The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
SATURDAY
5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m. (Choir Mass) and 12:30 p.m., and 12:30 p.m. Tridentine Mass in the Chapel.
Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. mass in the Church.
Holyday Will Be Printed In The Bulletin
CONFESSIONS
Saturday 4:00–5:00p.m.
For any other time, please call to make an appointment with a priest.

BAPTISMS SCHEDULE
The 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 1:45 p.m. and the 4th Saturday of the month at 12:30 p.m. (No Baptisms Easter Sunday or Christmas Weekends). Contact the Parish Center to arrange the ceremony and for the Baptismal Preparation Class which meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. The only exception is in December when no class is held.

MARRIAGE
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance and should be made prior to making plans for a reception. Call the Parish Center for an appointment with the priest or deacon you wish to witness your wedding. All couples are required to attend Pre-Cana.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH
Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact the Parish Center concerning the R.C.I.A. Program.

DEVOTIONS
Eucharistic Adoration
In the chapel, Monday & Wednesday at 4:00 and concluding with Benediction at 5:00
First Friday
Mass is at 9:00a.m. Exposition of the Holy Eucharist takes place in the chapel from Fri. 7:00pm until Sat. 8:45 a.m. and concludes with Benediction.
First Saturday – 8:15 a.m, devotions

Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament is available EVERY SATURDAY after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The Sacrament is available for those who are to undergo a serious medical procedure the following week or who have a serious illness and who have not been anointed within the past three months. If you wish to be anointed, please let the celebrant know before Mass.

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday 5:00 pm in the chapel

Pastoral Care of the Sick
Holy Communion will be ministered to those confined at home. Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Parish Registration
New families and new parishioners are encouraged to register at St. Matthew. Registration forms are available at the Parish Center or on line at smrcc.org. Kindly notify us when you move so that we may send a letter to your new pastor.

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**C.C.D.**

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Ray Smolenski: 243-0449

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND:**

Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

**FEED THE POOR MINISTRY:**

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**FOOD PANTRY:** Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SQUIRES:**

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**LECTORS:** Helen Campa: 586-0682

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Thomas Siegler: 920-2055

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**YOUTH MINISTRY:**

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**Helpful Phone Numbers**

**AL-ANON / ALATEEN Family Group:** 631-669-2827

**A. A. 24-Hr Hotline:** 631-669-1124

**Birthright:** 631-821-9727

**Brighter Tomorrows:** 631-395-1800

**Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info):** 631-789-9546

**Child Abuse:** 631-439-0480

**Daytop:** 1-800-2-DAYTOP

**Domestic Violence Hotline:** The Retreat 631-329-1200

**Emotions Anonymous:**

Call Dominick with any questions: 631-321-1980

**Good Shepherd Hospice:** 631-376-3758

**Life Center of Long Island:** 631-243-2373

**Long Island Women’s Coalition:** 631-666-8833

**Suicide Prevention:** 1-800-SUICIDE

**Victims Info. Bureau of Suffolk:** 631-360-3606

**Diocese of Rockville Centre (D.R.V.C.)**

Special phone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel and volunteers: 516-594-9063.

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**Mondays**

Novena 5:15 p.m.

Legion of Mary 2:30 p.m. in the Blessed Mother Classroom

**Tuesdays**

Rosary Society meets the first Tuesday after the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

K of C General/Business Meeting 8:00 p.m.

(2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month)

**Thursdays**

Young Seniors: 9:00 a.m.

Apostleship of Prayer: 1st Thursday after 9:00 Mass

Fatima Spiritual Formation Prayer Group

1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Mass in Blessed Mother Room

Adult Choir practice 7:30 p.m. in Family Room

Festival Choir: 2nd and 3rd Thursday in Family Room

**Saturdays**

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

Spanish Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

Tridentine Mass Choir (Latin) 4:00 p.m. in Family Room

Youth Ministry: 8-10 p.m.
Weekly Collection
January 30 & 31
$19,379.00

Saturday, Feb 6
5:00 PM Rosalie Hagel
Katherine R. Moore
Intention for Jack Tseng
Alexander Tartaglia
Paul Infantino
Philip Medina
7:00 PM For The End To World Hunger & Persecution of all people

Sunday, Feb 7
7:30 AM Frank Rosato
9:30 AM Fred Caldiero
11:00 AM Tom & Ann Borruso
12:30 PM(L) People of the Parish
12:30 PM Robert Lott

Monday, Feb 8
9:00 AM Living Intention - Sr. Kay McCarthy

Tuesday, Feb 9
9:00 AM John, Enrichetta & Valentino Manetta

Wednesday, Feb 10
9:00 AM Deceased Members of St. Matthew’s
12:15 PM Neil Hauptman
7:00 PM Donato Sabatella

Thursday, Feb 11
9:00 AM Neil Hauptman

Friday, Feb 12
9:00 AM Teresa Debona

Saturday, Feb 13
9:00 AM John Ciechanski
Richard Kinch
Louis Mattone
Thomas McGee
Lou Mattone
Lydia Garcia
5:00 PM Intentions of Jack Tseng
Chun-ming Tseng
Giacomo Di Stefano
Andrew J. Garafalo
Filomena Mae Sidote
Living Intention & Happy Birthday For Terry Sbashning
7:00 PM End To Terrorism In The Whole World

Sunday, Feb 14
7:30 AM Millie Tricamo
9:30 AM Vincenzo Domingo
11:00 AM Anna & Nancy Cortina
12:30 PM People of the Parish
12:30 PM Margaret Tirino
February 10
Ashes blessed and distributed at 7:30 AM
Mass and Ashes 9 AM
Mass and Ashes 12:15 PM
Mass and Ashes 7 PM.
Ashes till 8:30 PM sharp.
Ashes will also be available throughout the day after the 9 AM Mass and between the above Mass times.
ALL in the Church.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Holy Father has sent us all a Message for this Lent of the Jubilee of Mercy. I want to call your attention to it and urge you to read it. It is beautiful, concrete and opens up to us rich and inspiring ways to make this Lent a deep and wonderful journey of faith as we seek God’s merciful love and receive it during the forty days that we travel together to celebrate the Sacred Triduum of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

In his letter, Pope Francis says: *Let’s not waste the season of Lent!* He goes on to call *Mary, the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes and is evangelized by the Holy Spirit.* We too, who make up the Church, must imitate Mary and open ourselves to the Spirit as she did at the Annunciation. Led by the Spirit this Lent we can become ourselves evangelizers of God’s mercy by our words and our actions.

Pope Francis commends to us the time honored Corporal and Spiritual “Works of Mercy”. He says, *God’s mercy transforms our hearts to become merciful, inspiring us to love of neighbor.* Take one a day or use them to do an act of kindness. Corporal: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; welcome the stranger; care for the sick; visit the prisoners; bury the dead. The Spiritual: convert the sinner; instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful; comfort the sorrowful; bear wrongs patiently; forgive injuries; pray for the living and the dead.

For me the most beautiful part of his message is when he speaks of God’s merciful love for His Chosen People and the faithfulness of His love as a covenant that, despite all the sins of God’s people, He will always be faithful, always forgives, and will never cease to love us. The Pope takes that and invites us to see God’s compassion for us His people as a model and an inspiration of marriage between a man and a woman and the love that brings children into the world as part of a family. God’s unceasing, faithful love (Hebrew: *hesed*) culminates in the Incarnation of His Son as the bridegroom who does everything to win over His bride, the Church. He even dies for her!

And He does that for us now and always. Make this Lent a time when you open yourselves up to that love, experience that love through the reconciling and healing sacrament of Penance; let this love heal your hearts and renew your faith and your commitment to your spouse, your children, your parents, all the members of your family, your neighbors, your friends, all from whom you may be alienated. God offers that love to you. You who accept His love then must be givers of that love to others.

May God’s words of love and reconciliation dwell in our hearts this Lent of Mercy and may God bless our Church here on Long Island and make us instruments of His merciful love to others.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre
CUARESMA 2016
JUBILEO DE LA MISERICORDIA

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

El Santo Padre ha enviado a todos un Mensaje para esta Cuaresma del Año Jubilar de la Misericordia. Quiero llamar su atención e impulsarles a leerlo. Es hermoso, concreto y nos abre de forma rica e inspiradora para hacer esta Cuaresma un viaje profundo y maravilloso de fe mientras buscamos el amor misericordioso de Dios y lo recibimos durante los cuarenta días que caminamos juntos para celebrar el Sagrado Triduo de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor y Salvador.

En su carta, el Papa Francisco dice: ¡No desperdiciemos el tiempo de la Cuaresma! Él sigue llamando a María, el icono perfecto de la Iglesia que evangeliza y es evangelizada por el Espíritu Santo. Nosotros también, que conformamos la Iglesia, debemos imitar a María y abrimos al Espíritu como ella hizo en la Anunciación. Conducidos por el Espíritu, esta Cuaresma podemos hacernos evangelizadores de la misericordia de Dios por medio de nuestras palabras y nuestras acciones.

El Papa Francisco nos encomienda “Las obras de la Misericordia”, Corporales y Espirituales, tan estimadas a lo largo de los siglos. Él dice, la misericordia de Dios transforma nuestros corazones haciéndolos misericordiosos, inspirándonos amar al vecino. Tomar una al día y usarla para hacer un acto de caridad. Corporales: dar de comer al hambriento; dar de beber al sediento; vestir al desnudo; acoger al forastero; cuidar de los enfermos; visitar a los presos; sepultar a los muertos. Espirituales: convertir al pecador; instruir al ignorante; aconsejar al que duda; consolar al que sufre; soportar el mal con paciencia; perdonar las injurias; orar por los vivos y los muertos.

Para mí la parte más hermosa de su mensaje es cuando él habla del amor misericordioso de Dios por Su Pueblo Escogido y la fidelidad de Su amor como la promesa que, a pesar de todos los pecados del Pueblo de Dios, Él siempre será fiel, siempre perdona, y nunca dejará de amarnos. El Papa toma esto y nos invita a ver la compasión de Dios por nosotros Su pueblo como un modelo y una inspiración del matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer y el amor que trae los niños al mundo a formar parte de una familia. El amor incesante, fiel de Dios (hebreo: hesed) culmina en la Encarnación de Su Hijo como el novio que hace todo para ganarse a Su novia, la Iglesia. ¡Él hasta muere por ella!

Y Él hace eso por nosotros ahora y siempre. Hagan de esta Cuaresma un tiempo en el cual se abran a ese amor. Experimenten ese amor por medio de la reconciliación y sanación del sacramento de la Penitencia; dejen que ese amor sane sus corazones y renueve su fe y su compromiso con su cónyuge, sus hijos, sus padres, todos los miembros de su familia, sus vecinos, sus amigos, con todos aquellos que ustedes puedan estar enajenados. Dios les ofrece ese amor. Ustedes que aceptan Su amor deben ser donantes de ese amor a los demás.

Que las palabras del Dios de amor y reconciliación habite en nuestros corazones esta Cuaresma de la Misericordia y que Dios bendiga nuestra Iglesia aquí en Long Island y nos haga instrumentos de Su amor misericordioso para con los demás.

Fielmente suyos en Cristo,

[ FIRMA ]

Obispo de Rockville Centre

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February 7th, 2016  The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear friends,

This Sunday marks the end of the traditional Latin-number named Sundays: Quinquagesima, meaning “fiftieth.”

The last Sunday before Ash Wednesday is roughly fifty days before Easter and the last of the famous three Lenten practices is almsgiving.

Almsgiving is simply giving to the poor. This giving is usually thought of as giving money; but can also include time and talent put at the disposal of those in need.

Almsgiving is very often cited in both the Old and New Testaments as especially pleasing to God, and the First Reading of the Ash Wednesday Mass warns us of the shallowness of fasting and prayer unless it is accompanied by charity to the poor and needy. The Fathers of the Church use the vivid and pleasingly domestic image of almsgiving being the “salt” wherewith we “season” our prayer and fasting.

Of course, most of us remember the famous dictum of Saint Peter in his first Epistle that “charity covers a multitude of sins.”

Also, in the majestic and sobering parable of the Last Judgement of Our Lord found in Saint Matthew’s Gospel in the twenty-fifth chapter it is the works of charity (or their absence) that will determine the eternal fate of the souls of men.

Around this time you will be receiving, if you have not already, the mailing from the Diocese for the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. This is of course a ready-made opportunity to make an act of Lenten almsgiving in the form of a pledge or gift that benefits so many, often unknown to us, in our two counties. When I make my own annual pledge via the convenience of the internet (be sure to list Saint Matthew’s as your parish, by the way) I pause before I hit the “send button” to reflect and pray on where my dollars might be going and whom they might be helping in the days and months to come.

We also might practice almsgiving in the laying aside of the monetary cost of some little accustomed pleasure or delicacy that we can then give in the form of a donation to the Poor Box or some other worthy charity or effort for Lent.

Sometimes the almsgiving might also be the gift of time or help in an unexpected situation or need, “going the extra mile” as we say.

As enter Lent let us use the opportunities of prayer and the Sacraments, and add our own personal fasting and almsgiving for the good of our own souls and others with whom we live and work.

One of the very simplest things by way of prayer is to take advantage of our open church throughout the day to “drop by” and spend even a few minutes with the Lord.

God’s blessings,  Father Hewes
“The politeness of Kings”.

The above is a famous phrase describing the virtue of punctuality. I have always believed that one of the least things the priest owes the people in the area of schedules is to start the event, whatever it may be, on time. The Mass cannot start without him, and you gather awaiting the Mass. Confessions cannot be heard without the priest, and you line up waiting to be heard and absolved. Unless detained by some serious and unexpected circumstance a priest who is habitually late and/or unprepared shows (whether or not consciously intended) a lack of respect at the very least for your time. God be praised, none of the priests here at St. Matthew’s are of this type. In fact, often the opposite.

However, we need you to return the compliment. When Sacraments, Sacramentals, blessings, etc. are announced at scheduled times the same thing applies to you. Unless something like the above mentioned occurs, habitual lateness on the congregant’s part also conveys a lack of respect for the priest, especially one when demands the repetition of a blessing, or Rite that has already been performed for the vast majority of one’s fellow parishioners who were on time.

Perhaps a good Lenten resolution is to be on time?

Where is he????

The day after Ash Wednesday Father Sikorski is scheduled to undergo shoulder surgery. As he himself describes it: Minor surgery, major recovery. He might well be unable to offer Mass publicly or carry out his normal activities perhaps for some weeks. He will appreciate your prayers and best wishes and I will be VERY happy to have him “back in the saddle “when he is able.

Father Hewes

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**CHURCH IN NEED COLLECTION**

**The Church in Need**

On February 14, 2016 a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

**Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.

**The Church in Latin America** faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.

**The Church in Africa** – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Place for Learning and Praying

Our Family/Children’s Mass is Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Mary Donaldson, Director,  Rita Minder, Assistant

Religion Office Phone 864-3321  Fax 499-1530  maryccd@smrcc.org

LOOKING AHEAD

When registering a new student, 1st thru 8th grade, you must come into the Religion Office, on the second floor of the Parish Center, Monday through Thursday, between 11:00AM and 4:00PM. Please be sure to bring a copy of the child’s Baptismal Certificate when you come. The fee of $175.00 per child is due at that time.

GRADE LEVEL MASSES FOR WINTER AND SUMMER PROGRAM STUDENTS

Sunday, February 7, 2016, 5th & 6th grade will attend the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, February 28, 2016, 7th & 8th grade will attend the 9:30 Mass. It is 'Pray 4 Me' Sunday for the 8th grade Confirmation class.

These Masses do include all the Summer Program students as well. For those students attending grade level Masses listed above, please sit in the front of the Church, try to arrive by 9:10AM and remember your tithing envelopes as they are not only used for a donation but also for taking attendance. All family members are invited to join us at these Masses.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation for our 8th grade students will be Monday, March 7, 2016. Bishop William Murphy will be presiding and there will be two Confirmations, one at 10:30AM and one at 1:30PM.

Monday, 2/8  Confirmation Music 7-8PM in Church
Wed., 2/10  Ash Wednesday
Monday, 2/15  Class cancelled—Winter Recess
Monday, 2/22  Student Confession 7-8PM in Church  A thru L
Tuesday, 2/23  Student Rehearsal 3-5PM & Gown Pick up  A thru L  Hall/Church
Thursday, 2/25  Student Rehearsal 3-5PM & Gown Pick up  M thru Z  Hall/Church

SPECIAL NOTE

Classes are cancelled the week of February 15, 2016 for Winter Recess. They resume on Monday, February 22nd.
The World Day of Prayer for the Sick is celebrated on February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mother Teresa who cared so beautifully for the sick and dying wrote this prayer.

"Lord, may I see you today and every day in the person of the sick and while caring for them, may I serve You. Even if you hide in the inconspicuous disguise of an irascible, demanding or intransigent person, may I recognize You and say, Jesus, my patient, how good it is to serve You. O Lord, give me eyes of faith, for then my work will never be monotonous. I will always find joy in bearing the moods and fulfilling the wishes of all the poor people who are suffering. O my beloved sick, how doubly dear you are to me when you embody Christ: and what an honor it is for me to be able to serve you. Lord, make me appreciate the dignity of my high calling and its great responsibility. Do not permit me ever to prove unworthy of this vocation by falling into hardheartedness, unfriendliness or impatience. And then, O God, because you are Jesus Christ, my patient, condescend to be for me too a patient Jesus. Be lenient with my mistakes and look only upon my resolute intention to love you and to serve you in the person of each of these ailing persons. Lord, increase my faith, bless my effort and my work, now and at all times. Amen"

Let us not only pray for but also reach out to the caregivers and to the many sick persons in our families, in our Parish, in our neighborhood and workplaces. May our prayers and support ease their burdens. Let us also pray for EMT's, medical and nursing personnel who serve us untiringly.

God bless you. Sr. Kay McCarthy

### Pray for our Sick

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Please join the millions worldwide who pray each day for the monthly prayer intentions of Pope Benedict XVI. Since 1844 the members of the Apostleship of Prayer have offered themselves to God for the salvation of souls, the Church, the intentions of all Apostles of Prayer, and the intentions of the Pope. The Holy Father gives us two prayer intentions each month, one a general intention and the other an intention for world missions.

**DAILY OFFERING PRAYER:** God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with Your Son Jesus’ Heart, who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to Your love.

**February Universal:** Care for Creation: That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

**Evangelization:** Asia: That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Respect Life News  Spiritual Adoption Program
Month Five – Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. His mother can feel his movement now. Before he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it - - the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby’s mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

**Life Center is in need** of baby clothes for boys and girls from newborn to 12 months. You can bring the clothing directly to the Life Center on Deer Park Avenue or you can bring it to me. I will make sure that it is brought there. Thank you and God bless you for helping these children who are in need.

**Sr. Kay McCarthy**

**Carmelite Holy Hour:** February 11, 2016 in the Chapel 4-5 pm  All Are Welcome!

**LOVE THEM BOTH - Pro-life vigil:**  Saturday, February 13th; 9:30AM to 10:30AM. Planned Parenthood - West Islip: 180 Sunrise Hwy. (S. Service Rd, between Rt 231 & Udall).

In honor of St. Valentine's Day, pro-lifers are invited to stand in peaceful vigil on the sidewalk outside the abortionist's office to show that unborn babies need love too. Rain or shine. Signs provided. Sponsored by LI Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435 / info@prolifeLI.org
Benefit for the Sick and Elderly Sisters of St. Dominic
Each year, my Religious Community, the Sisters of St. Dominic have a benefit in March for our Sick and Elderly Sisters. At this time, we have 3 Sisters over 100 and many, many are 90 and above. Of course, they require care.

We take a vow of poverty so my stipend from St. Matthew’s goes directly to Amityville to support these Sisters. If we work and/or worked in a Church related Ministry, we don’t receive pensions. In addition, most of our Sisters entered our Religious Community directly from High School, making Social Security checks very minimal. Hence, it makes it very difficult to care for these Sisters who have led holy lives, worked so hard and sacrificed so much to serve God and people.

Last year, to benefit these Sisters, I sold chances for $1 (a $10 book for 12 chances) on $1,000. I will have some chance books in my office. However, instead of selling them at the doors of the Church this year, I’m asking if you are able, to please donate to my Community. All checks should be made out to Sisters of St. Dominic. You can give them to me or you can mail them directly to our Advancement Office at Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse, 555 Albany Ave, Amityville, NY 11701.

We will be very grateful for any help that you can give us. I realize that many of you are burdened with your own expenses but we would be grateful for your prayers. Likewise, be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions. Thank you and God bless you for ALWAYS being so good to me as well as for responding to the requests I make for others including families in need.

Sister Kay McCarthy

PS Many of you often comment that Fr. Hewes is very intelligent. Our Sisters taught him in Elementary School!!!

PRAYER REQUEST
Robert Levinson, a 67 year old former FBI agent, has been a hostage in Iran for 9 years. You have probably read about him and/or have seen his picture in newspapers and/or on TV. In some of his pictures, he is holding a sign which reads, “Help Me.” Robert and his wife Christine have 7 children. A few of our Sisters and I are very good friends with Christine’s brother and his wonderful family. This family has been devastated by this heartbreaking situation. They are in great need of our prayers for his release as well as for themselves. So please join us in prayer for this intention. Lastly, know that the Sisters and I at our 7:15 morning prayers also pray for you and your loved ones. Thank you and God bless you. Sr. Kay McCarthy

THE OPENING WORD PROGRAM : 1434 STRAIGHT PATH WYANDANCH, NY (631) 920-0916
THE OPENING WORD PROGRAM PROVIDES CLASSES FOR WOMEN WHO WANT TO IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS.
THE CLASSES ARE HELD MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 9AM TO 2PM.
*** SPRING REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 1PM TO 3PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
IN THE PARISH HALL AT OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH
*** PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION AND A REGISTRATION FEE OF $25
This is a wonderful program run by my Religious Community, the Sisters of St. Dominic from Amityville. There is a registration fee but the classes are free of charge.
Sister Kay McCarthy
The Rosary Altar Society Fashion Show

Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 pm
The Whitman Club at The Greens
Fashions by Popi’s

The Rosary Altar Society is looking for your help to make this a successful fundraising event. We are having a Journal, Chinese Auction, and Chance Book Raffles. A donation of any kind would be greatly appreciated. Gift Certificates, Chinese Auction Items, Weekend Getaways.

Please contact Tina- 631-595-2860 or Mary Lou- 631-513-8146
Contact Louise for Journal Ads- 631-662-6074

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Tickets are now available- $55 p/p, please call Peggy- 631-499-5786 or Mary- 631-499-7820
MEMBERS OF ST. MATTHEWS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SELLING SUPER BOWL BOXES IN THE CHURCH LOBBY IN SUPPORT OF ST JUDE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OUR CHURCH AND OTHER CHARITIES

BOXES WILL BE ON SALE AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES UNTIL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7ST

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL JOHN MRINARO (631) 848-4649

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING AND BECOMING A KNIGHT CALL KEVIN BERTOLINI (631) 254-0087 OR TONY DE LUSA (631) 748-0900

YES Group Calendar for February 2016
Meetings on Thursdays, following 9am mass Happy Valentine’s Day!
February 4-celebrate February's birthdays
February 11— Regular meeting
February 18-luncheon at Popei’s Restaurant- @ 12 noon-- $20 per person
February 25-presentation on senior scams (snow date will be March 3)
All are welcome!

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
Discrimination Against Churches:

Responding to a disgruntled neighbor complaint, town officials in Jefferson Parish, LA, issued a criminal summons against the pastor of Vintage Church, claiming their services were "too loud." The town imposed a noise level restriction of 60dB - the noise equivalent of a dishwasher, clothes dryer, or 1-1 conversation. While there are limits on church sounds, other noises like power tools, demolition sounds and construction sounds are not restricted.

Liberty Institute attorneys say the government’s demand violates The Louisiana Preservation of Religious Freedom Act, which states: "Government shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion ..." (libertyinstitute.org, 12/10/15; dailycaller.com, 12/15/15)

A similar incident occurred in 2015 in Gilbert, AZ, where the city had different ordinances for politics, business and church signs. Regulations for church signs were significantly stricter and smaller than for political or business signs.

In June, 2015, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the AZ church, saying its free speech and religious liberty were violated by the local government ordinance unfairly discriminating against the church. (alliancedefendingfreedom.org; dailycaller.com, 6/18/15)

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who change darkness into light, and light into darkness, who change bitter into sweet, and sweet into bitter!" Isaiah 5:20

Lorraine Yovino
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Catholics for Freedom of Religion
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St. Matthew RC Church
Rosary Altar Society Presents
ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH DINNER/DANCE
Music by Elite DJ

Saturday, March 12, 2016  6:00 PM
Adult $20 each  Child(ren) 5-16 yrs old $10.00
Corned Beef and Cabbage/ Pasta and Meatballs
Beer, Wine, Soda, Dessert
For Tickets Please Call  Terry: 631-254-9472
We will also sell tickets after the masses on February 27/28 and March 5/6

WELCOME TO THE Sons of Italy SPRING RACES
SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2016 AT 7:00PM.
$12.00 PP. JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING OF 6 RACES WITH LIVE JOCKEYS!
FOOD BUFFET TO INCLUDE HOT DOGS, CHILI, SAUERKRAUT, SALADS, BEER, SODA, DESSERTS AND TEA OR COFFEE.
RESERVATIONS -CALL- DOM TRINGALI @ 631-499-9132.
CHECKS PAYABLE TO TOSCANINI LODGE #2107 AND MAIL TO DOM TRINGALI, 60 SCHUYLER DR. DRIVE. COMMACK. NY. 11725.
OPEN SEATING BUT TABLES CAN BE ARRANGED FOR GROUPS OF 10.
February Schedule

We invite all teen’s 8th-12th grade to join us on our Journey to Christ
We meet every Saturday at 8pm in the library
Year of Mercy  Love Thy Neighbor

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:
"Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14

Feb 6  Discussion Night Who is our Neighbor and why do I have to love him?
Feb 13  Movie Night “Unconditional”
Feb 14  Youth Mass Church 12:30
Feb 19  Holy Hour St Ignatius Hicksville 7pm
Feb 20  Fundraiser Karaoke Night $5.00 entry fee
Feb 27  Game Night

Contact Information
Gina Drost, Youth Minister
E-mail Youthsrmrcc@gmail.com  Phone or Text 631-835-3088
Facebook @ St. Matthews Youth Ministry  Insta@stmatthewym

1 Timothy 4:12  Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.
Lenten Day of Prayer at the Seminary

Sunday
February 28
2016

9:30 am
to
3:30 pm

The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person.”

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Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM
Executive Director
Vincentian Center for Church & Society
St. John’s University
Sponsored by Friends of the Seminary
Spirituality & Education Committee

Conferences * Lunch * Confession * Mass

$30 per Guest (non-Member of Friends)

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road • Huntington, NY

[No Charge for Members of Friends of the Seminary $30.00 per Guest/Non-Member of Friends]

R.S.V.P. by February 20, 2016 Please list additional guests on reverse side

NAME ___________________________________________ NO. ATTENDING __________

ADDRESS __________________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP ______________________________________

TEL __________________________________________ E-MAIL ____________________________

Please make check payable to: Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

RETURN TO: Development Office
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road
Huntington, NY 11743

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
631.423.0483x102
bmalone@icseminary.edu
All Youth & Young Adults are Invited
To Join us for a LENTEN MISSION

"God's plan is exactly what you need to see and believe so that you can know everything is going to be OK"
Chris Padgett

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE
MARCH 2, 2016
7 PM - 9 PM
1140 LOCUST AVENUE, BOHEMIA
A Free Will Offering Will be Collected

Questions? Contact Marian Zahra @ stjym@aol.com or Marianne Sheridan @ msheridan@drc.org
Please RSVP by February 26 to either Marianne or Marian
Catholic Charities Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
You are ELIGIBLE if: • You are aged 60 and over • You live in New York
And • You meet gross monthly income guidelines
Single Senior…$1276.00 Senior Couple…$1726.00
Bring proof of birth date, address and income to register
Freeport: 516-623-4568 For information and locations near your home

Pillars of Personhood
10am - 3pm
87 Pine St, Freeport, NY
*Pizza and Soda will be provided
RSVP (631) 487-7578

Bingo Volunteers needed at Holy Family Regional School
every other Monday 6:30-10pm. Must be Virtus trained,
Contact Justine Greenblat at justine3624@yahoo.com or call 631-553-9069.
Thank you.
18th Annual Celebrate Life Fundraiser

Pasta Dinner & Chinese Auction

Benefit for the Life Center of Long Island

Presented by
The Knights of Columbus
Councils of the
8th New York District
& The Life Center of Long Island

Guest Speaker - Al Barbarino, Lay Franciscan & Brother Knight

DATE: Sunday, April 10, 2016
TIME: 1:00pm - 5:00pm at

Our Lady of Grace Parish ~ Fr. Patrick Shanahan Hall
666 Albin Avenue, West Babylon, NY 11704

TICKETS: $13/pp or $25 per Couple ~ Includes Dinner, Beer, Wine/Soda
For tickets, make check payable to: The Life Center of LI and

MAIL TO: Carmine Soldano (District Deputy), 179 West 17th St, Deer Park N.Y. 11729

Gardening Baskets
Children's Baskets
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Long Island Vineyard Wine Baskets
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...and much, much more!

Our Lady of the Rosary #4428 | Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal #6556
Our Lady of Grace #11968 | St. Joseph the Carpenter #14771

For more info on Pasta Dinner please contact Carmine at (631) 586-0883
For more info on Chinese Auction please contact Nancy at (516) 983-1205
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40 DAYS PREPARATION FOR EASTER

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IV  Mothering or Refreshment Sunday

(And 2 more Sundays in Lent overleaf)