

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 12th

8:30 AM: Mass of multiple intentions

5:00 PM: Michael McDonnell [*U.S. Customs Service*]

Sunday, January 13th

Baptism of the Lord

8 AM: Living and deceased of the parish

9:30 AM: Adolf Wachswender [*wife & family*]

11 AM: Florence Donnelly [*Mary Conlon & family*]

12:30AM: Pauline Marshburn [*Joyce & James McCabe*]

5 PM: John Andersen [*Catherine & Joe Bellacicco*]

Monday, January 14th

7 AM: Joan Dillman [*John Marashlian*]

8:30 AM: Mary Lilly [*Joanne & Kate Sharkey*]

Tuesday, January 15th

7:AM: Vera Fitzgerald [*Rosary Altar Society*]

8:30 AM: Margaret Healy [*Michael & Isabelle Donnelly*]

Wednesday, January 16th

7:AM: Burke & Kane family [*family*]

8:30 AM: Daniel Kearney [*Anthony & Rose Musso*]

Thursday, January 17th

7:AM: Giavanni D'Alessandro [*Ferrugia & Larsen Families*]

8:30 AM: Daniel Kearney [*Antonio & Marylou Sayson*]

Friday, January 18th

7:AM: Stephen & Fred Fulgieri [*Vincent Amato*]

8:30 AM: Rose Amanna [*Maureen & Frank Smith*]

Saturday, January 19th

8:30 AM: Living: Rocca Caringella, Nula DeVaney, Terrance Wakely

Deceased: Father Pat Branigan, Father Walter Korycki, Richard Palazzolo, Bridie Hanrahan, Lynam Coby, Mrs. Wollack, Natalie Grace, Neil Petty

5 PM: Michael McDonnell [*U.S. Customs Service*]

Sunday, January 20th

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

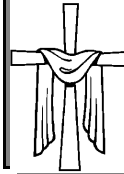
8 AM: Living and deceased members of the parish

9:30 AM: Jeanine A. Spensieri [*M/M Josea Luis Scocco*]

11 AM: Patrick Rafferty [*Mary Conlon & family*]

12:30PM: Pauline Marshburn [*Francis Prtasiewicz*]

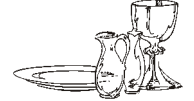
5 PM: Jayne Nuzzi (1st Anniversary) [*Debbie, Dan & Eileen*]



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please keep in your prayers the members of our parish family who have recently died: Mary C. Moran and Geraldine Binder.

The gifts of bread and wine to be used at all the Masses this week have been donated in prayer for Rose and Carlos Tolbe at the request of Theresa DiCocco.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:



Patricia Belyus, Anthony Casillo, Walter and Randy Schlegel, Catherine D'Amelio,

Nancy Gentile, Karen Iraggi, Joseph Wlodarczyk, Michael Onerato, Dominic Barilla, Carmela BosoReale, Peggy O'Neill, Elizabeth Wissinger, Matthew Raible, John Foppiano, Lester Fogel, Carol Beaumet, Sean Rooney, Richard Philips, Edward Casey, Rosemary Amato, Stephen D'Amato, Helen Chilarski, Victor Doto, Frank Porcaro, Evan Poelker, Agnes and Ann Brennan, Lena Gambitsky, James Carbo, Victoria Cioffi, John Fasse, Shirley Lally, Joyce Daino, Joseph Scarfo, Vincent Amato, Joan Kinckiner, Virginia Metacarpa, Charlie Campbell, Frances Cantreva, Alejandro Senn, Mike Tumulty, Roseann Menekou, Dorothy Neuman, and Diane Lloyd.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Let us lift up in prayer our brave men and women who fight for freedom and justice throughout our world: *Rory Kent, Mike Panza, Daniel Hudson, Rafael Lopez, Larry Provost, Ian Robertson, Michael Scotto, Thomas J. Bova, Thomas Niemczyk, Arnaldo Albornod, Raphael Albornod, Adam Przybyszewski, Jonah Biddick, Matthew Geremia, Deborah K. Hollinger, Joseph Strong, Christopher Dede, Jean Pierrenoel, Anthony Caruso, Joseph Richman, Lloyd Blackburn, Christopher Hayes, Jason Scarlata, John and Scott Ianno, Evan Poelker, Michael Wendleken, Douglas Cianchetta, Robert Ryan, James Barlow, Thomas Sadlo, Raymond Boiano, John Young.*

STEWARDSHIP

Last weekend's collection: **\$11,874.21** We thank those who truly respond to the invitation of Jesus to make sacrifices for the sake of the mission of his Church.

NEWS FROM ADULT SINGLES' GROUP

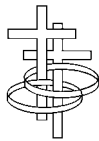
Saturday, January 19th - Chocolate Event – Holy Spirit Singles Parish Center from 7:30 to 11:00pm. Do you love chocolate as much as we do? Join us for lots of chocolate trivia, movie, best looking and best tasting chocolate dessert contests etc. The cost is \$10.00. Call Mary at (516) 775-0858 for more information.

Saturday, January 26th - Bowling – Holy Spirit Singles. The time is 6:30pm at the Sheridan Lanes on Jericho Turnpike. The cost is \$3.50 per game and \$3.00 to rent shoes. Call Marie at (516) 627-5983 for information.

Banns of Marriage

Third Announcement

– Donna Damato (*Holy Spirit*) and Al Vetter (*Holy Spirit*)



READINGS OF THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Samuel 1: 1-8 Mark 1: 14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 1: 9-20 Mark 1: 21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Mark 1: 29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Samuel 4: 1-11 Mark 1: 40-45
- Friday:** 1 Samuel 8: 4-7 Mark 2: 1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Samuel 9: 1-4 Mark 2: 13-17

HOLY SPIRIT SINGLES CROCHET DAY

Holy Spirit Singles will sponsor another Crochet Day on Saturday, January 19th from 10am to 4pm. Our projects this time will be to crochet scarves for the Veterans in the VA Hospital and make 6 inch squares that will be put together for children attending a special camp this summer for Children with Cancer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

On January 20th, the New Hyde Park Council K of C is sponsoring a bus trip to St. Patrick's Cathedral for the RIGHT TO LIFE Mass at 10:15 AM. We meet at the Council (1000 Marcus Ave.) At 8:30am for coffee and goodies and board the bus at 9am for the ride to St. Pat's. After Mass, we return to the Council about 12 noon for a delicious brunch. Please join us. The cost is \$22 per person. To reserve a seat, please call Tom McGowan at 352-9004.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday, January 14th

7:15 & 8:30 PM: AA Meeting-Cafeteria & Auditorium

Tuesday, January 15th

6:30PM: "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" North Mtg. Rm

7:15PM: Legion of Mary Mtg - Ctrl. Mtg. Rm

7:15PM: Religious Ed. Confirmation Parent Information Mtg. - Martin Hall

Wednesday, January 16th

9:40AM: Adult Scripture Study - Central Meeting Rm.

7:30PM: Pastoral Formation Institute Class-Martin Hall

Thursday, January 17th

1:00PM: Senior Meeting - Martin Hall

3:30PM: Religious Ed. - Gr. 1, 2, & 3 - School

7:15 & 8:30 PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria& Auditorium

Friday, January 18th

4:00PM: MusikGarten - Martin Hall

7:00PM: Teen Scene - Auditorium

7:00PM: Girl Scout Troop 1161 - Cafeteria

Saturday, January 19th

7:00AM:& 2:00PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria

9:00AM: H.S. Singles Group Crochet Day- Martin Hall

5:30PM: Holy Spirit 999 Club Drawing - Martin Hall

7:00PM: Holy Spirit Singles Social - Martin Hall

Sunday, January 20th

Hospitality After 9:30 & 11:00 Masses

4:00PM: Cast Party for Music Man - Martin Hall

BASKETBALL NEWS

Holy Spirit's Athletic Association will run basketball clinics for boys and girls in 2nd and 3rd Grades. Registration will take place on Thursday, January 24th in Room #12 on the second floor of the Holy Spirit School building, between 3:30 and 4:30 pm. The clinics will run for five weeks beginning in mid February and the fee is \$30. Anyone interested in sharing their time and talent as a coach should contact Pat/Ann Keenan at 354-1698.

MAGNIFICAT

A Ministry to Catholic Women, invites you to attend a dinner on Thursday, January 31st at 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus in Oceanside. Our speaker will be Father Tony Stanganelli, Pastor of Holy Spirit in New Hyde Park and Spiritual Advisor to our Magnificat chapter. Fr. Tony has a great devotion to Our Blessed Mother and has made many pilgrimages to Medjugorje. The evening will also include praise and worship and an opportunity for prayer. For reservations, please call Janet Cino at (516) 794-9659 or email twohrs3@aol.com.



HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL OF RELIGION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Holy Spirit School of Religion provides religion classes for children in grades one through eight and preparation for the Sacraments of Eucharist (First Communion), Penance and Confirmation for children who attend public schools. Holy Spirit's children are welcome to receive these sacraments here at their home parish regardless of where they attend school, public, parochial or private. For children attending religion classes regularly, only immediate preparation for the sacraments is necessary.

Our **Special Needs Program** is dedicated to meeting the catechetical needs of children who have physical or developmental challenges. The weekly class schedule during the school year can be found here in the bulletin under "**Coming Up this Week**," or on our website www.holyspiritchurch.com listed under "**Upcoming Events**." Please call 354-2363 for further information.

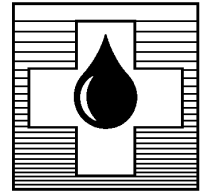
ATTENTION PARENTS OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CHILDREN WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN 7TH GRADE!

All young people of the parish who are in 7th grade are welcome to begin preparation for reception of the sacrament of Confirmation here at Holy Spirit Parish. This includes children in public, private or parochial schools who are our parishioners. Parents are invited to a meeting with our pastor, Fr. Tony, and our Confirmation Coordinators.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30pm. This meeting is for parents/guardians only - no children, please. The meeting will be held in Martin Hall which is located in the Parish Center. Please call 354-2362 if you have questions, or need further information. We are looking forward to welcoming you!

HOLY SPIRIT BLOOD DRIVE

Our Parish Winter Blood Drive will take place this Sunday, January 13th between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. If you are over 17-75, in good health, and have not given blood within the past 56 days, you are eligible to donate! We are hoping to be able to collect at least 70 pints of blood! This is not an impossible goal if those who are capable would just make a little extra time to give the most precious gift of all – the gift of life.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FROM SOCIAL

MINISTRY!!!



What a tremendous response from all of you to our Parish Giving Tree and Share-a-Gift program. Our struggling families are so very grateful for your generosity in helping them with gifts, gift cards, money, personal items and food.

Giving Tree--- all **800 ornaments** were taken and gifts returned. A heartfelt thanks goes to Kate Kingston and the Youth Ministry for cutting out the ornaments. Besides gifts this number includes **258 gifts cards** to Drug, Food, Department Stores and Metro Cards. Each family received gifts, food and department store certificates and personal items.

Share-a-Gift --- We received **\$3,468** in monetary donations from the program.

Sock-it-away --- Children in Religious Education classes collected coins in socks. They donated **\$638.00** to Social Ministry. Also, personal items were collected and put in

Christmas bags to be given to the families.

The Rosary Altar Society--- donated **\$250.00**.

Lions Club --- Each year at Thanksgiving and Christmas the Lions donate \$25 King Kullen food certificates. For the two holidays, we received **178** food certificates.

Folk Group--- from the sale of their music CD, a monetary donation of **\$320** was given.

In addition the following donated, food, food certificates, money and store certificates... Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, K of C Seniors, Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society, individuals and families. Because of this outpouring of such generosity we were able to assist **267 individuals, including 156 children**. This tremendous gifting requires many volunteers to accomplish it. To all the volunteers, decorators of the Giving Tree, sorters, counters, wrappers, gift deliverers and all who donated to Social Ministry a very special **THANK YOU**. May God bless you for who you are and for all you do to help others. My prayer this New Year is that all of us will continue to give birth to Jesus in our culture and time.

Reflection by Father Tony

As Jesus approaches John to be baptized in the Jordan river, John initially protests and Jesus responds, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." What exactly is the "righteousness" that is fulfilled in the baptism of Jesus?

The ultimate act of righteousness that is performed by Jesus in his public ministry is his death on the cross. In the perfect sacrifice of Calvary, Jesus, on behalf of all humanity, offers himself in obedience and surrender to the Father, thereby "making right" the relationship between all of humanity and God himself, a relationship that was "made wrong" through the sinful disobedience of Adam and Eve.

The baptism of Jesus anticipates what Jesus will later accomplish on Calvary – in other words, it symbolically describes and anticipates the act of righteousness that fulfills his mission on earth. How does the baptism at the Jordan anticipate Calvary? When Jesus is plunged into the swirling waters of the Jordan, Jesus enters into a primal chaos (symbolized by water which, as you read Genesis 1:1, was the pre-created state of the universe before God breathed his spirit and order into making all that exists). Imagine yourself being held underwater; you feel disoriented, panicky, and totally fearful and out of control. Jesus surrenders himself into this state of confusion and chaos – much in the same way as he will later submit himself to his passion and execution at the end of his life. Entering freely and lovingly into all that is confused and chaotic (indeed evil) in this world, and allowing himself to be the victim of all that is evil without fighting back or taking revenge or insuring his own comfort and safety, he makes a sacrifice of himself. This is an act of love and obedience to the will of the Father. When he emerges from the water, the spirit descends upon him and he receives the confirmation of his act of loving obedience: "This is my beloved son." Even so, at the end of his earthly existence, Jesus lovingly submits to the "baptism" of Calvary – only to rise from that descent into chaos on the day of resurrection and be confirmed for all humanity as the beloved Son. You are invited to enter into chaos in your own life. Sometimes that chaos is thrust upon you – sometimes you yourself have created the chaos of your life. As you enter into that chaos, stop trying to gain control, fight back, win esteem, look good. All those responses are founded in fear of our own annihilation. Instead trust that Jesus, your older brother, has already entered into chaos and has come out refreshed in the spirit. You too can make the same journey, in him, with him and through him.

HOLY SPIRIT TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCH ON WASHINGTON

For the last thirty years, abortion-on-demand has been the law of the land since the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*. On the anniversary of this decision, thousands upon thousands of people have marched each year in Washington to say to our legislators that murder is not a choice that can be guaranteed by our Constitution.

Each year as busloads of pro-life people pour into Washington, the media has made it appear that only a few demonstrators are gathering in Washington. And yet the outcry on behalf of the defenseless is deafening. Won't you be part of that outcry? Will you be a voice for the voiceless?

This year, Holy Spirit Church is sharing a bus with Father Charles Mangano and the people of Cure of Ars Church, Merrick. Both Father Tony and Father Charles will provide spiritual leadership for our group as we make our way to our nation's capital (Actually, Father Charles will be providing prayer cards, videos, music, leading us in the scriptural rosary, an extremely moving poster for our marchers, special maps etc. Father Tony will provide donuts). **Our bus will leave Holy Spirit on Tuesday morning, January 22nd at 5:30 a.m.** The cost for the trip is only \$10.00. To reserve a space on the bus, please call the rectory at 516-354-0359.

HOLY SPIRIT ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Because the journey never ends!



In the vestibule of the Church, there is a special pamphlet rack containing a publication called "Catholic Update." Each week, we will be providing a special *Catholic Update* that will help further our understanding of our faith. Next week's gospel offers us John the Baptist's testimony regarding Jesus, whom he recognizes through the power of God's Spirit. Our Catholic Update entitled "Who Is the Holy Spirit?" will renew our understanding of the role of the spirit in our daily lives.

SCRIPTURE STUDY FOR ADULTS

All are welcome to join our group which meets weekly to read the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday's Mass, and to pray and reflect on their meaning in our daily lives. Please join us next Wednesday, January 9th 2008, from 9:45 until 11:15am, in the Central Meeting Room which is located on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A MEMBER OF HOLY SPIRIT?

Can you imagine if you were a young person, and you liked baseball or soccer or some other sport so much that you wanted to join a league? At the registration desk, you would pick up all kinds of information about what would be expected of you if you were to become a member of the league. You discover that there is the issue of dues, required number of practices, the wearing of the uniform, conduct on and off the field, equipment you would need to bring, parental consent, expectations that you knew the basics of the game, etc. You would need to meet these expectations if you were to be considered a member of the team.

In the recent Gallup survey, 73% of the participants responded "Agree/Strongly agree" to the following question: "***As a member of the parish, I know what is expected of me.***" It is encouraging to see that almost 3/4 of our parishioners have a clear idea as to what is expected of them. Perhaps it would be interesting if we could begin to spell out those expectations for the entire parish at large.

Why would it be important to hear from our parishioners concerning their understanding of what is expected of them as members of the parish?

1. As we have mentioned in the past, perhaps we've become increasingly unclear as to what is expected of someone to be a member of Holy Spirit parish. It would be good for each person to ask themselves the question: "What exactly is expected of me if I am to be considered a member of Holy Spirit?"
2. As we begin to clarify expectations, we can hold ourselves accountable to one another so that our catholic faith is practiced in an atmosphere where there is serious and consistent support from one another.
3. The more clarity we bring to the issue of what is expected of members, the clearer will be the meaning of the parish mission statement and the means that will help us carry out that mission.

Next week's bulletin will provide a tear-off questionnaire which we will ask you to submit back to the Pastoral Council. The good news is that there is only one question which we will be asking on this questionnaire:

"If a person (perhaps even a non-Catholic) asked you what is expected of someone if they were to be considered a member of Holy Spirit parish, what would you answer them?"

Please give the question some thought over the next week!

A letter from our Bishop

January 13, 2008



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

One Hundred years ago, Father Paul Watson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, initiated The Chair of Unity Octave. This visionary priest, who had begun his ministry as an Episcopalian and was later received into the Catholic Church, has a burning passion to work for the unity of all the Church. As a Christian he was committed to fulfilling the prayer of Jesus, "That they might all be one." As a Franciscan he felt deep in his heart the prayer of Francis, "Make me an instrument of your peace."

At the time, Father Paul's vision seemed almost naive. It took another sixty years before the Second Vatican Council would commit the Catholic Church to the process of ecumenism. Still, the power of prayer is great. The strides toward unity that the Christian delight in heaven.

Now known as The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and officially supported by the World Council of Churches and the Holy See, this time of prayer continues to inspire Christians to open their hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who gently yet powerfully moves Christians to reach beyond the sin of their divisions to discover the oneness initiated by our Baptism.

Serious issues of faith and practice still divide us. We do not yet sit together at the Lord's table. Still, the progress that Grace has effected in us over the past one hundred years is a cause of great hope. I invite all the Catholics of Long Island to join this week with our fellow Christians in asking the Spirit of God to continue to move us forward towards that unity for which Jesus prayed.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre