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

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Rectory Cook

Michelina Gambale

Convent Cook

Susan Bennett



Masses for the Week

Monday September 4, 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Holiday (Labor Day) 8:00 AM Michael Gagliardo

Tuesday September 5, 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

7:00 AM Anthony Graziosi 9:00 AM Nicholas Roscigno Lucia Terriaca Bruno Marino

Wednesday September 6, Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

7:00 AM Michael Abbriano 9:00 AM Patrick J. Grace Pasqualina Fabbo

Thursday September 7, Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

7:00 AM Jed Carroll 9:00 AM Michael Marinaro Sr. Michael Ligentli Francisco Lopez

Friday September 8, Mt 5:1-4/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

7:00 AM Bagnasco & Leonard Fam 9:00 AM James Leonick Francisco Lopez

Saturday September 9, Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

8:00 AM Frances DiMaggio Edward Brennan Louis Casal Francisco Lopez Bruno Marino

4:30 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday September 10, Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

7:30 AM Angelo Manzi
8:45 AM Gino Coletti (1st Ann)
9:00 AM Edward Twohig (1st Ann)
10:30 AM Fanny Christiano
12:00 PM Nancy Canonico
5:30 PM Patrick Donohue



Loving Memory– You Rest In Peace -Lucy Terriaca, Olivia Mannion, Agnes Tevlim, John Briody, Bruno Marino, Michael Elefante 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,

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, and all homebound and in nursing homes.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SECOND TIME

Sabino Gelsomino of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park and Catherine Nora Taormina of OLM.

Zaul Buruca of St. Ignatius and Christine Nicole Burd of OLM.

Louis Michael Ciani of OLM and Jenna Veveakis - St. Aidan of Williston Park.

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACCOUNTABILITY Sacrificial Giving Offertory

Week Offering for August 13th, 2017: \$14,492.00

Feast of the Assumption, August 15th, 2017: \$4,643.00

Week Offering for August 27th, 2017: \$14,559.00

Living

On Stewardship Spirituality

Accountability

Sacrificial Giving Offertory

Weekly Offering for:

- August 27, 2017: \$14,559
- August 28, 2016: \$15,514

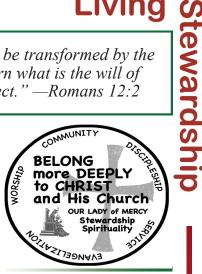
Thank you for your Generous Response to His Call.

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 'Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God; what is good and pleasing and perfect." —Romans 12:2

I was going to sort of kick back a bit this week, keep it light and easy. After all, these are the dog days of Summer. We're headed towards Labor Day, thinking about last vacations, perhaps preparing for back to school. Only a couple weeks left to feel the sand in our toes, the warm breezes on our faces and enjoy that carelessness that is part of the season.

So I took a look back at the pages past, to see where we have been. And while this may not be so light and easy, it is fitting for this Labor Day weekend.



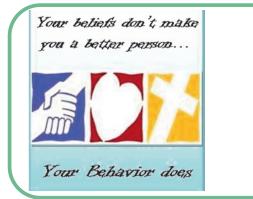
Being Called and Committed Stewards

Just as we get comfortable in our Summer style and don't want it to change, we can get very comfortable with where we are in our faith and not see a need to move on or change. But, just as we must move on from our relaxed Summer mode to a more structured and perhaps more demanding Fall schedule (the seasons don't stop!), our faith life—our stewardship life, requires action on our part—change, a conversion of heart. We cant just cling to the past and still expect to grow. We have to move forward, embrace the future and the change that comes with it if we want to grow in faith.

The Old Testament speaks of the universal church of which we are a part. It is what the word Catholic means: universal. The fact that Isaiah speaks of gathering people of all languages and all nations—and that 2800 years later we are a church of 1.2 billion people of all languages and all nations is pretty remarkable. But it is our responsibility, as stewards to keep our Catholic faith remarkable, and vibrant, and current and relevant in this world which would like to tell us otherwise.

So, I guess the point is that there is no time like the present. The sound of ocean waves in our ears shouldn't dull the sense that there is a greater task at hand. Do not conform, but be transformed, be renewed in your faith. Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last. The order doesn't matter—we are all called; what matters is that we answer.

~Want to know more about Stewardship, email us at SerenaOnStewardship@gmail.com.



Creator God, Life is your Gift to Me

Through Baptism you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as you choose each day to show your Presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call.

ADULT ED CLASSES STARTING UP!

Take advantage of complete program or *drop by* as time allows <u>No registration fees.</u> Materials optional.

SUNDAY SEPT 24th * 7:30PM*RECTORY BASEMENT

A comprehensive and dynamic Adult Ed Program for all those (ages 16 on up!) who seek a better understanding of the Catholic Faith and a deepening of their spiritual life.

*Learn how to turn suffering into triumph! *Discover the real secret to success and happiness! *Forgive the unforgiveable! *Become the best version of yourself! *Get answers to your challenging questions about the Faith!

Who can attend?

-Any and all Adults(especially those whose formal education in their Catholic Faith ended in 8th grade)

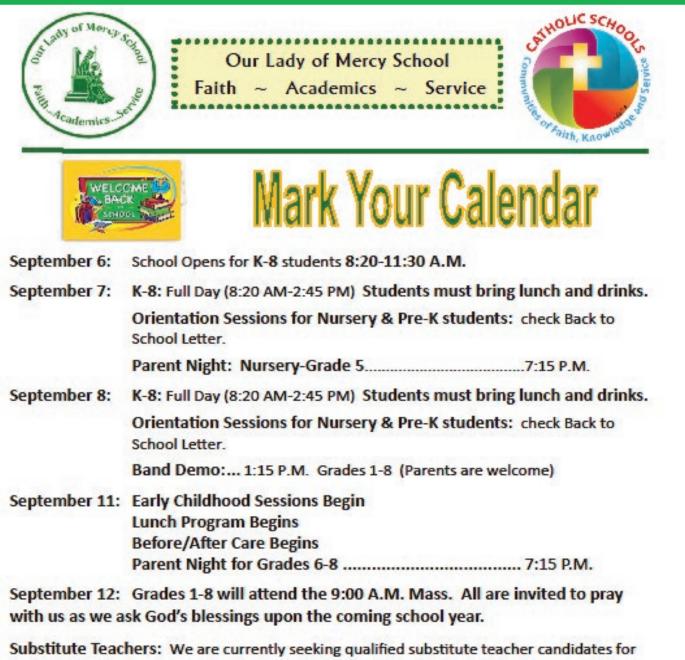
-Those considering becoming Catholic

-Adults who have never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation

Contact us with questions or for additional Adult Ed options!

Peggy Clores imcon630@aol.com 516-317-1740 Chuck Ruppert 864-680-5597





Substitute Teachers: We are currently seeking qualified substitute teacher candidates for the 2017-2018 school year. Qualified candidates should hold a bachelor's degree or higher and have experience in a school setting or working with children. Our substitute teachers are frequently called well in advance of when they are needed but may be contacted as early as 5:30 AM on some day.s All employees and volunteers are required to submit a background check and complete the Virtus Training Program through the Diocese of Rockville Centre. If you are interested in being added to our substitute teacher list, please contact the school principal at jharrigan@olmshicks.org or call 516-433-7040.

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

Parish Services Office will be closed the week of September 11 but the Food Pantry will be open for people to receive food during the usual hours.

Register Now for Bereavement Support Group at OLM

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one this year and would like help in coping with your grief, consider joining our bereavement support group.

This ten-week support group for the newly bereaved will be led by trained facilitators and <u>begins Thursday</u>, <u>September 28 in the lower church meeting</u> room from 3:00-4:15pm.

Individuals interested should call Parish Services at 931-1306 for more information and to request a registration form.

Catholic Charities Open House Job Fair for Direct Support Professionals

Tuesday, Sept. 12 3-7pm at 147 Schleigel Blvd., Amityville

Catholic Charities is hiring direct support professionals to work in their 13 group homes for developmentally disabled adults. PT & FT, awake overnight, weekend (Sat & Sun) and many flexible on call opportunities available. All positions require HS Diploma & valid NYS driver's license. **To schedule an open house interview call 516-733-7000.** If unable to attend, visit www.catholiccharities.cc for complete list of job openings.

Property Tax Exemption Workshops

Upcoming workshops where the Nassau County Dept. of Assessment staff will assist homeowners in filing for property tax exemptions will be held:

Thurs., Sept. 7 at Syosset Library,

Fri., Sept. 8 at Levittown VFW Post 9592, 55 Hickory Lane,

Tues., Oct. 3 at Hicksville Public Library,

Thurs., Oct. 19 at Bethpage Public Library

All will be held from 1-2:30pm.

Bring your 2016 federal and state income tax returns, driver's license and any other documentation on the application at mynassauproperty.com. Call the Department of Assessment at 571-1500 or visit myproper-tynassau.com for more information.

Food Pantry needs: Pancake mix, syrup, and granola bars. 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

Mary Anne Scott





EVERY DOLLAR YOU RAISE GOES TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!



#WALK4THEPOOR



The Our Lady of Mercy Bowling league is looking for men or women who would like to bowl in a League. Bowling is at Syosset Lanes on Wednesday nights starting September 6, 2017 at 7:30 with a league meeting and bowling starts at 8:00 ending around 10:45. League ends after 36 weeks in May with a Dinner held at the Chateau Briand in Westbury. This is a 90% Handicap League with averages ranging from 140 – 200+. If interested please call Roger Koopmann 516-413-0064 for additional information.



Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track

2017-2018 REGISTRATION

The mission of the Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track Program 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.

Our season is split between the fall and spring. The fall program runs from mid-September through October with the spring resuming during April-June. Track meets are held outdoors on weekends at track fields throughout Nassau and Suffolk. All athletes competing in meets will receive medals and/or ribbons. At the conclusion of the season, we hold our annual awards night in June.

For registration and additional information about the program, contact Kelly at <u>ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com</u>



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



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

Our Lady of Mercy Church For the Saints in the Pews



St. Rose of Lima

Born in colonial Peru, Rose worked constantly to help her

poverty-stricken family. From early on, she wanted to become a nun and practiced heavy penances. When her parents tried to make her marry, she marred her face with pepper and cut her hair to deter suitors. She became a lay Dominican, despite opposition. Concerned about the living conditions of Native Americans and slaves, she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick in her home.

Be meek, not weak.

Meekness can be mistaken for weakness, but nothing could be further from the truth. Being "meek of heart" means being in control of your emotions rather than letting them control you, Today, pray for the courage to be meek of heart,

"If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions" (Matthew 6:14). Love can make us saints

It is very Catholic to admire the saints and imagine that they had characteristics of holiness that we don't. Yet many people who became saints didn't perform great deeds but had great love of God and neighbor. If they can do it, we can, too.

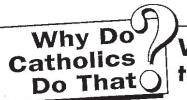
St. Augustine was a playboy, He was into partying, paganism, and an immoral lifestyle. Through the prayers of his mother and the guidance of St. Ambrose, Augustine

came to adore the God he discovered in Scripture. His love for God made him a new man.

St. Mary of Egypt lived a life of extreme sin. Openly a prostitute, it is reported that she traveled to the Holy Land to ply her illicit trade to pilgrims.

Instead, she had a spiritual experience while trying to enter a church and devoted the rest of her life to prayer and penance. She had a special love for Our Blessed Mother. St. Ignatius of Loyola dreamed of courtly love and knightly deeds. Injured during a battle with the French, he was forced to convalesce to heal his shattered leg. While recuperating, he read the only books available -

biographies of Jesus and the saints. Captivated by their holiness, Ignatius became attracted to a life of holy love. He later founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), a religious order that thrives today.



What is transubstantiation?

During Mass, although the appearance doesn't change, the substance of the bread offered by the priest is changed into the substance of the Body of Christ. The same is true of the wine – its substance is changed into Christ's Blood.

Catholics believe that the words Christ said at the Last Supper, "This is my Body, this is my blood," meant that really and physically the bread and wine became his Body and Blood. He decreed that it be so.

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

Aug 27, - \$25.00 Aug 28, - \$25.00 Aug 29, - \$25.00 Aug 30, - \$25.00 Aug 31, - \$100.00 Sept 1, - \$25.00 Sept 2, - \$25.00 Anne Crisci M/M Michael Wyer M/M John Waugh Terri Finley Gerard McNamee Jr Nicholas Mueller Luka Luszczyk

Hicksville Melville Plainview Plainview Hicksville Hicksville 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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES WYLDLIFE NEWS

for Schedule go to:

youthministryolm.weebly.com

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

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

HAPPY BOOK CLUB The Happy Book Club will meet on Monday, September 18 at 7:30 in the Our Lady's Chapel meeting room. This summer's selection is A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. <u>All readers are welcome.</u>



PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER STEVE PIETROWSKI

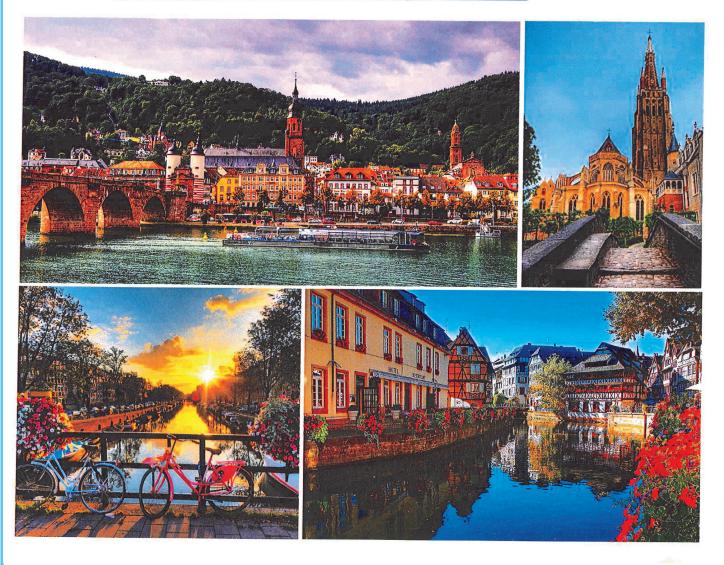
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OLM Weekly









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)



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.

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 \$850.00, of this the Parish earned \$42.00, **If you do not use** supermarket dollars, please give it a try! Ask those who use it, how convénient it is!

Unclaimed Supermarket Gift Ticket as of: 8-21&28-2017	
2261428	8/08/17*
2261488	8/21/17**
2261540	8/28/17***
Won by:	AI Furst*
Won by:	Mr. Anderson**(8-21)
Won by:	Rectory***(8/-28)

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!

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 8:00-10:00 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, <u>JUSTKKAUZE@AOL.COM</u> or call Angela Manzi at (516) 938-8106.

Hicksville/OLM Senior Club: Meets on Mondays 11:00AM-3:00PM 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: The Our Lady of Mercy Joseph F. Lamb Council # 5723 Knights of Columbus 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 Tuesdays at 10:00AM 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.

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

CYO Youth Council for Parish Sport. Contact Chris Fox at 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: 7:00-8:00PM in the Convent Basement.

Our Own Group: Tom Liguori (516) 770-7562

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: Sandy Goodman

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

Families Anonymous: Dorothy Buscemi

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

Parish website address is: www.ourladyofmercy.org

