

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Monday, March 28, 2011
7:00 am Michael J. Califano
9:00 am Daniel Guinan

Tuesday, March 29, 2011
7:00 am Helen Lenski
9:00 am Peter Mitesser

Wednesday, March 30, 2011
7:00 am Mary and Tom Farrell
9:00 am Severina Marriello

Thursday, March 31, 2011
7:00 am Anthony Bastone - 16th Anniversary
9:00 am Charles Martini

Friday, April 01, 2011
7:00 am George Von Nessen - Anniversary Rem
9:00 am Robert Abriola

Saturday, April 02, 2011
9:00 am Camille Mancari
Frank, Marie & Virginia Monteleone
Michael J. Califano
Filomena Fitzgerald
Francis J. Walsh
4:00 pm Members of Purgatorial Society
5:30 pm Angelina and Salvatore Fischetti

Sunday, April 03, 2011
7:30 am Joe Cifarelli
9:00 am John DiGiacomo
10:30 am Sean T. Mullen and Maureen Bates
12:00 pm Corinne Canning
5:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

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

Michael Glose	Joe Dunn	Mary Ann Kotoucek
Assunta Arceri	Edward Weinschreider	Jane/Raymond Huber
Richard Strejlau	Linda Farese	Edward Zoccola
Danny Davino	John Mc Keon	Edward Krupp
Andrew Bartolozzi	Mary Sue Maludar	Brianne Patton
Nicole O'Neill	Baby R. Sznurkowski	Florence Beaver
Frank Kennedy	Andrew Gamard	Slavica Vrbatovic
Emily Brophy	Florence Bianco	Sal Portelli
Rose Vroman	Leonard Toscano	Robert Goelz, Jr.
Sally Waskewich	Michael Korwan	Brian Mulligan
Terence Sullivan	John Clarke	Pat Deegan
Theresa Gorozdi	Dorothy Montuori	Frank/Gloria Santoriello
John Dominic Morea	Florence Zoccola	Mackenzie J. Borchers
Jeanne Bianco	Ray & Marion Gattus	Ralph Esposito
Leanne Patric	Baby Carmine Luongo	Richard Girardi
John Dick	John/Connie Cardillo	Cathy Mitchell
Frank Kubicki	Philip Crepeau	Jean Pellicone
Dorothy Vella	Maxine McDonald	Rita Esposito
Julianna Buttner	Mike Brassil	Alan Meyer
Jessica Buttner	Baby Sophia Maglione	Frances McCarthy
Dorothy Mann	Dr. John Sheehan	Mary Sue Maluda
Kathleen Wias	June Bellofatto	Dominick Granite
David Golpanian	Pamela Driscoll	James Costa
Mae Bonano	Michael Capobianco	Ava Dooley
Rosalie Licata	Donald Vita	John LaBasso

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.

Marriage Banns - Third Time

Richard Scottie & Kristen Etzel

First Time

Craig Messina & Melissa Niola

Anthony F. Barna & Kelly Dease



Altar Bread and Wine Donations

Our Altar Bread and Wine Donations for the week of March 27th, 2011 are in memory of Robert Goelz, Jr. Donated by Ben and Irene Sliney

Altar Candle Donations

Our Altar Candle Donations for the week of March 27th, 2011 are in memory of Anne Sliney Donated by Carol Williams



**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 Zwijczak

Maria Regina Singles Club

After a great start with many people participating, I am hearing that difficulties are rising regarding meeting dates and locations. Every new group faces some adversity and by meeting it and overcoming it, grows stronger. This is what I hope and believe can happen with the Singles Group.

Calendar - we are reprinting the same one that has appeared in prior bulletins. This will carry us through June 16th. The time is the same at each meeting 7:30 p.m.

I would like to meet with a small planning committee to smooth out any rough edges and also plan for some events. Please discuss this at your next meeting and give me a call.

On Thursday evening until mid May, I am attending school at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. I would enjoy, after that date, being a 'sometimes' member of the group.

Let's move forward together!

Meeting Dates:

Thursday,	April 7th	St. Francis Room
Thursday,	April 28th	St. Francis Room
Thursday,	May 12th	St. Michael Room
Thursday,	May 26th	St. Michael Room
Thursday,	June 9th	St. Michael Room
Thursday,	June 16th	St. Michael Room

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

It helps our counters to keep an accurate account of your donations if you write the amount of your donation on the space provided on the rear of your envelope. Also, please do not tape your envelopes closed.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and the people who mourn them:



Rosalino LiBretto, Marie F. Pomponio and Frances Messina

"SHOPPING CENTS" GIFT CARD PROGRAM

What: We will be selling gift cards from King Kullen, Pathmark, Stop & Shop & Waldbaum's, as well as gift cards from other retailers such as Kohl's Macy's, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Panera Bread, Home Depot, Chili's, Barnes & Noble, iTunes, CVS & more.

Gift cards are available in varying denominations from \$10. to \$100.

When: At the Spring Craft Fair on April 2nd as well as after all Masses Sat., April 9th and 10th.

How: You can pay by cash or check made payable To Maria Regina Scrip Program.

Why: Stop by and do some of your holiday shopping or buy a gift card to pay for your everyday Purchases. You will be helping out Maria Regina at NO COST TO YOU!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!

Young at Heart Seniors:

Our first regular meeting of the Spring will be on Mon, March 28

@ 1 pm in the St. Francis Room.

Hope to see everyone there.

New members are always welcome.

For more information call

Maureen at 798-8253 or

Joan at 579-3187.

FLOWER OFFERING

In Memory of: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City of State: _____ ***Envelope #*** _____

Amount: \$ _____

We are accepting Flower Offerings in Memory of a loved one for Easter.

There are envelopes in the Narthex of the Church or you can cut this out and send it in to the Rectory.



Catholic Relief Services Collection ***April 3, 2011***

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this Collection make a real difference in lives across the globe. **How will you help?** Next week, please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise**. Thank you!



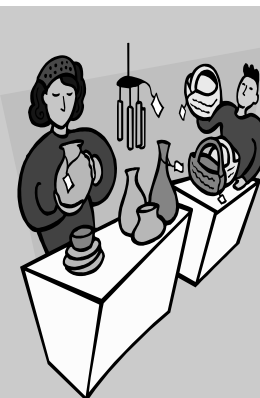
BAPTISM

We welcome to the parish and the Christian community the following babies baptized from February 1st through March 13th, 2011:

Miles Edward Albert
Noelle Faith Aquino
John Louis Cerulli
Anthony Joseph DeMarco
Christopher John DeLuca Eyerman
Daniella Ann Foley
Sophia Josephine Jakubowski
Connor Andrew Lohan
Jayden Joseph Matarazzo
Connor James McCarthy
James Patrick Netto
Francesca Lucia Penzavecchia
Giuliana Joyce Pepe
Edward Cetta Romeo
Ryan John Rosebrock
Thomas Joseph Sanspree-Martin
Gabariella Lynn Sidoti
Dominick Joseph Sipna
Eden Marie Tesoriere
Kenley Vincenza Walsh
Jayden Taylor Weigel
Nicholas Jon Wilson

February 2011 Bills-To-Pay-Bills Winners

1st Prize	\$100	Jean Fanning
2nd Prize	\$30	Mary Sweeney
3rd Prize	\$25	Sue & Frank Fischetti
4th Prize	\$20	Eugene Saucci
5th Prize	\$15	A. & B. O'Shea K. Gattung George Lyons Tom & Janet Mullen Joe Niola
6th Prize	\$10	Frances Waldron B. Sohmer C. & J. Rost Ed & Joan Sprez Meghan Hennessey Howard Boasi Gerry Fedoronko George & Nancy Macioce Joe Niola Francis & Eva Devine



Maria Regina ***Spring Craft Fair***

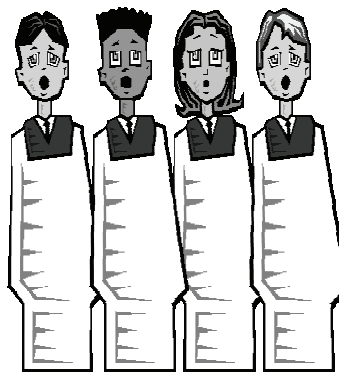
Saturday, April 2nd, 2011

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

School Auditorium

**Stop by and see all we
have to offer!**

Hope to see you there!



To all Altar Servers:

Please pick up your Altar Server Schedules in the Sacristy of the Church at your earliest convenience.

Thank you!

Pauca Verba –Prayer Before Holy Communion
Father Stephen P. Morris

Saint John Chrysostom was born at Antioch about A.D. 347. His powerful preaching and speaking earned him the title: *Golden Mouth*. With St. Athanasius, St. Gregory Nazianzen and St. Basil, he forms the group of great teachers (called *doctors*) of the Eastern Church. In the Eucharistic Liturgy named for him (The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom) there is a very beautiful prayer the priest prays before receiving Holy Communion. Looking to recollect ourselves then, we can each pray:

**O Son of God,
bring me into Communion this day
with your mystical supper.
I will not tell your enemies the secret,
nor will I kiss you with Judas' kiss,
but like the good thief I cry,
“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”**

“**O Son of God,**” of course refers the prayer directly to Jesus, whose Body and Blood I am preparing to receive. It doesn't just say, “Jesus” but addresses him in one of his titles - acknowledging his divinity. *In Holy Communion, God is coming to us!*

“**Bring me**” This is the phrase which signifies one *coming to* or *being drawn to* the other. “*Take*” would signify going away.

“**Communion**” doesn't just mean the actual moment of the reception of the Holy Food, but a *deep union with the other*. It is the word of intimacy. “*Wedding-like*” Father Jude reminded us recently.

“**with your mystical supper.**” In police work something is mysterious when there are no clues to be had or because the clues are far away or hidden, the thing can't be known. “*It's a mystery to me,*” we say. Mystery then becomes an unsolvable problem – a puzzle or code to be cracked. But mystery for the Catholic doesn't mean that. Rather, the evidence is so close, so right *under our noses*, we can miss it. Hold a printed page far away and you can't read it; press it right up against your eyes and you can't read it either. The second way is the way in which the Eucharist is a mysterious or “*mystical supper.*”

“**I will not tell your enemies the secret, nor will I kiss you with Judas' kiss...**” These are two poetic ways of telling Jesus, “*I will not betray you.*” Judas told the Jewish leadership the secret of where to find Jesus in the garden on Thursday night – the kiss (sign of love and friendship) singled him out for arrest. Twice betrayed! And do you know that when Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, the soldiers coming for him carried flaming torches across the valley? Jesus would have been able to see them coming! Archeologists have found the remnants of a *back gate (a back door)* to that garden. Jesus could easily have escaped! But he stayed!

“**...but like the good thief I cry, ‘Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.’**” There it is! I know myself, I know my sins and “crimes” like the poor fellow on the cross beside Jesus. And I cry out to Him, using the intimacy of Jesus' name and from my heart, asking to be remembered. I want these to be the last words I speak, as in death, I go across to the other side.

This prayer is easily memorized and can add a great richness to the reception of Holy Communion.



St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

We wish to thank all the parishioners that contributed food and supplies to the Pantry during our recent food drive. A special thank you to Schwarting Cub Scout Pack #436, their leaders and parents for delivering over 500 pounds of food last weekend.

God Bless you all!

Momma's House invites you to nominate a mother for our "Mother of the Year" Contest.



DEADLINE: 4/22/11

With a \$10 donation each mother will receive a certificate informing her of the nomination and by whom. Additionally, the winners will receive a nice prize. Entries are to be submitted by mail to MOMMAS, Inc. 1857 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 or email

mommas86@aol.com. Questions? See

www.mommathouse.org or telephone 516-781-8637.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

The Sacred Heart of Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary: "Make reparation for the ingratitude of men. Spend an hour in prayer to appease divine justice, to implore mercy for sinners, to honor Me to console Me for My bitter suffering when abandoned by My Apostles, when they did not WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME."

**Eucharistic League (Noon - 8 pm) and
Nocturnal Adoration Society (8 pm - 9 pm)
Friday, April 1, 2011**

Please join with us to "Watch One Hour" before the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction, on this and each First Friday in the Maria Regina Chapel.

Irish Concert for the benefit of the people of Haiti!

Featuring: Mary Courtney and Morning Star

Plus a special appearance by the Hagen School of Irish Dance

When: Saturday, April 2 at 4 pm

**Where: Our Lady of Mercy Academy
815 Convent Rd., Syosset, NY 11791**

Reservations and/or donations:

irishconcertforhaiti@gmail.com or call 718-454-9804

Admission: \$35.00

Checks made payable to: Vincentian Solidarity Office and mailed to Joseph Foley, C.M., 86-05 218th Street, Queens Village, NY 1147



Congratulation to our Maria Regina School Alumni who have exhibited academic excellence for the 2nd Quarter Marking period:

Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Briana Almonte-12	2nd Honors
Kathleen Carey-12	2nd Honors
Danielle Cascione-12	Principal's List
MaryBeth Cassaro-9	1st Honors
Jenna Davino-12	2nd Honors
Maria Guarascio-11	2nd Honors
Ashleigh Lubrano-11	Principal's List
Kristin Moran-9	2nd Honors
Kerry Porembski-12	1st Honors
Nicole Puoplo-9	1st Honors
Lauren Ruppenthal-12	2nd Honors
Ava-Miranda Stone-11	2nd Honors
Rachel Tyler-11	2nd Honors
Elizabeth Tyler-11	2nd Honors
Julia Visaggio-10	Principal's List

Holy Trinity Diocesan H.S. Honor Roll

Teresa Bebirian	12th Grade
Gabriella Cammarano	9th Grade
Thomas Caramore	11th Grade
Kathryn Gawrych	12th Grade
Gina Hackett	9th Grade
Emily Herrera	9th Grade
Thomas Jakubowski	11th Grade
Alison Krowiak	10th Grade
Margret Kuzniewski	12th Grade
Peter Kuzniewski	10th Grade
Ashley Lane	9th Grade
Austin Mituniewicz	12th Grade
Theresa Moran	12th Grade
Albin Pepe	11th Grade
Anthony Sarra	10th Grade
Angela Valveri	12th Grade
Jennifer Valveri	12th Grade
Richard VanAllen III	12th Grade

Congratulations to all our alumni, your parish family is very proud of you!

YEA!! the Baby Bottles are being returned with lots of coin. They may be returned at any time given to Joe Pontieri or Joe Niola at Mass. All bottles should be returned by the weekend of April 30-May 1st.

BIG THANKS to all!.

Ministry Page

Calling all children:

Please fill out and return your Good Deeds sheet to the basket in church as a special offering this lent. Thank you!



My Good Deed for Lent:

Not by Bread Alone...

Human Life Committee: For fathers of the unborn: Dear Lord, we think of the fathers of unborn children. They too can be misled, abandoned, neglected, given false values, led in completely wrong paths, and they can even think they are doing some good when they co-operate with or pressurize the mother to destroy the new life within her. Dear Lord, grant them the right understanding, the right gifts of intelligence and grace to appreciate their true responsibilities and help them to discharge them to the utmost of their ability. Amen

MASS BOOK WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011 IN THE ST. MICHAEL ROOM OF THE PARISH CENTER FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON. THIS WILL COVER FROM 7-1-11 TO 12-31-11. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS!

INNKEEPERS

Teams #6 will be working Wednesday evening March 30th, 2011.

EVANGELIZATION

Living our faith means witnessing to it by our daily lives. But we are also invited to proclaim our faith to others. Let us accept this invitation during this year's Lenten journey. **Invite someone back to Church!**

Parish Social Ministry-795-7438

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers...that you do unto me".

Outreach is in need of HAMS for Easter for our needy families.

Easter Sponsor a Family/Child Program – Parish Outreach will be serving many local families for Easter. If you would like to sponsor a family or sponsor a child for Easter, please contact the Outreach Office at 795-7438. We have many families experiencing troubled times due to sickness/loss of employment. Please consider helping one of our parish families by sponsoring them with a **Family Easter Basket and/or Gift Card.** (Recommended gift card stores: Target, Waldbaums, Walmart, Pathmark.)

You can purchase a gift card on your own or through our SCRIP Program. Scrip forms can be picked up in the Rectory. Gift card can be for food and/or clothing. Many of our families have young children who will need new spring clothing, especially Easter clothes.

Children's Easter Baskets: We will be collecting filled Easter baskets for the children of our parish whose families are in need. Please drop off all baskets directly to the Parish Outreach Office, Monday through Thursday 9 am – 4 pm. If this is not a convenient time for you, please call 795-7438 to make other arrangements.

MOVIES AND BOOKS

With Fr. Peter and Kathy Ryan

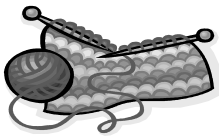
Finding God in the movies

St. Michael's Room, Pastoral Center

Please Call 795-7438 to register

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.



Maria Regina Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join us as we begin a ministry for all who like to knit, crochet and pray. Prayer Shawls will be hand crafted for members of our parish community experiencing illness, grief or any difficult time in their life. Make Prayer Shawls is a wonderful way to relax and also minister to those in need of support and comfort. Gatherings are held monthly on the **First Friday of every month from 10:00 am-12:00 noon in the St. Michael Room.** Knowledge of knitting or crocheting is not required. Members are willing to teach basic skills.

For more information, please contact Nancy Farrell (516-804-2686) or Cathy Hughey (516-826-5922). Please consider becoming a part of this important ministry.

Our first meeting will be held on **Friday, April 1st.** Please bring knitting needles or crochet hooks, yarn will be provided.



Maria Regina Rosary Society

Our Mass will be Sunday, April 3rd at 9 am followed by our meeting on Monday, April 4th @ 7:30 pm.

We will have Father Stephen speak on “Lesson from the Icon of the Mother of God: Shower of the Way”.

Don't forget our Cake Sale at the Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, April 2nd. Please bring cakes, cookies etc. as early as 9 am in the auditorium.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Rosary Society is sponsoring a Day of Reflection on April 15th from 10 am to 3 pm. Our guest speaker will be our own Seminarian Jason Grisafi.

TOPIC: “A view of Women Saints”. Lunch will be provided.

Call Annette Walsh 826-2285 or Ann O'Shea 798-4495 by April 10th if you plan to attend.

All women of the parish are invited!



Golden Anniversary

Golden Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday, May 1, 2011 couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop John Dunne at Maria Regina @ 2 p.m. Please pick up your registration card at the rectory, fill it out and return it to the rectory in time to reach the Diocese of Rockville Centre no later than April 14, 2011. Approximately one week before the ceremony, information regarding the day will be mailed to you. Although a date has not yet been confirmed, there will be another celebration in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 207.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.”

Through your gifts, you can enable the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to continue the work of Jesus among the poor and needy this Lent.

New Missal, continued;

The next part of the Eucharistic prayer consists of intercessions. These begin with a *second epiclesis* or calling down of the Holy Spirit upon the assembly. The intercessions express the unity of the whole Church. We pray for the pope, our local bishop by name, and for all the clergy.

The Eucharistic prayer concludes with the *Final Doxology*. “Doxology” is a word that means “to give praise to God.” Only the priest preside and/or any concelebrants may sing or proclaim the final doxology. While the priest sings the doxology he, assisted by the deacon, elevates the paten and chalice. These should be kept raised until the *Great Amen* is completed. The Great Amen expresses our affirmation of the sacrifice that has been offered and our belief that the Real Presence of Christ is indeed present on the altar.



Maria Regina Youth Group

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday night, 3/27/11 at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium.

Bring a friend
and join us!

Religious Education Information

Do You Feel “Called”?



From personal experience in your own family, you know that parents, grandparents, godparents, and other elders have been passing on the Christian faith for years. Indeed, the Church has always maintained that the parents are the prime catechists of their children.

The Religious Education Office is asking you to consider taking the next step. That would be as a **catechist for a group of children, including your own, for next year**. You children would come together each week, from September through April to pray and share and learn about God.

I am asking you to prayerfully and seriously consider making this commitment as you continue to develop your own faith formation while traveling this journey with your own child. All the training, resources, and support you need will be available for you.

Think about some of the people in your life who have provided you with a model of what it is to be a follower of Jesus. Who were, or who are they? Were they faith-filled or religious or both? What kind of qualities do you see in them? If you are the kind of person you would like others to model, because of the faith formation you received, please search your heart and consider sharing these qualities with other children as well. You may call the Religious Education Office for additional information (541-0921). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

For the Ride Home

We welcome all Third Graders to our Family Mass!

In Baptism, we received the gift of God's life. Most of us were baptized as infants, before we even asked for it! We were given the gift of faith. How has this gift helped you in your life? Are there people in your parish preparing for Baptism now? How can you help them this Lent?



IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration information was emailed to all families. The Registration Form for 2011/2012 must be downloaded from the Maria Regina website (mariaregina.com).

Registration Forms may be mailed to the office, you do not have to bring it in person.



On Monday, March 14, Maria Regina School's fourth and fifth grade students participated in their annual Math Bee. Students calculated various mathematic problems in their heads. Congratulations to Winner Antonio Codignotto, and Runner-Up David Salvadori, both in Grade 5, and all of the students who participated. Thank you to Mrs. Scarabino and Miss Travaglianti for coordinating the event.

On Thursday, March 17, Maria Regina's eighth graders visited their kindergarten church buddies to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. The eighth graders read various Dr. Seuss stories and completed different activities in honor of Dr. Seuss, including Dr. Seuss Tic-Tac-Toe.

The seventh and eighth graders have also been getting ready to present their science fair projects. Students designed tri-folds about various science topics and created models to enhance their projects.



Upcoming Events at Maria Regina School:

- March 31:** MRPA Meeting, 7:30 PM
Music/Art Room
- April 1:** School Mass, 9 AM
Spelling Bee, Gr. 1-3, 10 AM
Dismissal, 11:30 AM
- April 2:** Spring Craft Fair
- April 5:** Eighth Grade Retreat
- April 8:** Stations of the Cross, Grades 1-4
- April 9:** Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
9:30 AM
- April 13:** Cupcake Sale
- April 15:** Stations of the Cross, Grades 5-8
Aladdin, jr. 7:30 PM
- April 16:** *Aladdin, jr.* 7:30 PM

MRPA News

Don't forget to send in your forms to order tickets for the Reverse Raffle. Each ticket purchase entitles you to two tickets to our cocktail party on Friday, May 20!

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