Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Deacon:
Carmine DeStefano

Pasoral Associate:
Sr. Kathleen McCarthy, O. P.

D.R.E.: Mary Donaldson

Music Director: Lee Forsythe

The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m. (Choir Mass), 12:30 p.m. (ATraditional Latin Mass is offered at this regularly scheduled Mass - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.)

MONDAY - SATURDAY: 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church. Holy Days will be printed in the bulletin.

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. For any other time, please call to make an appointment with a priest.

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

The 3rd Sunday and the 4th Saturday of the each month. (No Baptisms Easter Sunday or Christmas Weekends.) First-time parents are required to attend a **Baptismal Preparation Class** which is offered on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. (No class is held in December.)

Registration is required for both the Baptism and /or the Baptism Class and must be done online at ww.smrcc.org.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance and should be made prior to making plans for a reception. Call the Parish Center for an appointment with the priest or deacon you wish to witness your wedding. All couples are required to attend Pre-Cana.

Madison P. Levy

Thomas J. Horan

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of Christ, rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH REGISTRATION
NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.smrcc.org.

New families and new parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish online. Registration forms are also available at the Parish Center.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH:
Those adults who live in the Dix Hills area and/or those with family in the parish seeking information about becoming a Catholic or completing their Sacraments are invited to contact the Pastor.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

REMINDER:
Holy Hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in a solemn form are continuing on Tuesdays, 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

The Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning Holy Hours are discontinued.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS: Porzia DiGiorgio: me@porzia.com and John DiGiorgio: me@johndigiorgio.com
APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER: Kathryn Giandoreggio: 631-491-3735
ATHLETIC WEBSITE: www. smrcc.org
ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/ INTRAMURAL & CYO TRAVEL COORDINATOR: Chris Felice: smrccathletics@gmail.com
BAPTISM OFFICE: Bettyanne Russo: 499-8520 x 126 Email: stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com
BEREAVEMENT: Kathryn M. Douglas: 631-495-8541
Including: Teens (12-17) who have lost a parent.
Widows and Widowers 65 and under
Widow and Widowers 65 and over
BIBLE STUDY: Anthony Albano: 586-4827
BOY SCOUTS: Ernst Tramposch: 631-254-2656
BULLETIN: email: bulletin@smrcc.org
BUSINESS MANAGER: Dolores Tiernan: 499-8520 x 113
CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION: Ann Podina: 858-0684
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: Jack Maccio: 499-8520 x 117 or JBM1944@icloud.com
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Rita Minder, Assistant: 864-3321
CHOIR: Lee Forsythe: 631-499-8520 x 116
Ed Oriani, Cantor for Tridentine Mass
COMPASSIONATE CARE & CONSOLATION MINISTRY: Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Ray Smolenski: 243-0449
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND: Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124
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FOOD PANTRY: Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124
HOSPITALITY: Dolores Tiernan: 499-8520 x 113
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Glenn Martin GK: 631-873-7233
LECTORS: Helen Campa: 586-0682
LEGION OF MARY: Judy Archbold: 667-4629
MINISTRY OF PRAISE: Rosemary Sammon: 499-5176
PARISH OUTREACH: Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124
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RIGHT TO LIFE: Toni Shannon: 631 586-3807
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Patricia Bissex: 631 549-9415
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USHERS: Tom Siegler: 631-920-2055
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Dolores Tiernan
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Richard Bove
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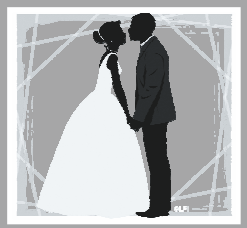
Philip C. Pandolfi
Raymond Smolenski

COLLECTION TOTALS

February 6 & 7

Weekly:	*$ 7,022.00*
Regional School:	*$ 2,574.00*
Faith Direct:	*$ 2,300.00*

World Marriage Day



Sunday,
February 14, 2021

About The Types of
Catholic Wedding Ceremonies

There are two forms of Catholic wedding Liturgy:

The Wedding or Nuptial Mass:
Often referred to as a "full Mass," it is the celebration of the Mass with the wedding ceremony inserted in the middle of the Liturgy. It presupposes both parties are practicing Catholics and receiving Holy Communion after a proper spiritual preparation.

The Wedding Ceremony:
This has all the elements of the above (music, readings, vows, etc.) but without the celebration of Mass. This form is suitable for general congregations and is of shorter duration than the above.

PLEASE NOTE:
Nuptial Masses are NOT celebrated on Sundays. The ONLY exception is when a visiting priest is invited by the family, approved by the Pastor and is willing to offer a Nuptial Mass on Sunday.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb 13
4:00 PM Chloe Atienza ~ Happy 12th Birthday
Domenic Caria
John Romeo
Nancy Chieffo

Sunday, Feb 14
7:30 AM Clarence, Lillian & John Krumenacker
9:30 AM Nunzio (Jim) Grella
11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Pape Family
12:30 PM Kenny Lubin ~ Happy Birthday

Monday, Feb 15
9:00 AM Monika Sand

Tuesday, Feb 16
9:00 AM Salvatore Montesano

Wednesday, Feb 17
9:00 AM Millie Tricamo
12:00 PM Thomas Horan
7:00 PM Louis Guiliano

Thursday, Feb 18
9:00 AM Patrick Cawley

Friday, Feb 19
9:00 AM Charles Bienenstein

Saturday, Feb 20
9:00 AM Adrian Serrano
Leo Panico
4:00 PM Domingo Calvet
Fanny Calvet
Anthony Meglio
Leo Panico

Sunday, Feb 21
7:30 AM Ann Caldiero
9:30 AM Joseph Alessandrelli
11:00 AM Matthew J. Ferrara
12:30 PM (L) Living Intentions of
J. Corry & G. Corry

LENT 2021
Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

9:00 AM Mass and Ashes until 10:30 AM
12:00 Noon Mass and Ashes until 1:30 PM
3:00 PM Prayer Service and Ashes until 4:30 PM
7:00 PM Mass and Ashes until 8:30 PM

Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM
Stations of the Cross every Tuesday of Lent at 3:00 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Mass

The Parish Center will be closed on Ash Wednesday.

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Dear Friends,

I draw your attention to the Ash Wednesday and Lenten schedule that you will find in this bulletin. Please note the starting and ending times for the liturgical celebrations and the distribution of Ashes. There are no other times during which blessed Ashes may be received. The four services have been chosen to provide a more than adequate opportunity to receive Ashes.

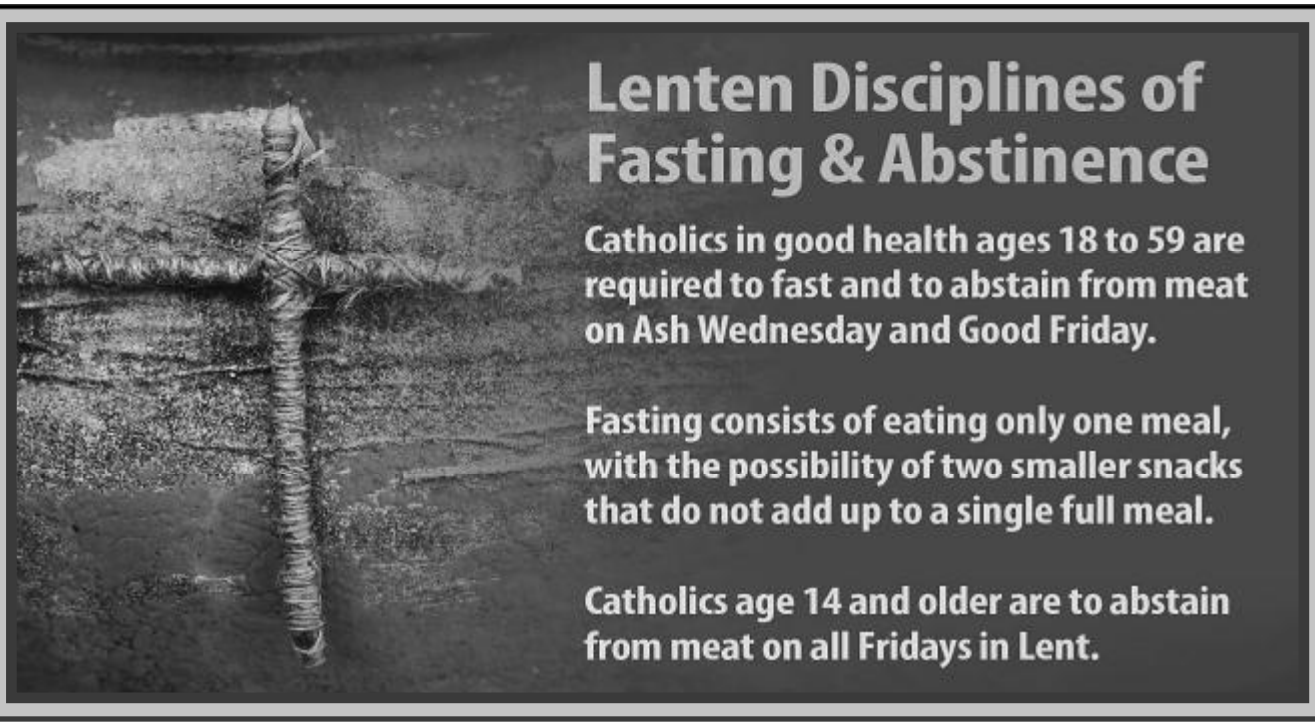
Like everything else the Covid-19 pandemic has affected how the Ashes are going to be administered this year.

Upon the directions of the Holy See for this year, the Diocese has mandated that due to public health concerns, there is to be no direct thumb to forehead contact in the giving of Ashes to avoid possible communication of the virus. Instead, Ashes will be sprinkled directly on to the head of the recipient by the minister instead of being rubbed on the forehead. This will mean for most recipients onto one's hair. While this is an ancient and traditional practice in other parts of the Catholic Church it is hitherto not been the practice in the United States. Please be aware of this when attending the Ash Wednesday Liturgies!

As has always been the case, Ash Wednesday is NOT a holy day of obligation.

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed twice a week during Lent: Tuesdays at 3 PM and Fridays at 7 PM, both in the church.

God's blessings,
Father Hewes



Lent 2021

Dear Friends:

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan...After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God."(Mark 1:12 – 14) Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church presents for our reflection and prayer the experience of Jesus in the desert. Jesus's experience in the desert follows immediately upon His baptism by Saint John the Baptist and immediately precedes His public ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in word and in deed. Saint Mark points out to us that the Spirit, who had just descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, drove Jesus into the desert.

The desert was a barren place, a place of lifelessness, the home of the devil and evil. The Spirit sends Jesus into the desert to prepare himself for the years of His public ministry, ultimately leading to His Death and Resurrection. Jesus spends time away from the world to prepare himself. But He also goes forth into the desert to begin His battle against evil, sin and death. Jesus goes into the very dwelling of evil to begin the confrontation. This battle will continue throughout the rest of Jesus's life. The ultimate victory will come on Good Friday through His ultimate act of love on the Cross.

Our yearly experience of Lent, our forty day "desert experience," can be viewed in the same way. We are inspired and sent by the Spirit to spend some time apart from the world of noise and recover the beauty of silence. But, we are also sent to do battle. Our experience of true silence should allow us the opportunity to both listen to the voice and promptings of God as well as to better know ourselves. This personal battle against sin and evil can be painful, because we come to realize that we are all in need of constant conversion. There are real changes each and every one of us need to make in our lives and our hearts this Lent. But like Jesus, we are not alone. The Lord was ministered to by angels during His forty days in the desert. We are constantly aided by our guardian angels, by the angels and saints in heaven, by the community of the baptized, and by the grace of the sacraments of the Church. Like Jesus, we need to emerge from the desert ready to take on the evils of the world and work to spread the Gospel.

It was only a few short weeks into Lent 2020 that the experience of Covid-19 made radical changes to our society, our Church, and our families. The experience of desert isolation was no longer a metaphor but a lived reality. The experience of having our parishes locked down for months was painful for all of us. Many of us still experience this isolation in many ways. But as Christians we always remain men and women of hope. We know that the Cross of Good Friday leads to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Pope Francis has declared this year as a special Year of Saint Joseph. In Saint Joseph we find a man of profound hope and strength as well as prayerful silence. Scripture does not record one word spoken by Saint Joseph. But Scripture does tell us of his unwavering faith and trust, which go beyond words. Following Jesus, and like Saint Joseph, men and women in the first centuries of the Church began to leave the towns and villages and settle in the isolation of the desert. Like the Lord, they sought to rid themselves of the distractions of everyday life so they too could do battle with evil, and through their quiet example proclaim the Kingdom of God.

This continued throughout the history of the Church, even to our present moment. Saint Antony, Saint Benedict, Saint Bruno, and so many others show us the lived experience of the desert is not an escape from the reality of life but a privileged encounter with the Lord and a revelation of our true selves. While most of us are not called to the monastic or solitary life, the last twelve months have given each of us an experience of solitude. We are encouraged to remain "socially distant." In the midst of the real suffering and hardships this has caused, perhaps the hidden grace is that it has led us to be "temporary monastics."

Our typical Lenten "desert experience" of forty days has lasted a bit longer. But we will come out of it! And like the Lord, when we emerge our goal is to proclaim the Gospel of God according to our vocation and the graces given to us. In addition to our personal sins and the evils present in our own hearts, we live in a world that is right now suffering from real physical illness as well as real division and hurt of every kind. Jesus emerged from the desert bringing the healing presence of God to all he encountered. As the baptized, the Church, the continuing presence of Jesus in the world, we need to do the same. The same Holy Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert is driving us on.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Neighbors helping neighbors

February 14
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

PLEASE NOTE THE UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

Sunday, February 21 is Friday, February 12
Sunday, February 28 is Monday, February 22
Sunday, March 7 is Monday, March 1
Sunday, March 14 is Monday, March 8

Please email: ***bulletin@smrcc.org***

Mass Schedule News

A couple of years ago the Diocese designated three parishes (Nassau County, mid and eastern Suffolk County) where the "Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite" (a/k/a the traditional Latin Mass) would be regularly available according to Papal legislation for those wishing to attend.

St. Matthew's had been offering the Latin Mass on a weekly basis for a few years already and was officially designated as one of those parishes.

Until the Covid pandemic shut down of all public Masses in March 2020, the Chapel was used, with its 100 seat capacity often overflowing.

Obviously, this has all changed with reduced seating and social distancing. To continue to provide the celebration of this special heritage of our Catholic Faith St. Matthew's Parish will celebrate the Latin Mass on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at the 12:30 PM Mass in the main church. until further notice.

These celebrations of the Latin Mass are accompanied by the Sunday blessing with Holy Water at the beginning, and the use of our Catholic heritage of sacred music: Gregorian Chant, and other beloved hymns and motets. (The preaching is, of course, in English.)
ALL are welcome!

Parish Office Hours

The receptionist desk will be "womanned" Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM for routine parish business and Mass Cards. On Friday there will be more limited service. Please call ahead when in doubt - 631-499-8520.

The Parish Center is not open on a general basis, at this time due to the current public health crisis.

Important telephone extensions for general, non-emergency messages:

- Parish Secretary: 126
- Parish Business Manager: 113
- Religious Education (CCD): 631-864-3321
- Pastor: 130

For urgent calls for Last Rites or a similar emergency: 631-912-5955.
Contact information regarding Funerals is on the Parish Voice Mail phone greeting: 631-499-8520.

As before, please enter the Parish Center through the Main Entrance **only, not the Gym Entrance.** The Main Entrance is between the shrines to Sts. Padre Pio and Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The inner doors to the building are to the right. Please note: As the sign indicates, ring the bell for admittance.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 20 & 21

Lectors	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
	M. Brennan	H. Campa	DiGiorgio	D. Manetta	

Many names on both of our prayer lists below have been there for a very long period of time.

Please send an email message to **bulletin@smrcc.org** within the next 2 weeks and confirm that the person's name you requested should remain on the list. All other names will be removed. All requests must be submitted with the permission of the immediate family.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Chloe Atienza
Marie Clarke
Lisa Ciota
Marie Coldin
Gerard Costa
Joseph Costa
Vilma Diaztoral
David Falen
Lawrence Famighetti
Barbara Duncan-Fields
Josephine Flynn
Laura Lee Gaudio
Lisa Marie Hulsen
Elza Kersaint
Christian Martino
Jjoseph Martino
Sophia Marzulla
John McIntyre
Jay McNamee
Lorraine Montelione
Rocco Pandone
Jill Pasqulone
Mary Perry
Marge Puccio
Gary Rickerson
Casey Rodriquez
Christopher Sabato, Sr.
Cecelia Sanzone
Charles Sanzone
Grace Sanzone
Giovanni Sacchetti
Debbie Serio
Ed & Ann Smith
Albi Snolis
Brian Tripp
Nicholas Varriale
Sandra Varriale
Lisa Young
John Zuccaro
Mary Zuccaro

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The **Apostleship of Prayer** is a worldwide association of Catholics and other Christians who strive to make their ordinary, everyday lives apostolically effective. Through the Apostleship of Prayer, the Pope gives his monthly prayer intentions to the entire Church. For this reason, the Apostleship came to be known as ***"the Pope's own prayer group."***

DAILY OFFERING PRAYER -

God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with Your Son Jesus' Heart, Who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to Your love.

FEBRUARY: Universal intention - Violence against women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

We Pray, especially for our Service Men and Women:

Christopher Pavlat - Army, Rev. James Krische - Active - Colonel - Army, Pvt. Brandon Leap - Active - Army, 1st Lt. Dominador Pascual III - Active - Air Force, Pilot Matthew Waldman - Active - Air Force, 2nd Lt. Joseph Morgan - Active - Army, 1st Lt. Christopher Felice - Marines, Christopher Motlenski - Navy, Nicholas Mazzone - U.S. Coast Guard, Peter Mazzone - Marines, SPC John Vautrin-Gardinier - US Army, Lance Cpl. Ryan Matthew Ferrara - Marines, Matthew Kirchner - Army, Noah Kirchner - Air Force, Ensign Melanie Thompson - Navy, Capt. Joseph De Monte IV - Pilot - United States Air Force, Lt. Brendan Johnston - U.S. Navy, Jeffrey Gabriellini - Air Force, Cpl. Michael Grella - Navy Airman, Julien - Army - Iraq., Lt. Col. Robert Wright - Marines, Michael Wissemann, LPL San Sievero - Marines, Ambrose Michelino, Jarod Racuot - Army, Robert Scarpelli, Anthony Lazado - Marines, Richard Freese, Jr. - Navy, Rho Nagasguna - Marines, Michael Doherty - Army, Pablo Quirindongo - CW4 - Army, Cpl. Ronnie Belmarez - Marines, Commander Christopher Grande - Navy, Spec. 4 - Frank Grue - Retired - Army

If you would like your family member added to the list or if one has returned home, please contact the Parish Office or email bulletin@smrcc.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Place for Learning and Praying

Our Family/Children's Mass is Sunday at 9:30AM

Mary Donaldson, Director Rita Minder, Assistant

Religion Office Phone 864-3321 Fax 499-1530 maryccd@smrcc.org

LOOKING AHEAD

When registering a new student, 1st thru 8th grade, you must come into the Religion Office on the second floor of the Parish Center, Monday through Thursday, between 11:00AM and 4:00PM. Please be sure to bring a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate when you come. The fee of $175.00 per child is due at that time.

CONFIRMATION INFO

The date for Confirmation is Tuesday, March 23, 2021. There will be two sessions—A thru J at 11AM and K thru Z at 1:30PM. A parent letter is being mailed home with all the details. Confirmation Packets are due back to the Religion Office on Friday, February 12, 2021. Confirmation gowns will be distributed during class.

SPECIAL NOTES

Classes are cancelled the week of February 15, 2021 for Winter Recess. They resume on Monday, February 22nd. The Religion Office will be closed on Monday, February15th for President's Day.

Monday, February 15, 2021 PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

Young

Energetic

Seniors

News

This week I have a double header for you. The first one is a " never forget" story and the second is a little light "fluff" to help us to smile.

"NOT ALL SUPER HEROS WEAR CAPES"

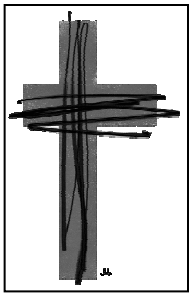
In 1943 children began to disappear from a nursery, but the guilty man never regretted his actions. Johan Von Hulst was a teacher in Nazi controlled Amsterdam. Next to his school was a facility where the Nazis placed Jewish children before moving them to the death camps. When the facility was over crowded with children, the Nazis demanded that Van Hulst "STORE" some of them at his school. That's when he came up with an ingenious but incredibly life threatening plan. He began collaborating with the men responsible for registering the children at the school. Together, they began erasing dozens of the children's names so that Van Hulst could save their lives instead. A tram ran through the streets separating the school from the Nazi facility. When the tram stopped, it blocked the soldiers' view. Von Hulst quickly hid children in baskets and sacks, taking them to underground sanctuaries to escape the horrific genocide. He is credited with saving over 600 Jewish children's lives, but never saw himself as a hero. "I actually only think about what I had not been able to do… about the thousands that I could not save. I took 12 with me and later on, I asked myself, why not 13?" He knew that all those who were left behind would be doomed. Van Hulst died at age 107. If he was not a Super Hero, I don't know who is.

…. Growing Old Gracefully (Sort Of)

- Grant me the SENILITY to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.
- I had amnesia once, ...or maybe twice.
- All I ask is a chance to prove that money won't make me happy.
- What is a "free" gift? Aren't all "gifts free?
- How can there be "self "help "groups?"
- Forget health food! I'm at an age where I need all the preservatives I can get.
- As you get older, your secrets are safe with your friends. They can't remember them either.
- Teach a child to be polite and courteous and when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the parkway.
- A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.
- Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.
- These days half the stuff in my shopping cart says "for fast relief."
- If swimming is good for your figure, how do you explain whales?
- Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.
- Remember. you don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing!

Pray for everyone, and for our church and country. We sure need it. Happy Valentine Day.

See you in Church.
Pat



DEEPEN YOUR LENTEN DEVOTION
"Journeying through Lent and through Life."

Join the Friends of the Seminary **Sunday, March 7, 2021**, 9:30 am to 3 pm. Msgr. Charles Fink will present a Lenten Day of Prayer including Mass, spiritual reflections, lunch and Stations of the Cross. Attendance limited; masks required. $50 donation. Reservations required:
(631) 423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu; www.icseminary.edu.

Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

"Glorious indeed has been our Contest… I hope we shall not forget that to Divine Providence is to be ascribed the Glory and the Praise."

- George Washington 1783

The principles that made America unique among all nations are those of faith in God as the creator and moral governor of the Universe, together with religious freedom, protected and guaranteed in the First Amendment.

Celebrating Presidents Week (in some states called "Ski Week") in February

George Washington's birthday is Feb. 22. Abraham Lincoln's birthday is Feb. 12. But, instead of honoring these great leaders on their actual birthdays, we combine them into one generic holiday called Presidents Week when schools are closed and most stores hold holiday sales.

Instead, students should learn the accomplishments of these exceptional leaders, their devout faith in God and reliance on His guidance, and their role in establishing and maintaining our "One Nation under God."

"How is it possible to overlook the significance of the leader who signed the Emancipation Proclamation that freed the slaves during the middle of the Civil War? Washington was so respected by his men at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War he could have been the king of the new nation. Instead, Washington wanted to help create a nation built on liberty," wrote former Gov. Scott Walker. (1)

American history - a once valued subject - is no longer a priority in public schools. This ignorance of history predicts troubling consequences as children grow up ignorant and unaware of the essential beliefs of Freedom, Freedom of Religion, and Freedom of Conscience, which founded our nation. "Children need to learn how to take original sources - not doctored textbooks - and analyze them ... to come to their own conclusions." (2)

(washingtontimes.com, 2/20/20(1); westernconservatory.com, 1/13/10(2); charismanews.com, 7/4/18; nypost.com, 1/22/17)

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." **-** Abraham Lincoln

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Irish Night

Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through our ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year, we celebrate and honor those whose daily dedication and hard work foster the creation of a caring community. This year's festivities will take place virtually on Saturday, March 6, 2021 and offer us an opportunity to gather together for liturgy, followed by a joyful program of song, dance, and Irish spirit!

Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing one or more of the following:

- A ticket for our Irish Sweepstakes Raffle. Tickets are $10 each, or 6 for $50. Extra tickets are available on our website.
- A special edition Irish Night cookbook which includes tasty recipes and culinary traditions from all across the Emerald Isle. Cookbooks are $10 each.
- An event ticket for $40, which includes 1 entry into our door prize raffle, an entry into the Irish Sweepstakes and a copy of the cookbook.

For more information, please contact our Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext.246 or visit the event website: **www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2021**

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Congregation. We hope you will join us on March 6th and raise a glass to good health this coming year - Sláinte!

To make an appointment contact:
https://donate.nybc.org/.../schedules/drive_schedule/286253

SAVE THE DATE

BLOOD DRIVE

DONATE BLOOD IN MEMORY OF DANIELA

March 6, 2021

Location: St. Matthew's Church
35 N Service Road, Dix Hills, NY 11746
Room: Msgr. Goggin Hall

Time: 11:30 - 5:30 PM

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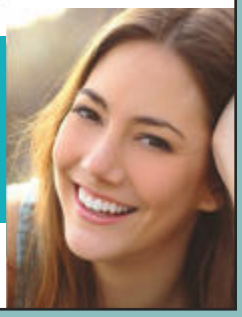
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