

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.

FOCCUS: Sunday September 24, 2017 at 6:45 in the Rectory Basement (after the 5:30 Mass.) Classes on: Fridays, October 6, 13 and 20 or 27, 2017 (in home of lead couples) **Mass: October 29 at noon with small reception in Our Lady's Chapel Meeting Room.**

Early spring weekend program: Focus administered: Sunday March 4 at 6:45 in the Rectory Basement (after the 5:30 Mass.) classes: **Friday, Saturday, Sunday March 9, 10 and 11, 2018 – in Our Lady's Chapel Meeting Room.**

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

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To contact: pastoralcouncil@olmrcc.com

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Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us

Masses for the Week

Monday, May 29,
Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
MEMORIAL DAY



8:00 AM MILITARY DECEASED

Tuesday, May 30,
Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11
7:00 AM Joseph Page
9:00 AM Anthony Cecco Sr.
John Cherniawsky
Joseph Trapani

Wednesday, May 31,
Zep 3:14-18/Lk 1:39-56
7:00 AM Sr. Patricia O'Connell RSM
9:00 AM Francis Gardner
Samuel Rodriguez
Mary Lou Haggerty

Thursday, June 1,
Acts 22:30, 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
7:00 AM Antonina Cielinska
9:00 AM Francis & Mary Finn
Margaret Lane
John Cherniawsky

Friday, June 2,
Acts 25:13-21/Jn 21:15-19
7:00 AM Thomas F. Toppin
9:00 AM Sullivan & Tuohy
William Snyder
John Cherniawsky

Saturday, June 3,
Acts: 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
8:00 AM Margaret Lane
Paul Manetta
Mary McAlpin
Eleanor T. Dugan
Sr. Patricia O'Connell RSM

4:30 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, June 4,
Acts: 2:1-11/1Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
7:30 AM Louis Ferrara
9:00 AM Michael P. Carlos
10:30 AM John Canonico
12:00 PM Teresa D'Angelo
4:00 PM URDU Mass
5:30 PM Margaret Lane



**Loving Memory— You Rest In Peace—
Margaret M. Carr, Matthew Andrew
Stucchio, Rosaria Labita, Catherine
Fehling, Steven T. Pepe**

the unborn and the victims of natural
disasters throughout our country and the
world.

Remember Our Sick Marge Heenan, Peter Manetta,
Thomas Dunleavy, Agnes Peck, Josephine Frino
Pagliaro, Joseph Lichtenberger, Norma Motto,
Denise Capponi, Joseph Vacca, Hailey Wriarth,
Michael Dusold, George Ferrari, Charlie Mitas, Paul
Eschenauer, Nickolas Naumann, Silvana Galvao

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME

**Christopher Tinelli - O.L. of Lourdes,
W. Islip and Christine Anne Beaudette - OLM**

SECOND TIME

**Sabino Gelsomino—Ss Cyril & Methodius, Deer
Park and Catherine Nora Taormina—OLM**

WEEK OF MAY 28TH, TO JUNE 4th, 2017



BREAD AND WINE

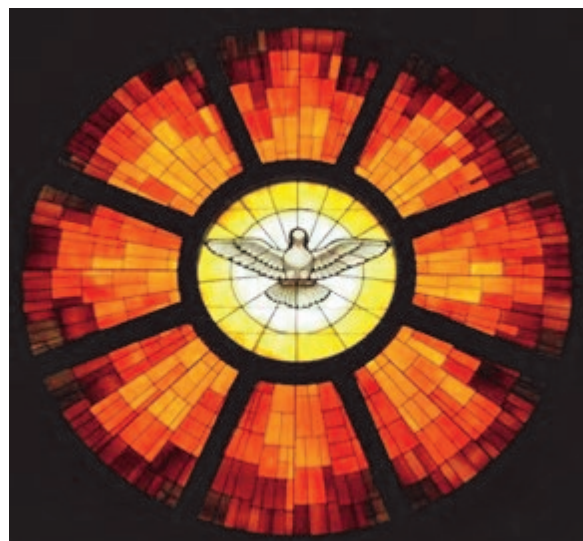
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7th Sunday of Easter



Prayer of Confidence

Ever-living and ever-loving God,
 you sent your Son to be with us forever.
 In our lives we look for your guidance and your protection,
 and we gather in prayer asking for your blessings to continue.
 May we find you in one another
 as we pray together in your name.
 May we be filled with your Spirit
 as we open our hearts to be filled with your grace;
 and may we accept your loving kindness
 in the assembly of the faithful,
 even as we are uncertain of where you lead us.
 We ask this, in confidence, through your Son, our Lord Jesus
 Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, forever and ever. Amen.



May 28, 2017
Christian Living

Today's Readings: Acts 1:12–14; Psalm 27:1, 4, 7–8; 1 Peter 4:13–16; John 17:1–11a. Peter tells us in the Second Reading that we must not be ashamed if we suffer in the name of Christ. At Baptism we become Christians, and then carry Christ's name as our identity. In the Gospel, Jesus includes us as among those to whom he revealed God's name and are his own. Together, we share an identity, a calling, a sacramental nature. We Christians must not be ashamed of that identity. In our world today, however, we are often challenged because we are Christian. When that happens, then we turn (return) to Christ's words, teachings, and example to know what we are to do. Jesus' prayer in today's Gospel repeatedly turns all back to the Father in glory. He glorified the Father as he taught us. His care for us was to return us to the Father as faithful people of God.

Even as we live as Christians, we need to examine what it means to live fully our baptismal identity. When we do so, we become more confident in our being identified with Christ. As we near the end of the Easter season, take another look at the profession of faith we proclaim together every Sunday. Discuss the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed in your homes or small discussion groups. How does each section of the Creed profess who you are and what you believe? To go more deeply into this identity, ask how that section of the Creed is practiced in your life, or how you witness its being practiced in the world. As Christians, we together respond: I do believe.

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us

7th Week of Easter at Home with the Word



Monday, May 29

The Holy Spirit

In the First Reading, Paul is confronted with the statement that some disciples have never even heard of the Holy Spirit. As odd as that may sound, we often do not understand or teach about the Holy Spirit, whose power and presence were promised to us by Jesus. The unifying power of the Holy Spirit is singular. The next time you participate in the Eucharist, notice the references to the Holy Spirit, who makes all one. *Today's Readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.*

Tuesday, May 30

The Hour Has Come

Both Paul, in the First Reading, and Jesus, in the Gospel, are beginning to say goodbye. How do we prepare to say goodbye to family and friends? The struggle is one of loss and deep love. Knowing that someone will be enjoying the Kingdom of God is at odds with knowing that we can no longer share with them the Kingdom insights here. *Today's Readings: Acts 20:17–27; Psalm 68:10–11, 20–21; John 17:1–11a.*

Wednesday, May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The beautiful feast of two pregnant cousins visiting one another is a celebration of family support through prayer and particular insight. Elizabeth, much older, and Mary, much younger, find in one another a way to express the holiness of each other's pregnancy, and to accept whatever God has in mind for them and their offspring. We might want to think of how we can be supportive to soon-to-be mothers. *Today's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*

Thursday, June 1

Truth and Belief

How do we know what the truth is? Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles begins with a dispute over St. Paul and the truth that he presented. How do we determine the truth—or truths—of our faith? The first response should be one of prayer, with Jesus' actions as a model for a prayerful life. Not only does Jesus give us an example of always relying on prayer to mark his life, his final prayers are an appeal to unity among believers. To determine the truth, we must be united in our belief and trust in God. *Today's Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.*

Friday, June 2

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Marcellinus and Peter, two martyrs of the persecutions of the early fourth century, were so respected that they continue to be mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer I. Marcellinus was a priest, and Peter an exorcist. Their martyrdom in the year 304 under the Emperor Diocletian prompted a profound reaction, and their burial sites were eventually the foundation for basilicas built in their names, a testament to so many other martyrs of the early Church. *Today's Readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 17:21:15–19.*

Saturday, June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

Charles Lwanga and twenty-one other Ugandan Christians were martyred between 1885 and 1887 by the brutal dictator Mwanga. Some of the martyrs had been baptized, but many were still catechumens. All were marched to their death, tortured along the way, and forced to witness each other's brutal deaths. Their witness is a reminder that, in every age, people struggle to keep the faith alive. *Today's Readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.*



Greetings and Peace of the Risen Lord! I wish to begin by saying that I am very happy and especially humbled to be appointed as your new pastor here at Our Lady of Mercy! I thank God for all of you, and for your families, each of you, for who you are and what you do each day in witness to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. I truly look forward to serving together as we share our lives, our faith, our gifts and talents, and our vocations to continue building up the Body of Christ on earth; His Body, the Church.

I was born in Brooklyn and raised in the community of Levittown; my home parish is Saint James in Seaford. I, along with my sister and two brothers, had the privilege of attending twelve years of Catholic School Education. I graduated from Holy Trinity D.H.S. in June 1978. During my senior year I joined the U.S. Navy and began my career shortly after graduation by serving God and Country in the Naval Aviation Corps for a twenty-year period.

During my Naval career I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and graduated in 1991. Upon transition from active duty service in 1998, I served on staff for a five-year period with the Naval Air Systems Command as the Senior Program Analyst on the F/A-18 Aircraft Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Team (RDT&E) at the Naval Air Station in Patuxent River, Maryland.

In the Year 2002, I opened my heart to the profound possibility that God was calling me to a much different capacity for service in His Church and for His People. I subsequently entered the priesthood formation program in August 2003 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. I was ultimately ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ through the grace of God on June 14, 2008. My first parish assignment was the Cathedral of Saint Agnes in Rockville Centre. I then had the privilege to serve as a Navy Chaplain for a two-year period at the Naval Submarine Base in Kings Bay, Georgia.

I have been serving primarily as the School Chaplain at Holy Trinity D.H.S. since September 2013, as well as ministry at Our Lady of Victory in Floral Park and Our Lady of Lourdes in Malverne. I'm most grateful for these priestly experience as appointed by Bishop William Murphy, and now being assigned as the Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy by Bishop Barres. I am also looking forward to working with the OLM Grammar School and Religious Education Programs to meet the faith formation and spiritual needs of our children. It is a wonderful honor and privilege for me continue all the good work of Father Steve, and from all the previous pastors and priests assigned to OLM. I look forward to personally greeting you and the community next month in June, please feel free to introduce yourselves to me. I anticipate the day when we meet and continue our mission by working together in our respect ministries to build up the Mystical Body of Christ at Our Lady of Mercy and beyond as a community of faith, hope and love. Blessings and Grace to you during this Easter season!

Father John McCarthy



Our Lady of Mercy School
Faith ~ Academics ~ Service



More Sad News: A few weeks ago, Hailey Wright, an OLM Pre-K student, was diagnosed with ALM leukemia. Hailey is currently hospitalized and has begun an intense in-hospital treatment regimen. We are asking that you and your family include Hailey and her family in your prayers. Your prayerful support is greatly appreciated by the family.

Our Lady of Mercy School is currently accepting monetary donations from any school family, staff, or community member who is in a position to assist the family as they face growing medical bills. Thank you for your consideration and prayers.

Invitation: We invite your family to join our school family for the 2017-2018 school year. For program and tuition information or to arrange a tour, please call 516-433-7040 or email jharrigan@olmshicks.org



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in our world.

Lord, we ask Your blessings for our country — for its government, for its leaders and advisers, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority. Teach them your laws of justice and compassion that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst.



**TGIF
Winners**

- May 26 \$100 - Abraham Family (Grades 7 and 8)
- \$75 - Rios Family (Grade 8)
- \$50 - Begley Family (Grades 1, 4, and 6)

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.

On Stewardship Spirituality

Living Stewardship

Accountability

Sacrificial Giving Offertory

Weekly Offering for the
Sixth Sunday of Easter:

- ◆ May 21, 2017: \$14,368
- ◆ May 1, 2016: \$15,423

Thank you for your Generous Response to His Call.

**Stewardship Spirituality
is faith in action.**

Belong More Deeply

to Christ and His
Church—Our Church,
Our Lady of Mercy.

Take a Step in Faith

“I revealed your name to those whom you gave me.. They belonged to you... Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave me I have given them, and they accepted them and truly understood... and they have believed.” —John 17: 6-8

If you really listen to the Scriptures from the Ascension to Pentecost, you get a sense of the trepidation that the apostles and disciples felt. Jesus leaves them, they are anticipating the Holy Spirit, but not fully understanding what that means. Oh, and they have many people angry with them, so they are hiding. Christ is risen; they should be joyous! Instead there is fear about next steps.

We all experience fear and doubt. It can be momentary; the sudden worry when a loved one is late returning home. Fear can be consuming; worries about health, finances or relationships can overwhelm us, paralyze us. Jesus reminds us that when we face life’s challenges, we are not alone. The peace Jesus gives is the peace of salvation. Turn to him in prayer to calm your fears and you will find the peace you seek.

Called to Adventure

When an adult bird knows that it is time for its babies to fly, it starts to push. Now, if the chick doesn't get it, the adult bird starts to peck at the feet of the baby. And it gets to a point where it becomes more painful for the little bird to hold on than to let go. The adult bird knows that there is no danger in making the baby bird do what it was designed to do. Birds have feet and can walk, they have talons and can cling, but walking and clinging are not what they were designed to do. And the adult bird knows that it is no big deal to push the babies to do what they were designed to do—to fly. Flying is what birds do best.



God knows that giving ourselves to God’s work and kingdom and to others is what we do best. That is the design of the universe. And some of us look pathetic clinging to the branches of this world—the branches of bank accounts, and of things accumulated—clinging to a nest of selfishness.

We don't think we can take a risk because we have never let go. God is calling each of us every day to do just that—to trust that our “wings” will carry us and just let go. And when we do, we will be amazed at the experience. We will soar—in God’s grace.

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

What Keeps You From Flying?

Sometimes it is just uncomfortable to let go. Sometimes we are afraid. Afraid of the unknown, of not knowing the way to go, the potential financial stresses, afraid of failing—or of succeeding, afraid of looking like a fool—of what others might think of us. It's okay. This is our natural, human response to change! We can either hold fast and wonder what our lives might have been like if only we had trusted in God, or we can listen to God's prodding. Go ahead, Step out of your cozy nest... and into the Next!!

Out of the Nest...



Parish Services

Serving with Mercy

Mary Anne Scott

A prayer for Memorial Day:

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please hold our service men and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.



We also remember the families of our troops and ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes and your peace, provision and strength to fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be filled with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Congratulations & Thanks to Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Group on their 45th Anniversary

Our parish has been strengthened by the years of prayers emanating from this faithful and faith-filled group. In addition to their prayers for our parish, this group has also provided financial support to our food pantry with monthly donations from their members. From May 2016-May 2017, the Prayer Group donations total \$647.15 which have been used to purchase supermarket certificates or other items needed to keep our pantry well-stocked.



We are very grateful for the prayers and support of the members of Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Group.

Missing Shopping Cart

If you or someone you know saw a shopping cart outside the Boutique Thrift Shop on the morning of Friday, May 19 and picked it up thinking it had been discarded, please return it to Parish Services Food Pantry. It can be left by our food collection bins. The cart belongs to a woman who had stopped at the Boutique prior to coming to the food pantry. Without their cart, the woman and her young son had to carry their bags of food when they walked home from the pantry.



In addition, if anyone has a folding shopping cart that they no longer need, please donate it to the food pantry for our families who walk to the pantry. Thank you.

Food Pantry Needs: Tuna, toilet paper, and cereal. 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 – 2017

Presider						
Mass Time:	4:30 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM

Our Lady of Mercy

Blood Drive



Sunday, June 4th
8:15am – 2:15pm

500 South Oyster Bay Rd, Hicksville

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OUR LADY OF MERCY JOSEPH F. LAMB COUNCIL
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- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental permission).
- Eat well (low fat) & drink plenty of fluids
- No tattoos for the past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900
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For more information please contact Mary Olive (516) 931-4351

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SUPER BONANZA WINNERS 2017



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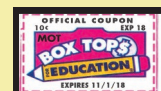
We are pleased to announce the following winners:

May 28, - \$25.00	Roy Fischer	Plainview
May 29, - \$25.00	Guisepppe Zago	Plainview
May 30, - \$25.00	Michele Macedonio	Plainview
May 31, - \$100.00	Terry Scaldaferrri	Plainview
Jun 1, - \$25.00	Gina Adduci Ivers	Hicksville
Jun 2, - \$25.00	Arlene Maupin	Plainview
Jun 3, - \$25.00	M/M D. Quinn	Hicksville

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.

WE WANT YOUR BOXTOPS!!

Our Lady of Mercy School collects Box Tops year round to help support our education needs. We recently received a check in the amount \$1400.00. 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.btf.com **THANK YOU!**



Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

June 2017

Our Lady of Mercy Church
For the Saints in the Pews

One Minute Meditations

St. Joseph Cafasso

St. Joseph was born in Castelnuovo d'Asti in Italy to peasant parents. From a young age, he was known for his humility in prayer. He entered the seminary in Turin, and was ordained in 1833. He went on to study and teach in the university of Turin. He combated the heresy of Jansenism and urged devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He was an excellent preacher, confessor, and retreat master. One of his pupils was St. John Bosco.



God as Father

In Jesus' day, many people felt God was so holy, his name was unutterable. Imagine their surprise when Jesus taught them to call God Abba, which means, "Daddy"! When you pray, remember you're addressing a loving Father who is eager to help.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone ... opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me"
(Revelation 3:20).



Don't let anxiety cloud your world

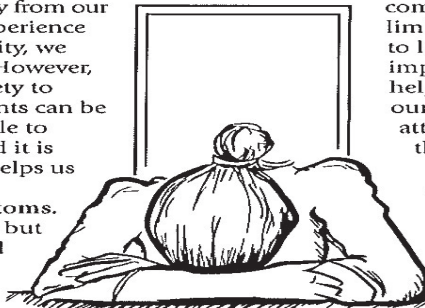
The peace Christ promised to his followers is not intended to eliminate all anxiety from our lives. When we experience feelings of insecurity, we will feel anxious. However, allowing our anxiety to cloud our judgments can be the greatest obstacle to receiving grace and it is that grace which helps us to cope.

Know the symptoms. Anxiety is like fear but dwells on personal inadequacy and insecurity rather than real and imminent danger. Common symptoms of anxiety are nervousness, mental unease, tension, or a desire to avoid a particular situation or person. When you can't determine a specific, reasonable cause for these feelings, it may be anxiety.

Ask for help. Work to understand your strengths and become

comfortable with your limitations. While stretching to learn new skills is important, so is asking for help when confronted with our limits. If negative attitudes or opinions of those asked result, see them as expressions of their own viewpoints or personal problems. Don't demand more of yourself than you can give and be ready to ask for help.

Be pleased with your best. Anxiety results when we fear failure and the possible loss of approval or respect of others. Instead, refuse to fear imperfect results or others' judgment. Make the most of your talents, do your best, and respect yourself for your effort.



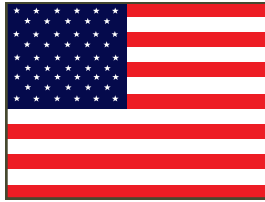
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why does the priest add water to the wine at Mass?

There are several reasons for this practice. Adding water to the wine represents the union of Jesus' humanity with his divinity. It also recalls Christ's Passion, when water and blood flowed from his side (John 19:33-35).



The priest adds water in imitation of Christ who, it is believed, used wine mixed with water as a common cultural practice in Jesus' day. Finally, the union of the wine and the water stands for the union of Christ and his people.



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 \$485.00, of this the Parish earned \$24.25, **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: 5-22-2017

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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.

Joseph Barry Knights of Columbus
45 Heitz Place, Hicksville NY 11801

Hawaiian Night—Saturday June 10, 2017—7pm to 11 pm. \$35. per person -- Checks payable to "Joseph Barry Knights of Columbus" Hawaiian Floor Show·Dj·Hot Buffet·Open Bar·Dessert/Coffee/Tea
Reverservations are required by June 1. No money accepted at the door. Proceeds from this event will

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Saint John the Baptist DHS is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam. We will run five 2 ½ hour sessions beginning in September. This year we are also offering a Test Taking Strategies Class the Friday evening before the exam. For additional information please visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call 631-587-8000 ext. 117.

SUMMER 2-GETHER®
PLAYGROUPS
AGES 6 mos.—3 years old

ATTENTION:
7TH and 8TH
GRADERS
(As of September 2017)

****COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOUNG TEENS****

Work and play with babies and toddlers in a "mommy & me" setting!!!



**YOUR PARISH
COMMUNITY NEEDS U!!!!**

Call **MS. LISA, COORDINATOR**
at (516) 455-1819 for more info.

OUR LADY OF MERCY
SUMMER "2-GETHER"
Playgroups

AGES 6 mos.—3 years old (turning 4)
Tuesday: July 11—August 8
Wednesday: July 5—August 2
Thursday: July 6—August 3

NOTE: Tuesday classes will begin a week later because of the July 4 Holiday!!!


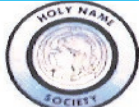

*Classes meet from 10-11:30
*Indoor (A/C) and outdoor play areas
*Cost is \$50—sibling discount (5 yrs. & younger)

Please call MS. LISA
(Coordinator/Teacher) at (516) 455-1819

REGISTRATION IN CONVENT BASEMENT
May 17 & 23—11:30-1:30
June 8 & 20—10-12 Noon

****Must be registered before first day of class!!**


****Community service volunteers needed—
7th and 8th graders!!!!**

**OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH
TOGETHER WITH THE
"HOLY NAME SOCIETY"**

**INVITE YOU & YOUR FAMILY TO SPEND A
DAY ON THE WATERS FOR A
BACK TO SCHOOL FISHING TRIP!!**

DATE - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
TIME - 3:30PM TO 7:30PM
PLACE - DIXIE II - CAPTREE BOAT BASIN



COST
CHILDREN \$20.00 - UNDER THE AGE OF 16
ADULTS \$35.00


**RSVP BY : SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
& SAVE YOUR SPOT !!**

**THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FUN & PRIZES!!
WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SPEND TIME WITH
FAMILY & FRIENDS WHILE TAKING A
BOAT RIDE & FISHING!!**



**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
"THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY"**




OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:
MIKE KENNEY (516) 770-3904
JOHN MANZI - (516) 938-8106
41 JEROLD STREET, PLAINVIEW, NY 11803



PLEASE INCLUDE YOU NAME/PHONE #/HOW MANY ATTENDING

YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN FOODS & DRINKS

**PLEASE BE AT THE BOAT BY 3:00. WE DON'T WANT
ANYONE TO MISS THE BOAT!!**

ANGELS OF MERCY PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL
"FATHERS DAY RAFFLE BASKET SALE"

PLEASE COME AND TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN A LOVELY BASKET FOR DAD!!
THINK OF WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SURPRISE IT WILL BE FOR THAT DAD

RAFFLE ARE

\$2.00 EACH
3 FOR \$5.00
6 FOR \$10.0
12 FOR \$20.00

RAFFLES WILL TAKE PLACE ON:

SATURDAY JUNE 3 @ 4:30 MASS
&
SUNDAY JUNE 4 ~ FROM 8:00 TILL 1:30

THE ANGELS OF MERCY THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS SPECIAL EVENT..
GOD BLESS ALWAYS !!

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL
ANGELA MANZI ~ 938-8106
OR
LORRAINE SALAMONE ~ 822-3672

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.

