

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**



**Monday, October 24, 2011**  
 7:00 am Evo Bontempi-Birthday Rem.  
 9:00 am Felix, Bessie and Loretta Rocks

**Tuesday, October 25, 2011**  
 7:00 am Margaret Looney-100th Birthday Rem.  
 9:00 am Daniel DeCanio-Anniversary Rem.

**Wednesday, October 26, 2011**  
 7:00 am Nicholas Giambertone-Birthday Rem.  
 9:00 am Jim Fenton

**Thursday, October 27, 2011**  
 7:00 am Florence and Gerard Kleinfelder  
 Birthday Remembrance  
 9:00 am Joia Gigante-Birthday Rem.

**Friday, October 28, 2011**  
 7:00 am Mary Jo Fazio  
 9:00 am Albert Cattabiani

**Saturday, October 29, 2011**  
 9:00 am Margaret O'Donoghue  
 Eva Hansen  
 Maria Jamison  
 Francis J. Walsh Jr./Genevieve Walsh  
 Bertha Gilbert  
 Baby Radley Flynn Mildrum  
 Martin McGrath  
 4:00 pm Deceased Members of the  
 Mangione and Nadal Families  
 Dolores Andreski  
 5:30 pm

**Sunday, October 30, 2011**  
 7:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
 9:00 am Michael and Clara Carro  
 10:30 am Michael Maglione  
 12:00 pm Peter Diehl  
 5:00 pm Members of Purgatorial Society

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

Michael Glose	John/Connie Cardillo	Anna Lopez
Assunta Arceri	Philip Crepeau	Grace McNulty
Richard Strejlau	Steven Bonansinga	Marilyn Guiffre
Larry Redican	Baby Sophia Maglione	Bonnie Kmitek
Andrew Bartolozzi	Rose Maglione	Diana Skelton
Nicole O'Neill	June Bellofatto	Christine Alpin
Emily Brophy	Michael Capobianco	Mary Fitzsimmons
Rose Vroman	Mary Ann Kotoucek	Ben Hope
Sally Waskewich	Edward Zoccola	Coleen Ventricelli
John Dominic Morea	Slavica Vrbatovic	Mario DiGangi
Jeanne Bianco	Brian Mulligan	John Maniaci
Aaron Rojan	Frank Santoriello	Joyce Ambrusino
Dorothy Vella	Mackenzie J. Borchers	Laurie Tettenbaum
Julianna Buttner	Ralph Esposito	Maura Dolan-Colucci
Jessica Buttner	Richard Girardi	Sean Matthews
Nina Esposito	Cathy Mitchell	Mary Mallon
John Esposito	Rita Esposito	Gene Chanis
David Golpanian	Mary Sue Maluda	Baby Elieanna Barbers
Jim Logan	Dominick Granite	Paul Bozung
Barbara Musco	Connie Granite	John Clark
Edward Weinschreider	Linda Farese	Christine Americo
Peter Mastropasqua	John LoBasso	Bayani Santiago
John McKeon	Michael LoBasso	Christopher Palmer
Mary Sue Maludar	Sal Portelli	Thomas Volpe
Baby R. Sznurkowski	Ann Simmons	Francis Elberfels
Andrew Gamard	Alan Meyer	Myrtle Melazzi
Leonard Toscano	Joan Nauss	Justin LaScala
Raymond O'Rourke	Elizabeth Logan	Pat Kohler
Dorothy Montuori	Baby Joseph Bedell	Frank Vita
Marion Gattuso	James Fava, Jr.	Michael Kolnberger



**Please pray for the deceased of our  
 parish and those who mourn them:  
 James F. Connelly, Antoinetta D'Onofrio,  
 Arthur Freund, William Herley, Gary Kassatly  
 and Fr. Dan McKloskey**

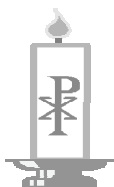


**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE  
 IN OUR MILITARY**

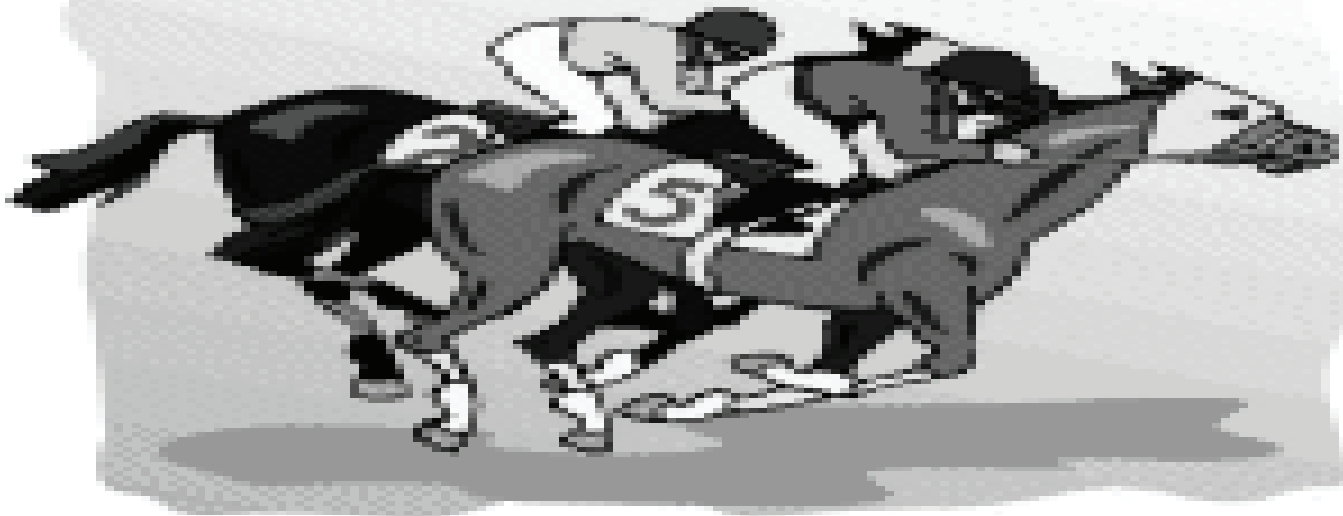
Jonathan Ambrosini	Kristin Paladino
Chris Caiozzi	Christopher Manzaillo
Joseph Carroll	Evan Marcy
Anthony Cavaliere	Drew Masone
Michael Dundon	Robert Michelotti
Christopher Eckert	Marc Mitchell
James Fenton	Gregory Nordquist
Michael Geller	Peter Rommel
Murray Griffin	Adam Ropelewski
James Harris	Joshua Rotondo
Ashlee Heckler	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 Zimmermann
Thomas Lisle	Kevin Zwijczaz



**Altar Bread & Wine Donations**  
 Our Altar Bread and Wine for the  
 week of October 23, 2011  
 are in memory of  
 Josephine Casola  
 donated by her loving family



**Altar Candle Donations**  
 Our Altar Candles for the week of  
 October 23, 2011 are in memory  
 of Mark Prasinios  
 Wedding Anniversary  
 donated by his loving family



*And they're off.....*

***A NIGHT AT THE RACES!***

SPONSORED BY MARIA REGINA STRUCTURAL FUND

*Saturday, November 5, 2011*

*7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.*

*School Auditorium*

*Admission: \$8.00 per person*

*Food and beverages will be served*

*Doors open at 7 p.m.*

*Call the Rectory for tickets: 798-2415*

## Pauca Verba ~ The Way Father Stephen P. Morris

In the genre of *The Wizard of Oz* there is the current Martin Sheen film, *The Way*, playing at the Lowes Theatre at Roosevelt Field. An American eye doctor from California flies to France to retrieve the body of his estranged adult son, who has been killed during a freak storm in the Pyrennes Mountains on the first day of his setting out to walk the Camino de Santiago (The Way of Saint James). *The Camino* is the thousand year old trail originating at several points in France, which descends through Basque Country into the north of France, where it turns westward, ending at the Cathedral where the relics of the Holy Apostle James are kept and venerated.

Learning from the policeman the nature of *the Camino*, the doctor has his son's body cremated and then sets out to complete the boy's walk himself, leaving handfuls of cremains (ashes) at rest stops along the way. Encountering an assortment of fellow pilgrims, he settles in with three others who come from different parts of the world, each carrying his/her own inner burdens and hopes. Of course, "*the way*" is not just the outer journey of kilometers to be walked, but is all the more the entering of the inner life – full of challenges, set-backs and advances, joys and sorrows. We all have an inner pilgrim-way to walk whether we venture to France/Spain or not.

Perhaps a bit over-scripted and over-acted at times, the film nevertheless has an important message for Christian-seekers and is a refreshing break from the sex-scened and violent film-wasteland that so menaces souls. Nothing is perfect: after awhile the marijuana references become tedious, but such is the planet we live on. I don't know how much longer the film will be around, so if you intend to see it, think about going sooner than later to be on the safe side.

### How Many Leaves On A Maple Tree?

It's been officially *autumn* for several weeks now. Every season has its themes which invites us to observation and reflection. The leaves turn color and then fall. It's said that a mature (70 foot Maple Tree) can *drop* about 200,000 leaves! As with the film just described, the outer experience can give us direction and insight into the *inner* realm – the soul place. As the trees then shed or drop their leaves, I might ask myself, "*What do I need to drop?*"

Looking around my home or office, I might admit I'm a hoarder, or that I spend too much time and money on gadgets, clothes, non-essentials, the things of clutter. Jesus says, "*own nothing.*" Or I might become aware of a petty spirit I've cultivated that needs to be *dropped* so that I can find some inner peace – inner freedom. Or maybe I need to *drop* my defensiveness, having to tell everyone what's on my mind, aggression, name-calling (spouses!?), or chewing over the past – nursing grudges and old wounds and losses. Maybe I need to *drop* that checking out of everything and everyone around me – such that my inner life is robbed or deadened. But notice this: behind every dropped leaf there's a little bud! It's the promise of spring – it's next year's new leaves. Catholics call this the *Pascal Mystery* – personally entering Jesus' dying and rising!



### Baptisms

*We welcome to the parish and Christian Community the following babies baptized recently:*

*Jason Michael Comuniello  
Julianna Faith Dolan  
Kerianne Elizabeth Meyn  
Paul Antonino Nicolosi  
Lincoln Paul Rubendall*



### Annual Winter Coat Drive

We will be collecting gently used winter coats/jackets, especially children's coats, after all the Masses on the weekend of November 19th and November 20th.

These coats and jackets will be given to needy people here on Long Island. Please check your closets and see what you can donate to this very worthy cause! Thank you.



**TAKE NOTE** *The parish of Maria Regina is being honored at the INN's "Day of Thanks and Giving" on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13th, 1:30—*

*3 pm at the Mary Brennan INN in Hempstead. All are invited-children too. An informal, family style Thanksgiving dinner will be served. For ticket info, call Nora White at The INN-516-486-8506, ext. 108. All of the proceeds will go to providing holiday meals at the INN's Soup kitchen.*



### HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED

The Rectory is in need of a part-time housekeeper on Mondays and Wednesday, 6 hours per day, no benefits. This would involve general cleaning, references needed. If interested please call Fr. Peter at the Rectory: 516-798-2415. Thank you!



### Banns of Marriage

#### Second Time

*Damian Booth & Laura Richter*

#### First Time

*Dennis Zimmet & Diana Van Vleet  
Steven Natowski & Danielle McQuillan*

### HOLY DAY

#### All Souls Day Mass Schedule

**Monday, October 31st @ 5:00 pm**

**Tuesday, November 1st:**

**7:00 am**

**9:00 am**

**12 noon**

**7:30 pm**

### Electronic Giving

To strengthen Stewardship at Maria Regina we request that you consider utilizing our **Electronic Giving Program**. This program has been in place for almost five years now and allows you to plan your giving, in the same way you budget your other financial commitments.

You no longer have to worry about catching-up on missed offertory donations when you miss a Mass. You can easily adjust the amount of your electronic giving (up or down) through the Rectory office.

You no longer need to write a check every week.

You can enroll by filling out a form at the Rectory and you must include a voided check.

Questions? Contact Judy Fasano at the Rectory Office 541-6509. Thank you!

### Living Stewardship

*We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who serve the basic needs of the poor, troubled, weak and oppressed by supporting the work of Catholic Charities, CCHD and Home Missions.*

**World Youth Day Corner****My experience by Christina Regan**

My World Youth Day experience was amazing. It was incredible to see people from all over the world and get to interact with kids my age from other countries. I think, perhaps, the most amazing part of it all was knowing that all those people were there for the same reason, and that was to be closer to God. There is something remarkable about knowing that two million people came to the same place to represent the faith. It shows you that Catholicism is not dead and more importantly that God is not dead in our world. We live in a world where secularism and pop culture is worshipped and sometimes as a teenager it is hard to see that there are still people in the world who love God. At World Youth Day, it was refreshing to see that the fire hasn't burned out, that there are still people who are rooted in Christ and firm in the faith. Thank you to all the people of Maria Regina Parish who supported us at fundraisers and who kept us in their prayers.

**October****Respect Life Month**

October is Respect Life Month, in solidarity with parishes around Long Island we are arranging hours of Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. The final date is Wednesday, October 26th. This will take place in the Chapel of the Pastoral Center from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Come and pray!

**DID YOU KNOW: New Missal continued**

We in the assembly will notice the changes in the Eucharistic Prayers, but the most obvious changes are in the words consecrating the wine into the Precious Blood of Christ. The word "cup" will be replaced by "Chalice." Aside from being faithful to the Latin text, the word "Chalice" is used to differentiate between what is ordinary and what is Sacred. A cup indicates everyday, ordinary use. A Chalice, on the other hand, has one use, to hold the wine that becomes the Precious Blood. It is blessed and set aside for a unique purpose. The use of the word, "Chalice:" in the words of Institution convey this clearly.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers needed to assist the teachers and students of Maria Regina School during the school lunch period from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Help is needed in the cafeteria and the playground. If interested, please call the school office at: 516-541-1229



All are welcome to join the RCIA Meeting in the Pastoral Center at 3:30 p.m. on October 23rd, 2011. Both parishioners and inquirers of the Catholic faith.

Call Maureen Pascal at 516-799-9840 for more information.

A special invitation is being extended to members and friends of



**Padre Pio Prayer Group**  
Led by Fr. Stephen Morris  
**"Heart of Italy"**

**10-Day Pilgrimage: October 17 - 26, 2012**

Creccio ✧ Assisi ✧ Manoppello ✧ Lanciano  
San Giovanni Rotondo ✧ Pietrelcina ✧ Montecassino ✧ Rome

Estimated Package Price: \$3,295.00 + \$95.00\* Departure Taxes  
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### **Are You a Registered Parishioner?**

Many parishioners support Maria Regina in the weekly collection and we do not have them listed in our census. We would like to make sure you are given proper credit for your donations. ***If you do not receive mail from us then you are not on our census.***

Please fill in the bottom of this page and we will send you a registration form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parish Receives Quarterly Donation from Catholic Credit Union**

Our parish was the recipient of a quarterly donation from Oceanside Christopher, "The Catholic Credit Union". This contribution was a direct result of parishioner activity on your Oceanside Christopher Visa credit and debit cards.

The credit union has made a financial commitment to our parish as part of their Parish Revenue Sharing Program. No other financial institution provides such support.

If you are not a member we encourage you to join, open a free checking account and apply for their Visa card. Using these financial services exclusively will enhance the financial support for your parish.

You can become a member and apply for a Visa card by visiting their location in Oceanside, 45 Atlantic Avenue or apply online through their web site..

[www.thecatholiccreditunion.org](http://www.thecatholiccreditunion.org)

Oceanside Christopher, The Catholic Credit Union, is a not-for-profit financial institution, owned and operated by the Catholic community.

### **Parish Social Ministry**

**Library** – Have you read any of the "Chicken Soup For the Soul" books. We have many of them in our Outreach Library. Kathy Ryan has a story published in Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul. Stop by and check it out.

**Morning Brew** – Are you out of work? Could you use some encouragement, networking advice and a god cup of coffee? Come by our Morning Brew Support group for the unemployed. We meet Monday mornings at 9:30 in St Francis room. Call Kathy Ryan for more information. 795-7438

**Turn Your Passion Into Pay.** Informative seminar for people considering potential income from your own unique gifts and talent. Davis Lewis will lead this talk. Advance registration is required RSVP to [DLewis63@aol.com](mailto:DLewis63@aol.com) or call Kathy Ryan 795-7438.

**All Souls Day Mass** dedicated to prayer for the deceased members of our Parish family will be on **Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at 7:30PM**. An invitation is extended to all our parishioners to honor those who have died. We will read all the names of those who have died this year with a ritual honoring their memory.

**Job Fair and Career Opportunities:** Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano invites you to a Job Fair on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-2PM at the Cradle of Aviation Museum 1 Davis Avenue, Garden City. All welcome!

**Pro-Bono Legal Fair** (Free Assistance, info and Referral) Thurs., Oct. 27, 2011 3-7PM Attorneys knowledgeable in many area of law (bankruptcy, health, divorce and family issues) will be available to meet with residents one on one to provide information.

### **Attention all 7th-12th Graders:**

### **The Young Vincentians are back!!**

Please join us on the following dates:

**Nov. 12-13:** Membership drive after all Masses

**Nov. 14:** First meeting– 6 pm St. Francis Rm.

**Nov. 19/20:** 1st Project—FOOD DRIVE/off sight



**TAKE  
NOTE**

Single gentleman from a neighboring parish needs a room mate to help defray expenses for the

Merry Travellers trip to England and Scotland in the Spring of 2012. If interested, please contact the Rectory Office.

## Ministry Page



### Do You Like to Knit or Crochet?

The Maria Regina Rosary Society is collecting handmade hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for the less fortunate.

Please drop off articles at the Rectory or call:  
Ann O'Shea 798-4495

### **MARIA REGINA'S "SHOPPING CENTS"** **GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

If you go shopping each week, or if you need a gift card for a gift, you can help out Maria Regina at no cost to you. Buy gift cards to pay for your purchases at supermarkets as well as a variety of other retailers. Supermarket cards are now available to purchase in the School Office between 8 am and 4 pm school days or on **MONDAY** night in the Rectory between 6:45 and 7:30 pm.



### **SAVE THE DATE**

**November 6, 2011**

**Maria Regina Rosary Society  
Annual Communion Breakfast**

**Maria Regina Auditorium after 9 am Mass  
Donation \$20.00**

**Guest Speaker: Msgr. Emmett Fagan**

**For tickets call:**

**Ann O'Shea 798-4495  
Emily Di Lucia 221-8699  
Annette Walsh 826-2285  
Joan Callahan 541-8770**



### ***Young At Heart Seniors***

Our next meeting will be on  
Monday, October 24th  
from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the  
St. Francis Room.

Please use the kitchen entrance.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

For information call Maureen at 798-8253  
Or Joan at 579-3187

### ***INNKEEPERS***

Team #4 will be working Thursday morning, October 27th, 2011. WE ARE IN NEED OF PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. Team #1 is in need of sandwich makers.

### ***EVANGELIZATION***

In today's second reading St. Paul speaks of the Thesalonians being imitators of the Lord. When we look at our life at the end of each day, can we say we have been imitators of our Lord.

**Invite someone back to Church!**

**STROKE SUPPORT GROUP** – Wednesday, October 26th at 6pm (and every 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month) at St. James Parish Center, 80 Hicksville Rd, Seaford. Stroke Life Society is a grassroots community organization of survivors and co-survivors in the pursuit of living and helping others. A stroke can be very isolating. By sharing experiences and encouraging one another, together we can face and overcome common challenges. For information and other locations, please call Ben at (516) 398-4994 or visit [strokelifelife.org](http://strokelifelife.org). *"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*



### ***Maria Regina Youth Group***

The Youth Group will meet today, Sunday, October 23rd in the auditorium of the school from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Bring a friend and join us!

### **RETROUVAILLE-a Life Line for Married Couples**

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry. Couples who had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems, share their experiences with couples in troubled marriages. Thousands world wide have found hope, help and healing by participating in this program.

**YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE NOW!** For more info about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on Fri., Dec. 9, 2011 at the Montfort retreat house in Bay Shore-please call 1-800-470-2230 and you'll be connected (confidentially) to an experienced Couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### Communions: Why at A Sunday Mass?

*"Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children. They catechize informally but powerfully by example and instruction. They communicate values and attitudes by showing love for Christ and His Church and for each other, by receiving the Eucharist and living its spirit, and by fostering justice and love in all their relationships. Parents nurture faith in their children by showing them the richness and beauty of lived faith."*

*From Sharing the Light of Faith, the National Catechetical Directory of the United States, 1978*

As you know, the parish of Maria Regina celebrates First Communions at Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Several people have asked why the First Communions don't "showcase" the children by having it at a special Mass.

There are many reasons why there has been a trend away from what we might think of as a traditional first Communion day. The Eucharist should be a regular occurrence for Catholics. Rather than make first Communion something entirely different, it is good to put it in the same context as the second and third holy Communions - a child with the family at a regular Sunday Mass.

So often the trappings, the dress, clothes, party, cards and presents can completely overshadow the Eucharist itself, both in the child's eyes and even for the parents.

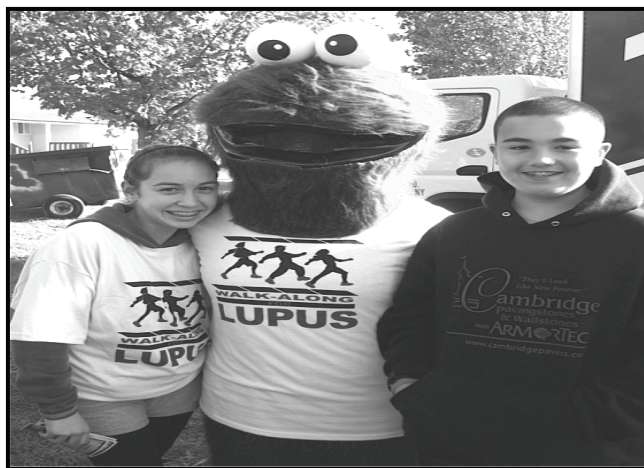
In our parish, First Communion is a class event. These children have made the journey toward the Lord's Table together; with the class as a child's first faith community outside the family circle. It is good for the parishioners to see children receiving their First Communion with their families at a regular Sunday liturgy (appropriately, for they first learned faith at home) as this fosters our sense of community within the parish.





On Sunday, October 16, approximately 35 seventh and eighth grade students, parents, and teachers participated in the Lupus Walk held at Eisenhower Park. The students took part in the walk as a social action project for their religion class. The students raised over \$900 to help research a cure for Lupus.

Thank you to Mr. Berenberg, Mr. Di Santi, and Miss Tannehill for organizing another successful golf outing. This year's annual Golf Tournament was held at the Bellport Country Club, followed by a dinner. Congratulations to Arianna and Donato Zarro, who were the winners of the I-Pad raffle!



**Upcoming Events at Maria Regina School:**

**October 29:** High School Placement Test,  
Good luck eighth grade

**October 31:** School closed,  
Teacher Professional Day

**November 1:** School closed, All Saints Day

**November 4:** School Mass 9 AM  
Spelling Bee, Gr. 4-8, 10 AM  
11:30 Dismissal

**November 5:** High School Placement Test  
Make-up

**November 7:** School Board Meeting, 7 PM

**November 10:** Parent Meeting, 7:30 PM

**November 11:** Veteran's Day, School Closed

**November 14-17:** Cumulative Assessments

**November 15:** Individual Picture Day

**MRPA News**

Maria Regina students are currently selling chocolate. This important fundraiser helps raise money for the school. This year, families are being encouraged to sell extra boxes of candy. Money raised from selling the extra boxes will be used to purchase SMART Boards for the school. Please support our students!

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