according to the dictates of their conscience. America's proud heritage of religious freedom, though not always appreciated, has given the country a firm foundation. It has enabled people to be themselves and contribute that greatest gift—their total self, faith included—to the life of the nation.

Presently, however, Professor Glendon sees this vital freedom, so crucial to American life, as endangered. She warns, "Recent legal and political developments...suggest that the first freedom in our First Amendment may be en route to becoming a lesser right—one that can be easily overridden by other rights, claims and interests." Our first freedom is being reduced from the fullness it had in the eyes of our founders to freedom of worship. Freedom of conscience is being left behind. Two examples of this pattern stand out. They directly impact the charitable work of the Church:

In recent years, Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the state of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the work of providing adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit or same-sex couples.

Notwithstanding years of excellent performance by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require the Church to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.

In both circumstances, by curtailing the robustness of our religious liberty and impinging on our freedom of conscience, America's heritage of religious freedom is threatened. Unfortunately, these two instances are part of a bigger trend. More recently, and in an unprecedented manner, the federal government issued a mandate concerning contraception and sterilization which again threatens to limit our cherished first freedom.

*"As a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail and religious liberty may be restored."*

**BISHOP WILLIAM MURPHY**

## PRAYER

*Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).*

*We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*