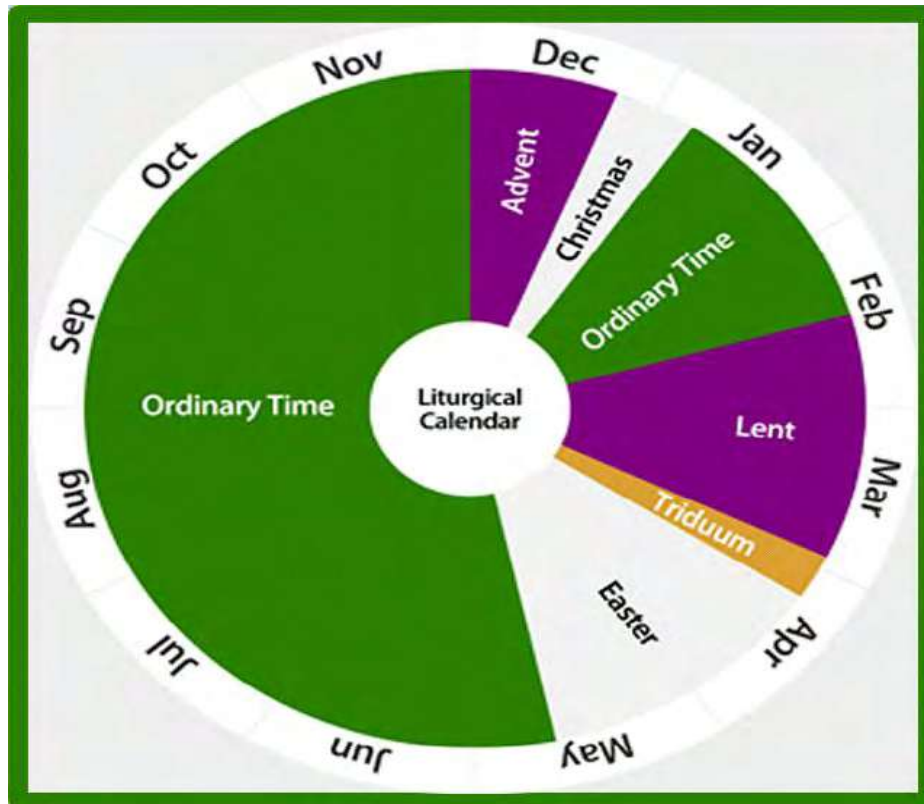


Church of the Holy Spirit

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021



Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (Monday Through Saturday):

8:30 a.m.

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions

Saturday: 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Rectory Hours

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Closed on Fridays and Sundays

Due to the pandemic, only one parishioner will be allowed into the Rectory at a time.

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Pastor's Page

Thank You Again for Your Christmas Generosity

One more time, I sincerely thank you for your generosity for Christmas; it's your money and you decide how you want to spend it. I want to reassure you that we are very careful and prudent with your money, and although we spend what needs to be spent, we never waste a penny. May God continue to bless our parish.

Family Mass

Our Family Mass Committee and our teenagers worked tirelessly this entire Christmas season practicing for weeks and participating at many Masses as singers/cantors, musicians and lectors/readers, but most importantly, I thank them for their commitment to God. If you don't already know, they were here at Christmas Eve for two consecutive Masses. I especially thank Fred Grimshaw for his leadership, organizational skills and great attitude. Fred is only 22 years old and this is a volunteer position.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. **Only one month away.** We are starting early to give everyone, who wants to participate, that opportunity. We are asking for one lector and for three parishioners to distribute ashes at each Mass or service. The Ash Wednesday schedule is below. Please send me an email at Frgrieco.com with your request. Everything will be carefully planned and safe. If need be, we will distribute Ashes in envelopes. This is allowed since ashes are not a sacrament but a sacramental. We will keep you posted every step of the way.

(If you have palm please hold on to it for now, we will be having a palm burning ceremony.)

Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:00 A.M. service	4:00 P.M. Youth Mass (everyone welcome)
8:30 A.M. Mass	5:00 P.M. service
9:30 A.M. Mass	6:00 P.M. service
12:10 P.M. service	7:30 P.M. service
3:00 P.M. service	

Seasons of the liturgical year

Advent
Christmas
Ordinary Time
Lent/Holy Week
Easter
Ordinary Time

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday

By Deacon John Hogan

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

On Monday, January 18th, the nation will pause to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King, of course, was the most significant civil rights leader of the mid-20th Century, basing his leadership upon the tenets of peaceful civil disobedience and protest as espoused by Mahatma Gandhi. With this strategy, along with his Christian faith and the loving/peaceful example of Jesus in his interactions with the Roman authorities and the many who challenged him, Dr. King successfully led sit-ins, marches and lobbying efforts to achieve equal treatment for Black Americans in the voting booth, restaurants, theatres, and, in general, the everyday life of our nation. In particular, the Voting and Civil Rights Acts of the 1960's have their foundation in his work...work that pointed out inequality and strove for equality. Work that was done within the structure of the U.S. Constitution and with a belief that the words of Thomas Jefferson, "that all men are created equal," were meant to be embraced by all.

It would seem that at this time in our nation's history, it is even more important to reflect upon the work of Dr. King and his adherence to peaceful protest and our Constitutional structures. In the first course I took in American Politics at Fordham University, Dr. Stephen David pointed out to us that the word politics is defined as compromise. That is, compromise between two divergent sides and two differing views of the role of government. In other words, the ability to listen to one another and to find common ground. The ability to struggle "around the great middle/moderate playing field" of our national political beliefs and achieve progress for all.

One could not find two more different politicians than President Ronald Reagan and Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill. One was a determined and dedicated Conservative/Republican and the other, a determined and dedicated Liberal/Democrat. Two independent leaders of their political parties who understood what it meant to work for the common good. Together, they found common ground in the 1980s. During the day they challenged one another over legislation, and in the evening, they were able to sit down, tell stories, laugh and enjoy dinner with one another. They didn't demonize the other over the views they held, but rather in their mutual love for country, and with a deep respect for its institutions, found a way to work together.

Jesus tells us to "love one another as He has loved us." Dr. King understood this teaching and took it to heart. As the opening quote points out, light drives out darkness, and love drives out hate. Even the smallest candle can light up a dark room...and a little love defeats reams of hate. Our God is love, let's recommit ourselves to His commandment of love. Let us pray for our nation and for each other at this troubling time in our history and let us always seek out what is true.

May God's Peace and Blessings be with you all, and may He protect the United States of America, its Constitution and its people.

Announcements

Holy Spirit Volunteer of the year!

Jim McCabe

Although this is not a formal or annual award, it is necessary to acknowledge the important work Jim has done for our parish since the pandemic started. On his own, Jim has been cleaning and wiping down the pews after each and every Mass; this includes weekend, daily and funeral Masses. When I thank Jim and offer him something, he refuses to accept anything and says, "I am doing it for God!" This is a selfless and unglamorous job, and he deserves much credit. If you see Jim at Mass, please thank him.

Thank you, Jim, and may God continue to bless you!



Holy Spirit Social Ministry

If you would like to support the Food Pantry, the items most needed are cold cereal, oatmeal, canned meats (corned beef hash, chicken, etc.) jelly and pancake syrup. Drug store and supermarket gift cards are always welcome. Food donations can be dropped off inside the church entrance on Saturday or Sunday during Mass times.

Your support is greatly appreciated!
We also thank Dominick's Deli on Herricks Road for their support!

**The Food Pantry is open on
Mondays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



Home Heating Assistance

If you have fallen behind on paying your home heating bills, you may be eligible for assistance through United Way's Project Warmth.

There are no income limits for this program, and it applies to any type of heating (gas, oil, electric, propane).

For information, please contact Holy Spirit's Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 516-584-4060 or email at SVdPHolySpiritNHP@gmail.com.

Lector Schedules

9:30 AM Family Mass Lectors: January 17 - 24, 2021

If you are unable to make a Mass, please call/text Marie Scandura at 516-279-8381. If you are scheduled to lector, please be at the Church no later than 9:15 a.m.

January 17, 2021

Intro	Shyler Fernandes
First Reading	Jasmine Garnica
Second Reading	Sherwin Fernandes
Petitions	Linda Cheung

January 24, 2021

Intro	Kaitlyn O'Brien
First Reading	Hailey Brooker
Second Reading	Mia Alana
Petitions	Darla Petricca

Adult Lector Schedule January 16 - 24, 2021

January 16 - 17, 2021

1/16 at 5:00 p.m.	Nancy Margro
1/17 at 8:00 a.m.	Phyllis & John Thomas
1/17 at 11:30 a.m.	Jim McHugh

January 23 - 24, 2021

1/23 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Sharkey
1/24 at 8:00 a.m.	Sarah Oliveri
1/24 at 11:30 a.m.	Bob Damato

Reflection

Sunday, January 17, 2021

(Lec. 65)

- 1) 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
- 2) 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
- 3) John 1:35-42

FOCUS: In both our first reading and the Gospel, we hear how God calls people to serve.

The youth Samuel hears God's voice but does not recognize it at first. But God keeps calling and with Eli's help, Samuel is finally able to hear God's word. The disciples of John the Baptist follow Jesus at his invitation, and bring along Simon Peter. We often come to serve the Lord through the invitation of others. We can offer that same invitation to those who have not yet heard the Gospel message.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord keeps calling Samuel, who does not answer him, until Eli advises him how to respond the next time he hears the Lord. Samuel is to say, *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening*. Saint Paul writes the Corinthians, telling them that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and they ought to therefore glorify God in their body. In the Gospel, John the Baptist sees Jesus and declares him to be the *Lamb of God*. Andrew leaves John to follow Jesus, and brings his brother Simon Peter.

Background Screening Update

Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond - the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware - this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked**. The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information- particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org; pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

Respect Life Committee

Coordinator Florence Scarinci

Sometimes it seems like things go from bad to worse.

It wasn't bad enough that New York passed the most permissive abortion law in the nation, allowing abortion at every stage of pregnancy, including late term. Now certain legislators want to close down crisis pregnancy centers*, the very organizations that help women choose life, that give desperate and alone women life-affirming choices along with emotional and material support.

The legislators aren't doing this overtly. They have proposed a law that if passed, will force the employees of these centers to give information about the very procedures they are trying to prevent. The legislation would authorize the state commissioner of health to conduct a study on the impact of these centers on limiting women's access to abortion. These studies are designed to drain the funds of these organizations which charge nothing for their services, are mostly staffed by volunteers, supported by donations, and which do not receive government subsidies.

The interesting fact about this legislation is that it does not mandate similar studies for abortion clinics, to determine if they are providing information about options other than abortion. In contrast to the crisis pregnancy centers, these abortion clinics are profit making, do receive millions in government funds, and operate with paid employees.

Several years ago, the United States Supreme Court struck down a similar California law which specifically required crisis pregnancy centers to inform clients about state provided abortion services. Clarence Thomas, in writing the majority opinion, explained that this law violated the free speech right of pro-life centers by requiring them to promote "the very practice they are devoted to opposing."

Now it is time for us in New York to stand up for what we believe. We must oppose this bill before it ever becomes a law. It was introduced in the Senate with the number S00470 on January 6, 2021 and was sent to the Committee on Women's Issues, the very first day of the new legislative session.

I, for one, am ashamed of living in the abortion capital of the United States. I hope you share my feelings and will act to prevent further assault on the right to life for all.

**Crisis pregnancy centers on Long Island: LI Life Center, now renamed Women First Pregnancy Options, Soundview Pregnancy Centers, and Birthright.*

"I sometimes wonder if the people who so passionately want to save the whale, the polar bear, the polar ice cap, the Amazon rain forest, are just as passionate about saving the preborn human baby."

Florence Scarinci

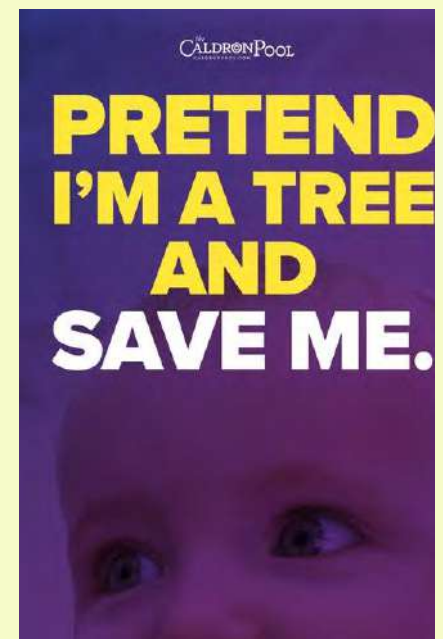


Photo Gallery



The Loyola Family



Members of the Ramos and Munge Families



Tony and Maureen Jackson



Cantor, Joe Mahowald, sang "Lady of Knock" at all the Masses last weekend.



Matthew Chirayath



Irma Keilich



Fr. Grieco with Jim McHugh



Marie, Mario and Larissa Scandura



Eddie and Judy Krupski



From left to right: Howie Ammerman, Patty & Jimmy Kane, Loretta Kusk, Kathleen Lavin and Billy & Teresa Coleman

Mass Intentions & Prayers



**This Week's Bread and Wine
is in Loving Memory of
Aaron Bleeker**

**With Love and Prayers,
Kathleen, Kevin, Carolyn, Kelly
and Claire Mikowski**

Saturday, Jan. 16

8:30 AM

5:00 PM

Weekday

Dolores and Tony Santangelo

Roberta Powell

Nora Fox

Sunday, Jan. 17

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

**Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Parishioners of Holy Spirit

James Fazio

Aaron Bleeker

Monday, Jan. 18

8:30 AM

Weekday

Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, Jan. 19

8:30 AM

Weekday

Mercy Kurian

Wednesday, Jan. 20

8:30 AM

Weekday

Agatha Ciarletta

Thursday, Jan. 21

8:30 AM

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Ponnamma Jacob

Friday, Jan. 22

8:30 AM

**Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children**

Carlos Lugo

Saturday, Jan. 23

8:30 AM

5:00 PM

Weekday

Lou Lanning

Michael Nikic

Dominick Romano

Sunday, Jan. 24

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Michael Grady

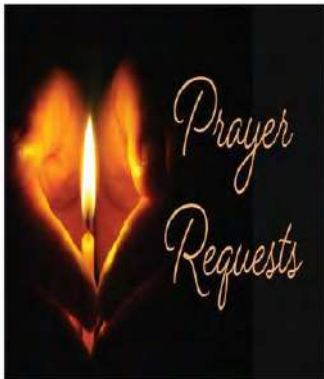
Parishioners of Holy Spirit

Desmond C. Corrigan



**This Week's Candle Burns
In Loving Memory of
Irma Kusmierski**

**With Love and Prayers,
daughter Joyce Kusmierski**



Prayer Requests

John Ricciardi
Janet Rossano
Marisa Sequino
for unborn children
and for those serving in
our military.

*Prayer requests will appear for four weeks. Please notify
the rectory if a prayer request needs to be extended.*



**Please pray for the
recently deceased
members of our parish,
especially for:**

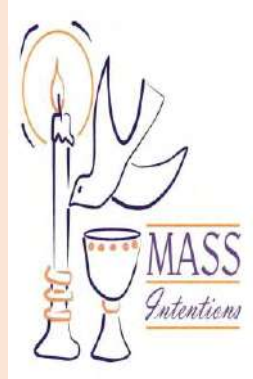
Marie F. Martin

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention, stop by the rectory during office hours.

For all Mass Intentions the requested donation is \$20.

The requested donation for Bread and Wine or Candle offerings are \$25.



Mass Guideline Reminder

Thank you all for continuing to follow the guidelines in place during Mass to ensure the safety of all parishioners. As a reminder:

1. If you wish to receive Holy Communion on your tongue, please **wait until Mass ends** and receive Communion after Mass.
2. Face coverings must be worn throughout the Mass and cover your mouth and nose.

REMINDER

As per NY State and local regulations, and by Diocesan directives, the wearing of a face mask is mandated, while in the Church during Mass.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Deacon John Hogan at jhoganhs@gmail.com to arrange for your child's baptism.



Baptisms are held on the first Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made at least one year prior to the ceremony and before arrangements are made for the reception.



Please contact Fr. Grieco at frgrieco@yahoo.com.

Bulletin Deadline

Please note the deadline for submitting requests for the January 31, 2021 bulletin is **Wednesday, January 20, 2021.**

Requests should be sent to both mgannon@holyspiritli.org and frgrieco@yahoo.com

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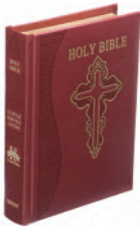
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