

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday,	February 07, 2011
7:00 am	Anna Sanchez
9:00 am	Lawrence O'Brien-Wedding Anniv.
Tuesday,	February 08, 2011
7:00 am	Mary Jane Beck
9:00 am	Charles Vroman-Anniversary Rem.
Wednesday,	February 09, 2011
7:00 am	William O. Tyson
9:00 am	Evo Bontempi
Thursday,	February 10, 2011
7:00 am	Bishop John McGann
9:00 am	Laura Mackay
Friday,	February 11, 2011
7:00 am	Alice Zebrowski
9:00 am	Lawrence Cibery
Saturday,	February 12, 2011
9:00 am	Rev. Vincent Powers
	John Pearce
	Charles Ponsford
	Florence Ianconne
4:00 pm	Anthony Russotti, Sr.
5:30 pm	Robert Cartier
Sunday,	February 13, 2011
7:30 am	John F. Castellane
9:00 am	Members of Purgatorial Society
10:30 am	Jimmy Keegan
12:00 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
5:00 pm	Helen Aragonesi

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish
and those who care for them:**

Michael Glose	Mae Bonano	Dr. John Sheehan
Joseph & Adele Manso	Rosalie Licata	June Bellofatto
Richard Strejla	Joe Dunn	Carol Wilson
Danny Davino	Edward Weinschreider	Palma Ricken
Andrew Bartolozzi	Matthew Egan	Donald Vita
Nicole O'Neill	Linda Farese	Mary Ann Kotoucek
Frank Kennedy	John Mc Keon	Jane/Raymond Huber
Emily Brophy	Mary Sue Maludar	Edward Zoccola
Rose Vroman	Robert Cazer	Edward Krupp
Sally Waskewich	Laureen-Quinn Sturge	Brianne Patton
Terence Sullivan	Baby R. Sznurkowski	Florence Beaver
Theresa Gorozdi	Andrew Gamard	Richard Sens
John Dominic Morea	Florence Bianco	Sal Portelli
Eleanor Descovitch	Leonard Toscano	Robert Goelz, Jr.
Leanne Patric	Michael Korwan	Brian Mulligan
John Dick	John Clarke	Pat Deegan
Domenick Burdi	Dorothy Montuori	Frank/Gloria Santoriello
Frank Kubicki	Florence Zoccola	Mackenzie J. Borchers
Dorothy Vella	Ray & Marion Gattus	Ralph Esposito
Julianna Buttner	Baby Carmine Luongo	Richard Girardi
Jessica Buttner	John/Connie Cardillo	Cathy Mitchell
Dorothy Mann	Philip Crepeau	Jean Pellicone
Christine Lisle	Maxine McDonald	Rita Esposito
Tony Gentile	Mike Brassil	Alan Meyer
David Golpanian	Baby Sophia Maglione	Frances McCarthy

Anointing of the Sick

The Mass of Anointing is celebrated four times a year as scheduled. The Priests of the parish are always available for the Anointing of the Sick.

Arrangements can be made for someone to bring Holy Communion to a sick or homebound person.

**Is God calling you to the Diaconate?
Why not attend, with your wife (if married)**

A Morning of Discernment at the
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

Huntington, New York

on Saturday, February 12th

from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

For more information or to register,

Please contact the Office of Deacon Formation
631-424-8360 or deacons@drvc.org.



*Please pray for the deceased of our
parish:*

Robert J. Nugent and Anthony DeLeo

**Altar Bread and Wine Donation**

Our Altar Bread and Wine for the week
of February 6, 2011 are in memory of
Daniel Zink

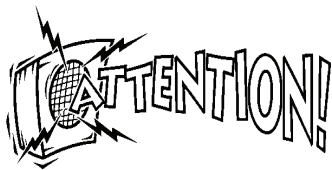
donated by Paul and Patricia Goodovitch

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE
IN OUR MILITARY**

Chris Caiozzi	Christopher Manzalillo
Joseph Carroll	Evan Marcy
Anthony Cavaliere	Drew Masone
Michael Dundon	Robert Michelotti
Christopher Eckert	Marc Mitchell
James Fenton	Gregory Nordquist
Michael Geller	Peter Rommel
Murray Griffin	Adam Ropelewski
James Harris	Joshua Rotondo
John Heckle	Michael Sanchez
Timothy Hirten	Alfred Simeone
Ryan Hodgetts	Michael Simeone
Gregory Holownia	Jason Spinella
Michael Jackvony	John M. Tarpey
Timothy Judge	Chad Thornton
Daniel Klein	Nathan White
James Lisle	John Zimmerman
Thomas Lisle	Kevin Zwijczaz

DID YOU KNOW:

Bishop Murphy has written a wonderful Pastoral Letter titled **Belong More Deeply**. If you have not read it you should do so. It will help to understand the reason for the new translation of the Roman Missal. Pick up a copy from the bookrack. Here is an excerpt from that letter "What will you find? It is the same Mass which the Church has always celebrated but we have a translation that makes our celebration in our country much more in conformity with the same Mass celebrated throughout the world. There will be some new words, most of them to be found in the prayers of the Mass that are proclaimed or sung by the Priest. Not many, but some new responses or prayers will have to be learned by us all. One example of that is the response to "The Lord be with you" will now be "And with your Spirit" which is the response in the Roman Missal and in every other language."



Confirmation candidates who would like to donate time for their Community Service Projects can do so by

helping to serve, clean-up or make baked goods for the Youth Group Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 13th, 2011. Baked goods can be muffins, crumb cakes, etc. Please drop off the baked goods to the St. Michael Room on Saturday, Feb. 12th between 10 am and 12 noon or between 4 pm and 5 pm.

If interested please e-mail Kevin Regan at: Reg697@optonline.net

Sunday 5:00 pm Mass - MUSIC GROUP
Musicians Wanted

Do you love making music? Do you want to use your gift to praise God?

We are looking for a few talented musicians to join singer/guitarist Jim Stahl at the 5 pm Mass on the first Sunday of every month. If interested, please email Jim Stahl at jwstahl@optonline.net or call him at 631-765-9386. Rehearsal dates to be announced.



Banns of Marriage-First Time
Louis Guluggi & Samantha Gallagher

Ministry Page**INNKEEPERS**

Teams #6 is working Wednesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. This weekend is "Soup Bowl Weekend", the Annual Fundraiser for the Maria Regina Innkeepers. There will be Innkeepers at each door after all the Masses with Soup Pots to accept your donations. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

EVANGELIZATION

As disciples we are personally called to bring the light of salvation to others. We are the salt and light for those in church and those outside its walls.

Invite someone back to Church!

Parish Social Ministry: 795-7438**Morning Brew**

If you are unemployed, please join our Monday morning information/networking group.

Monday mornings at 9:30 am.

St. Francis Room, Pastoral Center

No Registration Required

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2011

(6 week program)

2:00 – 4:00 pm

MARIA REGINA PASTORAL CENTER

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL KATHY RYAN @ 516-795-7438

MOVIES AND BOOKS

With Fr. Peter and Kathy Ryan

Finding God in the movies

St. Michael's Room, Pastoral Center

Please Call 795-7438 to register for one, two or all three.

February 9th - 2:00-5:00 pm - GROUND HOG'S DAY
Story of a man's frustration in repeating the same day over and over again.

March 2nd - 2:00 – 5:00 pm - PAY IT FORWARD
film for Lent – How one person can make a big difference in this world
March 30th - 2:00 – 5:00 pm - THE HELP
Story of southern women in the 60's dealing with their Black help and one woman, a writer, trying to expose injustice.

Needed: Girls Size 12/14 NEW winter clothing

Maria Regina: Annual Report - November 2009 to November 2010

FROM THE PASTOR

It has been my custom every year during the Thanksgiving season to offer a report-both spiritual and financial-to you, the members of Maria Regina Parish. This past season was an extraordinarily busy one and the time slipped by. I apologize for the lateness of the message. However, if it was issued in November, it would have been substantially the same.

The theme chosen for the last year was both a biblical and a local one: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE. The Biblical basis is of course, the words of Jesus to the disciples especially as recorded in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. The local referent would be the many light houses that dot Long Island and allow their light to shine safeguarding and directing travelers to their destination. Incidentally, this was also the theme chosen by Maria Regina School for its year long activities and programs.

We allowed our light (Jesus) to shine through us in many ways: sacramentally, through our personnel, and in our programs. Let me say a few words about each:

1. **We are a sacramental Church.** We believe that God reaches us through physical elements as well as spiritually. Hence, we use bread and wine, water and oil, words spoke and sung in our services and liturgies. Here in Maria Regina we spend a great deal of time in the parish, School, and Religious Education Programs to help prepare people and celebrate the sacramental moments themselves. Last year we had the following:

Baptisms	226	Confirmations	272	Funerals	167
First Communions	293	Marriages	48		

A matter of grave concern for all priests is the declining number of marriages taking place within our faith context. We have declined about 50% in ten years. Part of this is due to the fact that many young people do not practice their faith or see no reasons for a Church wedding. Catering halls and destination weddings have taken the place of the Church preparation and wedding moments.

We encourage young people contemplating an upcoming marriage to call the Rectory and speak with one of the priests or deacons. If you wish to live and celebrate your faith in Jesus, a Church wedding is an extremely important part of this. A non-church marriage, wedding or just 'living together' is a strong impediment to receiving the sacraments, especially the Eucharist - the source and summit of our faith. These matters can easily be rectified - before or after a secular wedding. Please remember - a nice catering hall or beach wedding, is NO substitute for being married in the Lord and receiving God's grace and blessing on a regular basis.

2. **Comings and goings.** Last year, after his stay of seven years with us we said farewell to Fr. Innocent. At the present moment he is working out further on the island as he continues his conversation with his Religious Superior back in Africa. I see him every several weeks and always relay your bet wishes to him.

We welcomed Fr. Stephen Morris as our new Associate in early September. During his few months here, Fr. Stephen has already become deeply involved in the Pro-Life movement, our Baptismal Program, the school and Religious Education. He has introduced us to different forms of prayer and nourished us with his homilies. I hope Fr Stephen will be with us for several years before he leaves, most likely, to become a pastor.

Our Seminarian, Jason Grisafi, also joined us for a pastoral year experience. This is a time of learning about parish life here in the Diocese as he serves in a parish. There is almost no part of parish life that Jason has not been involved in one way or another. He brings a great deal of enthusiasm and knowledge to our parish as he shares this invaluable training period with us. We are pleased to have him now and wish him well when he leaves us later this Spring.

3. We had many activities throughout the year. Perhaps, one of the highlights was a pilgrimage to Oberammergau, Germany last May to witness the world famous Passion Play. This play is presented only every ten years to fulfill a promise made over three centuries ago when the people of that time were threatened with the black plague. In addition to the Passion Play, we visited many sacred shrines in Germany and Austria.

Our large programs, the School and Religious Education Program, continue to work to pass on the faith and our tradition to the younger members of our parish. We had 454 students in the school and over 1900 in Religious Education. Our thanks and gratitude to the catechists, aides, teachers and all who are involved in this process. Most especially, we thank the parents who work with us to help their children to grow into strong believing Catholic men and women.

Our Youth Group continues to meet and prepare for their trip to World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain, I August 2011. Thanks to Fr. Allan and a dedicated group of adults, this program has been getting stronger and larger each year. May it continue!

We have also been planning for an Evangelizing Outreach to the entire parish called AWAKENING FAITH. Fourteen adults participated last Fall (2010) and are now helping us spread the good word. If you know someone who has questions about the Church or would like to begin attending again but isn't sure how to do so, this is the process. Please call the Rectory and speak with Fr. Peter.

The last part of this Report will involve the finances of the parish. We have a Parish Finance Committee and a School Finance Committee that help me throughout the year monitor our income and expenses. The members of both are parishioners with some expertise in this area. If you think you would like to join, please speak with Fr. Peter. The committees meet approximately three or four times a year for two hours. These reports are also sent to Bishop Murphy for his knowledge and response.

Fr. Peter

Maria Regina R.C. Church, Seaford, NY				
FINANCIAL REPORT			12/10/2010	
September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010				
	Actual		Actual	Budget
Revenue:	2008/2009		2009/2010	2010/2011
Regular Collections	\$ 1,263,040		\$ 1,254,913	\$ 1,256,850
Parish Fund Raising	\$ 48,474		\$ 59,709	\$ 56,000
Parish Programs	\$ 269,282		\$ 261,597	\$ 253,692
Auxiliary Revenue	\$ 426,508		\$ 179,267	\$ 178,443
Diocesan Collections	\$ 36,684		\$ 41,267	\$ -
Extra Ordinary Revenue	\$ 34,444		\$ 291,253	\$ 179,652
Total Revenue	\$ 2,078,432		\$ 2,088,006	\$ 1,924,637
	Actual		Actual	Budget
Expenses:	2008/2009		2009/2010	2010/2011
Salaries	\$ 378,181		\$ 361,685	\$ 379,620
Fringe Benefits	\$ 190,000		\$ 194,353	\$ 214,057
Parish Programs	\$ 243,951		\$ 215,939	\$ 212,841
School Subsidy	\$ 275,000		\$ 285,000	\$ 250,000
Printing and Office	\$ 107,299		\$ 103,421	\$ 108,200
Auxiliary Expenses	\$ 72,740		\$ 52,904	\$ 54,935
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 104,740		\$ 99,478	\$ 126,304
Rectory/Household	\$ 28,303		\$ 19,812	\$ 23,386
Bldgs, Utilities & Maint	\$ 269,990		\$ 223,435	\$ 250,510
Diocesan Collections	\$ 36,684		\$ 41,267	\$ -
Extraordinary (Depr) Exp	\$ 32,000		\$ 50,357	\$ 58,348
Contingency/Cap Constr	\$ 100,000		\$ 96,480	\$ 50,000
Salary Reserve	\$ 56,000		\$ 83,250	\$ 40,000
Reserve for Repairs	\$ 62,000		\$ 104,730	\$ 40,000
Building Repairs	\$ 93,000		\$ 119,540	\$ 100,000
Total Expense	\$ 2,049,888		\$ 2,051,651	\$ 1,908,201
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 28,544		\$ 36,355	\$ 16,436

Maria Regina R. C. Church, Seaford, N.Y.			
School Financial Report			12/9/2010
September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2010			
	Actual	Actual	Budget
Revenues:	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011
Tuition and Fees	\$ 1,584,687	\$ 1,632,542	\$ 1,593,000
Parish Subsidies	\$ 302,000	\$ 285,000	\$ 250,000
Fund Raising/Development	\$ 121,923	\$ 132,112	\$ 147,000
NYS Mandated Services	\$ 92,806	\$ 119,705	\$ 82,500
Other Operating Rev	\$ 84,297	\$ 34,824	\$ 17,000
Oth Extraordinary Inc	\$ -	\$ 58,171	\$ 35,000
Total Revenue	\$ 2,185,713	\$ 2,262,354	\$ 2,124,500
	Actual	Actual	Budget
Expenses:	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Administration Expense	\$ 256,061	\$ 256,182	\$ 246,628
Instructional Expense	\$ 1,321,095	\$ 1,362,696	\$ 1,197,138
Operating/Maintenance	\$ 211,163	\$ 225,667	\$ 229,842
Fringe Benefits	\$ 397,561	\$ 418,709	\$ 423,401
All Other Operating	\$ 413	\$ 20,634	\$ 13,500
Major Repair	\$ 45,540	\$ 33,345	\$ -
VSP -Separation & Medical	\$ -	\$ 118,691	** \$ -
Total Expense	\$ 2,231,833	\$ 2,435,924	\$ 2,110,509
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (46,120)	\$ (173,570)	\$ 13,991
** Note: Diocesan Mandated Buy-out to the Teachers and Staff who took retirement.			

For the Ride Home

We welcome all First Graders to our Family Mass!



Imagine a hamburger with nothing on it but some salt that proved to be chemically impure and tasteless. Imagine a house at midnight with one lamp, and that lamp is covered by a basket. Finally, imagine a disciple of Jesus who either does no good at all or hides his or her good deeds. In each example, something crucial is missing.

Jesus insists that our light must shine before others. He wants us to bring the brightness and flavor of God's word into our world.

There is a saying, "Charity begins at home, but it doesn't end there." It is wonderful to be good to those at home, and to others who love us. But what is Jesus asking us to do here?

How can you and your family take the light of goodness and bring it out to your town, your city, your world? Can you think of ways that individuals or families in your area have spread light and hope to others? How has their example helped others to do the same? How has their example helped others to find God?

Draw a picture of your and your family sharing your light with someone else. Please hand this in to your teacher at your next class.

The Faith for a First Grader

First graders are curious, spontaneous, and energetic. They believe that God is close to them. Children at this age can learn about their faith by active involvement with sensory experiences: touring the parish church, making the sign of the cross with holy water, sharing their time and things with others. They can respond to Jesus' love for them by respecting God, themselves, and others. By the end of the First Grade your child should know (by heart) the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. Please practice these prayers with your child.



Maria Regina School Registration for 2011/2012

8:30 AM to 11 AM

Monday, February 7	Nursery Must be 3 years old by 12/1 (Students must be toilet trained.)
Tuesday, February 8	Full and Half Day Pre-K Must be 4 years old by 12/1
Wednesday, February 9	Kindergarten Must be 5 years old by 12/1
Thursday, February 10	Grades 1 through 8

*If you are registering more than one child, you may do it on the same day.

Maria Regina School Parents' Association

Second Reverse Raffle

Only 500 tickets sold!

GRAND PRIZE OF \$10,000

Our reverse raffle offers 10 cash prizes totaling up to \$17,500

Five - \$500 Three - \$1,000 One - \$2,000

Grand Prize - \$10,000

In addition, other non-monetary prizes will be drawn throughout the evening
(In the event that less than 500 tickets are sold, the prizes will be prorated accordingly-prize amounts

will be decreased relative to the total dollars collected)

Each ticket entitles admission for two people to attend the

Cocktail/Dance/Drawing Party

Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Maria Regina School

Drawing starts at 8:00 pm

Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, please call Nikki Liberto at 516-826-0848

Revere Raffle Ticket Request

Name _____ Tel. # _____

Address _____ # of tickets _____

of adults attending the party on Saturday March 12 _____

Please make checks payable to Marie Regina Parents' Assoc. and return with this form to Maria Regina School Main Office. Attention: Reverse Raffle

Pauca Verba – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - Father Stephen P. Morris

Lourdes is in the Pyrenees Mountains between France and Spain. In 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to young Bernadette, eighteen times over the course of some weeks. At once it is important to note that whenever the Virgin Mary appears on earth (and there are numerous occasions) the visitations are always to those who are little and of no account by the world's standards. Heaven's priorities and ours are often wildly different.

The story of Lourdes is easily accessible online and is worth a look. In the account of the apparitions we see that sometimes when Bernadette asked the lady a question, often at the behest of the skeptical local pastor, Father Pyremale, the lady did not answer but only smiled. Maybe heaven thinks our questioning is naïve, silly or unnecessary. Many of us have children and grandchildren who are full of questions, doubts and even rejections of the religious/spiritual things an earlier generation never doubted or questioned. In some ways, faith seems to be waning and we get upset. Maybe heaven just smiles. And we can smile too!

We might notice too that the conversations Bernadette had with the lady were not long theological discourses. Mary didn't give Bernadette a class, neither did she reveal scary things or make threats. She asked us to pray. She asked us to do penance. But the dialect-word she used for *penance* is to turn and face a new direction. Lourdes is Europe's most visited shrine with thousands upon thousands of sick, elderly and poor people visiting every year. It is said that *the veil between heaven and earth is most thin over Lourdes*. The peace that one finds within the *domain* (the sacred area apart from the busy and touristy town) is unlike any other place.

I led a number of pilgrimages for young people and parishioners to Lourdes back in the 90's. The teens went to work in the baths (piscines) and to load and unload trains specially equipped to transport the sick and handicapped from countries all over Europe. Everything at Lourdes stops for the sick and the weak. It is a marvelous and joyful model for the world; that the littlest and most insignificant people can be taken up in love – there is a place for everyone.

But for all the Masses and processions, for me perhaps the most memorable part of Lourdes took place one afternoon at the train station. My boys had worked for hours boarding many hundreds of sick people on an unusually long train destined for Italy. (The Italians love Lourdes and even say, "*The Virgin Mary was really on her way to Italy, but she got lost and wound up in France.*")

Then, when everyone had boarded, the only people left on the platform were a few nurses and priests who were staying behind, and the teens and station men who had done their work. The train started to move and there was the great lurch forward as the engine started to pick up speed. Then all of a sudden there was a great clacking sound as dozens of train windows opened and hundreds of white handkerchiefs appeared like doves being waved in the breeze and there was no sense of *good-bye*, but only *See you again*: "*See you again, Lourdes. See you again, O Lady! See you again, friends.*" This is Catholicism at its best: the beauty of being valued and needing others, especially where there is struggle and pain held up in faith.

There is an excellent account of the Lourdes apparitions in the Catholic Classic: **A Woman Clothed With The Sun** by John Delaney (pennies on Amazon). And there is a magazine simply called, **Lourdes Magazine** which presents the most beautiful spiritual teaching issuing from the shrine. It is well worth the subscription price. www.lourdesmagazine.com The October-November issue, for example, featured *50 Questions on the Our Father, the Prayer of Jesus*, written by the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, Jacques Perrier. **The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is February 11.**