

**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 Offered on the Eve of Holydays 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church.

Anytime by appointment, please call the Rectory 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 knowledge in the Catholic Faith. Please leave your name and telephone number at the Rectory Office, (516) 931-4351.

### Parish Membership

All new families and individuals are most welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the Rectory Office 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

Celebration of Baptism are conducted communally on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. All arrangements for Baptism must be made at the Rectory Office.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

The Sacrament is celebrated on Fridays: Time to be arranged. Saturdays: 10:30 AM, 12:30, and 2:30 PM. Sundays: to be arranged. Arrangements must be made by a personal appointment with one of the priests or deacon. Couples should make an appointment at least six months to a year in advance of the Wedding date. Nuptial Masses, as well as ceremonies, are available on Friday and Saturday. Ceremonies are encouraged on Sunday.

### Marriage Preparation Program at OLM

All engaged couples who plan to get married in the Catholic Church are required to complete a **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 PM in the Rectory Basement (after the 5:30 PM 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 PM 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.**

### Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

The Sacrament for people experiencing an illness as well as the 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, and on the 2nd Saturday each month after the 8:00 AM Mass.

### Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Parish priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the Rectory Office to arrange for home visitation, (516) 931-4351.

### Parish Finance Committee

John Beaudette (Chairperson)  
Daniel Pisani (Trustee)  
Joseph Vacca (Trustee)  
Carmine Serravalli (Business Mgr.)  
Lorraine & Fred Anderson  
Richard Faccio, Jr.  
Timothy Snee  
Serena Perrotta

### Maintenance Staff

Larry Burns  
Kevin McAvoy  
**Sacristan**  
David Mullan  
Jen Chapman

### Rectory Cook

Michelina Gambale

### Convent Cook

Susan Bennett



**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us**

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday October 23,  
Rom 4:20-25/Lk12:13-21**

7:00 AM Grace & Gaetano Ceravola  
9:00 AM Mario Vona  
Pauline Feorene  
Hugh McAree



**Tuesday October 24,  
Rom 5:12,15,17-19,20-21/Lk 12:35-38**

7:00 AM Christopher Sayers  
9:00 AM Annie Parsons

**Wednesday October 25,  
Rom 6: 12-18/Lk 12:39-48**

7:00 AM Michael Duggan –Liv  
9:00 AM

**Thursday October 26,  
Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53**

7:00 AM Frank Meehan  
9:00 AM William Trusley

**Friday October 27,  
Rom 7:18-25/Lk 12:54-59**

7:00 AM Anne Iovino  
9:00 AM Harold & Lorraine Schumacher (D&L)  
Anthony Fiorentino

**Saturday October 28,  
Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16**

8:00 AM Donald J. Heiser  
Edward Heaney  
Alvin Weimann  
Helen Loiselle  
Agnes Tevlin

**4:30 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy**

**Sunday October 29,  
Ex 22:20-26/1Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40**

7:30 AM Tulia Silva  
9:00 AM Bhanu Shirodkar  
10:30 AM Walter Hoffman (1stAnn)  
12:00 PM Elizabeth Kruckel  
5:30 PM Salvatore Schiano



**Loving Memory– Rest In Peace— Mary Cinarella, Greg Demas, Tomasina De Stefano, Joan King, Denise Capponi**  
the unborn and the victims of natural disasters throughout our country and the world.

**Remember Our Sick:** Marge Heenan, Thomas Dunleavy, Joseph Vacca, Arlene Unverzagt, Fred Jablonowski, Jeannine Margiotta, Joan Chwalisz, Meghan Roach, Ginny Collins, Diane Ayers, (4year old Louis Mendez) , Pat Collins, LT. Peter J. Clarke, Samuel Snee, Martin Sinkel, Arlene Reynolds, Michael Colella Jr., Joseph Mistrion, Ada Serravalle, Robert Ricchuiti, Jane Brendel

**Long Term Illness:** Please pray for our war casualties, all our sick, their caretakers, especially Sr. Joanne Deegan, Frances Limoli , Vincent Perrone, Louis Venditto, Gerry McNamee, Sebastian DeLuca, Hailey Wright, John Lombardi, Leon Akl, Marie Pynn, Frances Weber, Joann Mackin, Peter Manetta, Constane Naumann, James Fox, Kevin Asher, and all homebound and in nursing homes.



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**FIRST TIME**

Emanuel Bodgn of St. Bartolemew and Angie Hurtado of St. Bartolemew

**SECOND TIME**

Anthony Maniscalco of Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip, and Julia Jones of Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville

Brandon Conway of St. Barnabas, Bellmore, and Caitlin Sikorski of Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville

John Matthew Moran of St Ignatius, Hicksville, and Lauren Di Gregorio of Our Lady of Mercy,

**WEEK OF OCT 15 TH TO OCT 21, 2017**



**Bread & Wine  
In Memory of  
Furgieue & Saccardi Famlies  
Donated By:  
Saccardi Family**



**U.C. Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of  
Mary & Charlies Ais  
Donated By:  
Mary E & Michael R. DePalmo**

**STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**OCTOBER 15th, 2017 = \$16,338.00**  
**DISASTER RELIEF = \$3269.00**

# Growing in FAITH™

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

November 2017

Our Lady of Mercy Church  
For the Saints in the Pews

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Catherine Labouré

Born the ninth of eleven children to a French farming family, St.



Catherine eventually joined the Daughters of Charity. Shortly after, the Blessed Mother appeared to Catherine and asked to have a medal engraved with her image and the words, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee" engraved on it. The devotion spread quickly, but no one knew St. Catherine's involvement until soon before her death. She was canonized in 1947.

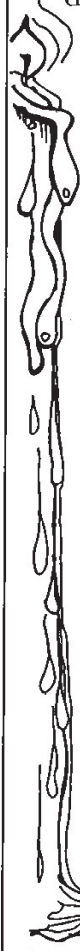
### Counting Blessings

How do we handle inconveniences like an irritating coworker, a last-minute schedule change, or occasional miscommunication? God allows us trials so we can grow in virtue, to encourage us to trust him and open ourselves to his grace.

The next trial you face, thank God for his "blessings" and pray for his patience, humility, and grace.

*"The Mass is long, you say, and I reply: 'Because your love is short.'"*—St.

Josemaría Escrivá



## Do what Jesus did

It is hard to imagine how wonderful Heaven is or the joy that awaits us there. Jesus' mission of salvation while on Earth made Heaven possible for us, if we live a life of holiness and grace as he did. Jesus hoped we would do what he did ...

**Service.** While on Earth, Jesus' purpose was to serve God and others. He even performed servant tasks such as serving food and washing feet. He asked that we model his servant's heart.

**Love.** When he walked among us, Jesus reached out to those who felt unloved, comforted those who were suffering, and helped people draw closer to his Father. Try to show love in

these ways every day.

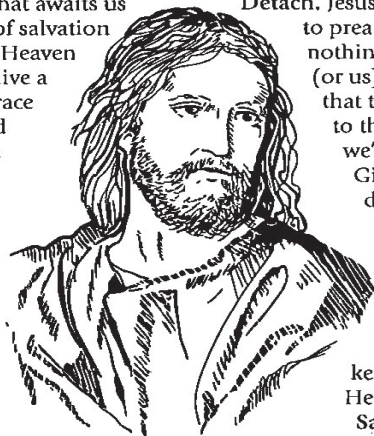
**Detach.** Jesus sent his disciples out to preach with almost nothing. He didn't want them (or us) distracted. He knew that the more stuff we have to think about, the less we'll think about God.

Give away whatever you don't absolutely need.

**Pray.** Jesus drew strength from time alone with God.

Spending quiet time with God each day will help keep you on the path to Heaven.

**Sacrifice.** The most perfect sacrifice offered to God was Jesus' death on the Cross. Yet, when we give up time, effort, or something we value out of love for God and others, we imitate Jesus' generosity.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics honor saints in our churches?

Saints are spiritual role models whose examples we can follow to Heaven. Viewing statues and images of them in our churches helps us to recall their heroic virtue and faithful love for God.

The statues, and the saints

themselves, are not meant to be objects of worship. Instead, we recognize the good these holy people did and honor their examples. Just as in praising a painting we honor the painter, in praising the saints, we honor God who made them.







# OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL

Faith ~ Academics ~ Service



## SNEAK PEEK

SUNDAY, October 22nd.....11:45 - 1:00 PM

Parents, grandparents, children are all welcome!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE

(for 2018-2019 Nursery - Kindergarten Programs)

Monday, October 23rd..... 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Tuesday, October 24th..... 1:15 – 2:00 PM

Wednesday, October 25th..... 9:30 – 10:30 AM  
1:15 – 2:00 PM

All Open House Families will receive a \$50 coupon toward Early Registration (Coupon expires November 30.)



### NURSERY

2, 3, or 5  
Half Days or  
Full Days

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

5 Half Days  
or  
5 Full Days

### KINDERGARTEN

5 Full Days

### Do you know?

Nursery and Pre-Kindergarten tuition and Before/After Care are recognized by the IRS as childcare expenses.



- October 13: \$100 - Coursen Family (Grade 2)
- \$75 Guidice Family (Grade 3)
- \$50 Begley Family (Grades 2, 5, 7)
- October 20: \$100 Spaventa Family (Pre-K, Grade 3)
- \$75 Nisco Family (Grade 3)
- \$50 Maggio Family (Grade 8)

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.

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us



## Parish Services

### Serving with Mercy

Mary Anne Scott

#### Thanksgiving Plans

We are preparing our list of people in need who will receive assistance this Thanksgiving. If you know of anyone who needs help at the holidays, suggest that they call Parish Services at 931-1306 or call us with a confidential referral. A referral can also be made to the parish St. Vincent DePaul Conference by leaving a message at 931-4351 x326.

The students in our school and religious education program have been asked to join with Parish Services and the St. Vincent DePaul Conference in our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive by donating a can or box of food for those in need. The students' donations are due in this week.

**Please have Thanksgiving donations in as soon as possible to allow us time to prepare for Thanksgiving distributions which will take place starting November 14.**

#### Thanks for Donations

Our food pantry was blessed to be chosen to be the recipient of donations made to the **AARP Oyster Bay Volunteer Team** Food Drive held Saturday, October 7 at the Stop & Shop supermarket in Hicksville. The AARP volunteers collected and delivered an amazing **956 pounds of donated food, paper goods and toiletries** to our pantry. Volunteers from our parish St. Vincent De Paul Conference helped carry the bags down to the pantry and additional food pantry volunteers sorted and shelved the donations.

Thank you also to **Rob McGuffey & Friends** for suggesting a food pantry donation as the "admission" for their free concert held here on October 14. This beautiful evening of faith-filled music and stories fed the souls of everyone who attended and will help to feed the bodies of the families served by our food pantry.

#### Health Insurance Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for **2018 Medicare health and drug plans begins October 15 and ends December 7, 2017. Information is available by visiting [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or calling 1-800-MEDICARE. Information on the premiums and costs of 2018 Medicare health and drug plans is available at [www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/Index.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/Index.html). Anyone who does not want to change their current coverage does not need to re-enroll in order to keep their current coverage.**

**For people under age 65, open enrollment for 2018 coverage in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) in the NY State of Health Insurance Marketplace begins November 1 and ends January 31, 2018.** Assistance in enrolling in a plan is available at a Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Enrollment Site (next local date-St. Joseph's Hospital lobby Oct. 23 from 4-7:30pm), or by making an appointment with a Navigator on LI by calling Community Service Society of NY 1-888-614-5400 or Public Health Solutions 1-646-632-5986 or calling NY State of Health Customer Support 1-855-355-5777.

**Food Pantry needs:** Our pantry is well-stocked this week but non-perishable Thanksgiving foods will be needed. Thank you to all the parishioners who support our pantry every week.

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**

**THE DIOCESAN VOCATION'S OFFICE**



**INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

Spend an Hour of Prayer with the Young Church, who is striving to hear the Voice of God, at the following locations.

**Holy Family Parish, Hicksville on November 3, doors open at 7:00PM**

**IC Seminary, Huntington on December 20, doors open at 7:00PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!  
COME BE PART OF THIS DRAMATIC MISSIONARY GROWTH OF FELLOWSHIP & FAITH!**



**Bible STUDY**  
Join us!

*The Gospel of Mark: Revealing the Mystery of Jesus*

This Bible Study course continues with the Gospel According to Mark. It combines instruction with prayer enabling the student to grow in both knowledge and spirit. The goal is to help provide personal connections with Scripture at a time when the Bible may seem to be an ancient document lacking contemporary relevance.

Instructor: Louis Mocci (n32456@verizon.net).

Admission is free. Classes will meet on **Tuesday** evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm in the Convent Basement beginning **October 17** and continuing throughout Advent. If you are interested, simply attend the first class meeting. Thank you.



OUR LADY OF MERCY  
&  
ANGELS OF MERCY



OUR ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE  
STARTING OCTOBER 10, 2017



WE WILL BE COLLECTING:

NEW AND GENTLY USED: SCARVES, GLOVES, HATS  
& **"ONLY NEW SOCKS"!!**

LOOK FOR THE BOX LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE CHURCH  
YOU CAN NOT MISS IT IS DECORATED IN SILVER

PLEASE WHILE SHOPPING AROUND INCLUDE A  
SET OF ONE OF THESE ITEMS

TO HELP MAKE THIS WINTER BE A LITTLE WARMER  
FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.

ALL ITEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH  
OUR "PARISH OUTREACH SERVICES"

THE ANGELS OF MERCY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON  
THE 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH IN OUR LOWER CHAPEL  
WITH REFRESHMENTS ALWAYS SERVED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: ANGELA MANZI - 938-8106/JUSTKKAUZE@AOL.COM

**Volunteers Needed:**

Catholic Charities' **VIP Center in Lynbrook** needs volunteers to assist in driving visually impaired people to and from this center on **Thursdays**.

We currently have a need for drivers from the **Hicksville and Wantagh areas**.

If you are interested and available in the above or in any other volunteer opportunities, please contact:

Mary Ellen Kwiecinski

Volunteer/Intern Coordinator @ 516-733-7044.

*Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated!*



**ADULT ED CLASSES AVAILABLE**

**DROP BY AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS!**  
**SUNDAYS 10-11:30AM CONVENT**  
**BASEMENT OCT 1st THRU JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>**

No registration fee. Materials optional.  
Drop by any time or take advantage of the full program

**A comprehensive and dynamic Adult Ed Program for all adults who seek a better understanding of the Catholic Faith (including those considering the decision to become Catholic, and those Catholics who never received Communion and/or Confirmation).**

Peggy Clores [imcon630@aol.com](mailto:imcon630@aol.com) 516-317-1740  
 Chuck Ruppert 864-680-5597

**BIBLE STUDY NIGHTS**

**Go Deeper Into the Gospels**

**Drop in on any one or all of the following Monday evenings:**

**11/6; 12/4/2017; 1/8; 2/5; 4/9/2018**  
**Sessions given by OLM's Pastor and Clergy 7:30-9pm**

- Convent Basement **Contact the Coordinator for schedule and to be alerted to weather cancellations.**
- Peggy Clores [imcon630@aol.com](mailto:imcon630@aol.com)
- 516-317-1740



World Apostolate of Fatima  
 USA OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY  
 Announces the arrival in the  
 Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY  
**The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue**  
 November 5 - November 20, 2017

**ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL**  
 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY  
**Saturday, November 11, 2017 @ 7:30 PM**

Join the parish in prayer and devotion for the world.  
 Rosary, Message of Fatima and Veneration of Statue

For more information, contact: Linda Pascale (516) 729-5233

**Come Celebrate!**  
**World apostolate of Fatima USA**  
**OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY**  
**THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STTUE OF**  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
**IS COMING TO**  
**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH!**  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**  
**4:00pm - 7:00pm**

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS, DIVORCED AND SINGLE CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND

OUR 41st YEAR

NASSUU COUNTY CHAPTER NO1

P.O. BOX2031

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

CHAIRPERSON-DONNA CONROY

516-867-1481

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

NON-DENOMINATION-ALL ARE WELCOME

\*\*\*\*\*WEDNESDAY Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30PM\*\*\*\*\*

THE MEETING IS HELD EVERY 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY AT ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL SCHOOL

1309 WANTAGH AVE. IN WANTAGH YORK

BRING PROOF OF SINGLE STATUS TO JOIN

REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER MEETING

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL CAROL@ 516-794-4933

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
 May 16-25, 2018

Travel with St. Joseph's College faculty members:  
 Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ and Father Francis Pizzarelli, SMM  
 For a detailed brochure call Sister Grace at  
 631-654-0199 or e-mail  
[growland@sjcnj.edu](mailto:growland@sjcnj.edu)

**VENDORS WANTED**  
 for the  
*Our Lady of Mercy Christmas Boutique*  
 being held at  
**Our Lady of Mercy School**  
 520 South Oyster Bay Road  
 Hicksville, NY 11801  
 on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 from **10:00 am- 5:00 pm**  
 Interested vendors please contact *Alison*  
*Cesare*  
 516-376-2187 call or text  
 a.cesare@aol.com



**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FAIR**

Sunday November 19, 2017  
 10-5 PM

**GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE**  
**\$1,000**  
**2ND PRIZE-\$250**  
**3RD PRIZE-\$100**

WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

*Holiday Gifts for the Entire Family*

*Crafts, Jewelry, Home-Cooked Dinners, Baked Goods, Raffles & a Special Visit from the North Pole...*

**Our Lady of Mercy School**  
 520 S. Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville





**"FALL INTO FASHION"**  
 with the  
**OUR LADY OF MERCY CLASS OF 2018**

*Please join us for this 8th Grade Event!*  
*Cocktail Hour~Dinner~Fashion Show~Raffles*  
*\*Cash Bar Available\**

*Place: The North Ritz Club*  
*Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017*  
*Time: 6:00 - 10:00 pm*  
*Cost: \$50 Adults / \$35 Children*

*Fashions by:*  
*David's Bridal~*  
*S&S Tuxedos ~ Modells*  
*Max & Gino ~ Vanilla Sky*

*To purchase tickets kindly contact*  
*Maria Barretti at (516) 467-6270 or mariabella118@optonline.net*







**SUPER BONANZA WINNERS 2017  
OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
We are pleased to announce the following winners:



Oct 15, - \$25.00	M&M Anthony Camarda	Hicksville
Oct 16, - \$25.00	Hilda Huertas	Plainview
Oct 17, - \$25.00	M&M S. LaRusso	Plainview
Oct 18, - \$25.00	Anthony Galgapo	Hampton Bays
Oct 19, - \$25.00	Nancy Colacino	Bethpage
Oct 20, - \$25.00	Emily Mecchi	Bethpage
Oct 21, - \$25.00	Gregory Dybec	S. Huntington

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.

# YOUTH MINISTRY LIFE Teen NEWS

Life Teen has started for all High School Students!  
We meet twice a month *right after 5:30 Mass in the Lower Church.*  
For details & full schedule go to:  
[youthministryolm.weebly.com](http://youthministryolm.weebly.com)

# YOUTH MINISTRIES WYLDLIFE NEWS

for Schedule go to:  
[youthministryolm.weebly.com](http://youthministryolm.weebly.com)

We meet twice a month on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in OLM Gym!

Each year Molloy College hosts a Fall Open House for prospective students and their guests. As partners in faith, and since many of our current and prospective students are members of your parish community, we ask that you include the following information in your weekly bulletin:

Fall Open House  
Sunday, November 12, 2017  
1:00 PM  
Molloy College  
Rockville Centre, NY  
(516) 323-4000

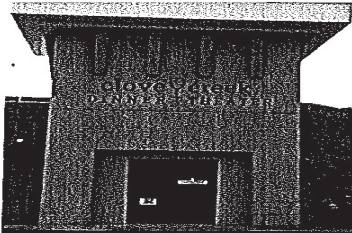


Office of Admissions  
T: 516.323.4000  
F: 516.323.4019



## BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Happy Book club will meet Monday, October 23rd, at 7:30pm, In Our Lady's Chapel's meeting room.  
This month's book is The Two-Family House, By Lynda Cohen Loigman. All are welcome.



**Clove Creek Dinner Theater**  
 Hudson Valley Towne Center  
 18 Westage Business Center Drive, Suite 7  
 Fishkill, NY 12524

**TICKETS:**  
 including tax and tip

Adults: \$70 Seniors \$65  
 Groups of 10+: \$60

Groups of 20+: \$60 + 2 FREE!

All beverages sold separately | Menu changes with each production

**Show Times:**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6:00pm  
 Sunday 1:00pm

Call the Box Office for matinee dates and times.

**Tour Groups Only**

Groups of 40+: \$45 (plus tip & tax)

Plus 2 Complimentary Tickets and

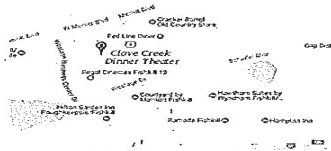
Unlimited Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Matinees Available Sundays & Last Thursday Each Month

Ample Parking for Buses &

Numerous Hotels in the Vicinity

**Ask us about Fundraising Events for  
 your Non-Profit Organization!!**



**Gift Cards Available!**



Box Office

Online

Facebook

Amazon

[www.CloveCreekDinnerTheater.com](http://www.CloveCreekDinnerTheater.com)



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**Look for these productions in 2018!**

**They're Playing Our Song**  
 Jan 4 - 21, 2018 & Feb 1 - 18, 2018

with Matinees on 1/25 and 2/22

Written by Neil Simon

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French

**Getting Sara Married**

Mar 1 - 18, 2018 & April 5 - 22, 2018

with Matinees on 3/22 and 4/26

Written by Sam Bobrick

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French

**Leading Ladies**

May 3 - 20, 2018 & May 31 - June 17, 2018

with Matinees on 5/24 and 6/21

Written by Ken Ludwig

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French

**Brighton Beach Memoirs**

July 5 - 22, 2018 & Aug 2 - 19, 2018

with Matinee on 7/26 and 8/23

Written by Neil Simon

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French

**The Butler Did It**

Sept 6 - 23, 2018 & Oct 4 - 21, 2018

with Matinees on 9/27 and 10/25

Written by Walter Marks and Peter Marks

Presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

**A 1940's Radio Christmas Carol**

Nov 1 - 18, 2018 & Nov 29 - Dec 16, 2018

Written by Walton Jones

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French

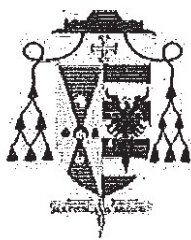
\* Shows and or schedule subject to change. Please visit our website or contact the Box Office to confirm shows, dates and for information on our Murder Mysteries, Dinner Dances & our annual New Years' Celebration!



**PART TIME SACRISTAN/MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED.**

Knowledge of Catholic traditions & ceremonies. Being an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is a plus (will train). Knowledge of electric, painting, plumbing, carpentry, repair/maintenance of fans, vacuums, snow blowers etc. Overall knowledge of facility and its workings. Approximately 15 hours a week. Please Contact Tony Condron or Fr. James Stachacz at St. Ignatius Loyola, 129 Broadway, Hicksville, NY 516-931-0056





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 15, 2017

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Since my installation in January, I have had the joyful opportunity to visit many of the Diocese's parishes, schools and ministries. Thank you for your commitment to the pursuit of holiness and mission in every dimension of your lives. Thank you for your intimacy with Father, Son and Holy Spirit and your deep desire to share your Catholic faith on Long Island and to be instruments of *dramatic missionary growth*. Your commitment to the Catholic Church's Eucharistic Mission of Mercy to the World has inspired me at every turn.

As your Servant Successor of the Apostles and as your Shepherd, I am now asking all of us together to take a new and important step in the Church's Eucharistic Mission of Mercy by announcing that the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be making a major commitment to the ongoing healing of survivors of acts of child sexual abuse committed by clergy.

As you may have heard, I announced this past week the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. This program follows years of meaningful and ever vigilant steps taken in this Diocese to protect children and youth. It is a critical and tangible next step towards reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors of acts of abuse committed by diocesan clergy.

Our Program will be administered by Mr. Kenneth Feinberg, a preeminent mediator in the country who has administered numerous high-profile compensation programs, including the September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund and the Compensation Fund for the victims of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Feinberg will be aided by his colleague, Ms. Camille Biros, in this effort.

The Diocese has also established an Independent Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. This committee consists of the Honorable A. Gail Prudenti, Dean of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and former Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State; Michael Cardello III, a partner with the law firm of Moritt Hock & Hamroff; and Dr. Thomas Demaria, a New York State Psychologist who is the Director of the Psychological Services Center of the Doctoral Psychology Program at Long Island University Post.

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The Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program builds on the reforms and best practices for protecting our children in the Catholic Church. The outreach of Bishops and survivors' assistance coordinators to survivors and their families, a firm zero tolerance policy and immediate reporting and cooperation with civil authorities, diocesan and parish audits, the ongoing training of clergy, employees and volunteers to prevent child abuse, extensive background checks on employees and volunteers, thorough screening of our seminarians preparing to be priests – these are examples of the proactive procedures which have been integrated into every dimension of the Catholic Church's life and will always require our moment by moment vigilance and commitment.


It is important to note that the funding for this program will come from investment returns over time and insurance programs. Of course, if we were not using these funds for this purpose they could have been used for other dimensions of the Church's mission. However, I am convinced that using these funds to help bring reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors is a vitally important goal and commitment, and the critical next step in our Church's mission of mercy.

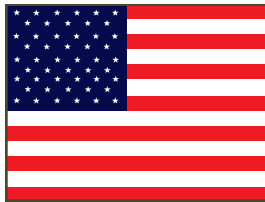
Pope Francis said that survivors of abuse and their families are "true heralds of hope and ministers of mercy". Each one of us in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the universal Church is called to pray, to sacrifice and to be instruments of healing for those who have experienced sexual abuse or any form of abuse. In this spirit, we are instruments of the Holy Spirit and the Divine Mercy.

To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, please visit the diocesan website [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) and click on "Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program" to access full Program information. *You can visit the Program site directly by going to [www.RockvilleCentreDioceseIRCP.com](http://www.RockvilleCentreDioceseIRCP.com).*

We as a Church recognize that no amount of monetary compensation could ever erase or undo the grave harm suffered by survivors of child abuse. Still, we embrace Christ's healing power and the Mission of Mercy of the Catholic Church as we begin our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. We stand in solidarity with our survivors and their families and we continue our commitment and vigilance to the protection of children in our Church and in society. God bless you all and thank you for the inspirational way you live our Church's Mission of Mercy each day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
+ John O. Barres  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



**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 \$975.00, of this the Parish earned \$48.75, **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**

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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.

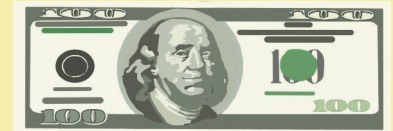
If you, or someone you know, needs assistance please contact us at (516) 931-4351, X 326. All contact with St. Vincent de Paul is held in strict confidence. Thank you.

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**and the school gets... Science,  
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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](http://www.btfe.com) **THANK YOU!**



## Organizations

### Music Ministries

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

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

**OLM Folk Group:** Meets Sunday mornings after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Lower Church.

**OLM Rock Group:** Meets Monday evenings from 8:00 to 10:00 PM in the Upper Church.

### Parish Organizations

**Angels of Mercy:** Meet 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](mailto:justkkauze@aol.com)) or call Angela Manzi at (516) 938-8106.

**Hicksville/OLM Senior Club:** Meets on Mondays from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Bethpage Senior Center. For more information contact Joan at (516) 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. For more information call Kevin McAvoy, President, at (516) 996-3489.

**Knights of Columbus: Our Lady of Mercy Joseph F. Lamb Council # 5723,** meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria. For more information contact Jim Raber, Grand Knight, at (516) 695-1022.

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

**Nocturnal Adoration:** First Friday of the Month: 8:00 to 9:00 PM (Exposition & Group Prayer and /or 9:00 PM to 10 PM (Silent Prayer and Benediction) in Our Lady's Chapel, in the lower church.

**OLM Ushers:** If interested in becoming an Usher, please contact Jim Decker at (516) 933-8143, or email at [jimdecker@verizon.net](mailto:jimdecker@verizon.net).

**OLM Prayer Group:** Meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM in Lower Church. Contact Maureen Decker at (516) 933-8143. Eucharistic Adoration is conducted the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

**CYO Youth Council for Parish Sports.** Contact

Chris Fox at [cfox411@icloud.com](mailto:cfox411@icloud.com).

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Contact the Rectory for more information (516) 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: Tom Liguori (516) 770-7562**

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: Tom Liguori (516) 770-7562**

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

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

**Al-Anon:**

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

**Emotions Anonymous: Sandy Goodman**

(516) 492-6003, Meeting on Thursdays at 8:00 to 10:00 PM in the Convent Basement.

**Families Anonymous:** Dorothy Buscemi

(516) 628-0151, Meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30-9:30 PM. In the Convent Basement.

**Parish website address [www.ourladyofmercy.org](http://www.ourladyofmercy.org)**

