



Church of St. Rosalie

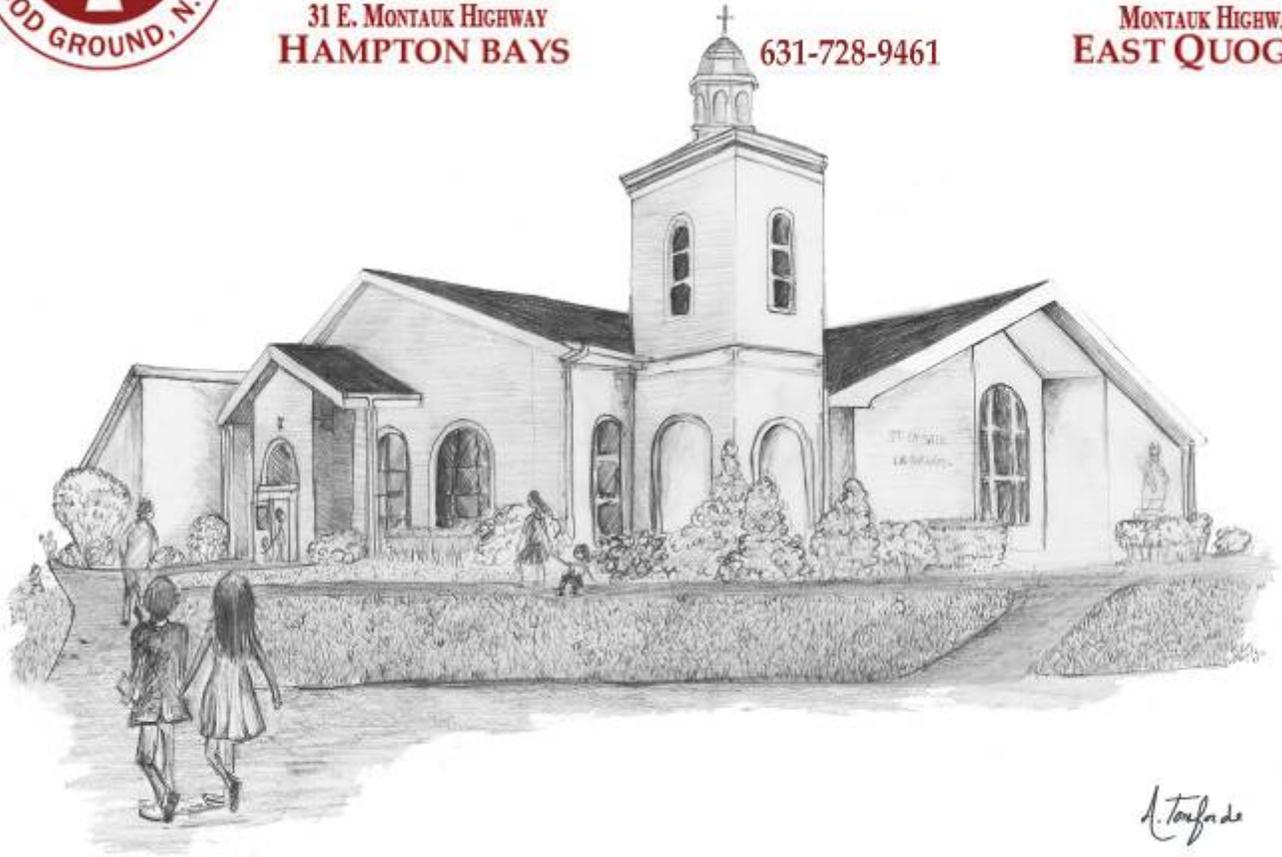
The seed that fell on good ground grew up and yielded a hundred fold.

Lk. 8:8

31 E. MONTAUK HIGHWAY
HAMPTON BAYS

631-728-9461

MONTAUK HIGHWAY
EAST QUOGUE



ST. ROSALIE'S MISSION STATEMENT

We are sent by Jesus as friends who follow in His steps
And are empowered by His Spirit to love and worship our Father
And to love each person as another self
Through the works of mercy.

COME PRAY WITH US LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

ST. ROSALIE'S IN HAMPTON BAYS

Weekday Mass:8 a.m., 12 noon
Saturday Mass:8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday Masses:8, 9:30 (Family Mass) and 11 a.m.
Spanish Mass:Sunday at 4 p.m.
Holy Day Vigil:7 p.m.
Holy Day Mass:8 a.m. and 12 noon

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Tuesday after 8 a.m. Mass
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Mondays: 5 – 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: 8:30 – 11:45 a.m., Benediction: 11:45 a.m.
SPECIAL NEEDS MASS: Third Saturday at 3 p.m. (Vigil)

ST. ROSALIE'S IN EAST QUOGUE

The church in East Quogue is closed and will re-open with the 9 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday, March 25.



**Lenten
Soup
supper**

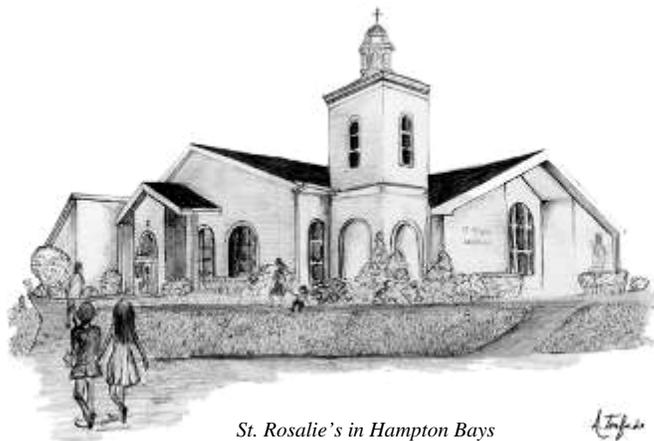
You are invited to share a "simple meal" with other members of the community on Wednesday, March 28, at 6 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall p. 7



The last dinner-discussion meeting will take place at La Cucina Restaurant in East Quogue on Wednesday, March 14. Call the Parish Center at 631-728-9461 if you plan to attend. P.7



St. Rosalie's in East Quogue



St. Rosalie's in Hampton Bays

ST. ROSALIE'S PARISH CENTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Open Monday to Friday 9 a.m.–12 noon and 1 p.m.–4 p.m., evenings and weekends by appointment only. Email is: strosalies@optonline.net, phone is: 631-728-9461.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY AND FOOD PANTRY

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is administered every other Sunday at 2 p.m. Please make arrangements two months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

This sacrament requires a time of spiritual preparation. We ask couples to make arrangements at least six months prior to the marriage.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

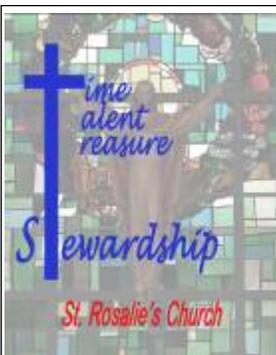
Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4–4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is available after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturdays. Urgent calls to administer to the seriously ill are received at any time. The sick person's family should notify the priest. Call to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to shut-ins.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Birthright 631-728-8900
- Catholic Charities Substance Abuse Clinic..... 631-723-3362
- Archcare Dominican Sisters Family Health Service..... 631-728-0937



Stewardship, A Way of Life

As we continue our journey, we share our "Time, Talents and Treasures" with our family, friends and our parish community. *As always, we place our trust in God.*

Last week's Offertory Collection: \$8,955.

Last year's Offertory Collection: \$10,736.

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- Monsignor William J. Gill, Pastor Emeritus
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From the Pastor's Desk

Joy Mingled With Sadness



This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent has traditionally been called *Laetare* Sunday. I checked in the Catholic Encyclopedia and this is what I found: "The fourth, or middle, Sunday of Lent, so called from the first words of the Introit at Mass, 'Laetare Jerusalem,' 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem.'" During the first six or seven centuries, the season of Lent commenced on the Sunday following Quinquagesima, and thus comprised only thirty-six fasting days. To these were afterwards added the four days preceding the first Sunday, in order to make up the forty days' fast, and one of the earliest liturgical notices of these extra days occurs in the special Gospels assigned to them in a Toulon manuscript of 714. Strictly speaking, the Thursday before *Laetare* Sunday is the middle day of Lent, and it was at one time observed as such, but afterwards the special signs of joy permitted on this day, intended to encourage the faithful in their course through the season of penance, were transferred to the Sunday following. They consist of (like those of *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent) the use of flowers on the altar, and of the organ at Mass and Vespers; rose-colored vestments also allowed instead of purple." *LAETARE SUNDAY, CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA*

The reason for this is that we are moving forward through Lent, approaching the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus, the culmination of our faith. So, we have some joy mixed with sadness knowing that Christ had to suffer and die before He was raised by the Father! It's a reminder that we are half-way through Lent. How are we doing with our Lenten practices this time? But we are a people of hope so we re-focus on Christ, again and again. Today, the priests and deacons may wear a brighter color (the Church designates Rose) on *Laetare* Sunday. We rejoice but our rejoicing is mingled with a certain amount of sadness.

"The station at Rome was on this day made at the church of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief basilicas; the Golden Rose, sent by the popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time, and for this reason the day was sometimes called "Dominicade Rosa." Other names applied to it were Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, from a miracle recorded in the Gospel; Mid-Lent, *mi-carême*, or *mediana*; and Mothering Sunday, in allusion to the Epistle, which indicates our right to be called the sons of God as the source of all our joy, and also because formerly the faithful used to make their offerings in the cathedral or mother-church on this day. This latter name is still kept up in some remote parts of England, though the reason for it has ceased to exist." *LAETARE SUNDAY, CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA*

Around the Parish

Faith, Food and Fun Dinner Discussion Series provided a great exchange of ideas on topics of importance to us as Catholics. What a great witness to the faith of all in St. Rosalie's parish. Thanks to my brother priests Fathers Madaloni and John for their help with me in leading our discussions.

CMA

Our parishioner's response is great as always. Do you realize that our commitment to CMA helps meals on wheels and programs for those afflicted with drug or alcohol addictions, just a few of the wonderful programs that Catholic Charities runs for so many, some of who are assisted right in our own parish. How wonderful that we as one community of faith can be the hands and feet of Christ in our midst! We are progressing well on our 2018 appeal. Once we get over the goal, we will begin to have parish rebates paid to St. Rosalie's to help the Food Pantry and other needed parish programs. Last year we received over \$25,000 in rebates.

Upcoming Parish Events

Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent at **7 p.m.**

Special Needs Mass March 17 at **3 p.m.**

Lenten Soup Supper March 28 at **6 p.m.**

Holy Week March 25 – March 30

Easter Sunday April 1

With Lenten blessings and Prayers!
Father Ed

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 12

8 a.m. **The Sick and Troubled Who Seek Divine Help and Cure Through Ozanam's Intercession** (*St. Vincent de Paul Society*)
 12 noon **Thomas Bennet** (*Gerry and Nancy Fanning*)

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

8 a.m. **Mary D. Curtin** (*Geoghan Family*); **Hugh O'Boyle** (*Ed and Terry Hogan*)
 12 noon **Maria Maurizio** (*Maurizio Family*)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

8 a.m. **Rose Smith** (*Ann Moran and Family*)
 12 noon **Winifred Spellman** (*Glass Family*)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

8 a.m. **St. Louise De Marillac** (*St. Vincent de Paul Society*) **John McGowan** (*Gunn Family*)
 12 noon **Dominick J. Caristo** (*Mathias J. Schug*)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

8 a.m. **Patricia Loughlin** (*Sue and Sheila*)
 12 noon **Timothy Murphy** (*Tom and Carol Poole*)

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

8 a.m. **Mike and Pat Quinlan** (*Quinlan Family*)
 3 p.m. **Winifred Spellman** (*Barbara Caratozzolo*)
 5 p.m. **Rosemary Whalen** (*Sheila and Sue*)

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8 a.m. **Frank Creighton** (*DiDomenico Family*)
 9:30 a.m. **For Our Parishioners**
 11 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of America**

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

ELIZABETH ERVIN, COLIN GLYNN, PATRICK MONGILLO, SISTER MARGARET MARY ROTTINGHAUS, PAULA SLAGRIS CELESTINO TESORIERO,

FOR THE DECEASED:

GERALDINE MONGIELLO, DONALD O'FLAHERTY, JAMES V. PAPANDREA

AND FOR ALL THOSE LISTED IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 10, 5 p.m.

LECTOR: Patricia Lechleider.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Susan Buckheit, Maureen Glynn, Bruce Tria, John DeCristoforo, Kaitlin Schmidt, George Lorenz, Mary Gorman. **ALTAR SERVERS:** D. Krivickas, W. Krivickas, S. Parriles.

Sunday, March 11, 8 a.m.

LECTOR: Caroline Caccavallo.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jacqueline Moss, Bridget Magill, Phyllis Napoli, Sal Napoli, Marie Kennedy, Shawn Leonard, Patricia Leonard. **ALTAR SERVERS:** T. Freda, J. Leonard.

Sunday, March 11, 9:30 a.m.

LECTOR: Beth Perchuk. **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Patricia Allen, Mickey Dawson-Bell, Paul David, Bill Hughes, Elizabeth Kane, Ann Moran, Grace Rizzo. **ALTAR SERVERS:** C. Messina, C. Dunkirk, G. Cole.

Sunday, March 11, 11 a.m.

LECTOR: Marion Boden.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Linda Finer, Lisa Kling, Jennifer Peace, Eileen Price, Paul Price, Sarah Cunliffe, Mary Ann Oplente. **ALTAR SERVERS:** S. Smith, D. Vigorito, S. Langsdorf, V. Rodriguez

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Saturday, March 17, 5 p.m.

LECTOR: Bruce Tria. **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Susan Buckheit, Patricia Lechleider, Frances Santarsiero, Alexis Schmidt, Elizabeth Tuffy, Debbie Tria, John DeCristoforo. **ALTAR SERVERS:** D. Krivickas, W. Krivickas, F. Derby, K. Saa Pacheco.

Sunday, March 18, 8 a.m.

LECTOR: Bruce Doscher. **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Jane Behrens, Bernadette Johnston, Marie Kennedy, Shawn Leonard, Patricia Leonard, Margaret Sullivan, Michele Nappi. **ALTAR SERVER:** M. Heaney.

Sunday, March 18, 9:30 a.m.

LECTOR: Patricia Allen. **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Maureen Collins, Eileen McPhelin, Beth Perchuk, Mickey Dawson-Bell, Paul David, Bill Hughes, Elizabeth Kane. **ALTAR SERVERS:** R. Nydegger, S. Parriles, L. Blowes, G. Blowes, A. Blowes.

Sunday, March 18, 11 a.m.

LECTOR: Mary Ann Clifton.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Maria Teresi, Marion Boden, Nancy Lang, Dorothy Connors, Linda Finer, Lisa Kling, Salvatore Traversa. **ALTAR SERVERS:** E. Halsey, B. Farrell.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR
COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Michael Algozzino, USAF
 Rachel Blydenburgh, USA
 Amanda Catena, USA
 Ryan Conlon, USA
 Liam R. Culhane, USN
 Peter Driscoll, USN
 Dylan Gatto, USAF
 Thomas Kleefisch, USA
 Christopher Mascia, USA
 Matthew Ravert, USA
 Jeremy Rodriguez, USA
 Ryan Saunders, USMC
 Guy Squires, USA

Devin Blowes, USMC
 Sean M. Boden, USN
 Joseph N. Cea, USCG
 Victoria Conlon, USA
 Jason Davin, USAF
 Steven E. Forrester, USA
 Lillian Hague, USA
 Kevin Lane, USMC
 Sean P. Murphy, USN
 Mike Rigney, USA
 Ray Rodriguez USA
 Ronan Seltenrich, USA
 Bartosh Tomachiewski, USMC

Thomas Bonner, USMC
 Kenneth Bragoli, USMC
 Eric Conlon, USA
 Victor J. Cortese, USA
 Richard W. Davin, USAF
 Thomas Garvey, USMC
 Andrew Hughes, USA
 Christopher Letoile, USA
 Thomas Peyton, Jr., USAF
 Michael Rodick, USA
 Anthony Romagnoli, USN
 Daniel R. Smith, USA



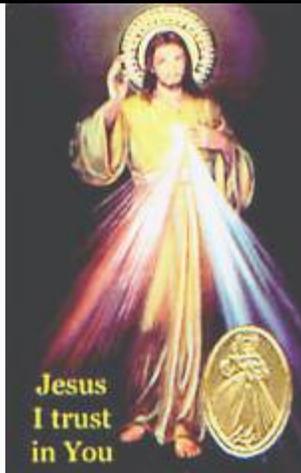
**St. Rosalie's Booster Club
Congratulations!**

to the winner of last week's drawing:

ROBERT E TTL

Stop by the Parish Center to purchase additional raffle tickets. Remember all winners will be put back into the drum.

This past year many have won the weekly drawing more than once!



**Divine Mercy Ministry
Prayer Line**

I am very happy to announce that St. Rosalie's Divine Mercy Ministry has a new prayer line: dmprayerrequest@optimum.net.

The ministry will pray daily for anyone who sends a prayer request to us. We request that you send an e-mail only. We are not accepting any phone calls for prayer requests.

Jesus, I trust in you.

Monday, March 12

Reading I: Isaiah 65:17-21;
 Gospel: John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 13

Reading I: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12;
 Gospel: John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 14

Reading I: Isaiah 49:8-15;
 Gospel: John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 15

Reading I: Exodus 32:7-14;
 Gospel: John 5:31-47

Friday, March 16

Reading 1: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22;
 Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 17

Saint Patrick, Bishop
 Reading I: Jeremiah 11:18-20;
 Gospel: John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34;
 Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9;
 Gospel: John 12:20-33



Church News

HAPPENINGS

THIS WEEK at a glance

Sunday, March 11

Children's Liturgy of the Word **9:30 a.m.** – Church
 RCIA **10 a.m.** – Parish Center
 LAOH Bake Sale **after all Masses** – Fellowship Rm.
 Baptisms **2 p.m.** – Church

Monday, March 12

St. Vincent de Paul Society **1 p.m.** – Parish Ctr.
 Eucharistic Adoration **5-7 p.m.** – Church
 RCIA Teens **7 p.m.** – Parish Center

Tuesday, March 13

Miraculous Medal Novena **8:30 a.m.** – Church
 Upper Room Prayer **9 a.m.** – Fellowship Room
 ESL **9:30 a.m.** – Parish Center
 Bereavement Class **10 a.m.** – Parish Center
 School of Missionary Disciples **7 p.m.** – Fellowship
 Committee for Common Good **7 p.m.** – Parish Ctr.

Wednesday, March 14

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament **8:30 a.m.** – Church
 Benediction **11:45 a.m.** – Church
 Adult Choir Practice **7 p.m.** – Church
 Charismatic Prayer Group **7 p.m.** – Fellowship Rm.

Thursday, March 15

ESL **9:30 a.m.** – Parish Center
 AA Meeting **1 p.m.** – Community Center
 Men's Prayer Group **7 p.m.** – Parish Center

Friday, March 16

Divine Mercy Chaplet **12:30 p.m.** – Church
 Raphael's Social Group **6 p.m.** – Parish Center
 Stations of the Cross **7 p.m.** – Church

Saturday March 17

Special Needs Mass **3 p.m.** – Church

Sunday, March 18

Hospitality Sunday **after all Masses** – Fellowship Rm.
 RCIA **10 a.m.** – Parish Center



St. Rosalie's Altar Servers went ice skating last month and we have a few more pictures of that event. It looks like everyone had a great time!

Parish Life

MEMORIALS

*The Sanctuary Candle this week
is donated in memory of*

JOHN ANDERSON

Requested by Eileen Mulligan



The Raphael Social Group

A social group for young adults with special needs for ages 18 years and older is held at St. Rosalie's Parish Center on the third Friday of every month from 6-8:30 p.m. Our next gathering is March 16. Come enjoy board games, karaoke, pizza and socialization. Bring a friend and make new friends. Any questions, please contact Deacon Jim at: deaconjimL@optonline.net.

Special Needs Mass

Families who have members with special needs or developmental disabilities often find it difficult to attend Sunday Mass together. We are pleased to provide an opportunity for families to experience God's presence in their lives at a special Mass on the third Saturday of the month, 3 p.m. at St. Rosalie's. The next Special Needs Mass is March 17.

Mothers Prayers

Mother's Prayers – for mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren. Invite your neighbors and friends to form a small prayer community in their own neighborhood uniting in prayer for their children. Booklets and video available in English and Spanish from Mary Terry at 631-728-0479 You set the day and time to meet. No dues or fees, just a desire to pray for children.

Attention Parishioners

Father Ed has decided to suspend the distribution of the precious blood until further notice during this flu season.

Also, we are suspending the multiple Mass Intentions until further notice. We still have Masses available in 2018.

LENT 2018

Stations of the Cross

Lenten Stations of the Cross are held every Friday at 7 p.m. during Lent in St. Rosalie's Church beginning. On Good Friday we will have outdoor stations at 12 noon.



Faith, Food and Fun

By popular demand we are bringing back the dinner-discussion meetings, as we did in past years. They will take place on the Wednesdays in Lent, at La Cucina Restaurant in East Quogue. The last one is March 14. Call the Parish Center 631-728-9461 if you plan to attend.



Lenten Day of Penance

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will be having a Day of Penance in every parish on Monday, March 26, from 3-9 p.m.

Annual Lenten Soup Supper

As we journey through Lent with one another, you are invited to share a "simple meal" with other members of the community. This year the Soup Supper will be on Wednesday, March 28, at 6 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Call the Parish Center to make reservations 631-728-9461.



Scripture Study

Join our Lenten Journey – as we study *The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus*. Our Scripture Study members invite you to join us every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Reserve a study set by calling Eileen at 631-728-9248. Let this Lent be a time of entering more fully into the Life of Christ.



Lenten Season To Be More Holy

Our Lenten season has given us time to reflect on and act in ways to help us become more holy, to deepen our relationship with Jesus and hopefully with each other.

Some of our parish families agreed to try a pilot program in our diocese called "Family Bible Study." It is a program approved by Pope Francis and has been used in many countries but is new to the United States, and fortunately we have the opportunity in our diocese to take advantage of it. It is my hope that it will be successful and will become a program we can offer to all families in our parish. It has proven to bring families closer together, by recognizing how God wants the family to be the most important part of each of our lives, with everything coming after that. Family first with God's love and help.

A condensed Bible was developed for this program that only contains the books of the Bible that are most relevant to the understanding of how each member of the family will come to recognize their importance within the family and how they then become a person who relates to all others in a different way, that is pleasing to God and eventually brings peace and hope to all others beyond the family. I look forward to the results and will pass them on when the program is completed in a few months.

In just a few weeks, some of our young parishioners will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion for the first time. This is always an exciting time of the year- Easter and Sacraments! Bringing hope and blessings to us all. Of course, all parishioners are welcome to witness the children receiving the sacraments. The dates of Reconciliations are: April 9, 10, and 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Church for those who speak English, and April 25 at 4:30 p.m. for those who speak Spanish. First Communions in English will be held on April 21 at 10:30 a.m., April 28 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., and in Spanish on May 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Please keep all of the children and their families in your prayers.

Trip to NYC Visit Important 'Catholic' Sites

Thursday, March 15: Leaving from St. John the Evangelist Church in Riverhead at 9 a.m. A professionally guided tour will be going to the Old St. Patrick's Cathedral on Mulberry Street, St. Joseph House, The Catholic Worker and Mary House, Nativity Church, the Mother Anne Seton Shrine/Home in the Battery and the Hecker Bakery on Hester Street. Other sites possible if time permits. We hope to be back by 8 p.m. or earlier. Some walking required. Cost of trip \$50 to \$70 a person, according to number of participants.

You can bring lunch, or you can eat at one of our stops. Return this form and a \$10 deposit is needed to confirm your place; Space is limited, so first come, first served.

Name(s): _____

Number of people in group: _____ Phone Number: (_____) _____

You may email return to: stjohnriverhead@aol.com, or mail to 546 St John's Place, Riverhead, NY 11901 or fax to: 631-369-5228

Our Lady of the Hamptons School

Save the date for the special Ladies Luncheon and Chinese auction to benefit OLH. The annual event will be held at the Muses in Southampton on Sunday, April 22. Early reservations are advised. Information is available by phone: 631-375-2888 or by contacting LuncheonOLH@gmail.com.



Registration for the September 2018 school year at OLH is open now. The target date for finalization of classes is March 1. Interested families are asked to call for personal appointments and tours. Consideration will be given to those seeking admission to Kindergarten and grades 1-5.

Placement in the elite OLH Prep program for grades 6, 7 and 8 is at a premium, so early consideration is advised. This program features Regents level courses in Math and Science, as well as an aggressive ELA curriculum and integrated Fine Arts. Personal interviews are required.

OLH Pre-school for young children is offered at the campus of St. Rosalie's Church in Hampton Bays. Early registration for the 2018-19 school year is beginning now. The OLH Pre-school offers bilingual teachers, enrichment in dance, as well as pre-reading and readiness for kindergarten. Tours and conferences leading toward admission can be arranged. Informational packets are available. Call 631-283-9140 to set up a personal appointment and tour. More information is available on the website www.olh.org



Father Maddaloni imposed ashes on the PreK students on Ash Wednesday

Our Lady of the Hamptons Regional Catholic School

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A Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

by Sue Smith

Recently I had the opportunity to be part of a mission trip to El Cercado, Dominican Republic. Thrilling and scary at the same time as this would be my first mission trip. A full immersion into the lives of the people in one of the poorest countries in the Caribbean, designed to educate me of the many needs and struggles they face daily. It would give me the gift of being the voice to educate others, raise awareness and funds to help them.

We arrived after a long day of travel, eighteen hours in all. Our accommodations were more than I had expected. We had electricity, running water, flushing toilets and a comfy bed with sheets. Before falling into bed, we were told that morning prayers were at 7:30 a.m., breakfast was at 8 a.m. and on the go by 8:30 a.m. for a flag-raising ceremony at the local school. My first thought was to flee but having no idea where we were, and it was dark outside, I just went to bed. Somehow it was the best night's sleep I had ever had. Could have been the prayer, "God get me through this," over and over until I fell asleep.

Our first day started out with rain, something it would continue to do all of the five days we were there. We waited it out a bit then caravanned out in two trucks. Many of our thirteen volunteers were sitting in the beds of the trucks.



Our first stop was at the school, which could only hold children in grades kindergarten through tenth grade. There were no eleventh and twelfth graders as yet, they will move up as they get older. They are trying to raise funds for a building that would house those future eleventh and twelfth graders and a technical school. The school would be used by students and the community. It would teach skills in plumbing, electrical, computers, sewing and beautician. It could drastically change the unemployment rate by giving the community skilled workers.



We greeted the children, approximately two hundred of them, and they were thrilled to see us. I must mention we were travelling with Father John Cervini, who had been their pastor for eighteen years. He had been away from them for one and a half years, and this was his first trip back. By the reception he received you would have thought he was the Pope. Adults and children flocked to him. He was truly their shepherd. I saw men and women kneel before him to receive a

blessing. True faith at work. One of the many times I would witness that. After touring the school and spending time

learning about the struggles the school is having and also the many successes they have managed to accomplish despite overwhelming obstacles, we were very impressed with the teachers and students. After hugs and smiles from all we waved goodbye and promised to come back again. My thoughts when I came home of what they need are that they have no lunch room, so they eat at their desks, the kitchen is a small room with one burner and a large pot that cooks the rice and beans which is served for lunch.

Lunch is carried to each classroom in five-gallon buckets. Children must provide their own dishes, forks or spoons and cups. There is no playground, no gymnasium, no space for art or music classes. Much of what we take for granted that our children have included in their education is not available to them.

Our next stop was the Senior Center. Seniors can come there for a hot meal, some company and prayers. A bus picks them up and brings them home. Quite nice, I thought, for an area in DR (Dominican Republic) with so little. I was recalling my own father's time at the Hampton Bays Senior Center after my mom died. It gave him a purpose, a place to go daily. We arrived at our destination and all I could see was a very large tiki shelter with a palm roof and no sides. It was surrounded by some kind of six-foot plants with beans growing from them. The seniors were waiting for us and welcomed us warmly. For me what I saw was overwhelming, as most of the seniors were thin and frail looking. They were



dressed in tattered and ill-fitting clothes and shoes. All looked they could use a bath and clean clothes. My heart was breaking to see our most needy and vulnerable in a state of such despair. I am not sure what I expected but I know it was not this. It seemed as if no one cared for them. They needed so much, I wondered how I could possibly help or make a difference here. We were advised to reach out and share our love with all the seniors, about thirty in all. I timidly hung to the back of our group. As it became my turn, I forged ahead and greeted my first senior. She was about eighty-five years old and could not stand. So, I reached down to shake her hand and she pulled me into a tight hug. She spoke to me in Spanish then touched my cheek with her wrinkled hand, the touch of a mother, the touch of love. My heart melted right then and there as tears filled my eyes. She just needed comfort and love from me. Around to every senior I went, hugging, kissing cheeks and shaking hands. Yes, they were frail, yes, they were in need of so much, and some were blind due to cataracts that were not addressed medically, and yes, I did help by giving my love and kindness freely.



Lord, You are taking my faith and bringing it to a whole new level. My heart is pounding as I now sit for Mass next to a senior who reaches out and grabs my hand. Fr. John and Deacon Ray begin Mass. Prayers are said by all, Communion is given and still this senior holds my hand. I feel as if I have been transformed. Maybe the Holy Spirit has entered me or maybe Christ Himself. I have no idea what is happening to me. I am no longer timid, my heart is no longer breaking, I am joyful and happy and filled with faith! I have helped these seniors by sharing my love and kindness with them. Maybe more importantly, I find myself being able to receive love and kindness from strangers who I was originally afraid of. Thinking they were in need of so much only to realize everyone here just needed to be recognized and accepted. Sometimes the only thing needed at any given moment is love and faith. Again, we left with love and waves from all. We headed back to our retreat center for a simple meal that somehow always seemed to be waiting for us. I don't recall if it was lunch or dinner, it didn't matter.



I did find out on our way back to the retreat center that those six-foot plants with the beans growing on them were a food source for the seniors. They also had rice and beans for lunch. That was the end of my

first day. Our next four days were filled from 8 a.m.-10 p.m., always starting and ending with prayer. Days of learning the perils of living in an area of no running water, no sewer system and no garbage system. Days always filled with faith and love. This part of our earth is in great need of our help. You and I can do much to help. I also found more faith, in that part of our world, than I have ever witnessed.

I wondered how I could take the overwhelming sense of faith back with me to give to others. This is how I come full circle and bring it home: I tell you and hopefully you are moved enough to ask questions, get more information and want to help by contributing to this cause.

I thank our heavenly Father every day for the gift of this trip, a gift that will last a lifetime for me. I do not know right now if I am going to go back again but I do know I will pray for these people always and set aside extra money to help support the many needs in that part of the world. These people need us, they need our love and financial support.

For further information about my experience you may contact me at: barttree@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from all of you as I have more to share.

If you would like to donate to the school fund, use this information: send your check to: DRVC Mission Office c/o Deacon Francisco Cales, P. O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Checks should be made out to: The Mission of DRVC for Vocational Tech School. All donations will be placed in the El Cercado Account for the VTS School.

If you wish to contribute to the many other needs, such as, St. Vincent de Paul (which provides food for the community), water systems, senior center, hospital, or children's hospital- make your check out to the Mission of DRVC and write in the memo space: General Fund to be used as needed or St. Vincent de Paul, or water systems, any of the above listed needs.



Centro Corazon de Maria



On February 12, Bishop John Barres visited Centro Corazon de Maria.

Bishop Barres met with the staff, Sister Mary Lang, Sister Mary Beth Moore and Alma Alegria to learn of the Center's history and services to the Latino Community.

Afterward, the Bishop greeted the teachers, students, Advisory Board members, babysitters and volunteers.



Apostolado Hispano



DOMINGO IV DE CUARESMA TIEMPO DE VOLVER AL SENOR "TANTO AMO DIOS AL MUNDO QUE NOS ENTREGÓ A SU HIJO UNICO."

EL TEMPLO

Ciro, el gran rey de Persia, mandó construir un templo para la presencia de Dios en Jerusalén. Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, es el nuevo templo y la presencia de Dios para cada uno de los creyentes. Él es la señal de salvación y fe que nos alivia. Es el don que Dios nos entrega por su incomparable riqueza y bondad. Su cruz florida es la obra de arte que Dios creó en Jesucristo, la vid. Y nosotros podemos ser las ramas de la vid que dan flor durante la Cuaresma. *Texto: Philip J. Sandstrom, S.T.D. © 2000, OCP. Derechos reservados.*

SERVICIOS LEGALES PARA LA COMUNIDAD INMIGRANTE

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EL ASESOR DE INMIGRACION DE CARIDADES CATÓLICAS

Estará a su disposición el jueves 12 de abril de 2 p.m. a 5 p.m. en Apostolado Hispano de Southampton.

SEGURO DE SALUD PARA NIÑOS

Fidelis Care los Miercoles entre las 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. en el Apostolado Hispano.

VÍA CRUCIS

Todos están invitados al Vía Crucis aquí en nuestra parroquia todos los viernes de la cuaresma a las 8 p.m.



SANTO ROSARIO

Todos los últimos domingos de cada mes rezaremos el Santo Rosario en la Iglesia antes de comenzar la santa Misa. Están cordialmente invitados.

NOCHES DE CONFESIONES EN LA CUARESMA

Viernes, 23 de marzo a las 7:00 PM – Montauk
Lunes, 26 de marzo a las 7:00 PM – Bridgehampton
Martes, 27 de marzo a las 7:00 PM – Hampton Bays
Martes, 27 de marzo a las 7:00 PM – Southampton
Miércoles, 28 de marzo a las 7:00 PM – East Hampton

HORAS DEL APOSTOLADO

Martes a viernes de 2 a 5 p.m. Se recomienda hacer previa cita llamando.

Padre Marvin Navas Cel. 631-377-9053

Padre Cesar Lara Cel. 631-332-5300

Padre Jesus Arellano Cel. 929-257-3467

Declaración de la Misión de Sta. Rosalía

Somos enviados por Jesus como amigos que siguen sus pasos y estamos capacitados por su Espíritu para amar y honrar a nuestro Padre Dios y para amar a cada persona como a

RINCÓN DE INFORMACIÓN

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GRUPO DE ORACIÓN PARA JÓVENES

El grupo, *Jóvenes Renovados en Cristo*, se reúne los martes a las 7:30 PM en el Centro Comunitario.

COMUNIDAD DE ORACIÓN PARA ADULTOS Y FAMILIAS

Cada miércoles a las 8 p.m. en nuestra iglesia de la Santísima Trinidad. Hora Santa cada 1^{er} miércoles de cada mes.

¿DESEAN BAUTIZAR A SUS HIJOS?

Los papas y los padrinos asistan **al curso Pre-bautismal** sin previo aviso. Es preciso llevar el Acta de Nacimiento del niño.

CURSO PRE-BAUTISMAL

El curso se da el último domingo de cada mes a las 10:30 a.m. en el Apostolado Hispano en Southampton o a las 5 p.m. en la iglesia en East Hampton. Favor de llevar la copia del acta de nacimiento del niño.

REQUISITOS PARA EL BAUTISMO DE UN NIÑO

Curso: Para bautizar a su hijo, es necesario que los padres y padrinos asistan al curso pre-bautismal.

Padrinos: Debe escoger a los padrinos conscientes de los requisitos. Los padrinos tienen que ser católicos bautizados, confirmados y que han hecho su Primera Comunión y deben poder comulgar. El padrino (madrina) debe ser un(a) soltero(a) o debe ser casado por la iglesia.

Permisos: Si viven fuera de la zona servida por el Apostolado Hispano, necesitan una carta de su párroco dandonos permiso para bautizar a su hijo.

LOS LUGARES Y FECHAS DE LOS BAUTISMOS

Primer Domingo de mes en Southampton a las 1:30 p.m. Segundo Sábado de mes en Hampton Bays a las 3 p.m.

Newsorthy

Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School Open House



Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School in Riverhead will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 18 from 12 -2 p.m. for families of prospective students in grades 7-12. All interested are invited to tour the school and learn more about its unique programs and services. With a STEM-centered engineering and environmental science curriculum, Advanced Placement courses, Scholar and Remedial Programs, plus a comprehensive athletic and extracurricular opportunities, Bishop McGann-Mercy High School provides a well-rounded learning experience rooted in the Catholic tradition. The dedicated faculty and administration coupled with a successful alumni base ensures that McGann-Mercy is positioned as the Catholic High School of excellence on the East End.

For more information about the Open House, please call the Admissions office at 631-727-5900, ext. 335.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are April 27-29, in Huntington, NY and November 16-18, in Huntington, NY. For more information, visit John and Toni Torio at www.wmeli.org or call 877-697-9963.



Our Lady of the Island Shrine

631-325-0661

St. Patrick's Feast Day

Saturday, March 17, Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by a procession to the statue of St. Patrick on the Avenue of the Saints.



Montfort Spiritual Center

631-666-7500, montfort06@gmail.com

Silent Retreat: “Let us Consider Gentle Jesus in His Dying”

March 23-25 Begins Friday 6 p.m. Registration Shared rooms – space is limited

Stewardship Reflection

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. “We are truly His handiwork,” says St. Paul in the second reading, “created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.”

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who remain steadfast to their Lenten promises through increased prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Reflection

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

Ronkonkoma Cenacle Retreat Center

631-588-8366, www.cenaclesisters.org

Friday-Sunday, April 13-15

Establishing and Maintaining Healthy Boundaries as God Designed Them – Draw the Line by Drawing on God's Wisdom

Learn how to bring new health to your relationships and discover how sound boundaries give you the freedom to walk as the loving, giving, fulfilled individual God created you to be. This weekend offers practical tools and encouragement to those seeking a healthy, balanced life.

