

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 19th

8:30 AM: Mass of multiple intentions

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

Sunday, January 20th

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

8 AM: Living and deceased of the parish

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

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

12:30AM: Pauline Marshburn [*Francis Protasiewicz*]

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

Monday, January 21st

7 AM: No Mass

8:30 AM: Evelyn Mayers [*Christopher Cronin*]

Tuesday, January 22nd

7:AM: Nora Zaccaria [*husband, Joe*]

8:30 AM: Evelyn Savino (1st Anniversary) [*Louis & Marie Savino*]

Wednesday, January 23rd

7:AM: Dorothy Bizub [*daughter*]

8:30 AM: Dominick & Isabelle Romano [*Lillian*]

Thursday, January 24th

7:AM: Minnie Squicciarini [*Evelyn Minella*]

8:30 AM: Domenico Nappi [*McHale family*]

Friday, January 25th

7:AM: Kevin J. Gormley [*family*]

8:30 AM: Amato Panetta [*wife, Gezzina*]

Saturday, January 26th

8:30 AM: Living: Rocca Caringella

Deceased: Father Pat Branigan, Monsignor Joe Lawlor, Sharkey & Berman families, Richard Palazzolo, Anthony Bennett, Andrew Barbaresi, Anna Ramirez Olivo

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

Sunday, January 27th

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

8 AM: Living and deceased members of the parish

9:30 AM: Patrick Rafferty [*Margaret Hand*]

11 AM: Peter & Virginia Yannacci [*family*]

12:30PM: Daniel Caprio [*Lucy McLeod*]

5 PM: Lena & Richard Trupia [*Kay Filauro*]

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE



Please keep in your prayers the members of our parish family who have recently died:

Antoinette Alu, Perlita Poblete,
Josephine M. Griffin.



The gifts of bread and wine to be used at all the Masses this week have been donated in memory of Antonia DiCocco at the request of Theresa & Sylvio 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, Diane Lloyd, and Thomas Seyfried.

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 Albarnod, Raphael Albarnod, 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: **\$10,423.46**. 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 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.

Sunday, January 27th - Volunteer Opportunity - Holy Spirit Singles at VA Hospital Nursing Home. Join us as we spend some time with the men and women who served our country. The time is 2:00 – 3:30(4:00). We carpool from New Hyde Park – leave at 1pm and return by 5pm. Call Anne Marie at (516) 327-0520 for more information.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Samuel 15: 16-23 Mark 2: 18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Mark 2: 23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 17: 32-33 Mark 3: 1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Samuel 18: 6-9 Mark 3: 7-12
- Friday:** Acts 22: 3-16 Mark 16: 15-18
- Saturday:** 2 Tim 1: 1-8 Mark 3: 20-21

SPIRITUAL ADOPT-A-BABY PROGRAM



Over 300 babies have been "spiritually adopted" by our parishioners!

Two Month Developing Baby "I Can Suck My Thumb!" The developing baby is now called a "fetus", which is Latin for "little one". She is making rapid progress

developing all her external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form, and fingers and toes are developing. Her ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning, and so forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. By 78 weeks, all body systems are present.

SAINT ALOYSIUS FELLOWSHIP GATHERING - for single, widowed and divorced - in the parish center, located at 592 Middle Neck Road, Great Neck, NY. Saturday, January 26th, 2008. Sandwich, soda, coffee, dessert. The time is 6PM. The Cost is \$10. All are invited, please come, meet new people and have a real good time! If you're interest, St. Al's has a 5PM Mass

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday, January 21st

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

Tuesday, January 22nd

- 6:30PM: "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" North Mtg. Rm
- 7:00PM: Holy Spirit 999 Club Mailing - Martin Hall
- 7:15PM: Religious Ed. - Gr. 8 - Auditorium
- 7:15PM: Legion of Mary Mtg - Ctrl. Mtg. Rm
- 7:30PM: Religious Ed. 7th Gr. Commitment Ceremony - Church
- 7:30PM: Parents w/o Partners - Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 23rd

- 9:45AM: Adult Scripture Study - Central Meeting Rm.
- 7:30PM: Pastoral Formation Institute Class-Martin Hall

Thursday, January 24th

- 3:30PM: Religious Ed. - Gr. 1, 2, & 3 - School
- 7:15 & 8:30 PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria& Auditorium
- 7:30PM: Girl Scouts Service Team Mtg. - Martin Hall

Friday, January 25th

- 4:00PM: MusikGarten - Martin Hall
- 7:00PM: Cub Scout Mtg. Pack 489 - Auditorium

Saturday, January 26th

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

Sunday, January 27th

- Hospitality After 9:30 & 11:00 Masses
- 10:30AM: & 11:45AM: - Rel. Ed. Gr. 4,5, 6, SRE - School
- 12:00PM: Teacher meeting - Rel. Ed. Office

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 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 twohrts3@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.

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 details the calling of the first disciples. All of us are called to share in the work of Christ. Our Catholic Update, "Lay Ministry, Not Just for a Chosen Few" challenges all of us to

listen and respond to the call of Christ who makes us all, fishers of men and women.

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 23, 2008 from 9:45 until 11:15am, in the Central Meeting Room which is located on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center.

FATHER TONY ON MARIAN APPARITIONS

Father Tony, in conjunction with the Renewal Apostolate of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, will give a workshop on Saturday, February 2nd (the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord) on the subject of Marian Apparitions. The day will begin in Martin Hall at 10:00 a.m. with gathering prayer and end at 4:00 p.m. Mass and celebration of the Eucharist will be part of our day together.

Father Tony will draw upon the theology of the late Pope John Paul II in his writings and encyclicals to help us understand the nature and the message of apparitions of Mary in the history of the Church. The cost for the day is \$15. If you plan to attend, please call the diocesan Renewal Office at 516-678-5800, extension 408.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please join us as we conduct a drive, "**Have a Heart for the Homeless**", for the following items, **new/unused baby items, non-perishable food and unopened toiletries**. We will be joining other parishes in assisting the **Nassau-Suffolk Coalition for the Homeless** in their efforts to help Long Island's homeless and impoverished individuals and families.

On **February 13, 2008, from 6PM-8PM**, the Coalition will hold a special Valentine's Eve Candlelight Vigil for the homeless on the Great Lawn and Multi-purpose Room at Farmingdale State College. All are welcome to participate. The items we collect will be taken to this vigil. Please bring items to the Church or the Social Ministry Office in the Parish Center.

WE GAVE OUR BLOOD

Last weekend, the Long Island Blood Services collected 78 pints of blood from some very generous and caring people. **That was the most blood we collected at a winter blood drive!** We thank the 90 people who showed up to the drive in order to donate the precious gift of life; we would also like to thank Marge Scardapane and Mildred Bogart for their generous gift of time in hosting the blood drive for Holy Spirit.

Reflection by Father Tony

Sometimes you sit in Church, and the priest starts to give his homily and, after about five minutes you want to say (or perhaps even scream) "Enough – I've heard this before! You've made your point!" Perhaps that is something of what you might feel when you hear today's gospel. Once more, we hear from John the Baptist testifying about Jesus before the crowd. In the last seven weeks, four gospels have told us about the work of John the Baptist. For someone who only claims to be a "voice in the wilderness," he sure has an awful lot to say!

We have begun ordinary time, that liturgical season which invites us to follow Jesus throughout his public ministry. Today's gospel gives a kind of "prelude" to what we will uncover as we journey with Jesus. Jesus is more than just a powerful preacher – or even a wonder worker. Too often we reduce Jesus to what he holds in common with other important religious figures in the history of the world. More than Mohammed, Buddha, Krishna, or Moses, Jesus is the man in whom the Spirit of God rests in a powerfully unique way. Within the life of the Trinity, the Son, standing in perpetual receptivity of the Father's love, receives the Holy Spirit and, with the Father, dispenses that Spirit to all creation.

In his public ministry, Jesus will carry out his spirit-filled mission, both in receiving this spirit from the Father and pouring forth that spirit upon all mankind. As the Baptist testifies today to what he witnessed at the baptism of Jesus, he promises, "He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and power."

Jesus wants to do so much more in your life than simply give you more rules, commandments, a Christian ethic, as it were. He wants to give you power – real power. Up until Jesus, all we've had are coping mechanisms that helped us survive in our sin-infected world. With Jesus, we have the grace to live fuller, more abundant life, as God so planned for us from the very beginning.

You've been baptized in that Spirit. You have the power, in Christ, to do far more than up until now you have ever hoped for or thought was imaginably possible! Call upon that Spirit so that you can live His Kingdom-life right here and now.

HOLY SPIRIT TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCH ON WASHINGTON

The bus leaves in 2 days – this is your last chance to hop on board!

For the past 35 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. Won't you be part of that outcry?

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 **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 immediately at 354-0359.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008

Count Down to Sydney...177 days to go!!!



Our fund raising events are well underway. Thank you to all of those who have supported our efforts and to those who will support our future efforts. We will continue to keep you posted on our progress and upcoming fund raising events.

Our group is now beginning our spiritual preparation for our pilgrimage. During our pilgrimage our group will be laying over in Honolulu for 2 days of fellowship, daily mass, spiritual reflection, and preparation with the other 100 participants from the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Once in Sydney, our group will participate in daily mass including an Opening Mass celebrated by Sydney Archbishop Cardinal George Pell, opening ceremony and concert, morning Catechesis sessions, afternoon Youth Festivals which include a colorful line up of live music, dance, film, visual arts, street theater, workshops, guest speakers, and prayer centers to encourage and inspire pilgrims to "get with the spirit". We will also participate in Stations of the Cross, Vocation Expos, Days in the Dioceses, discussion groups lead by world bishops and cardinals, reconciliation, adoration, as well as experience the Journey of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon of our Lady. The highlight of the pilgrimage will be the 5 mile pilgrimage walk to the site of the Closing Mass, an evening Vigil with The Holy Father and a sleep out 'under the stars'.

Please continue to keep our group and our spiritual preparation in your prayers.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

Next week begins Catholic Schools' week, an opportunity for all of us to reflect upon the value of the tradition of Catholic school education here on Long Island. After Holy Spirit School closed in June of 2005, many of our students enrolled in Catholic schools in our area. All of the schools that received our students welcomed them and did everything possible to make the transition easy for our children as they moved into their new environment. The two schools that received the greatest number of our students were St. Anne's in Garden City and Notre Dame in New Hyde Park.

Notre Dame School offers Holy Spirit students an "in-parish" tuition rate which means that they are not charged a higher "out-of-parish" tuition rate. As long as the Holy Spirit families who enroll their children in Notre Dame show evidence that they are active and contributing members of Holy Spirit, they are given the same tuition rate as Notre Dame families. While St. Anne's parish was not in a position to make this same offer to Holy Spirit students, we are very grateful for the fact that many of our parish families who do send their children to St. Anne's remain active and committed members of Holy Spirit. The following are the open-house events planned for both schools:

Notre Dame School: 25 Mayfair road, New Hyde Park: 516-354-5618

Open House : Sunday, January 27, 2008 – 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, January 28, 2007 – 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

St. Anne's School: 25 Dartmouth Street, Garden City, NY – 516-352-1205

Open House: Sunday, January 27, 2008 – 12:45PM - 2:00 PM

Call either school for information regarding times for registration or for other information.

POPE BENEDICT'S MASS AT YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 20, 2008

There are a limited number of tickets that will be made available to the diocese of Rockville Centre. The Diocese will distribute the tickets by way of a lottery. If you wish to be part of that lottery, forms are available on the windowsills of the church. Tickets are non-transferable – in other words, if you are lucky enough to get a ticket and cannot attend, you cannot give the ticket to someone else!

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

RETROUVAILLE is a peer ministry. Couples who have had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems, share their experiences with troubled couples in the hope that they too will see that their marriage can be saved. Thousands of couples all over the globe have found hope, help and healing by participating in the Retrouvaille program. A Retrouvaille weekend is a deeply personal and private experience between a husband and wife that can help a couple to reconnect and go on to lead a happy and fulfilling life together. **YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE NOW!** For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 at the Montfort Retreat Center in Bay Shore, Long Island, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected (confidentially) to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille that can help.

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED once a week for local Nassau church parish center. If interested, please call Teresa at 352-7203.

HAVE A GOOD MARRIAGE? - ATTEND A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND and learn the secrets to making that good marriage a Great One! The next weekend is scheduled for February 8th - 10th. Registration is limited. For more information or to register, call (toll free) 1-866-499-6354. Please visit our local website at <http://www.wwmeli.org> or email Ron and Chris Morasse at ron@morassefamily.com for more information.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOSPICE offers Free Community Bereavement Support throughout Long Island. Good Shepherd Hospice will be offering professionally led support groups, without fee, at the following locations beginning January 2008. Nassau County: Carle Place Office - 528 Mineola Avenue - Afternoons - Spouse/Partner Loss over age 59 - Monday, January 28th; Evenings - Adult who has lost a parent - Monday, January 28th; Evenings - Spouse/Partner under/over age 59 - Tuesday, January 29. In Nassau County, contact Clarice Curry at (516) 876-8485 for meeting times and more information. Pre-registration is required for all groups.