Sunday, September 18th
Catechetical Sunday
10:00 am  Youth Ministry Mass

Monday, September 19th
10:00am  Anita Augello Memorial Mass

Tuesday, September 20th
10:00am  Book Discussion Group
11:00am  Over 50 Club
7:30 pm   Golf  Outing Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 21st
7:00pm  Altar Server Training
Rosary in the chapel following the 12:00 pm mass

Thursday, September 22nd
9:00 am   Food Ministry
9:30 am   ENDOW
4:00pm  Share-A-Meal

Friday, September 23rd
10:00am  Harvest Committee meeting

Saturday, September 24th
St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor
Pilgrimage to Immaculate Conception
9:00 am   Mass & Respite
5:00pm   Altar Server Mass & BBQ

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs welcomes persons with disabilities.
Special seating and wheelchair area reserved at all Masses. Hearing devices available.
Our Special Needs Mass & Respite Program commences after the summer break. We gathered outdoors at the St. Gabriel Altar for our monthly Saturday evening Mass, followed by Respite. It was so nice to welcome back our friends and families in our Special Needs Ministry.

Over 35 families are part of this special ministry. In addition to our monthly Mass, Respite is offered twice a month; once on a Saturday morning and once on a Saturday evening following Mass.

Our Special Needs Parent Support and Focus Group meets in an effort to share experiences and challenges and offer advice, information and support to one another.

If you know a family that may benefit from this ministry, please invite them to call our Parish Social Ministry office. All are welcome!

Specially trained volunteers “buddy up” with a special friend for crafts, snacks and fun during our Respite Program.

Last week the students relaxed and enjoyed a session of yoga.

Our next Respite is September 24th at 9:00am. All are welcome!

Teens recently attended a special training session for respite volunteers.

Many volunteer opportunities are available.

Come be part of something special!
Dear Parishioners,

It’s hard to believe summer is already over. Labor Day weekend has come and gone, which means kids are back at school. Early September is often the most beautiful time of the year, but it is also tinged with grief and sadness as we remember all those lost on 9-11-01. Our prayers are with the families of all those lost, especially those in our parish community.

The fall season is upon us and it promises to be a very exciting time at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, as we continue our Year of Mercy and our 50th Anniversary celebrations. These include many special Masses, our 34th Annual Golf Outing, our new family fun Harvest Festival, the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor and our new program, Lifelong Learners Series.

Are you a lifelong learner? Our faith is for all of us a significant part of our lives. We learned it first and foremost from our parents. Our “formal” education might have been in Catholic School or a Faith Formation Program. Here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs we have offered many wonderful Adult Education Programs over the years. This year we are inviting all parishioners to a Lifelong Learners series. This will also include non-Catholics interested in learning about our faith, and parents learning about the sacraments, not only for their children but for themselves. See more details in the bulletin over the next couple of weeks and join us, as we are all “lifelong learners.”

I also invite you to gather with our parish family as we celebrate the Eucharist at our Youth Ministry Mass, the Altar Server Mass & BBQ, the Mass for the Sick, Special Needs Mass, Welcome Mass and Breakfast and our Celebration of Marriage Mass. Specific dates and times are listed on the following pages.

We warmly welcome over 90 new families who have come to our parish through many different avenues. Whether they have joined us through the Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism, have suffered a loss and were supported and embraced by our Parish Social Ministry and Ministry of Consolation, all have found their way to our parish family.

Please join us on October 2nd at the 8am and 10am Masses. We have invited our new families to join fellow parishioners and combine the traditional Coffee Fellowship with the Welcoming Breakfast. This is an opportunity for all of us to welcome our “new” families, so please join us at these gatherings.

I want to express my gratitude to you, our community of faith, who continue to give of yourselves so freely and support one another as we journey together in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. May we continue to be a welcoming community of faith, filled with a spirit of love and hope.

Peace,

Father John
As we continue our celebration of this Year of Mercy, we have planned a number of special Mass celebrations for this fall in our parish.

**Youth Ministry Mass - September 18th at 10:00 am**
All high school teens and families are welcome to join us at Mass as we kick off a new school year and a new year of Youth Ministry programs, projects and retreats at OLQM.

**Altar Server’s Mass and BBQ - September 24th at 5:00 pm**
Come celebrate the Eucharist with us! Please join us for Mass as we welcome our new altar servers and thank those who continue to serve in this special ministry. Their dedication and devotion is an inspiration to all.

**Mass for the Sick - September 25th at 12:00 pm**
Who are they? Each week we listen and pray for those parishioners and friends announced in the Prayer of the Faithful and listed in the bulletin. Many are struggling with an illness and have asked for our prayers and support. Perhaps you, or someone you know, is struggling as well. Please invite them to join our community of faith as we celebrate a special Mass in support of one another.

**Special Needs Mass & Respite - October 1st at 5pm**
Please come and celebrate with us at our monthly Mass for our friends with special needs. This Mass was designed to meet the needs of those who have sensory issues or difficulty with attentiveness or sitting for long periods. Families and children are encouraged to participate in the spirited readings, altar serving and singing. It’s simpleness and openness is a welcome to all.
We welcome our entire faith community to join us as we gather as one to celebrate the Eucharist and support one another in prayer and thanksgiving.

Come celebrate Mass with us!

Welcoming Mass & Breakfast - October 2nd following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am

We are delighted to welcome over 90 new families to our parish this year! We have invited these families to a special Welcoming Mass and Breakfast on October 2nd. Please join us after Mass for a traditional Coffee Fellowship combined with the Welcoming Breakfast.

Celebration of Marriage Mass & Reception - October 23rd at 12pm

Marriage is a sacramental sign not just to each other, to family and friends, or to the Church but also to all of us. We welcome our entire faith community to join us as we gather to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage and the special anniversaries of many of our parishioners. Join us at the table of the Lord as we pray and share in the Eucharist as one.

Marriage Enrichment Program & Mass

We are once again offering our Marriage Enrichment Program for couples who want to increase the intimacy, communication and focus in their marriage. Over 68 couples have enjoyed this special program! The meetings are scheduled for Monday, October 24th, November 7th and 14th, from 7 - 9pm. The program concludes with a special Mass where couples renew their vows, followed by a candlelight dinner on Nov. 19th.

Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. - September 24th

As part of our celebration of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please consider participating in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Please contact Brother Etienne for more information on this wonderful event.
Are You a Life Long Learner?

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- Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming a baptized member of the Catholic Church....
- Perhaps you have been baptized a Christian and now would like to become a member of the Catholic Church....
- Perhaps you have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation....Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- Perhaps the RCIA is for you!

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) is a process, a journey of faith. It is about people; people on the move, people being remade in the image of Christ and reborn in the Spirit, people on a journey toward faith. Through this gradual and comprehensive process, individuals are trained in the Christian way of life, come to know Jesus Christ through the Catholic community and learn to live as Jesus’ disciples, continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in the world today.

Returning to the Catholic Church:

Perhaps it has been years, or even decades since you have attended Mass or received the Eucharist. Please know you are welcome at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. If you would like to speak to someone to discuss returning to the Church, please phone Father John.
ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

In September, the Diocese will be inviting us to offer names of people to be trained as Eucharist Ministers and Lectors.

Considering either one of these two ministries comes with expectations of commitment and availability. Our faith community is dependent on those who serve to be present at the Liturgies for which they are scheduled. We do understand certain considerations and take this into account in preparing the schedules. **If you are prayerfully considering serving as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, please contact Father John. Thank you for your willingness to serve.**

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**Eucharistic Minister**

As you see at each Mass, we have a number of Eucharistic Ministers who help distribute the Body and Blood of Jesus. We also have Eucharistic Ministers who visit parishioners who are ill or homebound, bringing them Holy Communion.

- Eucharistic Ministers help distribute the Body and Blood of Jesus to our faith community. We are called in this ministry to offer the Body and Blood of Jesus to one another. As the minister holds the Body of Christ or the cup with His precious Blood, we are called to see Christ, **His real presence**, before us. We are also to see Christ in the person who comes to us for communion, and most especially we are to reflect Christ for others to find Him in us as we share communion. We become united by the Body and Blood of Christ. For this reason, we receive both the bread and wine.

- We prepare for this ministry by prayer and reflection. Serving as a Eucharistic Minister is not giving something to others, but rather, sharing someone, Jesus, with one another. Reverence and deep love and respect for the Eucharist, a firm belief in the **Real Presence**, is critical to this ministry.

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**The Ministry of Lector**

As you listen each Sunday, you hear that we have very fine Lectors here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Any who are interested in becoming a Lector here at the parish are asked to note the following:

- First of all this is a ministry – it is not simply a role which a person accepts because he or she might be a good reader. Being a Lector is much more than simply reading words from a book. It is proclaiming God’s word from the sacred scriptures!! These words are Holy and the Lector is called to proclaim them to our faith community. We are all called to hear the **real presence of God** in these words.

- A Lector is called to believe the words he or she reads. The Lector should strive to understand the message and to reflect on the words that are proclaimed to the parish.

- This is a ministry of service, as is that of a Eucharistic Minister. God’s word and His presence in His Body and Blood we administer bring with them significant responsibility. Service calls us to ministry, not always at our convenience, but to be of service to the community as needed.

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**Evening training sessions available at St. Elizabeth in Melville on September 28th and October 19th from 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Registration is required. Please phone the Rectory to speak with Father John.**
NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME BREAKFAST
Join us as we welcome our new parishioners!

We invite all of our parishioners to join us at Mass on Sunday, October 2nd at the 8am and 10am Masses as we introduce and welcome the new parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

Our Children’s Choir will be leading us in song at the 10am Mass.

The reception following Mass will combine our traditional Coffee Fellowship with a special Welcome Breakfast for our new parishioners. Our Children’s Faith Formation, Parish Social Ministry and our Youth Ministry will be on hand to offer information about our parish and the many programs and ministries we offer. The Golf Outing Committee and Harvest Festival Committee will have lots of exciting information about these upcoming events as well as raffle chances.

We hope you, our parishioners, will join us in conveying the sense of excitement, welcome and community all of us at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs enjoy.

As we celebrate the Year of Mercy, we also celebrate our 50th anniversary, and 50 years of faith, family and fellowship.

“Let the Church always be a place of Mercy & Hope where everyone is Welcomed, Loved & Forgiven.” —Pope Francis
In recognition of our 50th anniversary, this year we proudly honor

The Parishioners of
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church.

All of you, and those who came before, built this parish community from it’s humble beginnings in a small boathouse to the vibrant church that we are today. We honor you with gratitude for the gifts of presence, talent and treasure you have given over the years. We hope you will join us for an afternoon of golf, an evening cocktail hour, dinner and wonderful raffles and auctions.

Golfers Needed
Get your foursome together and come and play with us on the Crescent Club’s beautiful golf course!
Registration and brunch begin at 11:00 am.

Cocktails....Dinner.....Raffles.....Auctions!
We encourage you to get your friends and neighbors together....make a table and join us for an evening of fun!
The amazing cocktail hour begins at 6:00pm!
Limited tickets are available!
Brochures available in vestibule or phone Rectory to register!

The annual Golf Outing is our parish’s major fundraising event. We appreciate your continued dedication and support so that we may continue providing the many wonderful programs that serve both our parish and community.

We are in need of restaurant gift certificates to use in some of our raffle baskets. Please consider asking your favorite restaurant to donate one or purchase one yourself. We appreciate all donations!
For Your Information

LAST CALL TO JOIN US FOR THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

As part of our celebration of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please consider participating in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The date of the Pilgrimage is Saturday, September 24th, 2016. Please contact Brother Etienne for more information on this wonderful event.

Brother Etienne ~ bretienne@olqmparish.org ~ (631)747-6250

Catholic Committee for Girl Scouting ~ Diocese of Rockville Centre

5th Annual Girl Scout Mass ~ Sunday, October 16th at 2pm at St Martin of Tour Church in Amityville
All Girl Scouts are invited to attend. Light refreshments following Mass.

Girls Scout Pray and Play Day ~ September 24th at Our Lady of the Island Shrine in Manorville
The program begins at 10am with Mass, followed by Rosary Walk and Stations of the Cross.
For further information and to register, contact the Catholic Scouting Office at (516)678-5800 ext 245 or e-mail scouting@drvc.org.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Emily Clark  Second Announcement  Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Michael DeFlorio  Watertown, MA
Kiera McCourt  First Announcement  Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Taylor Davis  Huntington, NY

OLQM Book Club

The Book Club will meet in the Pope Francis Room on Tuesday, Sept 20th at 10:00am
Book: The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

For more information, please phone Mary Ellen Mack at (631) 757-3492.
Volunteers Needed

The food ministry meets every Thursday and provides supplemental food from local merchants to several families in the parish, as well as other community pantries. We begin at 9am and like to be finished with all deliveries by noon.

We are in need of volunteers who can sort & pack food, as well as drivers to deliver to those families & pantries unable to pick up. Also needed are drivers who can pick up at local bakeries and deliver either back to the church or another local destination.

Please join our team in providing food to those less fortunate. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne Dvorak at 516-650-4219.

We are in need of Homebound and Hospital Eucharistic Ministers.

If you are interested in helping others with this very rewarding ministry, please contact Cathy Maher at 631 271 4872

Our Food Pantry is in need of many items. Listed below are the items most in need:

PAPER/PLASTIC GOODS:
- Toilet tissue, facial tissues, table napkins
- sandwich bags – small boxes
- Gallon bags – small boxes
- Garbage bags – small boxes

TOILETRIES:
- These items are desperately needed !!!!!!
- toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo
- mouthwash, bar soap, deodorant
- shaving cream

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:
- Cleaning supplies, laundry soap, clorox, dish soap

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS:
- Dry cereal, mayonnaise, pasta sauce (in cans or plastic)
- NO GLASS PLEASE !!!
- Ready-made meals, canned fruit

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

2016 FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK
SEPTEMBER 24th, 2016

For nearly two centuries, the poor and needy of the world have found a friend in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

On September 24th, members of the Our Lady Queen of Martyrs conference will be participating in this year’s 8th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk.

Donations to this event will be used to support local efforts to help those in need, including the Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Food Pantry.

You can support this event by participating in the Friends of the Poor Walk or you may make a donation through our Parish Social Ministry office.

Thank you for you ongoing support.

Contact Maria Ryan at (631)754-9045 or mryan@olqmparish.org
In her cheerful house, Betty Brennan sits on a couch, surrounded by dozens of framed photos and mementos from an active life filled with family and friends. It is obvious to a visitor that family is everything to her. She is lovely and welcoming—a genuine, empathetic people-person whom one is naturally drawn to. When she speaks of her beautiful daughter Holly and the love of her life, her husband John, the joy in her voice is evident. “We have spent the last 50 years holding hands,” she says. High School sweethearts, the couple has been through everything together that life has to offer—both the good times and bad.

Two years ago was one of those bad moments. She received the worst possible news: Ovarian cancer. Battling diabetes from an early age, coupled with a challenging eye disorder, Betty was already in fragile health. But she’s a fighter. “My oncologist told me to put on my ‘big girl pants,’ so that’s what I did.” She went through several rounds of aggressive chemotherapy as well as significant surgery to remove the cancer. Things went well and Betty was in remission for 17 months before a CA125 cancer test turned up positive. “I just kind of froze,” she related. “I’d always been a positive person, but this knocked me for a loop. I had such trouble picking myself up again.” What finally helped? The power of prayer.

“I knew people were praying for me. I even knew the technicians were praying for me. And Father John came to visit me—and told me he was praying for me… by NAME,” she emphasized with a big smile. This network of prayer—of her friends, family, her support group, even doctors—meant the world to Betty. And she was ready once again to fight the good fight. “My oncologist told me that God wouldn’t have gotten you through that surgery if He didn’t want you to be here.” She had joined the OLQM Illness Support Group Ministry after her diagnosis and has found it a true source of solace…and of strength. “I received phone calls, letters, cards, flowers—everything you can think of from this group. They are the most beautiful people.” She never misses the monthly Healing Mass that our church holds. She recalls a moment at the beginning of one such Mass and has never forgotten it: “Father John told us that we come here for the healing. But sometimes we are not healed in the way we want to be healed. The true healing Jesus has for us is peace.” She further explains, “And you do feel it. You begin to feel that, with a sense of peace, you just know everything will be all right.”

Sometimes she cries with deep emotion, when she thinks about the other people in her life who need her. But it’s not for herself that Betty worries and cries. It’s for the ones who love her so well. Her sister. Her daughter. Her nieces and nephews that she treats like her own children. Her husband. She worries about the pain they feel about her illness, the toll this has taken on them. She worries about the other people in her Illness Support Group, who have become friends. Betty’s true gift is her empathy for others and her steadfast faith. “God has given me so many blessings—especially with the people that surround me.” Her upbeat personality and hopeful attitude has touched many others, including those in the Illness Support Group. “It’s hard not to feel good when you’re around Betty,” one participant shared. While many are inspired by her—she remains inspired by prayer. “Through everything in my life, that connection to God through prayer...
Praying for one another

Mass for the Sick ~ Sunday, September 25th at 12:00pm

Please join our faith community as we offer our prayers and support for all of those who are sick and suffering.

Ann-Marie Robert

At 90, Ann-Marie Robert can look back at her life and say what we should all wish to say one day: “It was a good life.” A simple statement, but one filled with deep poignancy and meaning. Ann is currently residing in Maryville Nursing Home and is a little shy with new visitors. But when her son Matthew arrives and she feels more comfortable, you can see that gleam in her eye, as she recounts one happy memory after another. She remembers seeing triple features of James Bond movies with her four children, collecting dollhouses at flea markets, and tending a backyard filled with vegetables she grew herself. “After Mass on Sunday, I would go outside and clip some lettuce, pick some tomatoes and that would be our lunch,” she smiles. She recalls picking dozens of fresh cucumbers and zucchini and giving them away to friends in her Huntington neighborhood. A talented and versatile homemaker, Ann not only had a green thumb, but she could crochet, knit, make stuffed animals and dolls, “and helped us make the best book reports in the entire school,” her son Matthew says. He also recalls the hearty and delicious meals she made during his childhood, such as lasagna, corned beef, and sauerbraten.

But this creative lady was also as strong as steel. In 1981, her 55-year-old husband James died unexpectedly of a massive heart attack, leaving her with four teenage children. Though devastated, she picked herself up and continued as she always had. Through a series of babysitting jobs, she managed to help three of her children through college, paying for gas so that her children could drive back and forth to classes. When she had moments of fear, of doubt, or of sadness, she would simply pray.

It was her deep sense of faith that has given her this remarkable strength, Ann says—faith that she could lean on, in both good times and bad. She took her children to Mass every single Sunday and can still sing the full verses to hymns from long ago. To this day, she prays the Rosary every night. When her son Matthew joined Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish several years ago, he brought his mother—who at the time was a parishioner of St. Francis. “The church has been wonderful,” Matthew says. “The outreach has been just unbelievable.” Indeed, a regular stream of volunteers—from different ministries of the Parish Social Office--have visited Ann constantly. Everything from the Nursing Ministry to the Share-A-Meal program to Adopt a Grandparent to Seniors Visiting Seniors—have come to visit Ann once she moved in with her son Matthew and then again when she moved into Maryville. A Eucharistic Minister comes to give her Communion once a week. And she's received seasonal crafts made by the children of the parish. Ann smiles when she remembers how Brother Etienne--on one of his visits—brought her a bouquet of roses and how the Youth Ministry delivered food and treats. The volunteers of the Parish Social Ministry Office have been a needed source of support and are in constant communication with the family. Best of all, are the volunteers who stay for just a little while to talk. “My mom is an intelligent, social person and she craves stimulating conversation,” Matthew says. “As much as we all do.” Sometimes the volunteers come to pray with her, too.

It is obvious that Ann was a loving mother, and an inspiring example to her children. Her daughters inherited her love of gardening and crafts, and her sons—her sense of humor. When asked about her children, Ann replies, “Yeah, most of them turned out OK,” with a mischievous, fun-loving smile at her son. May we all be able to one day look back as fondly on a life filled with family, friends and prayer and say, “It was a good life.”

Contact Maria Ryan at (631)754-9045 or mryan@olqmparish.org
This Week We Celebrate

Don’t forget to thank all of our catechists for sharing their time and their faith with our children!

And a big “Thank You” to our catechists from the Children’s Faith Formation Staff!

Faith Formation Classes Begin Next Week!

Classes begin the week of September 25th.

100 families have still not registered.

If you have not yet registered your child, please do so this week.

Forms are available to download from our website: www.olqmparish.org
~YOUTH MINISTRY~

YOUTH GROUP Kickoff

Calling all 9th Graders

Youth Ministry Information Night

Tuesday, October 4th @ 7pm

Some of our Youth Ministry teens will be on hand to talk of their experiences at OLQM and the exciting opportunities and programs scheduled for this year.

Come be a part of our team!

Upcoming Volunteer & Service Opportunities:

Share-A-Meal

Our next session of Share-A-Meal will be on Thursday, September 22nd at 4pm in kitchen/Community Room

Come join us, sharpen your cooking skills and help us bring smiles (and dinner) to some of our senior parishioners.

E-mail Bill Leone at bleone@olqmparish.org

Harvest Festival (October 15th)

Pancake Breakfast (December)

Share-A-Meal (monthly)

Respite volunteers needed monthly; special training provided

Call Parish Social Ministry for more information.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 4th @ 7:30pm

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME!

#fun  #fellowship  #friendly competition

Stay CONNECTED

Good luck to all of our students as they begin a new school year!
If Your Child is interested in attending any of the events you must call the Parish Social Ministry Office at 754 9045 to register.
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs presents:

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 15, 10 am to 6 pm  (rain date: Oct. 22)
Mass at 5:00 pm
Coffee, cake, and fellowship to follow

FAMILY FUN
Bouncy House, Potato Sack Races, Football Toss, Face-painting, a DJ, and much more!

CONTESTS & PRIZES
Put your vote in for the BEST Chili ever! Then come watch the judging for the most delicious apple pie in our “Apple-ly Ever After” Contest. To register for these contests, pick up a kit in the Parish Social Ministry Office starting September 15. Entry fee of $10 per contest. There will also be a Family Pumpkin Carving Contest!

CARING CRAFTS
We need many small hands to create our “Hands of Love” Mural for the church! Also, help us make fabric shoes for children in Africa for our “Sole Hope” project. Donations of jeans and plastic folders needed.

WARM & COZY
We will be collecting coats, hats, scarves and gloves for those in need. Bring any new or gently-used contributions to the festival.

HAYRIDES
Climb aboard for a fun ride along scenic Prospect Road to Camp Alvernia! $5 per child includes the ride AND a pumpkin to decorate. All children under the age of 12 must be attended by an adult; Adults are free!

PUMPKIN PATCH
Pick a pumpkin from our “patch!” Each child can then decorate their pumpkin (free of charge!) at our fun and festive Pumpkin Decorating Station.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Seligmann at maryseligmannpta@gmail.com. Any other questions, please contact the Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-754-9045.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 53 Prospect Road, Centerport, NY 11721

~ For information about Parish Social Ministry, contact Maria Ryan at 754-9045 ~ mryan@olqmparish.org
Do You Have a Winning Recipe?

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Harvest Festival is October 15! Enter one of the below festival contests for Blue Ribbon prizes... There is an entry fee of $10 per contest. **Kits are now available for pick up in the Parish Social Ministry Office or call 631-754-9045.** There's a limit of 15 entries per contest, so please register right away! Each kit will contain a special container to hold the food and instructions for each contest.

**Best-Ever Chili-Off**
A simmering pot of chili warms up any occasion. Whip up a batch of your hearty, stick-to-your-ribs recipe to see if you have the winning touch! There’s a 1st and 2nd place as well as an Honorable Mention category.

**Apple-y Ever After!**
Calling all bakers: There’s nothing like a spicy, sweet, warm slice of apple pie. Categories include: Best Presentation, Best Crust, Most Delicious, and a Junior Chef Category!

Winners will have their award-winning recipe printed in our Church bulletin and receive a Gift Card from Stop & Shop!

Would you like to volunteer at the Harvest Festival? 1-2 hour or more volunteer shifts are being assigned! Please contact Mary Seligmann at maryseligmannpta@gmail.com
Any other questions, please contact the Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-754-9045.

~ For Information about Parish Social Ministry, Contact Maria Ryan at 754-9045 ~ mryan@olqmparish.org
October 15, 2016  
(raindate: October 22)  
from 10 am to 4 pm

Contest Categories Include:

**Spookiest**
**Most Creative**

**Funniest**
**And**  
**Honorable Mention**

A special 50th Anniversary Mass will be held at 5:00 pm outside at the conclusion of the Harvest Festival. All are welcome to attend. Cake, coffee and fellowship to follow. If you have any questions about the Harvest Festival, please call the Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-754-9045.
A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO TIMOTHY

The early Christians were not big fans of kings, the Roman Emperor and other officials but the author of this Letter calls upon Christians to pray “for kings and all authority.” He also asks the people to pray “without anger or argument.” That was a difficult task then and it is today, especially if we may not happen to agree with our local, state or national leaders. We can pray to change their minds, work to challenge their positions or their leadership within our democratic process and join in an ongoing debate on the issues we hold dear.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: “Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.” How does God really lift up the poor unless we believers act as God’s partners here on earth?

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF AMOS

We tend to think of ancient Israel as a poor people and that is true. Most of the people were poor peasant farmers who barely got by and often were vulnerable to the whims of their landlords, seed providers and more well-off merchants, all of whom cheated the poor families who depended on them for their livelihood. Amos socks it to them. “Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land.” This was a time of relative economic growth but poor people saw little if any of that money. Sound familiar? One of the biggest issues in our society today is economic inequality. It is not only an economic concern but also a moral issue. People who are working hard, often at two or three minimum wage jobs per family, are still poor and hungry in our rich country. Imagine what Amos would be saying today, how angry he would be. How should we as followers of Jesus act to overcome economic injustice in our society? Can we say that we are truly on the side of the poor?

REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

One of the challenges for this passage is that Luke combines a parable with moral teachings. The parable begins with a theft. Most of the Palestinian farmland at the time of Jesus was controlled by royalty or super rich absentee land owners. This land owner had hired a steward to administer his land and the steward stole from him and then was caught. Afraid that he would lose his position or worse, the steward decides to make friends with the farmers who were his business contacts. He makes deals with several, thinking that they would treat him right after he lost his job. It is unclear whether he lowered the price by giving the landowner less or that he gave up part of his share. In any case, the landowner finds out and surprisingly “commended that dishonest steward for for acting prudently.”

Jesus then goes into a long explanation of “the children of this world” making friends with dishonest wealth. The two moral teachings here are about being trustworthy with small matters and large, AND, most important, “You cannot serve God and mammon.” Whatever is mammon? It seems to be a term for ill-gotten or dishonest wealth. Almost every day we learn of one or more examples of wealth that is not only excessive but acquired through dishonesty or out in out robbery with a fancy name. The people who are most often swindled are all too often honest business people and hard-working investors or consumers.

It is interesting how stories and moral teachings from 2,000 years ago are still relevant today.
With the arrival of Autumn, we'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic eGiving program.

Our to-do lists can get lengthy with back-to-school season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week - no more envelopes to find and checks to write before you go to Mass.

Enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, NY229, or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office to get started! Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances, help you to get rid of the clutter of offertory envelopes in your home, and give you one less thing to worry about on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

~ STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE ~

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September 11, 2016
Donations $17,458

September 13, 2015
Donations $16,357

Envelopes: 4,118
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Special Collection for the Dominican Republic: $6,034
Special Collection for Catholic University: $1,328

Special Collection ~ St. Pius X

Next weekend is the special collection for the retired priests of our Diocese who are residing at the St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville. St. Pius X continues to provide extraordinary care for the 16 senior priests currently residing there full time and numerous other priests who come to this special facility on a temporary basis as they recover from illnesses or other injuries.

Even in retirement our senior priests retain roles as our shepherds, and St. Pius X enables these dedicated men who live there to be fully engaged members of the community. “Still on duty” they serve as our teachers, counselors, and spiritual leaders.

A brochure explaining St. Pius X and our need may have been mailed to you. If not, it may be found in church today. Please consider making a donation. Through your generosity, we can care for our elderly priests in the manner best suited to their needs. On behalf of all the priests serving our Diocese, and all current and future residents of St. Pius X, thank you for your concern and generosity.

~ MASS & PRIEST SCHEDULE ~

Saturday, September 24th
5:00 pm Father John

Sunday, September 25th
8:00 am Father John
10:00 am Father John
12:00 pm Father John - Mass for the Sick
**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**LET US ESPECIALLY REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS.**

Kyle Deerwester
Mary Gillespie
Mary Greco
Emerson Gaeta
Tony Millon
Virginia E. Hetherton
Phyllis Cadden
Mary Ellen Caracuel
Robert Carlson
Bromley Hall
Baby Eva Shubert
Baby Claire Shubert
Gary Owens
Betty Brennan
Robert Stattel
Lisa McGinn
Maritza Vargas
Tom Masoero
Ann Roberts
Sammy Minetta
Ovedeo Franco
Peter Matthew Steen
Father Ed Dowling
Jack Stewart
Josephine McCarthy
Charles Mazzoni
Linda Burns
Sheila Croke
Jack Spagnelli
Jean Snyder
Theresa Connor
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Katie Kent
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Alf Paulsen
Al Dellanno
Frank Villano
Peter Flynn
Martha Aliperti
Bruce Waring
Jamie Wrede
Charlie McGuckin
Deacon Roger Miller
Jeanmarie D'Azzo
Joan Salerno

**PRAY FOR THE PEACEFUL REST OF ALL OUR BELOVED PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY Rosaleen Sikorski-Berkemose and Anita Augello.**

**MAY ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US SHARE THE JOYS OF ETERNAL LIFE.**

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September 18:
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.