

We come together as a community of faith to celebrate with praise and joy!

The Celebration of the Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 PM and Eve of Holydays 4:00-5:00 PM in the Church

Anytime by appointment-please call and speak with a priest.

On Becoming A Catholic

R.C.I.A. welcomes those interested in becoming a Catholic and/or anyone seeking to further their education in the Catholic Faith. Please leave your name and telephone number at the Rectory Office.

Parish Membership

All new families and individuals are welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the rectory when you move into our community so that we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here to serve your needs, to share your joy, and to help lighten your burdens.

Sacrament of Baptism

Communal Celebrations of Baptism are on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Beginning as of Sept 25th, 2016 All arrangements for Baptism must be made at the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

The Sacrament is celebrated on: Fridays: to be arranged.
Saturdays: 10:30 AM, 12:30 and 2:30PM

Sundays: to be arranged. Arrangements must be made by personal appointment with one of the priests. Couples should make an appointment with the priest at least six months to a year in advance of the marriage date. Nuptial Masses as well as ceremonies are available on Friday and Saturday. Ceremonies only are available on Sunday.

Marriage Preparation Program at OLM

All engaged couples who plan to get married in the Catholic Church are required to complete **Pre Cana Program**. Our Program is offered twice a year. The Fall program meets once a week for 4 weeks: and the Spring program runs for an entire weekend. FOCCUS, a communication study, is administered twice a year and is required for all couples.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament for the seriously ill and elderly can be arranged by contacting one of the priests or at any time in an emergency. The Sacrament is also celebrated communally during the year.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Parish priests and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the rectory to arrange for home visitation

Pastoral Council Members

Raymond Badra

Nick Perrotta

Timothy Snee

Donna Varney

To contact: pastoralcouncil@olmrcc.com

Parish Finance Committee

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Susan Bennett



Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us

Masses for the Week

Monday, April 17,
 Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
 7:00 AM Mary Jaklitsch
 9:00 AM Tricia Neitzel
 Helen Mancuso
 Elliot Meeker



Tuesday, April 18,
 Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
 7:00 AM Fam. Of Richard R. Guevara
 9:00 AM Catherine & Frank Brogan
 Maura Collins (Liv Sick)
 Bride Coughlin (Liv Sick)

Wednesday, April 19,
 Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
 7:00 AM Mary Murry
 9:00 AM Jack Chiparo
 George Motchkavits
 Dawn Culleary

Thursday, April 20,
 Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
 7:00 AM
 9:00 AM Joseph Jacovino
 Filomena Battista
 Jillian Lambert

Friday, April 21,
 Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
 7:00 AM Unda Dunne
 9:00 AM Jennifer McAvoy
 Helen Zanfandino
 William Heenan

Saturday, April 22,
 Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
 8:00 AM Gerard Mayer
 Anna Paolilli
 Livio Merlin
 Ellen Fourman
 Paul Manetta

4:30 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, April 23,
 Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
 7:30 AM George Emmel
 9:00 AM Irena Zavada (1st Ann)
 10:30 AM Katherine & James McDade
 12:00 PM John Dillon Brown (1st Ann)
 5:30 PM Robert Groenert



**Loving Memory— You Rest In Peace—
 Concetta DeVito,**
 the unborn and the victims of natural
 disasters throughout our country and the
 world.

Remember Our Sick Mary Lou Haggerty, Christine
 Henry, Grace DeSalvo, Christine Oploj, Marge
 Heenan, Peter Manetta, Frank Blank, Thomas
 Dunleavy, William Kranak, Rose Hartmann, Elaine
 Marzoli, Anna Raheb, Charles Mastroini

Long Term Illness: Please pray for our war
 casualties, all our sick, their caretakers, especially Sr.
 Joanne Deegan, Sr. Patricia O’Connell, Frances &
 Anthony Linoli, Vincent Perrone, Olivia Mannion,
 Louis Venditto, Gerry McNamee, Allison Miller,
 Sebastian DeLuca, Adrian Keenan, John Pascullo,
 John O’Sullivan, Ada Azua, John Lombardi and all
 homebound and in nursing homes.

WEEK OF APRIL 16th TO APRIL 22ND, 2017



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BANNS OF MARRIAGE

THIRD TIME

**Jose Castillo - St. Martin of Tours & Allison Ma-
 rie Amato St. Martins of Tours**

**Joseph Andrei Char—St. Michael’s Flushing, &
 Chen I. Chen - Flushing**

Mario Fazzari - OLM & Theresa Tattoli—OLM



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In the silence before the sun rose on that third day. Before the roosters crowed at the mornings first light. In the soft cool stillness before most of life stirred from its slumber. In a small garden plot amidst the memorials to loved ones long past, Jesus the only Son of God, who only hours before poured out his love for us by accepting our most cruel punishment; rose triumphantly from the dead and changed human destiny forever. How blessed are we to have such a savior?! Alleluia! He truly is Risen!

Happy Easter to you all! May the joy of the Lord's resurrection enlighten your hearts and minds to the depth of God's love for each of you!

I hope that you were able to join us at one of our celebrations this Holy Week. I never cease to be amazed at the beauty of our celebrations! I know this is due to the very hard work of our staff and our merry band of volunteers who put in many hours preparing. Thank you to each of you: To our Ushers and Music Makers, our Altar Servers and Lectors, to our Decorators and Cleaners, our Ministers of the Eucharist. To all the many, many people who give their time and talent to make these Holy Days so special: My brother priests and I, and Sisters and Pastoral Staff say - THANK YOU! You make our love shine through!

Thank you to all of you who so generously support our parish. Your financial dedication and care make all of the good things that take place here possible. Thank you believing in the mission of Our Lady of Mercy in bringing Jesus to others.

To all of you whether visitor, parishioner, friend or neighbor; May the Glory of the resurrection and God's profound love for you be felt in your heart this Easter and may that love fill you with unbounded joy!

God Bless you!
Fr. Steve

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us

On Stewardship Spirituality

Living Stewardship

Accountability

Sacrificial Giving Offertory

Weekly Offering:

Due to publishing constraints we are not able to provide this information now. Please check here after Easter for an update.

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

~We are an Easter People

Alleluia is Our Song ~

The time from the Resurrection to Pentecost is the Easter Season.

It is a time to exult in God's goodness.

How will you spend the 50 days of Easter?

Live them deliberately.

Exult in the goodness of our God.

He has turned death into New Life.

He has broken the chains of sin.

Go ahead, Celebrate!

"He commissioned us to preach to the people, and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." — Acts 10:42-43

It is Easter! Lent is over—and it certainly has been a crash course in Stewardship Spirituality. The challenge is to celebrate this Easter Season with the same introspection, prayerfulness and service to others as we have spent the last 40 days. How will you spend these next 50 days of Easter?

Celebrate Easter—Christ is Risen!

Easter is the greatest celebration of the liturgical year. It is the Paschal Mystery, Jesus's suffering, death and resurrection, which gained for us everlasting life.

However, because it does not have much commercial appeal, Easter is downplayed by our culture and media. We do not celebrate Jesus's death and resurrection with colorful lights, Easter carols or inflatable crosses in the yard. Many pass Easter off as just another excuse to eat lots of candy—like Halloween. Easter today seems more closely associated with celebrating spring, rather than Jesus's suffering, death and resurrection. However, as Christians, we should be celebrating Easter more than any other holy day.

It is human nature to avoid hearing or reading about suffering and death, even if it is for our salvation. But we can't have Easter without Good Friday. The Church gives us 40 days of Lent to prepare ourselves to fully celebrate Easter and live lives as followers of Christ. And the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter certainly is a reason to celebrate and rejoice.

During Lent—and every day of our lives—we are called to live as true disciples of Christ and stewards of his gifts. Throughout the year, we are called to use our time to build our relationship with God through prayer. We are called to use our talents and skills in service to others. Finally, we are called to share our material possessions, returning a portion of our treasure back to God in gratitude. Lent is a 40 day crash course in how to live the Stewardship life. Now we have 50 days of Easter to continue, deepen that understanding and be filled with the Spirit.



Every Mass is Easter. At every Mass, we celebrate *and participate* in the Paschal Mystery of Christ and receive him in the Eucharist as his apostles did at the Last Supper. Every Sunday should cap a week during which, like Lent, we used our time in prayer, offered our talents in service to others, and gave of our treasure. *Attending Mass each week should be as important as attending Mass on Easter Sunday.*

As we move from Lent to Easter, ask yourself if you are truly using your gifts in service to others. Do you view attending Mass as an obligation, or as the opportunity to continue to celebrate Easter? Let's use the Easter Season—these next 50 days to examine our lives and place God at the center of it. And see every day as an opportunity to sacrificially and spiritually prepare for the **weekly** celebration of Easter.

~Email us at SerenaOnStewardship@gmail.com for more on Stewardship!



Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us



Our Lady of Mercy School
Faith ~ Academics ~ Service



The administration, faculty, staff, and students of Our Lady of Mercy School share this prayer with you during this Easter season.

Easter Prayer

God our Father, the resurrection of Your Son
 has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people
 in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
 the will to want to do it,
 the courage to undertake it,
 the perseverance to continue to do it,
 and the strength to complete it.

source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book



HE IS RISEN



**TGIF
 Winners**

- April 14: \$100 - McIntyre Family (Grade 7)
- \$75 - Schelp Family (Kindergarten, Grade 3)
- \$50 - Miss Caputo (Our Lady of Mercy School)

**Committed to educating students to become Christ Centered, Academically Strong,
 Christian and Servant Leaders, Responsible Citizens**

Our Lady of Mercy School thanks you for your continued financial and prayerful support.

Parish Services

Serving with Mercy

Mary Anne Scott

Blessed Easter to all in Our Lady of Mercy Parish Family!

As you say grace before your Easter dinners, please remember to include a prayer for those who are struggling with the crosses they have been given to carry: unemployment, serious physical or mental illness, addictions, homelessness and isolation. How can we help to lighten the burden of those crosses? **Pope Francis explains that, *The cross of Christ invites us to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer, who are in need of help, who need a word or a concrete action . . . Meditations on the Stations***

Thank you to the parishioners of all ages who served others this Lent by performing corporal works of mercy as they donated beautiful Easter baskets for children served by our food pantry, donated hams, turkeys and other food for Easter dinner or to restock our pantry, prepared Easter cards for the homebound or made monetary donations that allow us to help families with emergency needs.

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the collections taken up at all the masses on Ash Wednesday. The collection amounted to \$7,465. and was donated to Parish Services to help fund our ministry of serving our neighbors in need. This donation replenishes our funds which were very low as we had provided \$6,084 in emergency assistance from January - April 2017.

Clean Out Your Closets by Donating Prom Gowns and Accessories

The LI Volunteer Center is collecting **new and gently used prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses and accessories** (including shoes, evening bags and costume jewelry) for the **23rd Annual Prom Boutique**. All the dresses and accessories are distributed free of charge to girls from LI families who cannot easily afford the expenses of prom and graduation dresses.

**Donations can be dropped off on Sunday, April 23 from 11am-1pm at this local collection site:
Somerset Gardens Senior Living, 150 Sunnyside Blvd., Plainview**

Memorial Donations

If you are looking for a way to honor the life of a friend or family member for a birthday or anniversary or express sympathy, consider a memorial donation in any amount to Parish Services. Cards acknowledging the donation are available at Parish Services or can be mailed directly to the family.

Donations such as these make it possible for us to provide emergency financial assistance to families in our community. Monetary donations to Parish Services were used to purchase \$2,500 worth of ShopRite gift cards in \$25 denominations which were distributed to families to supplement the foods available in our food pantry this Easter.

Food Pantry needs: Pancake mix, cereal, toothpaste & shampoo. Thank you.

Parish Services	931-1306
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30AM-12:00PM, 1:00-4:30PM	
Pantry Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 1:30-3:30PM	
Wednesday & Friday 9:30-11:30AM	
Last Saturday of month 9:30-11:30AM—call to confirm date	

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us

Presider's Schedule for Weekend of April 22th – 23rd, 2017

Presider	Fr . P. Grace	Fr. Steve P.	Fr. Nasir G.	Fr. P. Grace	Fr. Nasir G.	Fr. Steve P.
Mass Time:	4:30 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM

Eat, Drink and Be Giving



Our Lady of Mercy School is proud to announce our First Annual Taste of the Town!

We invite you to sample some of the finest dishes from local restaurants. Come; enjoy this rustic themed evening featuring live music and complementary wine and beer.

Just a few of the many restaurants that will be sponsoring us for this special event will include Campagne House, Cafe Testarossa, Vespa, Roast, Dominicos, BK Sweeney's, Luxor, Dominican Restaurant 4, Hama Sushi, The Bakery, and La Bottega.

Grab your family and friends and reserve a spot for this entertaining evening that promises to be memorable.

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."
-John F. Kennedy

Saturday, April 22, 2017

\$45 per person
7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Name: _____

Email or Phone Number _____

____ Number of guests that will attend

____ I am unable to attend, but would like to donate to this wonderful event and cause.

Amount being donated: _____

To purchase tickets please go to <http://www.olmevents.org/taste-of-the-town.html> and receive a special discounted price.

Or

Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy School and send to:
Our Lady of Mercy School
500 South Oyster Bay Road
Hicksville, NY 11803

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY MAY 30TH 2017

(Tuesday After Memorial Day – Make It An Extra Long Weekend!)

**OUR LADY MERCY'S
MSGR. JAMES BOESEL
MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC**

SPONSORED BY THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY
GOD BLESS YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR LADY OF MERCY
PARISH & SCHOOL!

**TOWN OF OYSTER BAY GOLF COURSE
WOODBURY NEW YORK**

9:00 AM REGISTRATION
9:00 AM BREAKFAST
9:00 AM DRIVING RANGE OPENS
9:30 AM PUTTING CONTEST
11:00 AM SHOTGUN START
5:00 PM – COCKTAIL HOUR
6:00 PM CHAMPION FOR LIFE DINNER,

- HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE
- BARBECUE AT THE TURN
- IMPRESSIVE RAFFLE PRIZES
- AND MUCH MORE

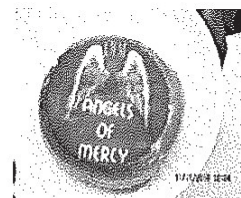
LIMITED NUMBER OF OPENINGS - ACT NOW!

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JOHN THOMAS BAKE SALE

SPONSORED BY THE ANGELS OF MERCY



SATURDAY APRIL 22 & SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017

SATURDAY @ 3:30 pm & AFTER 4:30pm MASS

SUNDAY @ 7:00am & AFTER ALL MASSESS TILL 1:30pm

THERE WILL BE >>>> A RAFFLE PRIZE & 50/50

THERE WILL BE BAGELS / CAKES/ COOKIES AND SO MUCH MORE FOR PURCHASE. HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE SIT AND HAVE A BITE TO EAT WHILE MINGLING WITH MANY OF THE PARISH FAMILIES THAT WILL BE THERE!! WE PROMISE THAT YOU WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME, WHILE SUPPORTING OUR ANGELS AND OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH.

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US & GOD BLESS



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN

OR CALL ~ ANGELA MANZI 938-8106

CAROL LEONE ~ 433-2653



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Queen of Angels
will be hosting
a Prayer Service at St. Ignatius Parish, Hicksville,
featuring Bishop Andrzej
on
Divine Mercy Sunday—April 23, 2017
From 3:15—5:15
The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday.
Find the prayers for the Novena and the Chaplet in the following link:
<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/mercy/novena.htm>
Mass will begin immediately following the conclusion of the prayer service.
Plan on joining us in prayer!



When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving, to be generous, to love others, we instill virtue in their souls and reveal the image of God within them. This, then, is our task: to educate both ourselves and our children in godliness; otherwise what answer will we have before Christ's judgment -seat?



OUR LADY OF MERCY MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

MANY OF OUR PARISH WOMEN AND MEN ARE PART OF THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY. TO HELP FAMILIES DURING THEIR TIME OF LOSS. TO BE THERE TO OFFER SUPPORT TO FAMILIES IN SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT MOMENTS WE FACE IN LIFE.

IF YOU HAVE READ THE LETTER FROM FATHER STEVE IN THE BULLETIN YOU WILL ALSO KNOW HOW MUCH THIS MINISTRY MEANS TO SO MANY FAMILIES AND HOW APPRECIATIVE THEY ARE FOR OUR SUPPORT.

WE INVITE YOU ALL TO BE PART OF THIS MINISTRY..

YOU DON'T NEED ANY EXPERIENCE EXCEPT A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

THIS MINISTRY IS OPENED TO ANYONE IN OUR PARISH. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PART OF ANY OTHER GROUP OR MINISTRY TO SUPPORT THESE FAMILIES.

WHAT ROLES ARE NEEDED FOR THIS MINISTRY IS:

- 1 - WOMEN & MEN WHO CAN ACT AS USHERS & GREETERS.
- 2 - EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - "PARISH MINISTRY REQUIRED".
- 3 - LECTORS AT TIMES.
- 4 - ALTERS SERVERS.
- 5 - HOSPITALITY & CAKE - BAKERS.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE NUMBER BELOW



Thank You

THANK-YOU & MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!!

ANGELA MANZI (COORDINATOR MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION)

(516) 938-8106



FREE
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Benefits & Resources Event for Veterans

Saturday, April 29, 2017
9 am to 1 pm

at the Long Island State Veterans Home
100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790
on the campus of Stony Brook University Hospital (follow the signs)

Questions? Please call 631-444-8606
or visit
www.listateveteranshome.org

Please bring a non-perishable food**
for Island Harvest & their
Veteran's Support Program: Operation Hope



**Food can be dropped off in the Reception area at the LI State Veterans Home through the month of April. Food donations to be presented during the event 4/29/17

FREE Information and Screenings by:

- Northport VA Health Screening, Eligibility and Enrollment
- Screenings for Veterans & Community Members:
Blood Pressure, BMI, Cholesterol Checks, Glucose Checks, Vision and Dental Screening by Stony Brook Schools of Nursing, Social Welfare, & Dental Medicine
- Many Health and Service Providers Including:
HICAP Health Insurance Information
Suffolk County Veterans Services Agency
Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project
Suffolk County Social Services: Electronic Application for Food Stamps/Medicaid / HEAP Information
Brookhaven Town Services
Office for People with Disabilities
Home Care and Companion Care Providers
Elder Law Attorneys
Suffolk County Office of the Aging
Babylon Vet Center
Alzheimer's Association, Long Island Chapter
Island Federal Credit Union
and More!

Why do we genuflect in church?

In medieval Europe, one demonstrated respect for a king or noble by going down on one knee.



Building on that tradition, we bend on the right knee to show reverence for the Lord in the Eucharist when it is on the altar, in the tabernacle, or in the monstrance. (We also genuflect before the cross from Good Friday through the Easter vigil.)

Note: While the right knee is reserved for Jesus, we genuflect on the left knee before the pope, cardinals, or bishops.

Why do we get ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday?

To ancient Jews, wearing sackcloth and covering themselves or sitting in ashes showed repentance and humility, and acted as a penance. Thus, the early Church adopted the practice of wearing ashes at the start of Lent to show repentance, too.

But as he places the ashes on our foreheads, the priest says, "Remember you are dust and unto dust you will return," to remind us that our time on earth will pass away but our life in Heaven will last forever.

Why do Catholics give the Sign of Peace during Mass?

The first words Jesus said to his apostles after his Resurrection were, "Peace be with you" (John 20:21). After that their fear disappeared.

By offering each other the Sign of Peace at Mass, we share that peace with the entire Body of Christ.



Jesus also told us to reconcile with one another before approaching the altar of God (Matthew 5:23). Thus, the

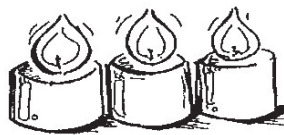
Sign of Peace is a gesture of Reconciliation with those around us before coming to the altar to receive Holy Communion.

Why do we say "Amen" at the end of some prayers?

In Hebrew, the word "Amen" shares the same root as the word "believe." This root also expresses trustworthiness and faithfulness.

When you read the gospels, you'll see that Jesus sometimes used the word "Amen" twice in a row to emphasize the trustworthiness of his teaching. He wanted his listeners to pay special attention.

So when we say "Amen" at the end of a prayer, we reinforce our faith in what we just said. We also express our confidence that God will hear our prayers.



Why do we light votive prayer candles in church?

A person can only pray for so long. Lighting a candle serves to prolong that prayer beyond our presence in the church. The candle remains behind and symbolizes the desire for the prayer to continue.

So when we light candles in prayer, our intentions remain present even when we are gone. Next time you pass a candle rack, help prolong others' prayers by offering one for the intentions of the people who lit them.

Why do priests wear different colored vestments throughout the year?

The colors of the vestments help bring to mind the sacred mysteries we celebrate throughout the liturgical year. Each color highlights a particular aspect of the season or a specific

mystery of the faith.

For example, white and gold symbolize rejoicing and purity of soul. They are worn during Christmas and Easter. Red calls to mind Christ's blood and is worn on Good Friday and to commemorate those saints who were martyred for our faith.

Red also signifies the burning fire of God's love. Thus red vestments are worn on Pentecost.

Why do we call our priests, "Father"?



According to Our Sunday Visitor Catholic Encyclopedia, those in the early Church who gave special witness to the faith were called "Father." In fact, St. Paul said, "For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (1 Corinthians 4:15-16).

The practice of addressing priests this way was brought to the U.S. in the 19th century by Irish immigrants who called their priests, "Father." Today this title reminds us that we are all united as family under Christ, his Gospel, his Church, and his representatives on earth.

Why do Catholics baptize babies?

"Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

Baptism is the gateway to life in the Spirit, the Church, and the other Sacraments. So it makes sense that it be conveyed as early as possible.

While a child obviously can't consciously choose Baptism, her parents can choose for her. In so doing, they accept for her the priceless gift of becoming a child of God.





**SUPER BONANZA WINNERS 2016
OUR LADY OF MERCY**



We are pleased to announce the following winners:

April 9, - \$25.00	Donna Hugger	Hicksville
April 10, - \$25.00	JJ & Haley Loscalzo	Plainview
April 11, - \$25.00	Patricia Lossmann	Plainview
April 12, - \$25.00	Noreen McKenna	Hicksville
April 13, - \$25.00	Kathleen Delakas	Oyster Bay
April 14, - \$25.00	Julianna Lanore	Hicksville
April 15, - \$25.00	Stephen D'Orio	Plainview

Congratulations to the winners, your ticket has been returned to the drum, and you have many more opportunities to win. Checks are being mailed to our winners this week

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH
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NEW SUPER BONANZA RAFFLE REGISTRATION

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City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____

TO REGISTER, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN
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FIRST DRAWING JANUARY 1ST, 2017

SUPER BONANZA CONTINUES FOR 2017

If you need more cards you can find them in the plastic racks in the Church or you can pick them up in the Rectory.

Thank you and Good Luck.

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NEW SUPER BONANZA!!

A Gift for you... Congratulations!!
has been enrolled in our

Super Bonanza by _____

PRIZES AWARDED DAILY FROM JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST 2017

Daily	\$25.00	July 4 th	\$200.00
Monthly	\$100.00	Thanksgiving Day	\$200.00
January 1 st	\$500.00	Christmas Day	\$250.00
Feast of the Lady of Mercy	\$800.00		

You can win 382 times! Winners will be posted weekly in our Parish Bulletin.

WE WANT YOUR BOXTOPS!!

Our Lady of Mercy School collects Box Tops year round to help support our education needs. We Thank you for your support. Collection bins are in the church for you to conveniently drop off your box tops when you come to mass. Please continue to bring in your box tops from the products you use at home or office. We appreciate your continued support for our school! Please keep them coming. For more information visit:

www.btfe.com **THANK YOU!**



Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track

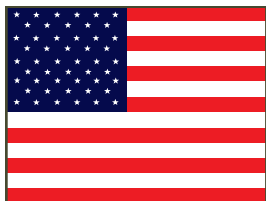
2017 SPRING REGISTRATION

The mission of the Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track Program, located in Hicksville, 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.

The 2017 Season runs from April-June. Track meets are held outdoors on weekends at fields throughout Nassau and Suffolk. All athletes competing in meets will receive medals and/or ribbons. At the conclusion of the season we will have a small celebration.

To register your child, contact Director Gynni Farrell at: ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com
Deadline to register is April 20th





PRAYER FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*As we live daily enjoying the freedom of this country, many loved ones are giving themselves with unselfish love in places of perilous action. Lord, hold in your loving hands our troops and all those who try to respond to the needs of the less fortunate throughout the world. Bless them and their families for the unselfish acts they perform as they attempt to alleviate many global concerns. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. AMEN.
(follow with Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)*

**SUPERMARKET GIFT CERTIFICATES
Thank You!**

To All Parishioners: GIFT CERTIFICATES may be purchased in the rectory during the week at regular office hours. Sales this past week were \$775.00, of this the Parish earned \$38.75, **If you do not use supermarket dollars, please give it a try! Ask those who use it, how convenient it is!**

**Unclaimed Supermarket Gift Ticket
as of: 4-10-2017**

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**Helping the Poor
Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Our Lady of Mercy Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's sole purpose is to help the poor of our community. Every dollar received goes toward help for those in need, there are no administrative expenses, all members of the conference are volunteers. Currently, poor box and candle contributions are used to support our efforts. Please consider a gift to our conference so that we may continue to provide support to those in need.

Make checks payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and mail them to the Rectory or deposit them in separate envelopes in the collection baskets at Mass.

If you, or someone you know, needs assistance please contact us at (516) 931-4351, X 326. All contact with St. Vincent de Paul is held in strict confidence. Thank you.

**Saint Anthony's High School
Franciscan Brothers**

**Spring Concert
of
Instrumental
and
Choral Music**

**Friday
April 28, 2017**

**Saturday
April 29, 2017**

**Auditorium
7:30 PM
Donation \$10.00**

Organizations

Music Ministries

OLM Adult Chamber Choir: Meets Tuesday afternoons at 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Upper Church.

OLM Children's Choir: Meets Wednesday afternoons at 2:45-3:30 PM in the School Music Room.

OLM Folk Group: Meets Sundays after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Lower Church.

OLM Rock Group: Meets Monday evenings at 8-10 PM in the Upper Church.

Parish Organizations

Angels of Mercy: Meet on every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in Our Lady's Chapel with refreshments served. Corporate Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM for more information please e-mail, JUSTKKAUZE@AOL.COM or call Angela Manzi at 938-8106

Hicksville/OLM Senior Club: Meets on Mondays 11:00AM-3 PM at the Bethpage Senior Center. For information contact Joan at 938-4261.

Holy Name Society: Corporate Mass and Communion on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM Mass. Membership meetings on the following Monday at 7:30 PM in the Lower Church Meeting Room. Phone: (516)405-OHNS(0467). Email: olmholyname@aol.com Web: www.olmholyname.org

Knights of Columbus: The Our Lady of Mercy Joseph F. Lamb Council # 5723 Knights of Columbus meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria. For information contact Jim Raber, Grand Knight, at 516/695-1022, or Kevin McAvoy, Deputy Grand Knight at 516/996-3489

Legion of Mary: Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in the Lower Church. First Saturday **Fatima Devotions:** 7:40 AM.

Nocturnal Adoration: First Friday of the Month - 8 to 9 PM (Exposition & Group Prayer and /or 9 PM to 10 PM (Silent Prayer and Benediction) in Our Lady's Chapel.

OLM Ushers: If interested in becoming an Usher, please contact Jim Decker at 516/933-8143 or email at jimdecker@verizon.net

OLM Prayer Group: Meets every Tuesday night 7:30 PM in Lower Church Contact Maureen Decker 516/933-8143

OLM Youth Council for Parish Sport. Contact Chris Fox at cfox411@icloud.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Contact the Rectory for information (931-4351 X 326).

The Men of St. Joseph: Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Lower Church Meeting Room.

Thrift Boutique: Mon-Sat 9:30 AM — 1:00 PM located in The Trailer Building

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous Groups

First Things First:

Open Meeting every Friday: 8:00-9:00 PM in the Convent Basement.

Closed Meeting every Sunday: 7:00-8:00 PM in the Convent Basement.

Our Own Group:

Closed Meeting every Monday: 4:30-5:30 PM in the Convent Basement.

Step Meeting every Thursday: 4:30-5:30 PM in the Convent Basement.

Al-Anon:

Adult Children meet on Friday evenings: 7:30-10:00 PM in the School Cafeteria.

Emotions Anonymous:

Meets on Thursdays at 8-10 PM in the Convent Basement.

Families Anonymous:

Meets on Wednesdays at 7:30-9:30 PM. Convent Basement.

