

**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 9th,  
Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37**

**Holiday - Columbus Day**  
8:00 AM Helen Ogden



**Tuesday October 10th,  
Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42**

7:00 AM Frances Tomaszewski  
9:00 AM Frank Gagliardo  
Patrick James Looney  
Paul Manetta

**Wednesday October 11th,  
Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4**

7:00 AM Ann Iivino  
9:00 AM Msgr Thomas Graham  
Kay & John Guerra  
Bruce Lankewich

**Thursday October 12th  
Mal 3:13-20/Lk 11:5-13**

7:00 AM Claire V. Jones  
9:00 AM Philip & Anna Gaudino  
William Hennessey  
For Las Vegas Shooting

**Friday October 13th,  
Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26**

7:00 AM Grace & Gaetano Ceravola  
9:00 AM Angela & Peter (heal) Paul Manetto (Dec)  
Frances & Orlando Prestipino (Dec)

**Saturday October 14th,  
Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28**

8:00 AM Christopher Iavarone  
Carol Taaffe  
Dolan & Roga Families (Dec)  
Owen & Kathleen Mitchell

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

**Sunday October 15th,  
Is 25:6-10/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14**

7:30 AM Lisa Miceli  
9:00 AM Walter Kracker  
10:30 AM Josephine Sayers  
12:00 PM Simone Charzewski  
5:30 PM Bruce Lankewich (1st Ann)



**Loving Memory— Rest In Peace—**  
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, Norma Vuturo, Jeannine Margiotta, John Lagattuta, Patricia Lombardi, Joan Chwalisc, James Madden, Christine Henry, Jani Farlow, Sr. Marjorie McHugh, Sean Fotiadis, Meghan Roach, Ginny Collins, Diane Ayers, (4year old Louis Mendez) , Pat Collins, Milagros (Millie) Torchia, LT. Peter J. Clarke

**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.

**WEEK OF OCT 8 TH TO OCT 14, 2017**



**U.C. Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of  
Viola Harvey  
Donated By:  
The Harvey Family**

**L.C. Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of  
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# On Stewardship Spirituality

## Living Stewardship

### Accountability

#### Sacrificial Giving Offertory

Weekly Offering for:

- ♦ Oct. 1, 2017: \$17,107
- ♦ Oct 2, 2016: \$17,391
- ♦ Respect Life: 2,719

**Thank you for your  
Generous Response  
to His Call.**

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of Peace will be with you.

#### *Belong More Deeply*

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

**Take a Step in Faith**

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God will guard your hearts and minds... the God of peace will be with you.” —Philippians 4:6-9*

*Prayer is a gift from God. It has been said that prayer moves the hand that moves the world. As Catholics “we are all called to be prayer warriors in one form or another. Our call to prayer goes deep within the roots of our faith and gives our journey purpose and hope. Prayer is the way in which we work with God, and develop our relationship with him and with one another. It gives us peace of heart like nothing else is able to and opens our eyes wide to truths within ourselves and of one another.”*



### **The Pillars of Stewardship: Prayer—Talking with God**

#### **Prayer – A Heart-to-Heart with God**

“Do not become so involved in the work of the Lord that you forget the Lord of the work.” In other words, don’t get so caught up doing stuff—even good stuff, that you forget to spend time in prayer. Through prayer, we nurture our most important relationship — with our God. A healthy prayer life includes communal prayer, as well as personal and family prayer. We need to schedule time for prayer, just as we would for any important appointment.

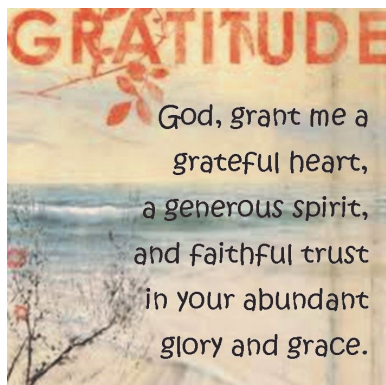
#### **Pray Ceaselessly**

Christian stewardship consists of making everything a prayer. To embark on a deepened spirituality of stewardship, turn in earnest to prayer. If you’re stuck, if you don’t trust, if the idea of a more serious commitment to stewardship spirituality calls up all sorts of fears, simply pray. If you are stuck for a prayer, try the stewardship prayer, or try a ‘decade a day’ of the rosary.

If that seems to formal, or too long, send up a prayer as simple and straightforward as this: “God, grant me a grateful heart, a generous spirit, and a faithful trust in Your abundant glory and grace.” Pray until you sense a shift. If you continue to pray, you can be confident that you *will* sense a shift.

But you have to knock, to seek, to ask. **“Ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find” -Matthew 7:7**

*~Information today is from Collen Smith’s Catholic Stewardship and from [www.Catholic.net](http://www.Catholic.net). Want to know more about Stewardship, email us at [SerenaOnStewardship@gmail.com](mailto:SerenaOnStewardship@gmail.com).*







**Our Lady of Mercy School**  
**Faith ~ Academics ~ Service**



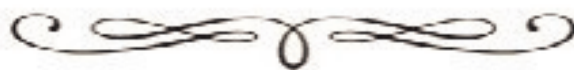
**Technology Day for Grades 7 & 8:** Later this week, grades 7 and 8 will participate in Technology Day at Adventureland in Farmingdale. Armed with paper, pencils, calculators, and stopwatches, students will use their problem solving skills as they observe each ride's engineering design, structure, safety, and accessibility

features. Unlike most family trips to Adventureland, students will be looking at the rides from an educational perspective as opposed to solely a recreational one. But don't worry, there will be enough time left for students to go on a few rides just for fun!

**Technology Day for Grade 6:** While Grades 7 and 8 are at Adventureland, the 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will go to the Apple Store in Roosevelt Field as part of OLM's Technology in the classroom initiative. The program will provide to students instruction on making ebooks (interactive storytelling) in Book Creator on the iPad. We can't wait to see how they will put their new knowledge into action.



**Care for our Neighbors:** In addition to monetary donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, Our Lady of Mercy students also donated rosaries to the children of Houston. We hope the rosaries will bring comfort to the children who receive them.



October 6: \$100 - Kollmeier Family (Grade 7)  
 \$75 - Huffman Family (Grade 8)  
 \$50 - Skjeveland Family (Grades 5 and 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.**

## Parish Services

### *Serving with Mercy*

Mary Anne Scott

#### **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training**

Anyone volunteering in any program in the parish is required to complete a volunteer application and attend a *VIRTUS* Protecting God's Children training. **If you have not attended a *VIRTUS* session and need to in order to volunteer, coach a team, assist in a school or Religious Education activity including attending field trips, two sessions have been scheduled at Our Lady of Mercy:**

**Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm in the Rectory Basement meeting room**

**Thursday, October 19 at 9am in the Rectory Basement meeting room**

If you want to attend one of these sessions, **you must register on-line at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org)**. If you are unable to attend a session at OLM you may register on-line for one of the many sessions scheduled at locations throughout the diocese. Questions? Call Parish Services at 931-1306.

#### **Donate Diapers in Honor of October Respect Life Month**

Our food pantry and outreach program serve a number of mothers who despite their difficult financial and family circumstances have chosen to give life to their children. Helping to support struggling mothers by donating much needed diapers is one way to demonstrate our continuing commitment to protecting the sanctity of all human life as a gift from God worthy of respect and protection. **At this time, our pantry has no diapers at all and sizes 3 and 4 are especially requested.**

#### **Free Legal Consultations– Nassau County Bar Association**

**Mortgage Foreclosure Assistance- Thursday, October 12      3-6pm**

**One-on-one consultation with an attorney**

Bring all mortgage documents

HUD-certified housing counselors available to help with loan modifications

Bankruptcy attorneys available, Reverse mortgage information

**Open House– Thursday, October 26      3-6pm**

**Private consultation on any of the following issues:**

**Bankruptcy/Consumer Debt, Divorce & Family Issues, Immigration**

**Labor and Employment, Mortgage Foreclosure, Senior Citizen Issues**

Bring all relevant documents regarding your issue

**Call to register for an appointment at either program– 747-4070.**

Nassau County Bar Association, 15th Street, corner of West St., Mineola (for GPS use 1 West St. )

**Food Pantry needs: Juice boxes, instant oatmeal, canned pasta meals & toothpaste.**

**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**





Diocese of Rockville Centre  
Office of Faith Formation



# BIBLE HOW TO

for Catechists

Location: **Maria Regina, Seaford 3945**  
Jerusalem Ave, Seaford, NY 11783

Instructor: **Jen Menneci**, Associate Director, Office of Faith Formation, DRVC


Dates: **Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00pm to 9:30pm**

Cost: **\$10.00 per person**


**Register Online**

[www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)


If you have any questions contact Jen Menneci at 516-678-5800 ext. 200



**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**

**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.

**St. John the Baptist HS**, West Islip on October 13, doors open at 7:00PM.

**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!



**HOLY NAME MEETING**

Please note, the Holy Name meeting has changed from October 2nd to October 10th, the time remains the same 7:30pm, in the Our Lady's Chapel (Lower Church).

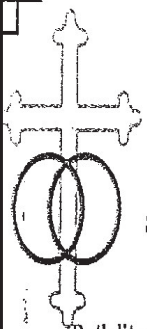
Chinese Auction, Saturday, October 21st at St. Edward's gym, Syosset, N.Y. Doors open at 6:30pm Admission \$5.00 includes one envelope and refreshments. For further information please call 516-921-2607 or 516-921-0822.

**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).**  
**Contact the Coordinators for Topic Schedule and questions!**

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



The Diocese of Rockville Centre  
**Golden Wedding Liturgy**  
 Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

Sunday, October 22 — Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa  
 Sunday, November 19 — Church of Christ the King in Commack

Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm / Couples may register for ONE liturgy.

- Please fill in the form below, have it signed by your pastor or someone designated by him and return to the Office of Worship.
- Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions.
- There will be reserved seating for the registered couples only. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.
- After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish.
- You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.

Please mail completed form to : Suzanne Lynn  
 Diocese of Rockville Centre  
 42 Bermingham Place  
 Williston Park, NY 11596

Registration for the October 22nd liturgy must be received by October 9th.  
 Registration for the November 19th liturgy must be received by November 6th.  
 For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-678-5800, ext.207.

—————(cut here and return form below)—————

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name First Name Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Address Town Zip Code

Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
mm/dd/yy Area code + Number

We will attend the Golden Wedding Celebration on:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, October 22, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, November 19, Christ the King, Commack

I wish to Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

In order to seat those who require special assistance accordingly, please let us know if you or your spouse use a: wheelchair \_\_\_\_\_ cane \_\_\_\_\_ walker \_\_\_\_\_

Current Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Current Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**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



## FREE LUNCHEON SEMINAR

Benev Funeral Home is hosting an informational seminar to discuss an important life event, a funeral. Yes, we get it, no one wants to have the discussion, but opening the door to address the emotional benefits of pre-arranging can be very beneficial to you and family members. Join us to learn more about the simple steps you can take to plan-ahead and turn worry into peace of mind. Also, joining us that day will be attorney James Leonick to discuss the importance of wills, power of attorney, and health care proxy. The gathering will be held at the American Legion 175 ( 68 Berry Hill Rd. Syosset, directly across the street from funeral home) on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am with a lunch to follow at 12:30am. Please RSVP by Oct. 10 at (718) 793-2725 ask for Gloria –



## JOB OPPORTUNITY

Holy Trinity has a part time job opening in the cafeteria, the hours are 8:30AM to 12:30PM Monday - Friday. For more information please call 516/433-2900.



## SCHOOL SECRETARY POSITION



St. Peter of Alcantara Elementary School is Port Washington seeks a Part-Time Secretary. Hours are **Monday & Friday 7:30am-3:30pm. Tues, Wed, Thurs 7:30am—12pm.** St. Peter's is looking for a flexible, positive problem solver with strong organization skills to help manage daily office operations including, but not limited to, phone, clerical, correspondence, mail and record keeping as well as maintaining school data base. Will assist principal and other members of the Administrative Team on various projects as needed. Experience preferred but not necessary.

**Experience with: Excel, Word, Microsoft Publisher and Google Drive.**

If interested please fax resume and cover letter, to the attention of Ms Carberry, at 516-757-8075.



*Columbiettes*

**YOU'RE INVITED FOR AN INSPIRATIONAL TALK By Msgr James Vlaun On Sunday, October 15, 2017 Immediately following the 9:30 Am Mass in The Holy Family Room at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Syosset, New York . For more Information Call Mary Fay: 516-364-2601**



**Msgr. Jim Vlaun is the President and CEO of Telecare Television, the Catholic Television station of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.**

Monsignor James C. Vlaun is devoted to Catholic media, his Long Island Legates, and the New York Jets, whom he serves as Catholic chaplain. His main ministry, however, is serving the new evangelization using a variety of media to champion the faith — as president and CEO of Telecare (the TV station of the Rockville Centre diocese), host of the nationally-syndicated radio show *Religion and Rock*, and author of such books as *Feasts of Life: Recipes from Nana's Wooden Spoon.*

Reserve your seat by returning this form to St. Edward's Rectory Office, 205 Jackson Ave; Syosset, by Monday, October 9, 2017.

Cost: \$20 per adult; \$7 for Children ages 6-12

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults EA. \_\_\_\_\_ Children EA

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

*Sponsored by the Joseph J. Gorman Columbiettes*

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JOSEPH J. GORMAN COLUMBIETTES**

### 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.

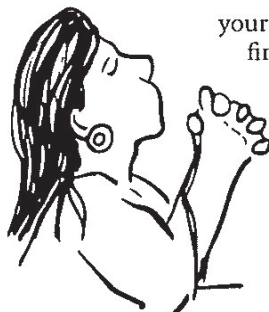
***Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated!***



## God's will be done

Ever pray really hard for something only to be disappointed in the outcome? The let down feels like God isn't listening. Yet, our way isn't God's way. He always listens to our prayers but doesn't necessarily answer the way we expect. Of course, we know no one is more qualified to lead than our heavenly Father. Doesn't it make sense to trust him?

Don't be outcome specific. Asking God to double your income may not be reasonable. Instead put your worries in his hands. Know that



your Father has your best interest in mind and will find the solution that is just right for you.

**Be open to alternatives.** Sometimes taking a different job or buying a less expensive home is the better choice. You may net more personal time and less overall stress.

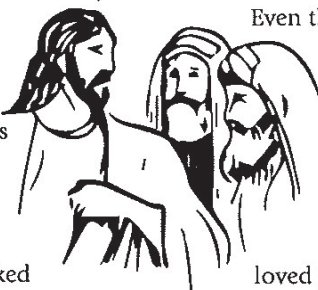
**Let Scripture speak to you.** *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths"* (Proverbs 3:5-6).

### from Scripture

**Matthew 22:34-40.**  
**Jesus has the right answers.**

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees attempted to trap him into publicly contradicting Jewish law by sending a slick lawyer to "engage" him. Then Jesus could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent knew that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most important. Pretending to seek Jesus' opinion, he asked him to choose which of the 613 commandments of the Jewish law was the most important.

Jesus silenced them by saying that everything starts and ends with love –



love of God and love of others. To love God is to love one another. Love is at the heart of all the other laws.

Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that.

While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including those our natural inclination says to exclude or avoid. Jesus

loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies. True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and he calls us to the same.

### Q & A

**What is a "sacramental character?"**

Certain Sacraments leave an indelible mark on our souls. Called the "character" or "seal," it marks us as belonging to Christ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #1272*) in a special and permanent way. The



Sacramental character is first received in Baptism and is also imprinted in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Like Baptism, these Sacraments are only received once.

Each "mark" patterns us after Christ in a different way. In Baptism, we become children of God and sharers in Jesus' mission. In Confirmation, we receive a second character, which strengthens us to proclaim Christ publicly (*CCC, #1304*); In Holy Orders, a man is consecrated to the service of Christ and the Church.

The Father set his seal on Christ (John 6:27) and we are sealed in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:22). It is a sign that the one baptized, confirmed, and ordained bears a special and unique relationship to Christ. This indelible seal remains even in a person not in the state of grace or who has lost faith.

### Feasts & Celebrations

Oct. 23 – St. John of Capistrano (1456). Born in Capistrano, Italy in 1386, St. John studied law at Perugia. He resigned his post as governor to join the Franciscans in 1416. Renowned for his preaching, he was asked to lead the crusade that successfully recaptured Constantinople from the Ottomans and saved Christendom.

Oct. 28 – Saints Simon and Jude (1st Century). St. Simon was a Zealot – a Jew who believed that the Messiah would free them from political

oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be Apostles, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.

Oct. 30 – St. Alphonsus Rodriguez (1617). Following the tragic losses of his children and wife, St. Alphonsus entered the Jesuit order as a lay brother and worked as a hall porter at a college on the island of Majorca. Known for holiness and wisdom, many students and civil authorities came to him for advice, including the young St. Peter Claver.



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



Oct 1, - \$25.00	<b>Bernard Scimonelli</b>	<b>Hicksville</b>
Oct 2, - \$25.00	<b>Christopher Amoroso</b>	<b>c/o Joyce</b>
Oct 3, - \$25.00	<b>M/M Ronald Rula</b>	<b>Plainview</b>
Oct 4, - \$25.00	<b>Margaret Kelly</b>	<b>Hicksville</b>
Oct 5, - \$25.00	<b>Robert &amp; Toni Jones</b>	<b>Bethpage</b>
Oct 6, - \$25.00	<b>Robert Paul</b>	<b>Plainview</b>

**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!



*On Behalf of Our Lady of Mercy and  
The Holy Name Society*

*We would like to Thank everyone that came and were part of the "Back to School Fishing Trip" that took place on Saturday September 16.*

*We hope that everyone enjoyed the day with Family and Friends, sharing the Beautiful moments we shared.*

*We were happy to see so many children along with their parents fishing and having fun with all the glow sticks and snacks.*

*Not to mention the fishes of all kinds that was caught.*

*We look forward to seeing each of You again at next year's trip*

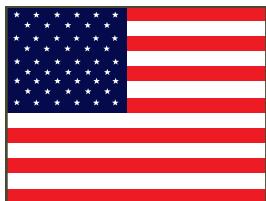
*The Holy Name Society Thanks Everyone again for Supporting and Enjoying each event that we do*



*God Bless Always..*

*The Men of the Holy Name Society*





**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 \$700.00, of this the Parish earned \$35.00, **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: 10-02-2017

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Won by:                              Tim Snee\*



**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.

**WE WANT YOUR BOXTOPS!!**

**Because with these**  
**Please check expiration date:**



**We get this**



**and the school gets... Science,  
Math, English, Technology and  
much much more.**

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!**



## You're Invited

*Rob McGuffey & Friends*



### ***A beautiful evening of Contemporary Christian Music & Faith Building Stories***

Please join us for the inaugural and **FREE Concert** with Rob McGuffey & his musical friends

***Right Here in the Upper Church***

**Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

Some know Rob as "The Fair Guy," some as a Lector at the 12, some as an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechist and others as the coaching father of five. In June, Rob graduated from our own Diocesan School of Missionary Disciples, formerly the Pastoral Formation Institute, and he is beginning his new ministry right here at Mercy.

**Come one and all to this FREE concert to celebrate God's Love in Music and Story, as well as the publishing of his Rob's book, *The Gift... of Believing* (including some stories of our own parish.)**

With our Bishop's call to bring a neighbor to church, this might be just the thing.

**Concert will benefit our Parish Pantry, so if you are able, please bring a can of soup or other nonperishable good to help support our local families in need.**

A portion of the proceeds from *The Gift... of Believing* supports Mary's Meals, an international charity inspired by supporters of Our Lady of Medjugorje which provides a daily meal in school for over one million impoverished children around the world.

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

# *Celebrating 100 years of*

## *Our Lady of Fatima*

*(1917-2017)*



### **JOIN THE 2017 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY**

**Where :** Holy Family Church (Ground)  
17 Fordham Ave, Hicksville, NY- 11801

**when :** Saturday, October 14th 2017 (Rain or Shine) Please bring your own chairs

**Time :** 12:00 noon

**Contact :** Cynthia Dias 516-433-4434

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

## 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)**

