

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 12th

8:30 AM: Mass of multiple intentions

5:00 PM: Robert McNiff [*wife, Bea*]

Sunday, April 13th - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 AM: Living and deceased of the parish

9:30 AM: Joseph Umile [*Pam Milinic*]

11 AM: Anton Maria & Antonio Mezic [*family*]

12:30AM: Joseph Tamburino [*wife*]

5 PM: Patrick Gaynor [*wife & family*]

Monday, April 14th

7 AM: Robert J. Ingram [*Scandura family*]

8:30 AM: Thomas McCarthy [*Maureen & Henry Wagner*]

Tuesday, April 15th

7:AM: Anne T. Ferro (8th Anniversary) [*Father Ferro*]

8:30 AM: Josephine Griffin [*Holy Spirit Rosary Altar Society*]

Wednesday, April 16th

7:AM: Olge Freund [*M/M Zimpritsch*]

8:30 AM: Louis Nicholosi, Jr. and Louis Nicholosi, Sr.
[*Victor & Carmela*]

Thursday, April 17th

7:AM: Annie Kearney [*family*]

8:30 AM: Edward Hudson [*family*]

Friday, April 18th

7:AM: Marguerite McNulty (17th Anniversary) [*family*]

8:30 AM: Margaret Mary Smith [*David & Jackie Scardapane*]

Saturday, April 19th

8:30 AM: *Deceased:* Marian Rosa, Father Monteleone, Thomas & Mary McKenna, Jeanne Sauchelli, Monsignor James Richter, Josephine Rivera, Edward T. Karlson, Marge, Anna & Pasquale Bianco, Richard Palazzolo, Robert Ingram, Mary Day, Robert Lay, Sr., Sophie Malecki, Beverly Kennedy, David Nugent, Mary Day, Dolores Neuman, Frank Stine

Special Intentions: The Geiger family, Jimmy Melendez Monlina, Syataira Melendez Molina

5 PM: Annie Kearney (25th Anniversary) [*family*]

Sunday, April 20th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

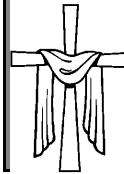
8 AM: Living and deceased members of the parish

9:30 AM: George Brand [*daughter*]

11 AM: Ann Martucci [*Joann Venezia*]

12:30PM: Grace Korpi [*Regina Korpi*]

5 PM: Lila Kramer [*Clavin family*]



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

Maryse P. Fahey.



The gifts of bread and wine to be used at all the Masses this week have been donated in memory of Joseph Krupski at the request of his family.

The Sanctuary and Altar Candles to be used at the Masses this week have been donated in memory of Joseph Krupski at the request of his family.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE

ILL: Patricia Belyus, Anthony Casillo, Walter and Randy Schlegel, Catherine D'Amelio, Nancy Gentile, Karen Irraggi,

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, Diane Lloyd, Rose Marie McLean, Corinne Ganzeria, Donald McDonald, J.T. Meredith, George Seiferman, Baby Luke Frank, and James Roarty.

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: **\$11,839.87**. 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, April 19th - Bring your faith journey to another level during a day of prayer and reflection in the presence of icon images of Jesus - the teacher.. It is said that an icon can bring us into the presence of the one being represented. Presenter: Iconographer Deacon John De Guardi. The cost is \$40. The location: St. Joseph Renewal Center in Brentwood. Call 631-273-1187 x 23 for more information.

Saturday, April 26th - Holy Spirit Singles sponsors a Ghoulish Cooking Class. MUST RSVP By 4/14. The cost is \$20.00. Call Isabella at (516) 437-2478 to RSVP or for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The New Hyde Park Council, is hosting its annual Polish Night Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 8PM to Midnight. The festivities include: traditional Polish dinner, open bar, folk dancers and the Plus Five Orchestra. The cost is \$37.50 per person. For reservations, please call: Kevin McHugh at (516) 741-8403.

HOLY SPIRIT SINGLES CROCHET DAY

Join Holy Spirit Singles for Crochet Day a Volunteer Opportunity on Saturday, April 26th at the Parish Center located at 16 South 6th Street, New Hyde Park from 10am – 4pm. Help us crochet baby items for the Birthright Baby shower. Call Mary at (516) 775-0858 for more information.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 11: 1-8 John 10: 11-18
- Tuesday:** Acts 11: 19-26 John 10: 22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12: 24-13:5 John 12: 44-50
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25 John 13: 16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13: 26-33 John 14: 1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13: 44-52 John 14: 7-14

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CAKE & PLANT SALE

The weekend of April 26 - 27 will be a wonderful opportunity for you to stop downstairs in the auditorium after Mass to purchase beautiful plants for your spring garden. So maybe you don't have a green thumb? Come down anyway to purchase some wonderful homemade cakes, cookies (and yes, this year, brownies as well!). This is a great opportunity to support the fund-raising efforts of the Rosarians as well as bring floral beauty to New Hyde Park!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday, April 14th

7:15&8:30PM: AA Meeting-Cafeteria & Auditorium
7:30PM: Girl Scouts Leader's Mtg- Martin Hall

Tuesday, April 15th

6:30PM: "Take Off Pounds Sensibly"- No. Mtg. Room.
7:00PM: Practice for "Come to the Caberet"- Auditorium
7:00PM: Share the Spirit-Martin Hall.
7:15PM: Legion of Mary Mtg - Ctrl. Mtg. Rm.
7:30PM: Parents w/o Partners-Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 16th

9:45AM: Adult Scripture Study - Central Mtg. Room
7:30PM: Pastoral Formation Inst. Class-Martin Hall
7:30PM: Faith Enrichment with Fr. Christopher - Church

Thursday, April 17th

1:00PM: Senior Meeting- Martin Hall
3:30PM: Religious Ed. - Gr. 1,2,3 - School
7:00PM: Bereavement Group - Central Mtg. Room
7:15 & 8:30PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria & Auditorium

Friday, April 18th

4:00PM: MusickGarten - Martin Hall
7:00PM: Teen Scene - Auditorium/Cafeteria

Saturday, April 19th

7:00AM & 2:00PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria
5:00PM: Holy Spirit 999 Club Drawing - Cafeteria
7:30PM: The Cascades Doo-Wop Benefit Concert - Auditorium

Sunday, April 20th

Hospitality After 9:30 & 11:00 Masses

9:30AM: Early Childhood Closing Liturgy

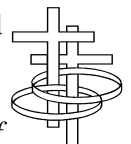
Banns of Marriage

Second Announcement

- Sandy Ferrera (*Holy Spirit*) and Bernie Young (*Holy Spirit*)

Third Announcement

- David Arguelles (*Our Lady of Lourdes, Queens Village*) and Gina Buonomo (*Holy Spirit*)
- George Pallodino (*Holy Spirit*) and Lisa Walker (*Notre Dame*)



HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL OF RELIGION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

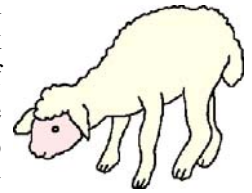
Holy Spirit School of Religion provides religion classes for children in grades one through eight and preparation for the Sacraments of Eucharist (First Communion), Penance and Confirmation for children who attend public schools. Holy Spirit's children are welcome to receive these sacraments here at 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.

BE A GOOD SHEPHERD FOR ONE OF OUR COMMUNION LAMBS

We, as a community of faith, offer our prayerful support to all our children who are in the final stages of their preparation for First Holy Communion. We pray that they will continue to seek Christ as their source of spiritual nourishment throughout their lives. The (first) name of each of our first communicants have been inscribed on the picture of a lamb. These lambs are available on the windowsills of the Church. Take a lamb home – and commit yourself to pray for this lamb each day between now and the middle of May. May your prayers surround them with love as they enter into this most beautiful and lifelong relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.



HOLY SPIRIT ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Because the journey never ends!

Father Christopher has moved his Sunday Evening Series, "Questions and Answers with Father Christopher" to Wednesday evenings, beginning this Wednesday, April 16th. The series will take place in the Church each Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM. All are invited to this exciting forum where all topics of our faith can be raised and discussed.

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, April 16, 2008. from 9:45 until 11:15am, in the Central Meeting Room which is located on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

SOCK-IT-AWAY PROGRAM---Twice a year, during Advent and Lent, the Religious Education students collected coins and bills in socks. This money is then given to the Social Ministry Office to help needy families. This Lent the first, second and third grade children collected \$1,195 (WOW.) THANK YOU to all the children, teachers and parents who assist us in our outreach to those in need.

Food Boxes in the Church and the Parish Center are for food only. Please do not put household articles, etc. in these boxes. If you have articles to donate please call ahead to see if they are needed. Do not just drop them off.

NEWS FROM YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry program has secured 50 tickets to the Long Island Ducks Fireworks game against the Newark Bears at 7:05pm on Saturday April 26th. Tickets are \$11 per person. If you are interested in joining us at the game, please send an email to HolySpYouth@aol.com or call 516-354-2784.

COUNT DOWN TO SYDNEY... 93 DAYS TO GO!!!

Please keep our pilgrims Kimberly, Kaitlyn, Carolyn, Michelle, Ann Marie, Joanne, Christine, Rachel, Tom and Linda in your prayers. Please pray with us, the pilgrims prayer...

Holy Spirit, pour out your grace on this Great South Land of the Holy Spirit and grant to us a new Pentecost. Make this land a true place of welcome for the young people of the world. Grant to those young people who come a conversion of life, a deeper faith, and love for all. Enable them to build anew civilization of life, love and truth. Make them true witnesses to your power and grace. AMEN.

Reflection by Father Tony

Throughout the tenth chapter of the gospel of John, Jesus makes use of this familiar metaphor of the good shepherd. Jesus is the shepherd who calls to the sheep and “his sheep listen to his voice.” Throughout the chapter, there is a certain confidence that the sheep will not listen to or follow a stranger. They are attuned to the sound of his voice only. Later in this chapter Jesus will claim that there are other sheep who are not part of the fold – but they too will hear his voice and they too will follow so that there is “one flock and one shepherd.”

This picture is so optimistic. It leads us to believe that the sheep will never stray, never follow the voice of another. But our experience is that the sheep these days are listening to other voices, other shepherds. Our experience is that the sheep are going astray! How do we reconcile this perfect picture of the sheep obeying the voice of the shepherd and our experience of sin and disobedience?

Maybe the problem is simply an identity crisis. We were made to be sheep, wired, as it were, to hear and follow the voice of the shepherd. But we don't like being sheep! Maybe the thought of being a sheep is too childish, too filled with vulnerability that comes with naiveté; we are far more sophisticated and we pride ourselves on being anything but passive followers. However, the problem is that once we try it on our own, casting aside the “sheep's clothing” to become something far more cunning, sophisticated and worldly, we are headed for disaster!

I wonder how Jesus' followers heard these words that are inscribed in today's gospel. Perhaps at first they felt a certain sense of comfort and safety as Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd and I lay down my life for the sheep!” Knowing that he would take care of us, protect us and even die for us would convince me that he is the one to follow! Then, however, as the sheep started to follow this shepherd, they saw the shepherd struck down and crucified. This shepherd leads us to Calvary! I am not so sure I want to follow! It was foolish on my part to be so naive! The world is far too filled with thieves and marauders who want to come and steal and slaughter and destroy. I will never be able to survive as a sheep! The shepherd, however, promises something greater than survival – he promises “abundant life,” and the pathway to abundant life is to follow the shepherd to Calvary, through Calvary, to the other side of the struggle. This struggle is not just the struggle of the end of life – it is the struggle of life itself. But, if we remain faithful to who we really are, and are willing to be led by the Crucified One, we will come through to the other side, to the blessing of this life and the “abundant life” that will not disappoint in the end.

Holy Spirit Benefit Doo-Wop Concert

Saturday, April 19

7:30 PM

Holy Spirit Auditorium

Donation \$25

Food, Dancing, Refreshments

featuring

The Cascades

The Rhythm of the Rain

Proceeds from the sale of tickets will help to defray the travel expenses of our young people who will be going on pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Australia

After this weekend, tickets can only be purchased at the rectory - no ticket sales at the door that night!



PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

Holy Spirit is pleased to sponsor our annual "Baby Shower" which is taking place this weekend after all of the Masses. The donations to this shower will benefit Birthright and the L.I. Life Center.

Gift suggestions:

- **For baby** - new/slightly used clothing, diapers, sheets, etc.
- **For mother** - new/used maternity clothing or personal care items

Please place **unwrapped** gifts in the church vestibule. Boxes will be placed at each door for cash or check donations. Checks should be made payable to Birthright or the L.I. Life Center.

For more info call Pat at 742-3263 or Marion at 775-8552.

IN COMMEMORATION OF POPE BENEDICT'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES



We have purchased a number of prayer-card bookmarks to celebrate the historic occasion of Pope Benedict XVI's first visit to the United States. These beautiful book marks will be made available on the windowsills of the church next weekend. In addition, the United States Bishops wish to offer the Pope a monetary gift from the citizens of this country to be used by the Pope for his charitable works. If anyone wishes to contribute to this gift to the Holy Father, collection boxes for such purposes will be in the vestibule of the Church and the doorway by the organ. Let us pray that the citizens of this country may be open to hear and receive the message of our Holy Father as he makes this historic journey into our homeland.

A Letter From Our Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ

April 13, 2008 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations



DIocese of Rockville Centre
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

As we continue to move through these great days of Easter hope, we similarly await the fast approaching visit to the United States of our beloved Pope Benedict XVI. They, too, will be days of hope... hope for the Church and, in a particular way, days of hope for our young people and their families. I ask you in these special weeks to pray our Holy Father and for a spirit of renewal in the home's of God's great people here on Long Island.

In a particular way, I ask you to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Holy Father tells us that, "only in spiritual soil that is well cultivated can vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life flourish." I ask you to pray that we, in Rockville Centre, be true and committed caretakers in that vast vineyard. On April 13th, the Church will celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Benedict has chosen the theme: *Vocations to the service of the Church - Mission*. He tells us that, "in order that the Church may continue to carry out the mission entrusted to her by Christ... it is necessary that Christian communities... give both children and adults an active sense of missionary responsibility and a shared solidarity with the peoples of the world." I ask you to be part of that mission.

I recently wrote to you of my experience participating in our annual Lenten Vocation Retreat at our seminary in Huntington. They were days of hope. To be in the company of almost thirty men who were willing to consider God's possible call to the priesthood was for me, a grace. I pray for those men and ask you to do the same. I ask you to pray for all young men and women and an openness to what God might have in store for them.

In these next weeks I invite you to be part of a number of exciting "missions of hope" here in the Diocese to welcome the Holy Father. On Friday, April 18th, the Office of New Evangelization will welcome teens from all over Long Island and beyond to a *Pre-Papal Youth Rally* at St. Agnes Cathedral for a special evening of prayer, music and fellowship. On the same night, at our seminary in Huntington, the Offices of Campus Ministry, Young Adults and Vocations will offer an evening of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Vocations and Evangelization.

In some ways, these upcoming days will be remembered in our hearts forever. I ask you to be part of them in person and in prayer. Be part of the mission!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR TROOPS 1492 & 1619 COLLECTION

On Sunday, April 27th, the Girl Scouts from Junior Troops 1492 & 1619 will be collecting items to be delivered to Our Queen of Peace Residential Home. The girls are working toward their Bronze Award and would be extremely thankful for any items you can donate. The following items are needed: Hand sanitizer, Body Wash, Body Lotion, Mouthwash, Any other alcohol, based hand disinfectant. Please do not purchase the large economy bottles because they are difficult for the elderly to handle. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this collection.