

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 5th

8:30 AM: Mass of multiple intentions
5:00 PM: Patrick Gaynor [*wife & family*]

Sunday, April 6th

Third Sunday of Easter

8 AM: Living and deceased of the parish
9:30 AM: Sylvia DelMagro [*Florkowski, Scandura & Tomich families*]
11 AM: Josephine Mason [*family*]
12:30AM: Josephine Rudan [*Langone family*]
5 PM: Mary Smith [*Theresa Smith & family*]

Monday, April 7th

7 AM: Al Bergman [*Sharkey family*]
8:30 AM: Dominick Belluscio [*John Corio & family*]

Tuesday, April 8th

7:AM: Robert Bleggi [*wife*]
8:30 AM: Thomas Burton [*sister, Marge Scardapane*]

Wednesday, April 9th

7:AM: Gerlando Pergola [*Maria*]
8:30 AM: Vincenzo Grosso (5yr Anniversary) [*wife*]

Thursday, April 10th

7:AM: Maddalena Carbone [*granddaughter, Angie*]
8:30 AM: Patrick Biggins [*Lisa & John DeSimone*]

Friday, April 11th

7:AM: Margaret Smith [*family*]
8:30 AM: Angela DeVito [*Leffe family*]

Saturday, April 12th

8:30 AM: *Deceased:* Father Monteleone, Robert McNiff, Juana Melida Estrella, Anna, Jose & Rosa Olivo, Rose Amanna, Monsignor James Richter, Mary b. Scardapane, Edward T. Karlson, Richard Palazzolo, Maria Estrella, Helen Reills, Mrs. Perdomo, Charles Weyer, Claude Boden
Special Intentions: Souls in Purgatory
5 PM: Robert McNiff [*wife, Bea*]

Sunday, April 13th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 AM: Living and deceased members of the parish
9:30 AM: Joseph Umile [*Pam Milinic*]
11 AM: Anton Maria & Antonio Mezcic [*family*]
12:30PM: Joseph Tamburino [*wife*]
5 PM: Patrick Gaynor [*wife & family*]



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please keep in your prayers the members of our parish family who have recently died:
Harry Walters, Steve DeMaria, Hazel Busardo and Donald Hudson



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

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.*

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The Holy Spirit Rosary Altar Society will hold its meeting on Monday, April 7th at 7:30 PM. We meet in the Church for Rosary and Benediction, followed by a meeting and refreshments in Martin Hall. Everyone is welcome!

STEWARDSHIP

Last weekend's collection: **\$10,437.40**. 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

Friday, April 11th - General Meeting in the Parish Center located at 16 South 6th Street, New Hyde Park from 7:30 – 9:30pm. We will be discussing future social plans and volunteer opportunities. We will then head over to the diner afterwards to socialize (cost your own). We will also be collecting items to send to our troops so please bring something with you. Call Mary for more information at (516) 775-0858.

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 is St. Joseph Renewal Center in Brentwood. Call (631)-273-1187 x 23 for information.

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



WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Those baptized in the months of March:
Daniel James Lynn, Laura Anna Politano, Joseph Erminio Howell,

Isabella Paradisi, Frances Joann Ramos Santiago, Zachary Alexander Sikorski, Nicholas George Liewehr, and our two catechumens, Tessica Waldron and Daniel Koppelman.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 6: 8-15 John 6: 22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7: 51-8:-1 John 6: 30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8: 1-8 John 6: 35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8: 26-40 John 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9: 1-20 John 6: 52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9: 31-42 John 6:60-69

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday, April 7th

- 7:15 & 8:30 PM: AA Meeting-Cafeteria & Auditorium
- 7:30PM: Rosary Altar Soc. General Mtg. - Martin Hall
- 7:30PM: St. Vincent De Paul Soc. Mtg. - Ctrl. Mtg. Rm.

Tuesday, April 8th

- 6:00PM: Practice for “Swing into Spring”-Auditorium
- 6:30PM: “Take Off Pounds Sensibly”- Martin Hall
- 7:15PM: Legion of Mary Mtg - Ctrl. Mtg. Rm.
- 7:15PM: Religious Ed. 7th Grade - School.

Wednesday, April 9th

- 9:45AM: Adult Scripture Study - Central Mtg. Room
- 7:30PM: Pastoral Formation Inst. Class-Martin Hall

Thursday, April 10th

- 10:00AM: Deanery Mtg. For Social Ministry
- 3:30PM: Religious Ed. - Gr. 1,2,3 - School
- 7:00PM: Bereavement Group - Central Mtg. Room
- 7:15 & 8:30 PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria& Auditorium
- 7:30PM: Pastoral Council - Martin Hall

Friday, April 11th

- 4:00PM: MusickGarten - Martin Hall
- 7:00PM: Teen Scene - Auditorium/Cafeteria
- 7:00PM: Holy Spirit Singles Gen. Mtg. - Martin Hall
- 7:30PM: Divine Mercy Cenacle - Church

Saturday, April 12th

Shower For Birthright - After all Masses

- 7:00AM:& 2:00PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria
- 11:00 AM: Religious Ed reconciliation - Church

Sunday, April 13th

Hospitality After 9:30 & 11:00 Masses

Shower For Birthright - After all Masses

- 10:30AM: Religious Ed - Gr. 4,5, 6 & SRE - School
- 11:15AM: Religious Ed 6th Gr - School
- 1:00PM: New Hyde Park Curia Mtg. - Martin Hall

Banns of Marriage

First Announcement

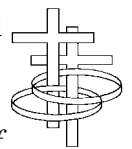
- Sandy Ferrera (*Holy Spirit*) and Bernie Young (*Holy Spirit*)

Second Announcement

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

Third Announcement

- Viviana Mercado (*Holy Spirit*) and Brendon MacFarlane (*Brooklyn*)



HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL OF RELIGION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

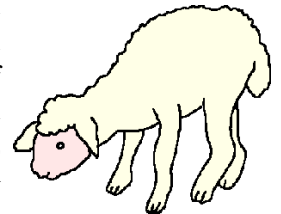
Holy Spirit School of Religion provides religion classes for children in grades one through eight and preparation for the Sacraments of Eucharist (First Communion), Penance and Confirmation for children who attend public schools. Holy Spirit's children are welcome to receive these sacraments here at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

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

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 9, 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 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... 100 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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The YACHT Club will be hosting a night at Rock-N-Bowl at Herrill Lanes at 10:30pm on Saturday April 12th. The price per game is \$5.50 and shoe rental is \$3.25. If you are interested in joining us, please email HolySpYouth@aol.com or call 516-354-2784.

If you or someone you know in their 20's and 30's would like to be added to our email distribution list to be kept up to date on future events, please email HolySpYouth@aol.com or call 516-354-2784.

Reflection by Father Tony

Disappointments are difficult to deal with in life. The hurt that accompanies disappointment is so deep because we have allowed ourselves to become vulnerable enough to believe and to hope that our needs will be taken care of, that *we* will be taken care of. Disappointment is even more difficult to deal with when it seems as if God himself has let us down, when He did not prove to be trustworthy in delivering His promises to us.

All too often, when disappointment comes, we shut down. Consciously or unconsciously, we have made a decision that we will not hope or trust in God again. Disappointment then manifests itself in cynicism, sarcasm, or other unhealthy forms of anger that pushes love away or even pushes God away!

In today's gospel, Jesus appears to these two disciples who are walking home from Jerusalem, having just celebrated the Passover. In Jesus' time, Passover was more than just a memorial feast of God's deliverance of the Jews from the hands of the Egyptians; it carried with it a renewed hope that God would raise up a Messiah to deliver his people from the present bondage to the Romans. Jews who made the journey to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover were in hope and expectation that the Messiah would reveal himself. Certainly, the many people who came to Jerusalem that year, palm branches in hand, cheering the arrival of Jesus, the soon-to-be-revealed Messiah, left Jerusalem a week later severely disappointed. As Cleopas says in today's gospel, "We were hoping that he would be the one who would redeem Israel." In that seven mile journey, Jesus begins to heal the disappointment of these two crestfallen disciples, opening their hearts to the scriptures, and making himself known in the breaking of bread. The very clear ritual performed by Jesus is the very ritual of the Eucharist we celebrate week after week – in Word and in Sacrament we come to understand God's promise and to receive the gift of His abiding presence in the Eucharist itself.

Perhaps we might look at the Eucharist as a remedy for disappointment. The liturgy of the Word opens our heart to God's plan where we can see the mystery of God's love made manifest in our own moments of dying and rising, and the liturgy of the Eucharist is God's renewal of his covenant promise to us to be with us always. When we hear the words of Jesus, "This is my body, given up for you," we are reminded that He is ready, once again, to die for us, to pour out His life for us, to offer his very gift of self for us, so that we can have an even more abundant life than we ever hoped for or even imagined. Before each Mass begins, we might pray this prayer in our hearts: "Lord God, I give you permission to open my eyes and my heart to your love that does not disappoint."

Holy Spirit Benefit Doo-Wop Concert

Saturday, April 19

7:30 PM

Holy Spirit Auditorium

Donation \$25

Food, Dancing, Refreshments and
great prizes

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 this July.

featuring

The Cascades

The Rhythm of the Rain

Tickets go on sale after all the Masses this weekend

NEWS FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY

Food Pantry Thank you to all who keep our food pantry stocked. At the present time we need only the following items, cold cereal, jelly, peanut butter, rice. We are also in need of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste and tooth brushes.

Attention Seniors If you or someone you know is blind or suffering from a visual impairment please contact Catholic Charities at 631-789-5218. Catholic Charities offers free services including orientation and mobility instruction as well as rehabilitation training to help people function independently and safely in their neighborhoods and home.

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

Holy Spirit is pleased to sponsor our annual "Baby Shower" on the weekend of April 12 and 13 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.

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a spectrum disorder that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There is no known single cause for autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today.

- 1 in 150 kids are diagnosed with autism.
- 67 children are diagnosed with autism a day.
- 1 in 94 boys are on the autism spectrum.
- Boys are more than 4x likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls.
- A new case is diagnosed almost every 20 minutes.
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than AIDS, diabetes, and cancer combined.

This information can be found at www.autismspeaks.com and www.autism-society.org

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

GENNESARET RETREAT for those facing serious illness. A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned May 2nd to 4th at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, NY. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call: Colette Fanelli at (631) 665-7052.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY, FLORAL PARK YOUTH MINISTRY - PROUDLY PRESENTS - PHANTOM (by Maury Yeston and Arthur Kopit) Directed by Lennie Watts. April 24-27, 2008. Thursday - Sunday at 8PM. Saturday and Sunday 2:30PM. Tickets: \$15, \$12 for students and seniors. Dinner Theater Saturday at 6PM. The Address is 2 Bellmore Street, Floral Park. Call (516) 326-8804 for information.

THIRD ORDER CARMELITES - We invite you to prayerfully consider this deeper commitment to your Baptismal promises. Lay Carmelites live in allegiance to Jesus Christ, taking as models Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the prophet Elijah, with the common goal of intimate union with God, nurtured by a life of prayer. Formation class - 1st Thursday, Community meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month. For information, call Andrea at (516) 876-2505.

DOMINICAN COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '58 REUNION - A 50th Anniversary Reunion for the Class of 1958 has been planned for October 4th at the Holiday Inn in Plainview, Long Island, NY. Committee members are endeavoring to locate former classmates to invite them to this celebration. Please e-mail dc1958@optonline.net or write to Class of '58 Reunion, c/o 3 Wilson Street, Garden City, NY 11530 for further information.

INDEPENDENT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY- ASSISTED LIVING- RESPITE CARE - Please Join us for an Open House - Sunday, April 13th - 1-3PM, Saturday, April 26th - 1-3PM, Tuesday, May 6th - 2-4PM, Tuesday, May 20th - 2-4PM, Saturday, May 31st - 1-3PM. Conveniently located on a sprawling, 13acre campus, Dominican village is a non-for-profit, non-sectarian, Independent and Assisted Living Rental Retirement Community offering outstanding programs, all-inclusive services & bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, contact us today at (631) 842-6091 or info@domincanvillage.org.

THE SINGLES ASSOCIATION OF LONG ISLAND-The Band of Long Island Concert - Sunday, April 13th at 2PM - Ackerman Auditorium - U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 300 Steamboat Rd., Kings Point, The Admission is \$20. Look for the SALI banner.