

Masses

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am

Holy Days:

7:00pm (Vigil on the eve)

9:00 (on the day)

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:00 pm (Large Church)

or by appointment with a priest

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The Parish Family of Mary Immaculate

Sunday
July 2, 2017

16 Browns Lane, Bellport, NY 11713
631-286-0154 / 631-286-2937 (fax)

www.miparish.net



Rectory Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
(Closed 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Religious Education Office / Youth Ministry: 631-286-3504

Society of St. Vincent de Paul / Food Pantry: 631-286-3795

Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

July 2, 2017 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

July 1

5:00 pm Louis Sorviero by Tina Parente & Family
John Vander Zalm by Mohlmann Family
Kim Jones by Dennis & Jeri Marshall

Monday

July 3

9:00 am Mary Hughes by Cullen Family

Tuesday

July 4

9:00 am No Intention Requested

Sunday

July 2

9:00 am Waldtraud Deutsch by Mcgann-Mercy Crew Team

Wednesday

July 5

9:00 am No Intention Requested

11:00 am Kim Ann Jones

by Antonio & Kathleen Shelton

Thursday

July 6

9:00 am No Intention Requested

Friday

July 7

9:00 am No Intention Requested

Bulletin Reflection: Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just a "cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded.

Living Stewardship: We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose open hands are willing to share what they have been given so that God's people are fed and their needs met.

Last Week's Collection: \$5,286.00

Faith Direct Month of June: \$8,757.08

Father's Day: \$190.00

The Rectory Office will be
closed on
Tuesday, July 4th in
observance of
Independence Day.

God Bless America



This Weeks Readings

Monday: Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29 / Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a / Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19 / Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:108, 62-67 / Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 / Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30



Fr. Bill Hanson



Eva Stanganelli



Olivia Ingrassia

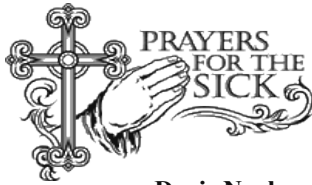
*Congratulations to our
Altar Server
Salutatorians!*

Altar Servers for many years, both Eva and Olivia were Salutatorians at their recent High School Graduations.

- **Eva graduated from Bellport High and will be going to Stony Brook University.**
- **Olivia graduated from Bayport-Bluepoint high and will be going to Fordham University.**

God bless all of our graduates this year. May they discover the call God is whispering in their hearts.

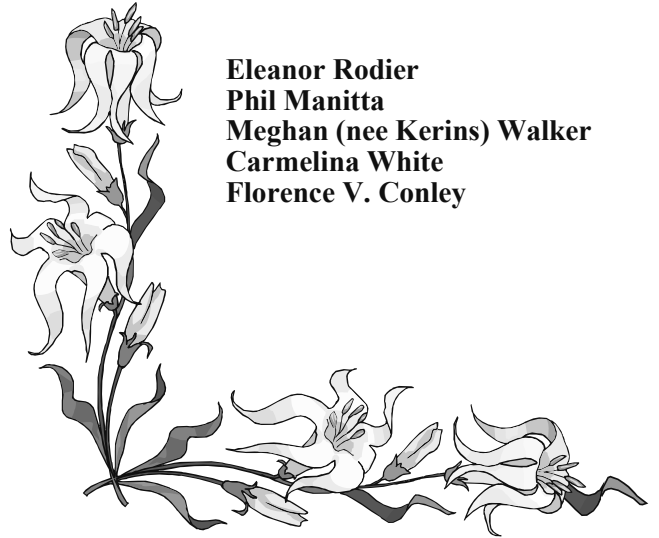
Mary Immaculate Prays For One Another



Gina DiMartino
 Kate Cox
 Nora Cetchell
 Michael Matthews
 Roz Hassell
 Nancy Cavaliere
 Jose Llanes
 Emily Straub
 Claudia Horst
 Philip J. McSweeney
 Frank C. Harris
 Joanne Klonoski
 Vincent Racaniello
 Ralph Multari

Doris Noehren
 Emily Magnani
 Lorraine Schordine
 Jennifer Bennett
 Richard Colli
 Luhur Budiarjo
 Teimor Tamadon
 Theresa Venturino
 Maureen Gjertsen
 James Leung
 Thomas Nolan
 Alice Nolan
 John Rocco
 Kevin Williams
 Matthew Yalamas

Please Pray for Our Deceased



Eleanor Rodier
 Phil Manitta
 Meghan (nee Kerins) Walker
 Carmelina White
 Florence V. Conley

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

Gregory Azzara - Navy
 Gunnery Sgt. John Scott Dowdell - USMC
 SSgt Matthew Pica - Army
 John Paul Redmond - Army
 PFC Robert Temple - Army
 SSgt. Shawn Weismiller - Air Force
 Sgt. Jason Ramos - Army
 Pvt Jonathan Salvestrini - Army
 PFC Shane Gibney - USMC
 Cpl Mark Anthony Barone - USMC
 Lt. Philip J. Granati - U.S. Coast Guard
 WO1 Nalita Sellers - Army
 LC Amanda Knepper - USMC
 SFC Edward Kusa - Navy
 Bryan Thurston - Army
 Sean Thomas Vignato - USMC
 Mgr. David Matthew Butler - Army
 Chief Richard J. Vanderhoof - U.S. Coast Guard

Please pray for the safe return of our troops.
 The families wish to thank you for your prayers,
 and ask that you please continue to pray.
God Bless you all.

Stewardship in Action

Mass Servers for the Following Week:

July 8th

5:00 PM

Servers: E. Ciavatta, K. Ciavatta, T. Wilson

Lector: K. Hawkins

Host Ushers: T. Derby, P. Morrison

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Desmond, D. Berberich,
 J. Cronin

July 9th

9:00 AM

Servers: C. Eisenberg, Mia Eisenberg, Mark Eisenberg

Lector: J. Panarello

Host Ushers: C. Miller, D. Sullivan

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Fiori, E. Sullivan, L. Pergola

Children's Liturgy of the Word: T. Umbarilla

11:00 AM

Servers: Elizabeth Campau, Emily Campau, J. Croke

Lector: R. Rossteuscher

Host Ushers: G. Moriarty, H. Zengen

Eucharistic Ministers: D. McDowell, J. Renehan,
 H. Zengen

Mary Immaculate News & Events

Ongoing Programs/Meetings:

- **Parish Library**
Open weekends after each Mass in Large Church.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**
9:00 am Mass on Sundays. Children dismissed to break open The Word on a level appropriate for them.
- **Moms & Tots**
Every other Thursday from 10:00 am - 11:00 am in the Cottage. **Will resume in September.**
- **Youth Group**
6:00 pm -7:30 pm every Saturday in the Cottage.
Ages: All High School Students Welcome! **Will resume in September.**
- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**
10:15 am to 11:15 am on the 1st Sunday of the month in the Cottage.
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Cottage.
- **Rosary Altar Society**
7:00 pm every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Little Church. All are welcome!
- **Ministry of Consolation**
Please call the Rectory for more information.
- **AA Meeting**
7:30 pm on Sundays & 7:00 pm Thursdays in Auditorium. This meeting is open to anyone who desires to stop drinking.
- **Respect Life**
6:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month in the Large Church.
- **Icon Painting Class**
10:00 am - 3:00 pm on 2nd Thursday of every month in Auditorium. Please call Jim Fuchs at 631-286-1643.
- **Camera Club**
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of month in the Cottage except for holidays and scheduled field trips.

**For more information please call the Rectory:
286-0154.**

Welcome!



If you have recently moved into this area, kindly register by stopping by the Rectory or visiting the Church Office after any weekend Mass or by contacting us at 286-0154.

Religious Education & Youth Ministry:

All children grades 1 through 8 must register **EVERY YEAR** for the program by calling the Religious Education Office at 286-3504.

Sacraments:

Baptism: Celebrated once a month at 1:00 pm in the Little Church. Registration is required. Parents should schedule an appointment with Deacon Bob at least 3 months before the desired date of baptism by calling the Rectory. A baptism preparation class is also required.

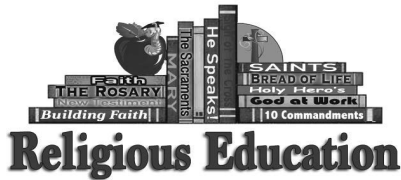
Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in the Large Church or by calling the Rectory for an appointment with a priest.

Marriage: Couples should make arrangements at least 6 months in advance by appointment with the pastor. No date for a wedding will be set over the phone. Pre-Cana classes are required.

Adult Sacraments: (RCIA)

Are you an adult who wishes to be prepared for Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist? RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation by which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. All those who would like to begin this journey, please contact Deacon Bob at the Rectory.

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Registration 2017-2018 Deadline: July 31, 2017

If you have not registered for the **Religious Education School Year 2017-2018**, please pick up your registration form as soon as possible in the Rectory or Large Church after weekend Masses.

You may also visit our website at miparish.net and print the form and return it to Mary Immaculate with your payment. Thank you.

Mass Attendance Cards

To All Religious Ed Students:

Don't forget when you attend weekend Mass, to get your Mass Attendance Card at the weekend Office and have it stamped. If no one is present at weekend office, there is a sign in book for your convenience.



Now is a great time to take advantage of on-line donations! There's no need to write and old fashioned check each week. Use your checking account or credit card to donate electronically. It's easy, safe and convenient to enroll and use. In addition to being a convenience for you, the parish can avoid the fluctuations in donations that happens every summer. Bills arrive regularly each month, and it can be difficult to budget without a steady income.

Participants in the **Faith Direct** program can change the amount of their donation at any time. Second collections can be included. Please consider enrolling in **e-Giving** through **Faith Direct** to make sure that your gift will reach Mary Immaculate Church—even when you cannot!

Please visit www.faithdirect.net and use our Church code: **NY289**

Mary Immaculate Sweatshirts



The following sweatshirts sizes are still available for purchase \$40 each.

- 6—Small Adult
- 5—XL Adult
- 1—3XL Adult

Please call the Rectory if you would like to purchase a sweatshirt.



From Sea to Shining Sea

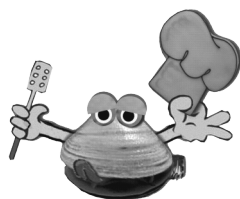


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Mary Immaculate's Annual Clambake 2017

August 26th



Mary Immaculate Prayer Shawl Ministry



*Give the gift of prayer and comfort
with a handmade Prayer Shawl.*

*Those who have received these blessed shawls have
been comforted, affirmed and enveloped in the hugs
and prayers of our parishioners.*

*Shawls are on display the 2nd weekend of the month
and donations are accepted for yarn.*

*If you like to crochet, please join us on the
1st Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am
at the Rectory.*

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

*Liturgical Memorials are available each month to
celebrate a blessed event or
to remember our deceased loved ones.*

Eucharistic Bread and Wine: \$50
Altar Candles: \$50
Altar Flowers: \$100

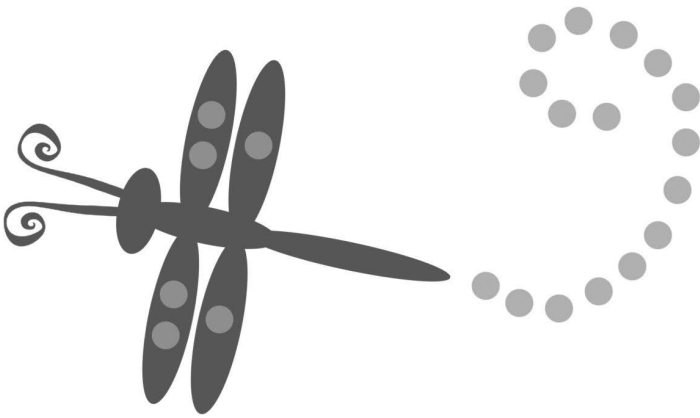
*To memorialize one or more of the above,
call or visit our Rectory or the Weekend Office
available after all weekend masses in the
Large Church.*

Mary Immaculate Rosary Altar Society



**Please join us and pray the
Rosary on Tuesday, July 11th
at 7:00 PM in the Little Church.
All Are Welcome!**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of those little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

This week, know that you will be bringing hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Local Assistance Information:

- ◆ Child Abuse Hotline: 800-342-3720
- ◆ Poison Control: 516-542-2323
- ◆ Birthright: 631-821-9727
- ◆ Catholic Health Services Pregnancy Support: 1-855-301-4CHS—www.chsli.org/giannacenter
- ◆ Suffolk County Mental Health Emergency Hotline: 631-952-3333
- ◆ Family Counseling Service: 631-669-2827
- ◆ Hope House: 631-473-6030
- ◆ AA Hotline 24 Hours: 631-669-1124
- ◆ Al-Anon and Alteen: 631-669-2827
- ◆ Suicide Hotline: 631-751-7500
- ◆ Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
- ◆ Epic (NYS Program for Seniors): 1-800-332-3742
- ◆ Suffolk County Office of the Aging: 631-853-8200
- ◆ Suffolk County Handicapped Services: 631-853-8333
- ◆ Suffolk County Veteran Services: 631-853-8387
- ◆ Suffolk Perinatal Coalition: 631-475-5400
- ◆ Town of Brookhaven Adult Day Programs: 631-451-9142



**Our Pantry is in Need
of the Following:**

***Spaghetti Sauce, Beans,
Macaroni & Cheese, Soup,
Cereal, Tuna, Canned Pasta,
Canned Yellow Vegetables***



Thank You!!!

“A Person Who Sings Prays Twice”



This old proverb reminds us that when we join together in song, we express our shared faith as we follow the instruction of Saint Paul, who told the Church to “sing together psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs” (Colossians 3:16).

When we sing during Mass, the melody becomes as much a part of the meaning as the text. Think of how flat and dull it would feel if we only spoke the words to Jingle Bells – but add lively, bright music to the words, and we now create a feeling of happiness and joy! The same is true for many of our hymns and psalms. When we sing, we connect with the words on a deeper level. The familiar Good Friday psalm “My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me” has a somberness appropriate for the day Christ died for our sins, and is soon replaced by the joyous chorus of Easter’s Alleluias.

The choir and cantor are there to guide and assist the community in prayerful song. Their purpose is not to entertain or perform for a passive audience. By singing together, we are united in the celebration of our faith. No longer are we individuals in a Church – we become the Parish Family of Mary Immaculate.

Please join in singing at the weekend Masses. God does not care how well you sing – after all, He gave you the voice you have. When we all come together in song, we heighten our prayerfulness and sense of community, become fully engaged in the Mass, and add a new depth of meaning to our Sunday worship.

Antiques & Collectibles Show & Sale

**Mary Immaculate Church
Browns Lane, Bellport N.Y.
(South Country Rd to Browns Lane
and Bell St)**

Tuesday July 4th 2017

Rain Date July 8th

9am – 5pm

Come and purchase from a large selection

of Glassware, Furniture, Dolls, Linen

Decoys, Military, Tools, Jewelry and more.

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Mary Immaculate Church, Bellport - July 8 & 9, 2017



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To Whom Can We Go?

"To whom else shall we go? You have the message of eternal life." Peter says these words to Jesus. But they are spoken in a very conflicted context: Jesus had just said something that upset and offended his audience and the gospels tell us that everyone walked away grumbling that what Jesus was teaching was "intolerable". Jesus then turns to his apostles and asks them: "Do you want to walk away too?" Peter answers: "To whom else can we go?" But that's more a statement of stoic resignation than an actual question.

His words function at two levels. On the surface, they express an unwanted humility and helplessness that sometimes beset us all: "I have no alternative! I'm so invested in this relationship that now I have no other options. I'm stuck with this!" That's a humble place to stand and anyone who has ever given himself or herself over in an authentic commitment will eventually stand on that place, knowing that he or she no longer has another practical choice.

But those words also express a much deeper quandary, namely, where can I find meaning if I cannot find it in faith in God? All of us have at some point asked ourselves that question. If I didn't believe in God and had no faith or religion, what would give meaning to my life?

Where can we go if we no longer have an explicit faith in God? A lot of places, it seems. I think immediately of so many attractive stoics who have wrestled with this question and found solace in various forms of what Albert Camus would call "metaphysical rebellion" or in the kind of Epicureanism that Nikos Kazantzakis advocates in *Zorba, the Greek*. There's a stoicism which offers its own kind of salvation by drawing life and meaning simply from fighting chaos and disease for no other reason than that that these cause suffering and are an affront to life, just as there is an Epicureanism that meaningfully grounds life in elemental pleasure. There are, it would seem, different kinds of saints.

There are also different kinds of immortality. For some, meaning outside of an explicit faith, is found in leaving a lasting legacy on this earth, having children, achieving something monumental, or becoming a household name. We're all familiar with the axiom: *Plant a tree; write a book; have a child!*

Poets, writers, artists, and artisans often have their own place to find meaning outside of explicit faith. For them, creativity and beauty can be ends in themselves. Art for art's sake. Creativity itself can seem enough.

And there are still others for whom deep meaning is found simply in being good for its own sake and in being honest for its own sake. There's also virtue for virtue's sake and virtue is indeed its own reward. Simply living an honest and generous life can provide sufficient meaning with which to walk through life.

So, it appears that there are places to go outside of explicit faith where one can find deep meaning. But is this really so? Don't we believe that true meaning can only be found in God? What about St. Augustine's classic line? *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until the rest is in you.* Can anything other than faith and God really quiet the restless fires within us?

Yes, there are things that can do that, but all of them – fighting chaos, curing diseases, having children, living for others, building things, inventing things, achieving goals, or simply living honest and generous lives – leave us, in an inchoate way, radiating the transcendental properties of God and working alongside God to bring life and order to the world. How so?

Christian theology tells us that God is *One, True, Good, and Beautiful*. And so, when an artist gives herself over to creating beauty, when a couple has a child, when scientists work to find cures for various diseases, when artisans make an artifact, when builders build, when teachers teach, when parents parent, when athletes play a game, when manual laborers labor, when administrators administrate, when people just for the sake integrity itself live in honesty and generosity, and, yes, even when hedonists drink deeply of earthly pleasure, they are, all of them, whether they have explicit faith or not, acting in some faith because they are putting their trust in either the *Oneness, Truth, Goodness, or Beauty* of God.

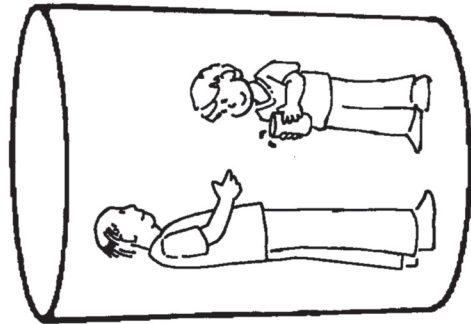
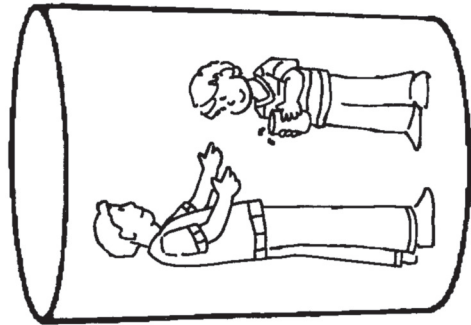
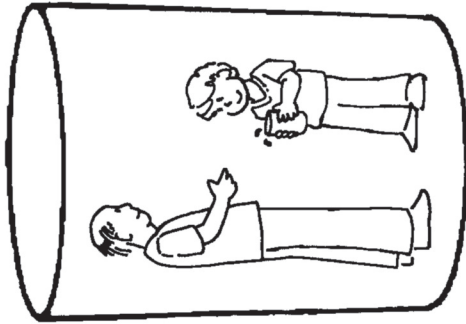
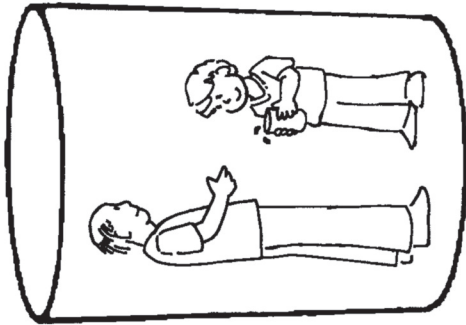
Lord, to whom else can we go? You have the message of eternal life. Well, it seems that there are places to go and many go there. But these aren't necessarily, as is sometimes suggested by misguided spiritual literature, empty places that are wrong and self-destructive. There are, of course, such places, spiritual dead-ends; but, more generally, as we can see simply by looking at the amount of positive energy, love, creativity, generosity, and honesty that still fill our world, those places where people are seeking God outside of explicit faith still has them meeting God.

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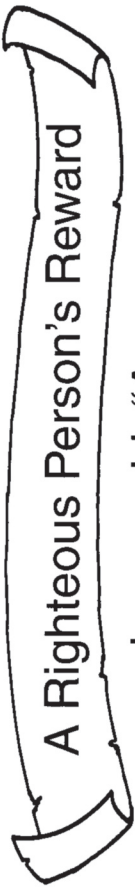
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Children's Worship Bulletin

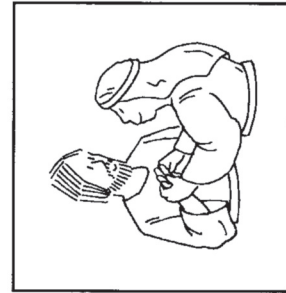
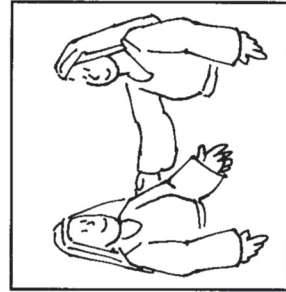
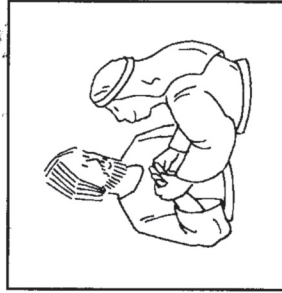
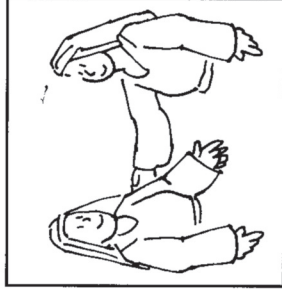
Ages 3-6

July 2, 2017 • Matthew 10:40-42



Jesus said, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes Me."

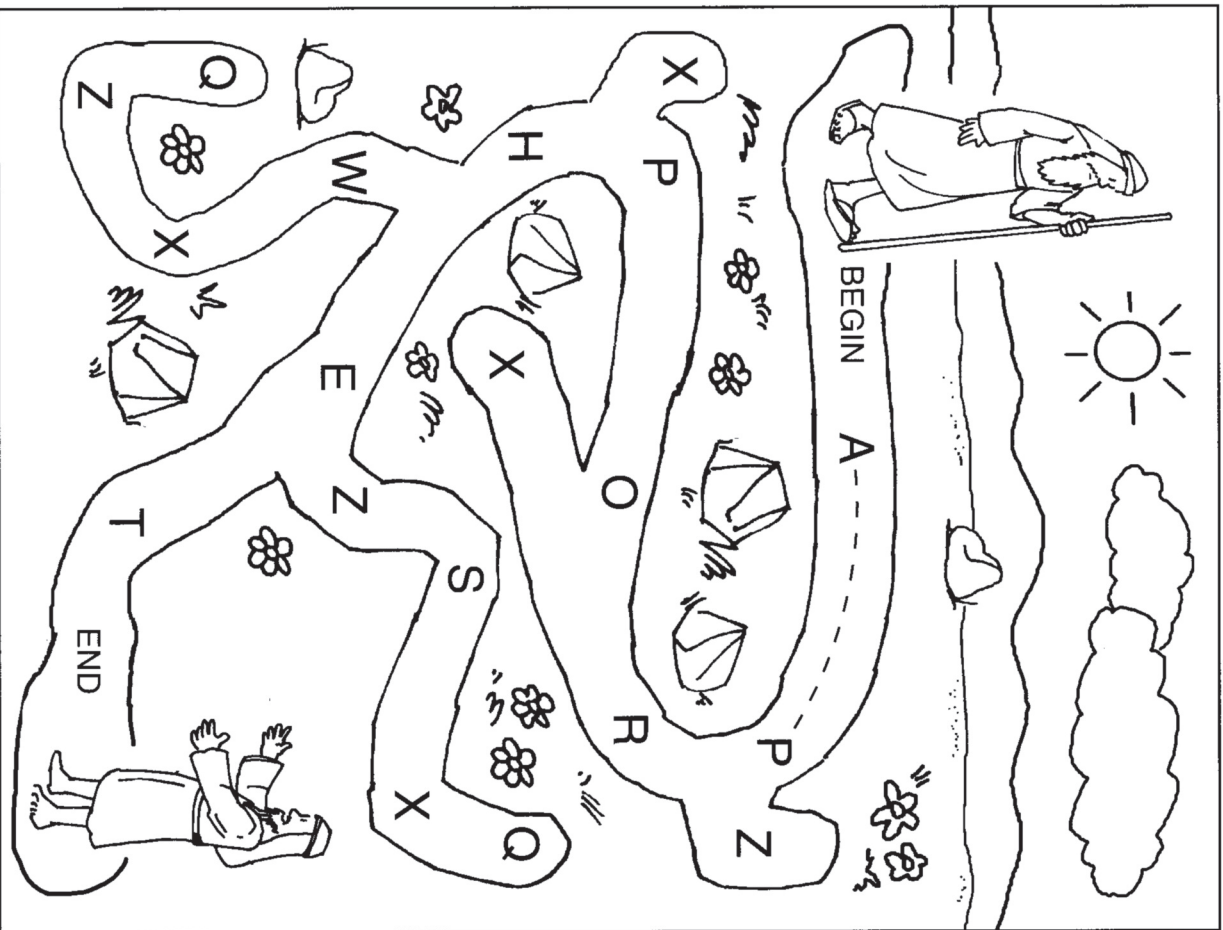
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“Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward ...”

Connect these letters to find the right path.



A P R O P H E T



“... and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward.”


Match the letters and trace them.

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WELCOME



Community and Diocesan Events

Hope For Youth—Foster Parent Program

Hope For Youth is a leading child welfare agency that has been meeting the needs of Long Island's most vulnerable children for almost 50 years. We provide a array of services through our various programs. One of our largest programs is our Therapeutic Foster care Program. Due to the heroin epidemic and other factors, more and more children need foster care. To bring attention to the needs of children affected by trauma, especially those in the foster care system, HFY has started an initiative called #kidsantwait and we invite you to explore our websites for more details:

www.hfny.org and www.kidsantwait.info. We are looking for families like yours! Homes are needed for youth from infant-20 years old that can accommodate sibling sets and families that are bilingual English-Spanish. Please come to our **Foster Parent Information Session on the Last Tuesday of Every Month at 6:30 pm—8:30 pm**. Hope For Youth is located at 201 Dixon Ave., Amityville.

♦ **Golden Jubilee of the Charismatic Renewal**

Mark your calendars! Come and celebrate the **Golden Jubilee of the Charismatic Renewal in our Catholic Church**.

The **Charismatic Conference and Celebration will be held in Scranton, Pennsylvania at Scranton University**.

Conference dates: August 4th, 5th & 6th, 2017. Bus transportation is available for the weekend. A charter bus will be picking up all interested at St. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Deer Park and at Our Holy Redeemer in freeport. For Conference registration forms and transportation information, please call Anna Baciuska at 516-223-8594.

♦ **St. John the Baptist DHS Prep Course Catholic High School Entrance Exam**

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is offering a Prep Course for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam on **Saturday, September 23rd, September 30th, October 14th, October 21st from 8:00 am—10:30 pm & Wednesday, October 25th from 6:00 pm—8:30 pm**. This year we are also offering a “Test Taking Strategies” Class the Friday evening before the exam. For additional information, please visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call 631-587-8000, ext. 17.

♦ **Summer Church Camp at the Shrine**

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island will be hosting **Summer Church Camp for Grades K-6**. The camp includes Daily Mass, Outdoor Activities, Music, Arts & Crafts, Spiritual Walks & Much More! The Camp will be held **Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am—2:00 pm**. **Session 1: July 17th—20th & Session 2: July 31st—August 3rd**. The cost is: \$80 for the first child & \$40 for sibling. To register or for information, please call 631-325-0661. The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island is located at 258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville.

♦ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Live your married lives “more abundantly” by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next **WWME Weekends are November 3-5, 2017 in Huntington, NY and June 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA**. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit at www.wmeli.org.

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