

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Monday,	September 27, 2010
7:00 am	Ditria Family—Living and Deceased
9:00 am	Rocco Ragadale-Anniv. Rem. and Francesco Campiso
Tuesday,	September 28, 2010
7:00 am	S. Charles Leonardi-8th Anniv. Rem.
9:00 am	Anna Nigro
Wednesday,	September 29, 2010
7:00 am	Mary Rinaldi
9:00 am	Harry Casey
Thursday,	September 30, 2010
7:00 am	Helen Neumann
9:00 am	Gloria Fanning
Friday,	October 01, 2010
7:00 am	Priests of the Diocese
9:00 am	Fredecio Lunghi
Saturday,	October 02, 2010
9:00 am	Dorothy Moomjian
	Henry Capozzi
	John Bauer
	Grazia Di Fiore
4:00 pm	Angelo Ciullo
5:30 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Sunday,	October 03, 2010
7:30 am	Paul Biuso
9:00 am	Member of Purgatorial Society
10:30 am	Rosario Taormina
12:00 pm	Michael Maglione
5:00 pm	Antoinette Maltese

Bulletin Reflection

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What do I do to help?

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who work to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and hungry in our community and beyond through our Parish Social Ministries.

Did you know: The deacon's outer garment worn at Mass is called a dalmatic. It differs from the priest's chasuble in that it has sleeves and is shorter than the chasuble. Both priest and deacon wear a stole under the outer vestment. The deacon's stole is worn across his body from the left shoulder, the priest's stole hangs down in two pieces from his shoulder.

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

Michael Glose	Frank Kubicki	John Charleston
Marilyn Kromer	Dorothy Vella	Florence Bianco
Richard Strejlau	Teresa Grange	Leonard Toscano
Bonnie Kmiołek	Frances Vindigni	Marian Gattus
Danny Davino	Julianna Buttner	Michael Korwan
Andrew Bartolozzi	Jessica Buttner	John Mysliwicz
Colleen Clark	William Ford	Dorothy Montuori
Nicole O'Neill	Christine Lisle	Florence Zoccola
Joan Nauss	Tony Gentile	Ray Gattus
Frank Kennedy	Lawrence Caparco, Sr.	Baby Carmine Luongo
Emily Brophy	Mae Bonano	Betty Schilt
Rose Vroman	Rosalie Licata	Robert Marriello
Sally Waskewich	Cheryl Craddock	Marion O'Brien
Terence Sullivan	Ann Riker	Teresa Grange
Theresa Gorozdi	Edward Weinschreider	Philip Crepeau
John Dominic Morea	Matthew Egan	Jimmy Keegan
Martha Mount	Linda Farese	Trudy Ganley
Alejandro Montilla	John Mc Keon	Maxine McDonald
Michael McRae	Alan Meyer	Mike Brassil
Annette Pavone	Robert Cazer	Sophia Maglione
Bill Wiebke	Baby Gianni Maola	Dr. John Sheehan
Leanne Patric	Laureen-Quinn Sturge	June Bellofatto
Lee Viola	Baby R. Sznurkowski	Carol Wilson
Domenick Burdi	Andrew Gamard	Palma Ricken

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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR MILITARY

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

*FROM THE PASTOR****SILENCE IS GOLDEN***

Several people have thanked me for bringing to the attention of all the need for silence within the Church. The past several weeks have been noticeably quieter than the past—especially the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass. This greater attentiveness to silence has provided an atmosphere where people can pray and prepare for Mass more easily. I encourage you to continue this practice.

How many times have we found ourselves in a conversation with someone else and really not listening to that person. In fact, the other may bring this to our attention. I hear spouses say to one another: “You’re not listening to my response” and children say to one another: You never listen to what I have to say. Listening is hard work and takes a great deal of attention and discipline. Hence the need for silence—to make ourselves ready to hear the other person and, ultimately, the other. One of the great lines in the Hebrew scriptures is “The Word of the Lord came to me.” How would the prophet know this had occurred if he had not been listening but rather busy discussing all kinds of matters with others. The prophet needed to be silent, to listen to the life-giving Word of God and savor that Word when spoken.

The same is true today. How many of us honestly believe that God can/does speak to us personally through the scriptures and words of the Mass? The Holy Spirit wishes to stir our hearts and open our minds to the wonders that God has in store for us...BUT—we need to be silent and listen.

Silence immediately before Mass and in small pockets throughout the week is a very valuable way of preparing for our central act of worship each week—the Eucharist. Why not try practicing silence? Turn off the radio, electronic equipment, phones, etc. for a period of fifteen minutes and just listen. You might just hear the Word of the Lord coming...

***Akathist to the Pantanassa
Mother of God
Healer of Cancer***

***Veneration of the Icon and Anointing
Friday, October 22, 2010
8:00 P.M.***

***Maria Regina Church
3945 Jerusalem Avenue
Seaford, New York 11783***

**R.S.V.P. by October 15th, 2010
to the Rectory:
516-798-2415**

***TEMPORALITIES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2010***

Donations between \$1.-5.	276
Donations between \$6.-10.	298
Donations between \$11.-15.	70
Donations between \$16.-20.	142
Donations between \$21.-25.	80
Donations between \$26.-30.	29
Donations \$31. and above	<u>92</u>

Total # of envelopes used: 987

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

2009 \$18,324.00

2010 \$18,346.0

Thank you for your generosity!

Please pray for the deceased of our parish:



Vincent Accardy
Charles Barbera
Betty Gioia

Baptisms

We welcome to our parish and Christian community the following babies who were baptized at Maria Regina last week:



Mark Daniel Raymond
Sophia Elisa Romano
Vincenzo Brian Schiano

Please note: these babies names were in last week's bulletin in error, they were baptized on September 19th, not the 12th as indicated. So Moms and Dads, Grandparents and godparents, here they are again!



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.**"

**EUCCHARISTIC LEAGUE (Noon-9 PM) and
NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY**

(9 pm—10 pm)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST, 2010

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.

Respect Life Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 3rd is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please be as generous as you can!



**"REVIVE" SCC
at Maria Regina**

"Share your faith through the Sunday Readings and Share the Word in your Home." Here is a question to get you started. **For the week of October 3rd:** Do you have faith the size of a mustard seed?

Banns of Marriage



Second Time

Evito Lo Duco & Salvatore Lo Piccolo

Third Time

Matthew Bennardo & Jennifer Villardi
Andre Mendes & Erin Sweeney
Andrew Barraco & Maria Lopez



Young at Heart Seniors

Good Friends + Good Food
= Good Times!



We will be going to a luncheon
on Mon., Oct. 4th

at Butera's on Sunrise Highway at 1 p.m.

You must let us know if you plan to attend so that we can secure a reservation.

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

A NIGHT AT THE RACES!

**Sponsored by Maria Regina Structural
Fund**

Saturday, October 30, 2010

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

School Auditorium

Admission: \$7.00 per person

**Food and beverages
will be served**

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Call the Rectory for tickets: 798-2415

Pauca Verba – A Few Words
Father Stephen P. Morris

A friend once worked in an upscale men's clothier on the *Miracle Mile* where the clientele were often nasty, demanding and condescending. She needed the job and so had to find her way through the suffering. I gave her a copy of *Mary's Breastplate – A Celtic Hymn for Protection*, to pray before going in to work. A breastplate is a piece of armor worn to protect the heart.

The ancient Celtic world was a dangerous place. I expect that could be said of just about every time and place. Today's world is dangerous. The drugsters want the kids hooked on cocaine. Homes are wired for security. A job can be lost in a heartbeat. Internet pornography is the new addiction. St. Paul writes that there are spiritual *powers and principalities* (Ephesians 6:1—24) that don't want us loyal to Christ. So here's your copy of *Mary's Breastplate*. Tape it to the kitchen cabinet. Pray it with your morning coffee. Pray it for the children and grandchildren. Pray it before going to work. Pray it before dealing with someone who is difficult. God be with you!

Mary's Breastplate
A Celtic Hymn for Protection

Direct me in your praise, though no master of poetry I, O angelic countenance without blemish, who gave the milk of your breast to redeem me.

I commend myself to your protection, O loving Mother of the only Son: under your shield protect my body, my heart, my will and my strength.

O temple of the three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I beseech you to help me at the hour of my judgment and my death.

O Queen on whom the King, the Father, bestowed perpetual favor – virginity and motherhood – I enlist your aid for my salvation.

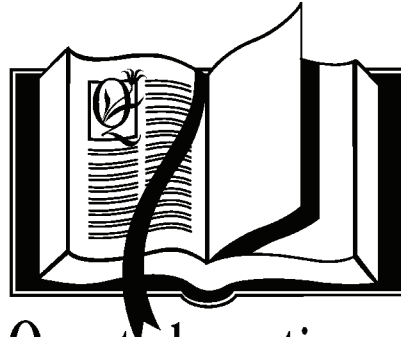
O vessel bearing the light, O great brightness outshining the sun, draw me ashore, under your protection, from the short-lived ship of the world.

O Mary, gracious and beautiful, gentle, mild and stately, I do not tire of calling on you, you are my defender on the day of danger. Amen.

LITTLE ROCK

Scripture Study

The Gospel of St. John



Our study continues...

Moderated by:
Father Peter

And

Deacon Gerry

Six Week Program:
Oct. 12, 19 and 26

Nov. 2, 9 and 16

PLEASE CALL
Tel: 516-798-2415
Parish Rectory to
Register and receive
your books.

PASTORAL CENTER
TUESDAY MORNINGS OR EVENINGS
9:30 A.M. OR 7:30 P.M.

Blessing of the Animals

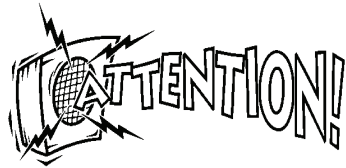
Blessing of the animals will take place on **Monday, October 4th, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the Bell Tower.** Bring your pets and have them receive God's blessings.



Girl Scout Pray and Play Day

All Girl Scouts, Brownies through Senior Girl Scouts, are invited to the Girl Scout Pray and Play Day on Sat., Oct. 2nd at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Isle located in Eastport. Crafts, fun and prayer will begin at 9:30 am and conclude with Mass at

3:30 pm. For information, call Helen Rusch, Parish Girl Scout Coordinator at 516-735-0417.



I have received a few anonymous notes regarding a **Catholic Singles Club** and why we don't have one here at Maria Regina. I would be most

happy to look into this but I need to speak with people who want to join a club of this nature. If there are enough interested people, I am sure we can get something started.

If interested, please leave your name and telephone number at the Rectory: 516-798-2415. Fr. Peter



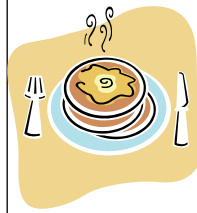
Maria Regina Rosary Society

Our Mass will be Sunday, October 3rd @ 9 am.

Our first monthly meeting will follow on Monday, Oct. 4th @ 7:30 pm in the auditorium.

Our speaker will be Rosanne (Maglione) and Tony Loiacone narrating a visual trip of "Seeing Italy without leaving Massapequa/Seaford".

All women of the parish are welcome!



Pancake Breakfast

The Maria Regina Youth Group is hosting a pancake breakfast on **Sun., October 3rd** in the school auditorium from **8:00 am—1:30 pm.** All are welcome! Donations will be accepted at the breakfast and will go toward defraying the cost for the youth of our parish planning to attend World Youth Day 2011 in Spain.

Attention: 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 Pancake Breakfast: muffins, crumb cakes, etc. Please drop off baked goods to the St. Michael Room on Sat., 10/2 from 9am-1pm or 5-6 pm.

If interested, e-mail Mary Jayne Oliva @

YoungVincentians@aol.com.

Support 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 for purchase in the School Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. school days or on Monday nights in the Rectory between 6:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

MARIA REGINA'S "SHOPPING CENTS"

SUPERMARKET ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

(Make checks to: MARIA REGINA SCRIP PROGRAM)

Supermarket	Qty.	Total Amt.
Waldbaum's \$25		
Waldbaum's \$50		
Waldbaum's \$100		
Stop & Shop \$25		
Stop & Shop \$100		
Pathmark \$25		
Pathmark \$50		
Pathmark \$100		
King Kullen \$25		
King Kullen \$100		

Total # of Cards: _____

Total Amount of Order: _____

Place this form with your payment in an envelope labeled "Scrip Program" and drop it off in the collection basket at Mass or at the Rectory. You can also stop by the School or the Rectory at the specified times and get your cards on the spot. (If you would like to order cards to any other retailer, please pick up a full order form at the rear of the Church or in the Rectory.)

Ministry Page

Ministry of Consolation

We are looking for additional ministers to serve at Funeral Masses. If you are willing to volunteer, please come to an information meeting on Wed., Oct. 6th @ 9:30 am in the St. Francis Room of the parish center.



If you currently serve in this ministry, please arrange to attend this meeting. If you are interested, but cannot attend, contact the Rectory and leave your name and phone number.

Rite of Christian Initiation

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is active at Maria Regina. If you seek to inquire about the Catholic faith or wish to learn about or be part of the conversion process, or are a baptized Catholic who has yet to be confirmed in your faith; please call the rectory or call Maureen at 799-9840.



The RCIA Core Group also welcomes and encourages the participation of interested parishioners who would like to join our small community to facilitate the conversion process. We seek companions, catechists, retreatants and community members who are called to witness the faith, share the stories of their journey or simply facilitate the mission of the RCIA and the process of faith discernment. Call the above numbers or approach me, Maureen, before or after the 9:00 a.m. weekday Mass or the Sunday 7:30 am Mass.

Thank you!

Human Life Committee

Beware "Susan G. Komen for a Cure"



The foundation gives grants to Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the U.S. and purveyor of oral hormonal contraceptives, both cancer causing.

Pro-life breast cancer research groups include:

www.bcpinstitute.org and
www.abortionbreastcancer.com

Please do your research before making a donation.

INNKEEPERS

Team #1 is in need of workers, if interested please leaver your name and number at the Rectory. We are again in need of peanut butter and jelly. Please drop off donations at the Rectory Office. Thank you!

EVANGELIZATION

We ask for the prayers of all parishioners for the success of Awakening Faith. What is your relationship with God really like? All around you are people who need to know God's love and compassion for them.

Invite someone back to Church!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

If you would like to donate a "Gift Card" to Parish Outreach at any time, please remember our "Scrip Program". There are orange forms in the back of church. You can donate a gift card without even going to the store. The Scrip Program will notify parish outreach of a donated gift card and you will receive a thank you letter in the mail. Gift Cards available through Scrip Program are: Payless shoes, Kohl's, TJ Max/Marshals, Waldbaums, Pathmark, Staples. For more info, call 795-7438.

REVERSE MORTGAGE – Free Reverse Mortgage Seminar–Join us Wed., Sept. 29, 2010, St. Michael's Room 10 am. Seniors 62/over are eligible for government insured program. You may receive money to enjoy your life now. No monthly payment, no income or credit requirement, continue to live in your own home. Hear the facts and exciting program changes from Senior Security Home Advantage. Call to reserve a seat: 795-7438.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT–Our Widow & Widowers group will begin on Sun., Sept. 26th @ 2 pm in the St. Francis Room. If you have recently experienced the loss of a spouse, please call Outreach (Kathy Ryan) 795-7438. Pre-registration required

MORNING BREW—our support group for those out of work, meets every Monday @ 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Room of the Parish Center. This week we will be talking about fear of moving on.

All are welcome!

Religious Education

Religious Education Office – Featured Saint



Saint Thomas More

Born: February 6th, 1478 **Died: July 6th, 1535**

Feast Day: June 22nd

What he said

“The King’s good servant, but God’s first.”

Who he was

Saint Thomas More was known for his intelligence and wit from a young age. His father was a lawyer, and hoped that his smart son would follow him in this profession. Thomas was interested in and excelled at many things—literature, philosophy, music, languages, and law. His father worried that Thomas might not become a lawyer since he had so many different paths open to him.

Thomas had a gift for friendship. His respect and good opinion were valued by many of the most brilliant and most powerful men in England. King Henry’s wife, Queen Katherine, had never given birth to a son, so Henry decided his marriage should be invalid and he should be free to remarry. He applied for permission to the pope in Rome, but his request was denied. Henry was furious and he decided to go forward with his decision despite the pope’s denial. Thomas could not support the king’s decision, so he resigned from government. King Henry VIII went further and declared himself head of the Church in England. He commanded that all of his subjects publicly swear to follow his authority instead of the pope. Throughout his imprisonment, Thomas never spoke harshly of the king, nor did he complain about the suffering he endured in prison. On the day he was executed, Thomas comforted one of his friends by promising his prayers and a joyful reunion in heaven.

What this saint means for us

Saint Thomas More followed his conscience even though it meant that he had to give up a successful career and close friendships. He refused to submit to pressure from others to go against what he knew was right.

****Classes begin on Saturday, September 25th, Wednesday, October 6th and Monday, October 18th. All additional information is available on the parish website****



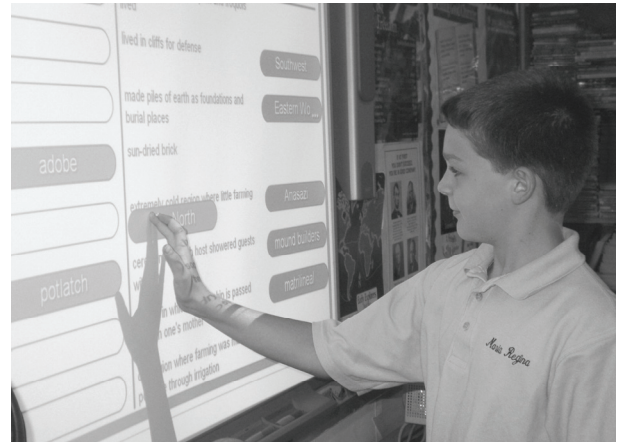
We are off to a great start this year at Maria Regina School. Our students and teachers arrived the first day eager and ready to learn. We are looking forward to many exciting events during the year as well. Our first family event at Adventureland was held last week. Look for more news about that in next week's bulletin.

Our pre-kindergarten students have been learning the letter B and celebrated B day on Friday, September 24. Our eighth grade students are getting ready to participate in the Lupus Walk at Eisenhower Park on Sunday, October 17.

Over the summer, there were many improvements to the school facility. More Smart Boards were installed to enhance student learning, and the Early Childhood playground was resurfaced. We are also continuing our Greener Regina program to help the environment.

Tomorrow's Hope Bike-A-Thon

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, many Maria Regina students and families will participate in the Tomorrow's Hope Bike-a-thon at Cedar Creek Park. This event raises money to support Catholic schools, especially families who need tuition assistance. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day!



Upcoming Events at Maria Regina School:

September 27: Maria Regina Golf Outing at Bellport Country Club

September 29: Band begins!
Rain date for Adventureland

October 1: First Friday Mass 9 AM
Eighth Grade Ring Ceremony
Half Day

October 2: Tomorrow's Hope Bike-a-thon at Cedar Creek Park

October 7: Parent Portal Meeting for Power Grade 7 PM

MRPA News

We are looking forward to the Maria Regina Golf Outing at Bellport Country Club. Any family that puts together a foursome will satisfy their commitment of time for the school year. If one person participates, they will receive five hours towards their commitment of time. We hope to see you there!

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