**Masses For The Week**

**Monday, August 11th**
- 8:30 Wray Vassallo, Jr. Dorothy & Carl, Jr. Fuller
- 8 PM Gaetano Marino M/M Vincent Castoria

**Tuesday, August 12th**
- 6:45 Liv. & Dec. Members of the Christiansen Family
- 8:30 Dec. Members of the Devaney & Roche Families
- 8PM Keith Lisante LeeAnn, Doug & Melissa Lisante

**Wednesday, August 13th**
- 6:45 Int. Henry & Doreen Tomlinson- Kaval Family
- 8:30 Patricia David Ernie & Tom Quinn
- 8PM John H. Schneider John & Patti Milton

**Thursday, August 14th**
- 6:45 The Conversion of Russia The Faithful
- 8:30 Antanas Guidaitis Bobelis Family
- 8PM Michael T. Ronan Angela & Alan Marr

**Friday, August 15th**
- 6:45 Judith Bernmester Sabella Family
- 8:30 Michael Midea Wife & Family
- 8PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, August 16th**
- 6:45 Special Intention McKenna Family
- 8:30 Helen & David McLoughlin Mary & Tom Sweeney
- 5PM Catherine & Andrew Murphy Kathleen & Jeff Cronin
- 5:15 Robert Hoynes M/M Vincent Castoria

**Sunday, August 17th**
- 7:30 Adrianna Psomas M/M J. Bonarrigo
- 9:00 Elvira Ranieri Gonzalez & Stafford
- 10:30 Daniel John Carlsen-19th Anniv.-Family
- 12:00 Helen Flynn Flynn-Kearns Family
- 1:30 Antoinette Denish Persico Family

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Doris Catapano
Frances Hernandez
Elaine Marie Kirby

Rest in peace

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**Lector Schedule**

**Thursday, Vigil, 8/14**
- 8:00 PM – Carolyn Bove

**Friday, 8/15**
- 6:45 AM – Joselyn mirabal
- 8:30 AM – Efren Bacani
- 12:00 PM – Isidora Bacani
- 8:00 PM – mary champney

**Saturday, 8/16**
- 5:00 PM – Tom Varriale

**Sunday, 8/17**
- 7:30 AM – Al Hans
- 9:00 AM – Sue Bouffier
- 10:30 AM – barry champney and bob kaliban
- 12:00 PM – Jeanne virzera
- 1:30 PM – Vincent Gatto
“Mass is so boring!”

How often have you parents heard that from your kids on Sunday morning? How often have our teachers and catechists heard it as they prepare our children for Mass? And, let’s admit it, how often have we said it to ourselves?

What do we say to that unfortunate and almost sacrilegious statement?

Well, for one, we simply reply, No, it’s not! You may find the Mass boring, but, that’s more your problem than the fault of the Mass.

We may find a lot of very important activities in life “boring”: visits to the dentist can be that way; kidney patients tell me dialysis three times a week is hardly a thrill; voting is no barrel of laughs. But, all three of them are very significant to our wellbeing, and their value hardly depends on us being ecstatic while doing them. The Mass is even more important for the health of our soul than those examples.

Boredom is our problem, and social commentators tell us we today, so used to thirty-second sound bites, or flipping the channel when we yawn at a program, are susceptible to it.

Thank God, a person’s or an event’s value does not depend on its tendency to sometimes “bore” us. People and significant events exist not to thrill us, unless we are the most narcissistic and spoiled of brats!

This is especially true of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We believe that every Mass is the renewal of the most important, critical event that ever occurred: the eternal, infinite sacrifice of praise of God the Son, Jesus, to God the Father, on a cross on Calvary on a Friday called “good.”

Come to think of it, the Roman soldiers were “bored” there, too, as they mocked Jesus and rolled dice for his tunic, the only property He had.

Two, we hardly go to Mass to be entertained, but to pray. If the flowers on the altar are pretty; if the music is good; if the air conditioning is working; if the sermon is short and meaningful; if the folks are friendly . . . all that sure helps.

But, the Mass works even when all of the above may be missing – - and, sadly, they often are! Continued...
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Because, the Mass is not about us, but about God. And the value of the Mass comes from our simple yet profound conviction, based on faith, that, for an hour on Sunday, we’re part of the beyond, lifted up to the eternal, a participant in a mystery, as we unite with Jesus in the thanks, love, atonement, and sacrifice He eternally offers His Father. What Jesus does always works, and is never boring. The Mass is not some tedious chore we do for God, but a miracle Jesus does with and for us.

A gentleman was just telling me about his family Sunday dinner, the heart of the week when he was growing up. The food was so good because his mom cooked it so well, and the table so happy because his dad was always there!

Even after he got married and had his own kids, they’d all go to his mom and dad’s for that Sunday dinner. When his kids got a bit older they asked if they “had to go,” because, yes, at times they found it “boring.” Yes, you do, he would reply, because we don’t just go for the food, but because of love, because mom and dad are there!

He teared-up as he recalled that, as mom and dad got old, the food wasn’t as good and the company not as sparkling, but he’d never miss, because that Sunday event had a depth of meaning even when mom burned the lasagna and dad nodded off.

And now, he concluded, he’d give anything to be there again, because mom’s gone, and dad’s in a home.

So now he and his wife host it, and he hopes his three kids will one day bring their spouses and children to their Sunday table.

See, the value of that Sunday dinner doesn’t depend on how good the food is; how expensive the wine; how interesting the conversation. All that sure helps, but it’s the event that has the real value.

Same with the Sunday dinner of our spiritual family: Mass.

Some folks think a game at Yankee Stadium is boring; some consider country music the same; some people tell me that values such as friendship, volunteer work, family, loyalty, generosity, and patriotism are “passé,” no longer “exciting.”

I’d say they got a problem!

And some tell me “Mass is so boring…
Parish Outreach

“Food Pantry”
Thank you to all the good folks in our parish community for all you do to embrace those less fortunate. Especially during these Summer days when the children are home from school, your support and generosity are a welcomed blessing.

With many of us taking our well earned time off to enjoy the summer season, please continue to keep in mind our neighbors in need. We love to have plenty to share with all those who come to our door.

Items most in need are Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta, Tomato Sauce and Cereals. Thank you again for making our parish food pantry the wonderful success that it is!

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Parish Outreach hours are Mon.-Thurs., 9:00am-4:00pm.

“Ministry of Consolation”

Our parish is richly blessed to have gathered a wonderful group of volunteers who make up Our Lady of Lourdes “Ministry of Consolation” team. The most valuable gifts we can give are the gifts that come from the heart. The precious gifts of our time, love and compassion are especially needed during the time of the loss of a loved one.

Created to provide warmth, caring and personal attention to assist families in preparation for the funeral mass, this particular ministry can never have too many helping hands. Whether your interest be that of a Greeter, Lector or EM, please give some thought as to sharing your time and talents and being a part of this ministry’s call to love and care for one another.

Thank you so much to our coordinator, Deacon Frank Gariboldi and all our volunteers for embracing this beautiful ministry. Please call Parish Outreach at 516-541-1260 if you would like to volunteer. Thank you for your consideration.

Our Lady of Lourdes
“Bereavement Support Group”

GENERAL BEREAVEMENT
...For the Loss of a Loved One...

STARTS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

Every Tuesday Evening for 8 Weeks:
September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28
7:00pm – 8:30pm

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
Please call:
Parish Outreach ……………541-1260, or Rectory Office ………………541-3270

“BACK TO SCHOOL”...
It’s hard to believe that it’s that time of year when we begin to see the sale ads for “Back to School” necessities. While our food pantry is always our first priority at Parish Outreach, we have been very successful the past years in helping families ease the burden of costly school supplies.

If your means allow, please consider a donation of any of the following items to help children less fortunate prepare for the beginning of a bright, new school year. Parish Outreach will be collecting school supplies throughout the month of August.

Thank you for helping us to help others!

Pens/Pencils Pocket Folders
Pencil Box Construction Paper
Pencil Sharpeners Crayons
Assignment Pads Markers
Marble Notebooks Glue/Glue Sticks
Spiral Notebooks Rulers
Looseleaf paper Safety Scissors
Binders Erasers

Our “Care Blankets” volunteer group continues to create hand-crafted, colorful blankets for children undergoing cancer care. To date 1169 gifts of love have been produced. For more information call Parish Outreach 516-541-1260.
Our Parish depends solely on your generosity to meet each week’s expenses. Our regular Sunday collections account for more than 60% of our operating budget. Your continued support, especially during these difficult economic times, is both needed and appreciated.

Last week you donated $16,138.41

Thank you

Let us continue to pray for peace. Let us also pray for all those serving in the military.

With special care we pray especially for:


If you know a Service Member that you would like to add to this list please contact the rectory 516-541-3270

Please include name, rank and branch of service.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Never were Confirmed? Need to make your First Communion? Want to be Baptized? It’s not too late to join!

Let us help you get it done.

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism? Do you have friends or acquaintances who are questioning what Catholicism is all about? Do you have Catholic family members or friends who have fallen away from the Faith? Invite them to investigate the truth about Catholicism by joining the RCIA group here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our group meets once a week, beginning in September. Practicing Catholics are encouraged to join as well – you are guaranteed to learn things about the Church you never knew! We have room for all age groups.

What is RCIA?

In recent years there has been a great increase in the number of adults who are joining the Catholic Church. RCIA (which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a program designed to help non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics learn more about Catholicism through a series of classes, discussions, prayer times and ceremonies. This program helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God as they consider becoming Catholic. There is no obligation to join the Catholic Church.

Our Lady of Lourdes RCIA program is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. If you are not yet sure whether you want to become Catholic, you are still welcome to participate as you make your decision.

People from all sorts of religious backgrounds join the RCIA. Some have been baptized in another Christian religion and some have not. Some have been practicing members of a Christian religion for years and some have had little or no religious instruction or support. Some are already Catholic but are seeking a greater understanding of our Faith.

The RCIA is a mix of praying, learning facts, discussing how these apply to our lives, participating in prayerful ceremonies (called “rites”) and most importantly, using all of these experiences to build and grow in a relationship with God.

If you’re interested in attending, please call the rectory to get started on your journey...
Country Western Night

Back by Popular Demand

At Our Lady of Lourdes Auditorium
Massapequa Park, NY
Saturday, October 18, 2014 - 7P.M. - 11:30 P.M.
$40.00 per person, buffet included, cash bar for beer and wine
Western attire is encouraged

Country Line Dancing
Instructions provided by Marianne Taylor

Raffle prizes
Chinese auction
Dance contest
50/50
Lottery board
Western buffet
DJ music and dancing

Tickets may be purchased after all Masses,
Sept. 20, 21, 27and 28th. October 4, 5, 11 and 12th.
Tickets may also be purchased at Rectory Office
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (516) 541-3270
Or email dicicco@optonline.net
“...Another Man’s Treasure”

We all have them — those gifts from past Christmases, birthdays, and anniversaries that weren’t quite “right.” Instead of letting them collect dust or take up room in your house, why not donate these items for a good cause?

The Country Western Dance Committee is looking for a few nice gift items to include in their gift basket raffles. We will take your unused items, give them a new home, and rid you of the guilt that comes with throwing out an unwanted gift!

So please come by if you decide that you don’t need any more bath & body lotions, lavender scented candles, or fuzzy polka dotted socks (it’s the thought that counts, right?). We’ll be waiting to gratefully accept your donations!

All donated items can be dropped off at the church rectory during office hours.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Secondary School

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Birthright is a pro-life, non-judgmental, non-profit, interdenominational, non-political, abortion alternative organization. Help is provided regardless of race, marital status, religion, age, economic status, ethnicity or circumstance. Birthright provides a positive and loving alternative to abortion. Birthright provides information on the many options available to a woman in a crisis pregnancy situation.

Birthright provides: Free Pregnancy Tests, Completely Confidential Help, Non-Judgmental Caring Advice, Adoption Referrals and Information, Information on Other Community Services, Prenatal Information, Legal, Medical and Educational Referrals, Maternity and Baby Clothes, Social Services Agency Referrals, Support throughout Pregnancy and Beyond.

If you need help, if you can help:
Birthright of Nassau & Suffolk, 1859 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh NY 11793, 516-785-4070
The Life Center, 35 East Willow St, Massapequa, NY 11758, 516, 798-9100, www.lifecenterli.org

Volunteers are always needed for these organizations.
Donations of baby clothes, diapers, furniture, layette items, crib sheets, etc. are always needed along with financial support.

"The Life Center exists to promote a Culture of Life among all God's people, regardless of race, color or creed. It is a private, non-sectarian, not-for-profit corporation. No one is turned away and there are no charges for services. AAA Pregnancy Options is the Pregnancy Help Center run by The Life Center of Long Island. This is the heart of their mission and how they most directly help pregnant women. In addition to addressing the necessary material and financial needs, free pregnancy test kits and sonograms by a licensed physician are offered. Free intervention consulting is provided to give women complete and accurate information about all the services available to her. The Life Center has found that when a woman learns the facts about fetal development, the possible complications resulting from an abortion, and is educated on all the help that is available to her, the majority of the time she will choose to carry her baby to term. Respect for Life, marriage, sexuality, and family, are discussed in a non-judgmental manner."

"The Life Center is much more than a pregnancy center. They provide healing opportunities for any woman or man who has struggled with the profound emotional pain that often accompanies the abortion experience. The Life Center hosts a multitude of programs that guide a person through a process of healing, forgiveness, and wholeness. There is a 10-week program called HEART for women and HEALING A FATHER'S HEART."

"The Life Center affirms the dignity of the human person by providing vital sexual health information to the community. Their Sexual Integrity Program brings the message of sexual wholeness and healing to clients; highlighting the benefits of abstinence until marriage. Education programs such as these provide young people with the knowledge, refusal skills and emotional conviction to make healthy decisions that foster self-respect. The Fertility Awareness Program, a new form of Natural Family planning for married couples, enables husbands and wives to determine the time of fertility to space or achieve conception. Both programs help foster healthy and fulfilling lives in and out of marriage."

(www.lifecenterli.org)
OVERNIGHT PILGRIMAGE TO DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

Join the Rosary Society on Saturday, September 6, 2014 on an overnight pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA.

The price for this trip is

$160.00 Single occupancy
$130.00 per person, Double occupancy
$200.00 per married couple

This includes:

Bus
Coffee & Bagels on bus Saturday AM
All day access to shrine and grounds
Dinner at a local restaurant
Overnight stay in the Pilgrim Inn, Lee, MA
Breakfast provided by the Inn Sunday AM
All gratuities

Note: Please bring own box lunch for Saturday.

Participate in Mass at the Shrine on Sunday. Spend time reflecting at the many meditation stations located throughout the shrine grounds. Visit the Gift Shop. See picturesque Stockbridge, home of Norman Rockwell. Make new friends. Join us for this experience which promises to be faithfully enriching.

RSVP no later than Wednesday, August 27, by filling out the attached form and enclosing a check with the designated amount, made payable to OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSARY SOCIETY. You will then be contacted with a confirmation and details of departure time on Saturday morning.

Rosary Society Trip Form

Name(s): ____________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Best time of day to reach me: ____________

Circle one: Single occupancy @ $160.00 Double occupancy @ $130.00 OR

Married couple @ $200.00

Please provide the name of the individual who will be sharing the room with you:

____________________________________________________________________
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

FUND RAISER DINNER
SAT. SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 1900 TO 2300 HOURS

PLEASE JOIN REP. PETER KING AND US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN IT’S FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM AND EVIL IN AFGHANISTAN AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP AAB IN THEIR CONTINUING EFFORT TO SUPPLY OUR TROOPS DEPLOYED OVER SEAS WITH MUCH NEEDED AND APPRECIATED PERSONAL SUPPLIES. ITEMS NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM BY OUR GOVERNMENT.

IN ADDITION TO CREATING HELPING HAND FUNDS TO THOSE RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE IN HOUSING, CAREER ADJUSTMENTS, EDUCATION AND OTHER MONETARY NEEDS AND ITEMS BROUGHT TO OUR LOCAL VA HOSPITAL TO THOSE VETS RECOVERING FROM MANY OF THE VARIOUS INJURIES SUSTAINED IN COMBAT.

DINNER LOCATION AMERICAN LEGION POST 1132 @ 2301 PENATIQUIT AVENUE, SEAFORD

DELUXE HOT BUFFET

CHICKEN FRANCHISE, BATTER DIPPED FLOUNDER, EGGPLANT ROLLATINI,
SAUSAGE AND PEPPERS, PENNE A LA VODKA,
MIXED GREEN SALAD, DINNER ROLLS

OPEN BAR SODA, BEER, WINE, MIXED DRINKS, COFFEE AND CAKE.

$50.00 PP.

ADOPT A BATTALION
www.adoptabattalion.org

Reserve Early Call Dick @ 516-359-9371 or Brian @ 516-355-8424
A A B Website Phone 516-342-5557 and leave a message or e-mail to info@aabsupports.org
Alternate E-mail to AdptBattalion@aol.com Include Name, Phone, Address # Tickets on all messages.
Community News

BINGO

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
855 Carmans Road, Massapequa Park

Friday  $1800 in prizes at 7:30 PM
Tuesday Golden Society, at 7:30 PM
$2000 in Prizes w/Progressive Jackpot

$2000 IN PRIZES - $850 GIANT JACKPOT
Progressive Jackpot on Tuesdays

Catholic Charities’ Massapequa Park Senior Center located at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Massapequa Park, has a position open for a back-up CDL driver at $15.21 per hour. If interested please call Laura at 516-797-5357.

Lunch Supervisor: A lunch supervisor is needed from 11:00AM to 1:00PM at St. Martin of Tours School for school weekdays. If interested, please call 631-264-7166.

Teacher Assistant: A teacher assistant is needed for Early Childhood classes at St. Martin of Tours School. Qualifications: must love children, be patient and nurturing. College students are welcome to apply. If interested, please call 631-264-7166

All Young Adults – you are invited to join us for our next Faith on Tap …

When: Monday, September 22
Time: Talk begins at 7:30 …. Doors open at 7:00 – come early, get something to eat or drink!
Speaker: Bishop Nelson J. Perez, Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre
Topic: Joy of the Gospel

“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus”
– Pope Francis

Where: Molly Malone’s – 124 Maple Avenue, BayShore NY

50th Reunion Massapequa High School Class of 1964
Being held on Saturday, September 27, 2014, at 7:30 PM at the:
The Memorare Club
2183A Jackson Avenue
Seaford, New York 11783
1-516-826-1542
$80.00 Per Person

For more information, please contact one of the committee members:
Ernie Weber, 1-516-795-2443, ecweber@optonline.net

2nd AND 4TH THURSDAY EVENINGS, 7:30 PM
IN THE PARISH CENTER ROOM 16

Next Meetings:
August 14th & 28th

The summer can be a very busy time for families and during the vacation season it is easy to forget that Our Lady of Lourdes needs your donation. The Faith Direct program is easy to use and helps our parish stay on budget during these travel filled summer months. Enrollment is simple: Either go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code NY259 or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office and return it by mail to Faith Direct.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time, talent and treasure! I will be keeping you and your families in prayer during your summer travels!