





Parish Mission Statement

We, the community of St. Mary's, Manhasset, building on our rich heritage of Catholic faith and tradition, center ourselves in the Eucharist and honor God in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be the presence of Christ through our liturgical, educational and social ministries. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to the service of all as we build the kingdom of God in our world.

We commit to this mission in the name of Jesus Christ.

Masses for the Week

Monday, February 9th

Gen. 1:1-19, Mk. 6:53-56

7:00 AM Katherine Drews

9:00 AM Orazio & Elsie Benedetti

Tuesday, February 10th

St. Scholastica, virgin

Gen. 1:20-2:4, Mk. 7:1-13

7:00 AM Mary Jane Hartigan

9:00 AM Madeline & Salvatore Masone

Wednesday, February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 AM Natalie Lightfoot

9:00 AM Louis Starace, Sr. & Concetta Cataudella

Thursday, February 12th

Gen. 2:18-25, Mk. 7:24-30

7:00 AM Edith Ciniglio

9:00 AM Pedro Castano

Friday, February 13th

Gen 3:1-8, Mk. 7:31-37

7:00 AM Anthony Joseph Menniti

9:00 AM Lucia & Vincent Masone

Saturday, February 14th

Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop

Gn. 3:9-24, Mk. 8:1-10

8:00 AM Carol Parco

5:00 PM James Rafferty

Eileen Murphy

John E. Shields

Charlotte Canale

Anthony Forneiro

Sunday, February 15th

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Lv. 13:1-2,44-46, 1 Cor. 10:31-1:1,

Mk. 1:40-45

7:30 AM Rev. Msgr. John J. Wiest

9:00 AM Nathan Santaromita

10:30 AM For the People of the Parish

12:00 Concetta & Concetto

Gentile

Jocelyn Guillo

Katherine Sager

Angelo Madia

Lena McManus

5:00 PM John E. Shields

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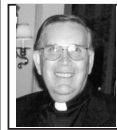
Robert J. Kohlhagen

In Memoriam



Joi Kohlhagen
Veronica Polchow
Adrienne Contegni

Names will remain on the list for 3 months. Please notify the Bulletin Editor if you would like to continue.



From the Pastor's Desk

The 2009 Catholic Ministry Appeal

It is only because of you and your generosity to the Catholic Ministry Appeal that the Church on Long Island is able to fulfill its mission of helping our brothers and sisters in need through the many charitable, educational and pastoral programs at the Parish and Diocesan levels.

The video we saw at the end of Mass today, told the story of what you have helped make possible, so many "good things" done in the name of Christ much better than I ever could.

In these difficult times, requests for assistance and aid have already and will continue to increase. Only if we who are able to do so are generous, perhaps more so than in the past, will the Church on Long Island continue to be the healing, helping hands of Jesus for those in need.

Our parish goal in the 2009 Catholic Ministry Appeal is \$190,000. Thank you for what ever you are able to do to help continue the important work supported by the Catholic Ministry Appeal.

God Bless!

Msgr. John J. McCann

Parish Registration

Are you registered in the parish? Did you know that registration is necessary if you are asked to be a Baptism or Confirmation Sponsor and need proof that you are a parishioner in the parish? Registration is also necessary if you want a record of your contributions to the parish for your tax records.

Please return the form below to the Parish Office or stop in the office to fill out a census form.

**Welcome to
St. Mary's Parish**

Family Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Please return to Parish Office.



Stewards of God's Gifts



Today's reading show us that we are given the strength to live a faithful life, even in the midst of difficulties and disappointments.

We are grateful this week for all consecrated sisters and brothers who work and live in our parish. We thank God for their willingness to serve and inspire others to follow Jesus through the consecrated life.

The collection for Sunday, February 1st, 2009 amounted to **\$25,027.**

Credit Cards amounted to **\$3,345.** totaling **\$28,372.**

The collection for Sunday, January 27, 2008 amounted to **\$33,152.**

The Children's collection for Sunday, February 1st, 2009 amounted to **\$6.00**

Children's Time & Talent: **Play with baby sister, empty dishwasher, set the table**

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrows all day long.

Reading II: 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23

*Punishment will come to me if I do not
preach the Gospel.*

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

*Rising earlyt he next morning, He went off to a
lonely place in the desert; there he was
absorbed in prayer.*

Theme:

Our hearts are often weighted down by sin. Yet we know that the Lord heals the brokenhearted.

Question for Adults:

Where and when do I find time for prayer? Is there a balance in my life between prayer and activity?

Question for Children:

How might you share the message of Jesus with a brother or sister, cousin or friend.

SAVE THE DATE!

*Saint Mary's
Elementary School*

Thirteenth Annual

*Take-A-Break
Dinner Dance*



*Saturday, March 28, 2009
North Hempstead Country Club
Port Washington*

*For more information,
please call Theresa Perrella
in the Development Office
at 627-0385 ext 1160.*



Parish Social Ministry

St. Mary's Parish Social Ministry maintains a food pantry that helps feed many working poor families, the elderly and disabled, and those who are unable to provide for themselves. At this time we are sorely in need of the following items:

Rice	Jelly	Crackers	Canned fruit
Juice	Instant coffee	Cake mix	Tuna Fish

Please check the expiration dates on any donation as we do not distribute food that has expired.



Donations may be left in the baskets located in the north and south lobbies, or brought to the Office of Parish Social Ministry located on the lower level of the convent, facing the east side of the church. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity! The Parish Social Ministry telephone number is 365-2705.



FEBRUARY IS "AMERICAN HEART MONTH"

Nearly one out of two women will develop cardiovascular disease in their lifetime.

Come to a Women's Heart Health Educational Display and Free Screening for Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and Diabetes at St. Francis DeMatteis Center (101 Northern Boulevard, Greenvale, NY) on **Thursday, February 26th**, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. There is no fee, but registration is required. Call (516) 629-2038 and leave your name and telephone number.

ST. MARY'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group for the loss of a loved one, will begin on Wednesday, March 4th and will continue every Wednesday (excluding April 15th) through April 22nd.

Until further notification, the group will meet in the Office of Parish Social Ministry from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Please call the Office of Parish Social Ministry at 365-2705 to register.

F.O.C.U.S. NEWS

Friends Offering Care Understanding and Support for Singles and the Widowed

Monthly Bridge Game

*Thursday, February 26th: , 12:00 noon, Marian Room

*SAVE THE DATE - MARCH 18th

St. Patrick/St. Joseph Luncheon

12:00 Noon in the Marian Room. Details and invitations to follow.



Adult Faith Formation

Catechism Express

Monday, February 9th

The Celebration of the Liturgy

Dr. Jo-Ann Metzdorff - presenter

No Session on February 16th - President's Day

Feb. 23rd - Baptism - Deacon Charlie Kammerer, M.A.

Class is from 7:40 - 8:20 PM in the Ministry Center.



BEYOND TUNA CASSEROLE: COOKING FOR LENT

Join us for a fun evening of cooking and tasting interesting and nutritious meatless dishes that you can prepare on days of fast and abstinence during Lent. Pat Paone will demonstrate some recipes and have samples of some other dishes that you can easily make at home.

Tuesday, February 24th at 7:30 in the Ministry Center.

Do You Know?

This week's question: Why doesn't the Church celebrate St. Valentine's Day on February 14th? The Church calendar says it is the memorial of St. Cyril and St. Methodius.

Answer to last week's question: Why is St. Paul called an Apostle if he was not one of the Twelve? Usually when we think of Apostles, we think of the twelve men that Jesus chose to be his closest companions and whom he ordained to continue his work on earth as leaders of the early Church. St. Paul himself, in his letters, describes three characteristics of an apostle; 1) to have known Jesus when he walked this earth, 2) to have received a call from Jesus to be his follower and 3) to be sent on a mission. As far as we know, Paul never met Jesus and throughout part of his life, he actively persecuted those who considered themselves Christians. So how can he be called an apostle? The word apostle means "one sent." Paul considers himself an "apostle," one who has been called and sent by the Lord Jesus himself for a special mission. He "met" the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus and received his mission from Jesus Himself. Paul's mission was to bring the Gentiles into the fold of those who accepted Jesus of Nazareth as the long-awaited messiah, the Savior of the world.



Adult Confirmation Classes

Catholic adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament this coming Pentecost. Confirmation is required to be a Godparent for Baptism, or to be a Confirmation Sponsor. It is also ordinarily required to be married in the Catholic Church. Classes for Adult Confirmation begin during Lent and run eight to ten weeks. Candidates for Confirmation must be baptized Catholics, over 18, and not subject to any Church sanctions (ie: living in an invalid marriage). Please obtain a recent baptismal certificate.

Have you considered becoming a Catholic?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** for short) is the normative way for the unbaptized (over 7 years of age) and those people baptized in other Christian communities, to enter the Roman Catholic Church. The RCIA group meets on Sundays at the 10:30 AM Mass with catechetical sessions following Mass.

We are also looking for a few faith-filled Catholics who are willing to share their faith with others as part of the RCIA team.

If you or someone you know is interested, please call Jo-Ann Metzdorff in the Parish Office (627-0385) or e-mail joannm@stmary.ws.



CYO Basketball Highlights



The 7th grade girls team coached by Pat Connolly and John Glynn lost a heartbreaker to St. Rose in the second round of the playoffs 20-17. In a defensive battle where both teams played aggressively, the girls gave their all as the game went down to the final seconds. The girls ended the season with a 12-2 record. The team was led on offense by Emily Koufakis, Kelsey Connolly, Abby Kucharzcyk and Lizzie Bunger. Leading the scrappy pressing defense were Julia Glynn, Natalie Stefan, Sarah Vidal, Kelly Kenlon, Stacy Rubertone and Angelica Cramer.

The Farrell/Ferraro 5th grade boy's team fought off a tough St. Christopher's team to grab their first win of the season. The scoring was lead by Stephen Farrell, Jack Hayes and Luke Ferraro. Liam Mansfield lead the team in rebounding while Conor Beil, James Ranieri, Sean MacGown, Ryan Lee, Randy Lii and Will Griffith sealed the victory with their tough defense.

The Farrell/Lennon 7th grade boys held off a tough St. Barnabas team to notch their fifth win of the season. The scoring was lead by James Farrell, Kevin Hannan, Seamus Scaring and Sean Barry. The team's tenacious defense was led by Ryan Lennon, Matt Basso, Mark Andriotis, Matt Scheaffer, Vincent DeVenoge and Matt Torpe.

St. Mary's 4th grade team coached by Tom Minutillo finished up its season with a split in their last 4 games. Great point guard play by Gillen Caliendo and Shiraz Jafri helped keep the offense moving, with scoring provided by T.J. Minutillo, Max Accurso, Colin Mone and James Bellucci. Solid defense was provided by Matthew Pullano, Kian Lotruglio, and Tommy Keating. Rebounders Michael Procaccino and Nolan Parisi made big plays down the stretch in both Gael's wins.



Looking for something to do during the February vacation week?

The Church of St. Mary CYO
will run a week long

CYO Vacation Week Basketball Clinic

in McCann Hall/Wiest Gym

Monday, February 16th thru Friday, February 20th.

Deadline for advanced registration is February 10th, 2009.
Cost for the week long clinic is \$50.00. After February 10th, the cost is \$75.00.

The weeklong clinic will cost \$50 and advanced registration will be closed on February 10th. For the \$50, each camper will get outstanding coaching from some great local coaches, and receive a ticket to the Family Fun Day and Game at Hofstra University on Thursday, February 19th. They will also receive a free t-shirt IF you are signed up by February 10th. After that, we will take DAILY registrations on a first come first served basis until we hit our maximum player limit for the day. Daily participant fee is \$15 per day. Participation will be limited, so register early.

Grades 2 thru 5: 9 AM - 10:45 AM - Grades 6 thru 8: 11 AM - 1 PM

Guest Coaches

Monday, February 16th, **Coach Bill Harkins** of the St. Mary's High School Boys Varsity Team

Tuesday, February 17th, **Coach Dan Kiernan** of
the St. Mary's High School Boys Freshman Team

Wednesday, February 18th, **Coach Dan Feeney**, assistant coach at Chaminade HS
and a private skills instructor with Fundamental Sports Training.


Friday, February 20th, **Tom Emma**, MHS star, Duke Player, Chicago Bull player and
Advisor to the Orlando Magic and San Antonio Spurs

On Thursday, February 19th, each player will get a FREE ticket to the Hofstra vs. Old Dominion Women's Basketball Game and Family Fun Day at Hofstra University featuring tons to do for the kids, including shooting contests, bounce house, raffles, food tasting, on court activities and more. The event promises to be a great day starting at 10:30 AM at Hofstra University, and the ticket is yours FREE for participating in the Vacation Week Clinic.

Clinic registration forms are available at the St. Mary's Parish Office and at Manhasset Sporting Goods and MUST be returned by February 10th. After that, a \$15 per day charge will be added to the cost of the clinic.

If you have any questions, please call 516-365-6220.



Eucharistic

Adoration

Come spend some time in prayer!

Thursdays
1 PM to 8 PM
Benediction at 7:45 PM
in the Chapel.

You can easily reach the chapel though the door to the Parish Office and up the stairs.



The Bread and Wine
 this week
 are in loving memory of
Walter Fischer

Anyone interested in making an offering of the bread and wine for the week, please contact the Parish Office.



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
February 9th - February 15th

Monday, February 9th

7 a.m. O. Belinsky & T. Belinsky
 9 a.m. T. Brooks & C. McNamara

Tuesday, February 10th

7 a.m. A. Benja-Athon & P. Denihan
 9 a.m. E. Bungler & L. Tuminelli

Wednesday, February 11th

7 a.m. N. Behringer & D. Carrol
 9 a.m. M. Cain & F. Minieri

Thursday, February 12th

7 a.m. N. Cordi & L. Merola
 9 a.m. C. Malhame & S. Gomez

Friday, February 13th

7 a.m. C. Connors & D. Nicosia
 9 a.m. E. Boyle & C. Lavelle

Saturday, February 14th

8 a.m. S. Henry & E. Coleman
 5 p.m. T. Brooks, E. Bungler
 C. McNamara & L. Tuminelli

Sunday, February 15th

7:30 a.m. M. Cain, F. Minieri
 B. Pilch & M. Lombard
 9:00 a.m. M. Duvnjak, C. Murphy,
 E. Boyle & C. Lavelle
 10:30 a.m. V. Caliendo, D. DeLucia,
 A. Cannatella, A. Stack
 12:00 noon B. Ackert, J. Meyer
 T. Ahern & P. Radman
 5:00 p.m. C. Connors, S. Nicosia,
 N. Cordi & L. Merola

MASS SCHEDULE | February 7th & 8th

(subject to change)

5:00 p.m. **Saturday, February 7th**
 Msgr. John J. McCann
Sunday, February 8th
 7:30 a.m. Fr. Allan Sikorski
 9:00 a.m. Msgr. John J. McCann
 10:30 a.m. Fr. Charles Sultana
 12:00 p.m. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco
 5:00 p.m. Fr. Michael Galea



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE was a wonderful experience for over 400 people who attended last weekend's showing of the film. Thanks to all those who came out on a cold night to welcome the boys from St. Francis House. Thanks to the kids from youth ministry who set up, cleaned up and showed up asking what they could do to help, including collecting money at all the Masses on Sunday. Alexa Fradella, Amanda Morici, Alexandra Gribben, Alexa Lopez, Francesca Querci, Molloy Sheehan, Chris Jeffrey, Annie Hull, Elizabeth Henry, Olivia Henry, Drew Belinsky, Brian Petracca, Kayla Young, Bobby Duvnjak, John Duvnjak, Devon Denihan, Megan Malafronte, Kevin Heenan, Mike Heenan, Nina Kucharczyk, Harry Kucharczyk, Caroline Boylan, Cassie DeMattis, Joe Calderone, Max Johnson, Patrick Sears, Kyle Bentley, Claudia Sbuttoni, Meghan Breen, Katherine Breen and Grace Mulholland gave of their time and talent to treat the parish to an extraordinary event.

Special thanks to the Hull, Jeffrey, Belinsky and DeMattis families, without whom the evening would not have run smoothly, and thanks to John Kiggins who made many changes to the CYO schedule so that Immaculata Hall was free.



Katherine Breen takes a SOUPER BOWL donation from a parishioner following the 7:30 AM Mass



Mary Fran, Mike Campo, Jeff Azeze, Joe Campo and Pat McDonough



Joe Campo talks to a parishioner



Jeff with Cassie and Caroline



Pat McDonough introduces the film



Mike Campo and Jeff Azeze

The Youth Group will meet in the Marian Room at 5:45 on SUNDAY, FEB 8th.



Faith Formation
Grades 1-8

Just a reminder on Monday, February 9th the 6th graders are being tested on the general topics listed in our October parent letter.

The two year Confirmation preparation will build on their basic knowledge of the faith.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS
Current and New



Practice for **ALL** current and new
Altar Servers.

Tuesday, February 10th
in the church
7 PM SHARP!!!!

Contact Fr. Sikorski
with any questions
627-0385 x1006



St. Mary's Annual Mardi Gras C lebration

Preparations are in the works for our
annual pre-lenten

Mardi Gras Celebaration
on Sunday, February 22nd.
following the 9:00 AM Family Mass.

This event always attracts many parishioners. In order to have enough good food, we are asking for donations of baked goods. If you are willing to donate cupcakes, cookies or cakes (we will get the bagels) or to help with set up or clean up (a good Confirmation service project) please call Diana at 365-5408.

Game Day at Our Lady of Grace



We hope you will continue to join us to play Bridge and other games at Game Day at Our Lady of Grace. Just gather your group together and bring your game along. Bridge or Canasta cards, Dominoes, Mah Jong, etc. Mark you calendars now and come enjoy our fun afternoons. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted

**Tuesday, February 24th
12 Noon**

Future Dates: March 31st, April 28th,
May 26th & June 30th

Please bring your lunch.
Beverages & dessert will be provided.

*\$10 donation. For reservations or further
information please call Mary Masso at 627-4981
or Mary Keogh at 627-1016.*

Lent is fast approaching

The groundhog may have seen his shadow last week, indicating six more weeks of winter, but in less than three weeks we will begin the Church's annual celebration of Lent. It is not too early to start reflecting on what you are going to do this Lent to bring you closer to the Lord in preparation for the great Feast of Easter. Lent is a penitential season and the Church encourages us to observe the season through three penitential practices, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In his 2009 message for Lent, Pope Benedict XVI focuses on the practice of fasting. Here are some excerpts on the spiritual benefits of fasting:

"In our own day, fasting seems to have lost something of its spiritual meaning, and has taken on, in a culture characterized by the search for material well-being, a therapeutic value for the care of one's body. Fasting certainly bring benefits to physical well-being, but for believers, it is, in the first place, a "therapy" to heal all that prevents them from conformity to the will of God."

"Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God."

You can read Pope Benedict's message in its entirety at
http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/lent/





Save the Date



Church of Saint Mary

12th Annual Parish Golf & Tennis Classic

Thursday, June 18, 2009
Plandome Country Club

Honoring Dr. Thomas A. Nicosia and Dr. Florence Barricelli

For more information please contact
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