

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**



**Monday, March 07, 2011**  
7:00 am Pam and Paul Hodermarsky  
9:00 am Patricia Conlin Demme

**Tuesday, March 08, 2011**  
7:00 am Sarah Melley - 26th Anniversary  
9:00 am George Lamparter

**Wednesday, March 09, 2011 - Ash Wednesday**  
7:00 am Giovanni Capogna  
9:00 am Aurora Juba - Birthday Remembrance  
12:00 pm Word Service  
4:00 pm Word Service  
7:30 pm Word Service

**Thursday, March 10, 2011**  
7:00 am DeBiase Family  
9:00 am Dorothy Thom

**Friday, March 11, 2011**  
7:00 am Ann Marsac  
9:00 am Gandolfo Dino

**Saturday, March 12, 2011**  
9:00 am Felix Alfino  
Marie and Frank Goddani  
Evo Bontempi  
Teresa Grange/Richard Marshall  
Mary and Peter Clarke  
Analise Winter

**Sunday, March 13, 2011**  
7:30 am Anna Hayden and Alicia Puppo  
9:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
10:30 am Loretta Cotty  
12:00 pm Helen Lohan  
5:00 pm Members of Purgatorial Society

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

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

**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**

**Gordon Cosgrove  
and  
Colleen Mulligan**



**Altar Bread and Wine Donations**

Our Altar Bread and Wine Donation for the week of March 6th, 2011 are in memory of Regina and Robert Grange,  
Mary Stone, Patricia Grange and Teresa Grange  
Donated by Robert Grange



**Please pray for the deceased of our parish and those who mourn them:**

**John Tolentino, Irene Lubrano,  
Edna Morrison and Rose Bisconti**

**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 Zwijacz

# ***MARIA REGINA PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2011***

**Sr. Patricia Bruno, OP  
Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP**



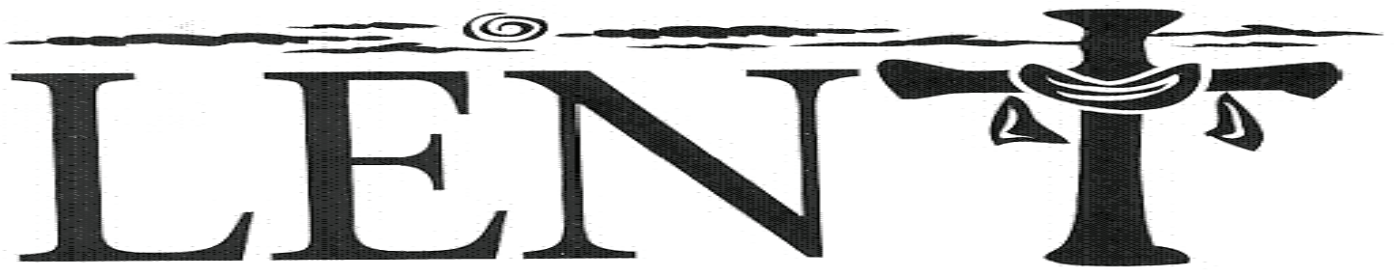
## **Retreat Schedule:**

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Mass followed by Scriptural Reflection  
in the St. Michael's Room

7:30 pm Evening Service (church)

\*Refreshments to follow Thursday night's service  
in the Music/Art Room of the School



### **Ash Wednesday**

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. On Ash Wednesday, a universal day of fast, ashes are blessed and distributed normally during Mass and after the homily.

*Masses: 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.*

*Word Service: 12 noon; 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm*

### **Fast and Abstinence**

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

### **Penance**

Opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation should be provided throughout Lent. Parish penance services and times for the sacrament in addition to the normal parish schedule, especially during the Triduum, are encouraged.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursdays 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm*

*Saturdays 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm*

During Lent many parishes celebrate penance services for children and for adults in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Please remember that General Absolution cannot be offered unless it is evident that it will be *one month* or longer before those present can celebrate individual reconciliation. Although this may be the case in nursing homes or prisons in the diocese, the proximity of parishes with regularly scheduled times for penance as well as the availability of priests to celebrate the sacrament on an appointment basis are reasons why general absolution is not offered at parish penance services. For further advice, please feel free to contact the Chancellor's Office or Office of Worship.

### **Holy Water**

Some communities empty the holy water fonts and/or baptismal font during the season of Lent. While this practice has some grassroots support, it does not appear in any of the liturgical books. We sign ourselves with water upon entering the church as a reminder of baptism, but it can also act as a function of ritual cleansing in harmony with the spirit of the season of Lent. More properly, holy water fonts may be emptied at the beginning of the celebration of the Triduum on Holy Thursday evening. The fonts are replenished during the sprinkling of the assembly after the Renewal of Baptismal Promises at the Easter Vigil.

### **Diocesan Day of Reconciliation**

On April 18, 2011, Monday of Holy Week, all Catholics of the Diocese are invited to come and be reconciled, that we might celebrate the Paschal Mystery with heart and mind renewed. This will take place from 3:00-9:00 pm and has been widely publicized. In the last several years that we have done this, many people have expressed their appreciation for the generosity of the priests in this endeavor.



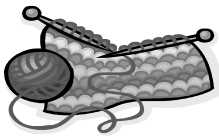
## ***Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!***

**This weekend, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, we heard speakers at all the Masses inviting people to participate in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser in support of the work of The Life Center of Long Island. The fundraiser will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Bottles can be picked up during all the services that day. The bottles must be returned no later than Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Life Center ends up paying for all unreturned bottles.**

**The Life Center is a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. They provide maternity housing, medical care, referrals, cribs, car seats, diapers and ALL other baby items that are needed. We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your spare change. Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle.**

**The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to call The Life Center in the first place.**

**Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our unborn children.**



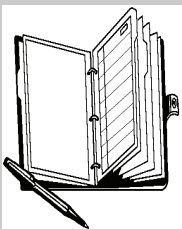
### Maria Regina Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

**DID YOU KNOW:** New Missal continued The main body of the Eucharistic Prayer: The texts for this part of the Mass will be significantly changed. This means we need to pay close attention and, in so doing, it takes on a deeper meaning since the words are no longer familiar. We should begin paying attention now because, while the words will be different come Advent 2011, we are doing the same thing: offering our gifts to the Father, participating in the Paschal Mystery and witnessing the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is important to know that the text of all the Eucharistic Prayers will undergo a great deal of revision in order to remain faithful to the Latin text.



### ***SAVE THE DATE***

Fr. Stephen will be showing a film on the *Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe* at the next meeting of the Human Life Committee on:

Wednesday, March 23, 2011 in  
The St. Michael' Room at 7 pm

Everyone is welcome!



**Sign UP  
TODAY!**

### **Hospitality Help Needed!**

Maria Regina is looking to offer hospitality after the 10:30 Mass on Sundays and needs volunteers to assist in various ways. All are welcome to help, and we especially encourage families who attend the Family Mass to join us.

There will be an information session on:

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from**  
**11:30 am - 12:30 pm**  
**in the St. Michael's room**

for those interested in helping. For more information, or if you cannot make it to the meeting, contact:

Suzanne Weber at (516)-785-0114.



### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

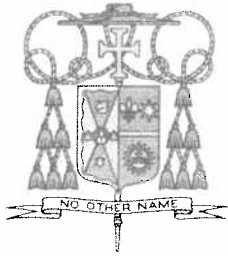
The HNS Executive Board will meet on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the **Front Meeting Room in the School.**

The next Holy Name Mass is on **Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 9:00 AM.** All HNS members are requested to attend and join together for corporate Holy Communion.

The next Holy Name Society meeting will be on **Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM** in the Music and Art Room. **Please note the change in date and the early start time for our March meeting.** We will host a very special presentation by our Guest 'Speakers Captain Don Harris, 1st Vice President and Victor Consiglio, Conservation Chairman of Operation SPLASH.

**Stop Pollution, Littering And Save Harbors (SPLASH)**, is a grassroots organization whose mission is "To provide a low cost solution to growing waterfront pollution through public awareness, community action and active participation."

Please join us for this educational, enlightening and entertaining presentation of the "many environmental issues that directly impact the Long Island community." A light repast will be served after the meeting. Visit us on the web at [mariaregina.com](http://mariaregina.com) for more info.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

LENT 2011

Dear Friends in Christ:

*Have mercy on me God in your goodness;  
In the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
And of my sin cleanse me! (Ps 50)*

This perennial Lenten plea comes from the hearts of all of us who embrace this season of Lent for our spiritual good and the good of the whole Church. It is a plea that God in His merciful love will make us whole through our Lenten observances. It is a prayer of hope for we know that He is the One who “sent His Son” so that we might have life and life to the full. We who make this Lenten journey together not only seek our own forgiveness, not only desire to be reconciled with one another, but, even more, we want to be one with Him who died and rose for us. He wants us to be cleansed by the water flowing from His wounded side. He wants us to be redeemed by the blood He shed for us. He wants us to join Mary and the other women at the Easter tomb, an Easter tomb that is empty, an Easter tomb that bears silent witness to the greatest news we can ever hear, the greatest message we can ever receive, the greatest gift that is ours: “He is risen. He is not here. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia, Alleluia!”

The way to enter into these saving mysteries is the way of Lent, the journey to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The more deeply we embrace this holy season of repentance and renewal, the more will we share in the redemptive acts of the Lord and become one with Him and the whole Church this coming Easter. Let us all make a commitment to ourselves and to one another, and especially to the Lord, to make this Lent the “acceptable time for now is the day of salvation”.

We have many reasons to do this. Some are personal. We know them in the quiet of the day when we turn our hearts to God and see what He asks of us. Some of them we share as a Church that is always on a pilgrimage of faith, a journey of repentance and renewal to become ever more the Bride of Christ whom He loves and whom He wishes to cleanse from any and every sin.

This year we are in a process of getting ready to embrace the new Roman Missal. We will begin to use it the first Sunday of Advent. In the meantime we must prepare our hearts and minds to welcome this Missal and to let it work its grace in our hearts drawing us all to belong more deeply to Christ and to one another in His Church.

Part of that preparation should include prayers for forgiveness and reconciliation. To that end, I have composed a prayer for use in all our parishes and oratories and places of prayer and worship. I ask you to use it frequently during Lent. You may pray it privately or in groups. You may include it in prayer meetings and public recitation of the rosary, at Benediction or in study groups. I ask you to make it our *Lenten Prayer*, the prayer that will bring us through Lent to find us belonging more deeply to the Lord in His Church, forgiving one another, being reconciled to one another in a Church that watches over all her children and extends her loving arms to embrace us all.

*Dear God and loving Father, we ask your forgiveness for our own sins  
And for sins committed in the name of the Church. In your loving mercy, forgive especially those sins  
That have harmed children and young people as well as sins against the unborn, the poor and the vulnerable.  
Help us to be reconciled to one another and make us holy in your sight, that united in the one Body of Christ,  
We may worship you with pure hearts, proclaim your name with faith and hope  
And witness your love to all humankind. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

**Pauca Verba – Lent’s 3 C’s**  
**Father Stephen P. Morris**

This past Wednesday at Mass we heard the story of the *Rich Young Man* (Mark 10:17-27). The young Jewish man rehearses with Jesus the most important religious rules and, pleased with himself, tells Jesus he’s been observing these rules since he was a boy. Jesus then takes him further, informing him that to live truly in the Kingdom, he has to detach and let the *treasure go*. The young man can’t do it, and he goes away sad.

Most of us are not high-livers, indeed, many are living on the edge with bills piling up and savings dwindling, financial security threatened. *What’s the treasure then that has to be surrendered?* I’d suggest it’s not material things at all but rather our most treasured opinions and resentments, justifications, power, control, defenses, pretensions and vanities.

The young fellow Jesus is talking with only needed to write a check or revise his will. But detaching, letting go inwardly of resentment, superiority, one-up-manship, POWER is very difficult, requiring a kind of self-knowledge, self-awareness and honesty few people ever admit to. This is what I mean when I ask Jesus to “*grow-me-up.*”

**Want to go somewhere with this during Lent?** I’d propose the 3 C’s: No Complaining, No Criticizing, No Condemning. This is much harder than giving up sweets or TV.

**What’s complaining?** Recounting (inwardly or outwardly) the negative *take* – what’s missing in life. The woes. “Oh the kids. Oh, the weather. Oh, the prices. Oh, so much to do. Oh, no one cooperates. Oh, I’m so burdened. Oh, I’m treated so badly. Oh, what I have to deal with. Oh, my husband/wife/mother/father/in-laws. Oh, I’m not sleeping. Oh the aches and pains.” Many people don’t even hear themselves or they think it’s not complaining because they’re just *speaking the truth*.

**What’s criticizing?** Criticizing is fault-finding. It’s judging too readily, severely, harshly, unfairly. Critical people spend time on trivialities. They are busy judging the merits and qualities of people. I’m a critic when I seem to be reviewing everyone and everything. Some of the most chronically critical people haven’t any self-knowledge in this regard.

**What’s condemning?** Condemning people are disapprovers. They enjoy pronouncing guilty verdicts on others (even people they don’t know). They declare the need for punishment. Church people of all denominations can be experts in this. Condemners declare others as unfit; they are blamers; they like to supervise and examine the manners, life-style and morality of others.

Someone asked: “*Then what will we talk about?*” Some Orthodox Jews count 100 Blessings *each day!* Count 100 blessings during Lent – even keeping a little book of them. We might try it. No Complaining, No Criticizing, No Condemning and Counting Blessings instead! *Talk about dying and rising with Jesus!*

# Ministry Page

## **Maria Regina Singles' Group**

The next meeting of the Maria Regina Single's Group is Thursday, March 10th at 7:30 pm in the St. Francis Room.

## **HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE**



"If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, 'then America, defend life'." Pope John Paul II

...Did you know that abortion does not eliminate poverty, it merely eliminates some of the poor?

...Did you know that most abortion facilities are located in low income neighborhoods?

...Did you know that women who have had abortions are at a greater risk of suffering emotional and psychological problems?

...Did you know that Planned Parenthood is the leading provider of abortions in the U. S. and around the world?

"There are two victims in every abortion: a dead baby and a dead conscience". Mother Teresa

## **MARIA REGINA SPRING CRAFT FAIR**

**Saturday, April 2, 2011**  
**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**School Auditorium**  
**Stop by and see all we have to offer!**



## **ROSARY SOCIETY**

Welcome back after our winter break. Our March meeting will be *Monday, March 7th at 7:30 p.m.* in the Auditorium of the school.

We will have an Irish night and be entertained by Frank Ryan.

All women of the parish are welcome.

Bring a friend and your Irish smiles.



## **INNKEEPERS**

Team #4 is working Thursday morning, March 10th at 9:30 a.m.

## **EVANGELIZATION**

During Lent let us remember we are ambassadors for Christ, God as it were appealing through us. Let us ask when was I an ambassador of Christ to someone else?

**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

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> - 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: Size newborn/Size 1 Diapers**  
**High Chair Needed!**



## **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS**

Let's get together for a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at Paddy's Loft on Monday, March 14th @ 1 p.m.

Please call to let us know if you plan to attend so that we can make reservations.

Call Maureen at 798-8253 or Joan at 579-3187

**Reminder: Our first regular meeting will be on Monday, March 28th.**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### REMINDER:

Fr. Brian Barr: will be speaking to the Candidates (Eighth Grade) on March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm in the church. A parent or guardian **MUST** attend with the candidate. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE)

### SECOND GRADE HOMEWORK

In today's gospel, Jesus points out that following him is more than a matter of simply saying words. We are each called to put our words into action. That is the way we truly do the will of God.

What can we do to grow and increase our faith? What role do good works play in our life of faith? Please write down three things you can do to increase your faith. Please give this to your teacher at your next class.

### IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

### *No classes - Ash Wednesday – March 9, 2011*

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent begins on 9 March 2011 and ends on 23 April 2011, which is the day before Easter.

In the Roman Catholic Church, Lent officially ends at sundown on 21 April (Holy Thursday), with the beginning of the mass of the Lord's Supper.



**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**

**Rescheduled Date: May 20, 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

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**Reverse Raffle Ticket Request**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
# of adults attending the party on May 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Maria Regina Parents' Assoc. and return  
with this form to Maria Regina School Main Office.**

**Attention: Reverse Raffle**