

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
November 5, 2017

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(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

November 5, 2017 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u> 5:00 pm	<u>November 4</u> Anthony Frabizio	by Kalinowski Family	<u>Monday</u> 9:00 am	<u>November 6</u> Toby Cullen	by Cullen Family
<u>Sunday</u> 9:00 am	<u>November 5</u> All Souls	by Ministry of Consolation	<u>Tuesday</u> 9:00 am	<u>November 7</u> Bert Garcia	by Sheila Henck
11:00 am	Christine Waters Anna "Honey" Belcher	by Michelle Yalamas & Family by Diane & Jim Giattino	<u>Wednesday</u> 9:00 am	<u>November 8</u> No Intention Requested	
			<u>Thursday</u> 9:00 am	<u>November 9</u> No Intention Requested	
			<u>Friday</u> 9:00 am	<u>November 10</u> Eugenia Bresnahan	by Raso Knapp Family

Bulletin Reflection: "The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest." Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service of others.

Living Stewardship: We are grateful this week for all stewards in our a parish whose outlook is changed as a result of embracing Stewardship leading to a new way of life!

Last Weeks's Collection: \$5,325.00

*Does not include *Faith Direct* donations which are reported at the end of the month. The average weekly collection through *Faith Direct* is \$2,400.00 from 62 donors.



For the Month of November

*Our Altar Flowers & Candles
Eucharist & Wine
are in Loving Memory of
Margaret Davis*

Requested by the Tapler Family



This Weeks Readings

Monday: Rom 11:29-36 / Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5, 16b / Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Friday: Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Mt 25:1-13



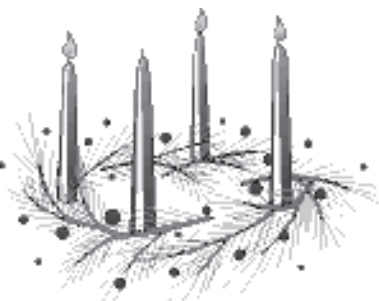
Fr. Bill Hanson



Saint Agnes Medal of Service



Carolyn and John Barnett received the St. Agnes Medal of Service last Sunday from Bishop Barres in a ceremony at St. Agnes Cathedral. Carolyn has been a catechist in our Religious Education program and trains and assists our altar serves each week. John has been an active member of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference and its treasurer for many years. He recently assisted in the installation of smart TV's in our meeting rooms for Religious Education, and assists our catechists in their use.



advent
is coming...

Come as a family or by yourself to help us decorate on Sunday November 26 at noon. We put up all the greens and lights for Advent (purple) and Christmas (white.). The more the merrier!

Mary Immaculate Welcomes You!

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.
- **Youth Group**
6:00 pm -7:30 pm every Saturday in the Cottage.
Ages: All High School Students Welcome! **Will resume on October 7, 2017.**
- **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.

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
Jennifer Lombardi
Dana Hertzovitz

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

Please Pray for Our Deceased



Rita Klein
Christine Waters
Michael Penfold
Katherine Miller
Patricia Trainor
Fr. Hugh Cannon

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:

November 11th

5:00 PM

Servers: J. Maler, B. Maler, K. Price

Lector: K. Hawkins

Host Ushers: T. Derby, P. Morrison

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Barnett, C. Barnett, K. Hawkins

November 12th

9:00 AM

Servers: T. Sica, I. Katz, J. Katz

Lector: H. Sidoti

Host Ushers: C. Miller, P. Dastis, D. Sullivan

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Barry, S. Barry, E. Sullivan

Children's Liturgy of the Word: J. Pergola

11:00 AM

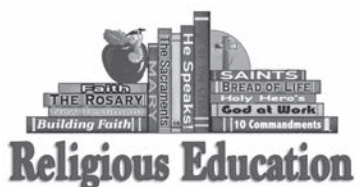
Servers: T. Fielding, S. Macioce, T. Macioce

Lector: R. Rossteuscher

Host Ushers: G. Moriarty, H. Zengen

Eucharistic Ministers: Ken Hawkins, Kathy Hawkins,
J. Renehan

Mary Immaculate Religious Ed. News



Here is this week's schedule of classes:

Level 1: Monday, November 6th 4:15—5:15 PM

Level 2: Tuesday, November 7th **NO CLASS**

Level 3 & 4: Weds., November 8th 4:15-5:15 PM

Level 5 & 6: Thurs., November 9th 4:15—5:15 PM

Level 7 & 8: Monday, November 6th 7:00—8:15 PM



Service Opportunities Levels 7 & 8

- **Faith Buddies Needed!** During the 9 AM & 11 AM Masses, children go upstairs for Liturgy of the Word with a Catechist. We would like to invite you to be a "Faith Buddy" that will help the catechist and the children.



Hello Parents,

Welcome to a new year of walking together in faith. Please note the following Parent Meetings:

Level 1: Sat., Nov. 25th from 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Parent/Child Gathering (Advent Theme)

Level 2: Weds., Nov. 8th from 6:30—8:00 PM
Parent/Child Meeting



Taste and Goodness of God

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Our Grade Level Liturgies are as follows for the Month of October:

- **Level 2:**
Saturday, December 9th at the 5 PM Mass or
Sunday, December 10th at the 9 AM or 11 AM Mass
- **Level 8:**
Saturday, January 6th at the 5 PM Mass or
Sunday, January 7th at the 9 AM or 11 AM Mass

Mary Immaculate News & Events



Have you ever wondered why the gospels were written...or why... and who was the intended audience?

Please join Fr. Don Hanson who will be hosting a series of talks entitled
"Discovering St. Mark's Gospel."

Beginning in Advent, as we change liturgical years, we will begin reading St. Mark's Gospel. Fr. Hanson will explain the historical setting of the Gospels and the culture of those times and why this has an impact on our comprehension of the Gospels.

Understanding all of these influences will help us to come to a deeper appreciation of the Gospels and how we can apply it to our lives today.

The session will begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 25th and will meet for a total of 5 weeks, ending on November 22nd in the Large Church.

If you cannot make it to every session, come when you can. There is no need to commit to the entire series.



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 in the Large Church.*

Mary Immaculate Rosary Altar Society



Please join us and pray
the Rosary on
Tuesday, November 14th
at 7:00 PM in the Little Church.

Mary Immaculate News & Events



Save the Date!

*Monday, December 11th
6:00 PM*

*Home of Donna Esp
12 Maplewood Drive, Bellport*

*Cost: \$15 per person—includes
snacks, salad, dinner, dessert,
beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee,
tea.*

*We hope you can join us for a
delicious dinner in a beautiful,
festive home with the BEST
ladies ever!!*

*RSVP: Kathie Dallin at
631-286-0302 or
kitkat1103@optonline.net
by December 1st*



**Saturday, December 9th
11:30 AM**

**The Christmas Spectacular at
Radio City Music Hall is one of the most
cherished holiday traditions in the area.
It features the Rockettes, the dancing
Santas and the Living Nativity.
The tree at Rockefeller Center
will be lit and the windows
on Fifth Avenue will be decorated!**

**If you are interested in joining us,
please call Joe Panarello
at 631-286-1823
to reserve your space.**

Communion for the Homebound

If you know of anyone that is
homebound and in need of communion,
please contact the Rectory.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**We NEED you.
Can you HELP?**



Each year Mary Immaculate Parish collects food for approximately **130 families for Thanksgiving Dinners**. In order to accomplish this great feat and to help replenish our Food Pantry, we have a Food Drive at local grocery stores.

We need approximately **240 volunteers** to spend 1 to 2 hours accepting food donations at the doors of the local stores listed below.

The Mary Immaculate, St. Vincent de Paul **2017 Thanksgiving Food Drive** Schedule is as follows:

- **IGA Cirillo, Bellport:** 11/4, 11/11, 11/18
- **Best Market, Shirley:** 11/5, 11/11, 11/12
- **King Kullen, Patchogue:** 11/4, 11/5, 11/11, 11/12
- **Best Market, E. Patchogue:** 11/4, 11/12, 11/18

Distribution: Sunday, November 19th

Sign Ups: Sat. Oct 14th, Sun Oct 15th, Sat. Oct 21st, Sun. Oct 22nd, Sat. Oct 28th, Sun. Oct. 29th, Sat. Nov. 4th, Sun. Nov 5th

Any questions, please contact Ken Hawkins at 631-286-2559.

In addition, "**Turkey Feathers**" will be for sale after each Mass for \$20 each to support our Thanksgiving Food Baskets.



In the Gospel today, we hear the Good News that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us!

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.



St. Vincent de Paul Elves have already started planning for the upcoming Christmas Giving Tree. In the past, parishioners have requested to adopt their own family and found this to be a truly rewarding undertaking.

Once again, this year, the **Giving Tree** will be available in the foyer of the Large Church with the individual tags and also Classroom #7 on a poster board tree beginning **November 25th**.

If you are interested in Adopting a Family, **NOW IS THE TIME TO CALL.**

Please contact Rita Buckley at 631-654-3442.

Thank you in advance for keeping Christ in Christmas.

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NOVEMBER 2017

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

IMPACT THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER 1 & 2

All Saints and All Souls

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls celebrate those who have gone before us in faith. We recognize those who lived saintly lives and pray for those who have died.

Who inspires you to live and grow in faith?

November 23

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a perfect opportunity to reflect on your blessings and to share with those who are in need.

For what are you most grateful this year? What will you share in grateful response?

WHAT REALLY MATTERS?

"The greatest among you must be your servant."

In the month of November, the Gospels call us to focus on the ultimate things of life: Meaning. Purpose. Eternity. We are reminded that what really matters to God is not what is always viewed as important in the world. While we might measure a person's worth by their wealth, influence, power, or prestige, Jesus has a much different gauge of importance. Ultimately, what matters in the eyes of God is what we have done with our lives, talents, and resources, and how we have used what we have in service of others.

WHATEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST ONES

"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

As Jesus neared the end of his earthly ministry, he drew his disciples to himself to talk about what really matters in life. In the final chapters of the Gospel of St. Matthew,

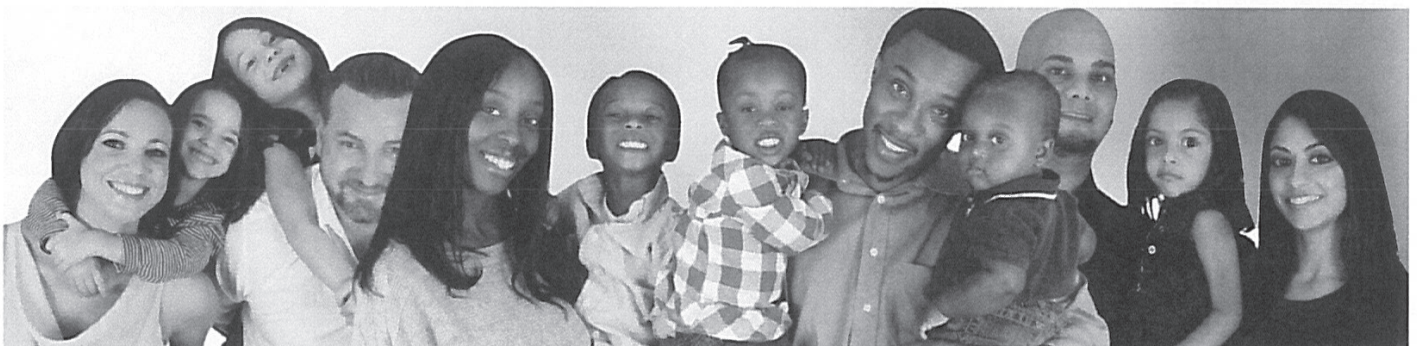
from which we read this month, Jesus tells us to be ready for Christ's return, and explains that we will be judged on how we have treated others, especially those most in need: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me...Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

BRINGING THIS HOME

It is the time of the year when families gather for special meals; parishes collect food and clothing for the poor; and co-workers come together socially. At times, the gatherings are filled with love. Sometimes, tension or disagreement mark such moments. Stay focused on what really matters as you join with family and friends this season. Go out of your way to serve others with a glad and thankful heart, and know that in doing so, you are fulfilling your call as a follower of Jesus Christ. We will offer practical ideas for bringing faith home, and invite your thoughts about this through our new Everyday Impact blog and Facebook page. Use the link below to connect, explore, and share.

Keep Impact alive throughout the month: www.CatholicLifeandFaith.net/Everyday-Impact

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CALLED TO RETURN WITH INCREASE

“Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful.” Pope Francis, 2013

On the surface, the parable of the talents, which we hear on November 19, is a story about three servants who are charged with the care of their master’s money. Like all parables, however, the story Jesus tells has a much deeper meaning. It is a story of who we are as people who have been entrusted with much – life, gifts, talents, and resources. In the parable, two of the servants multiply their master’s riches, while one buries his talent, returning it as it was to the master upon his return. While the one who buried his talents is called wicked and lazy, those who increased what was entrusted to them are regarded as “good and faithful servants.”

Clearly, the master intends for us to use what we have been given and use it well, to make it fruitful and return it with increase to the Lord. “Each will be measured by the standard of his or her individual vocation. Each has received a different “sum”—a unique mix of talents, opportunities, challenges, weaknesses and strengths, potential modes of service and response—on which the Master expects a return. He will judge individuals according to what they have done with what they were given.” (SDR, p. 20)

How do we multiply what we have been given? By giving it away. This is what Jesus perfectly models and what we are to be about. Jesus emptied himself for the sake of all. He shows us that such giving is the way of the kingdom of God. Pope Francis helps us reflect on this in our own lives: “In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that the Lord has given us; but rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others. Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously

guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn.” (April 24, 2013)

What talent, spiritual, intellectual, and material riches have been entrusted to you? How do you use your talents and gifts in your daily life? What material resources do you have that others need?

In what ways do you make your gifts fruitful by sharing, service, and caring for others? How might you challenge yourself to more fully return with increase to the Lord all that has been entrusted to you?

“Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn.”

Pope Francis, 2013



Ron Rolheiser Column
Week of October 29, 2017
A Plea for the Soul



It's hard to find your soulmate in someone who doesn't believe you have a soul.

Recently on *The Moth Radio Hour* a young woman shared the story of her breakup with her boyfriend, a young man for whom she had deep feelings. The problem was that she, a person with a deep faith, a Mormon, struggled with the radical materialism of her boyfriend. For him, there were no souls; the physical world was real, and nothing else. She kept asking him if he believed he had a soul. He couldn't make himself believe that. Eventually, not without a lot of heartache, they broke up. Why? In her words: *It's hard to find your soulmate in someone who doesn't believe you have a soul.*

Her frustration is becoming more universal. More and more our world is ignoring and denying the existence of soul, becoming soulless. It wasn't always like this. Up until modern times, often it was the physical and the body that weren't properly honored. But things have changed, radically.

It began with Darwin, who rooted our origins more in the history of our bodies than in the origins of our souls; it took more shape in the mechanistic philosophies of the last century, which understood both our universe and ourselves as physical machines; it became more firm as modern medicine and experimental psychology began more and more to explain the brain primarily in terms of carbon complexification and biochemical interactions; it seeped into our higher educational systems as we produced more and more technical schools rather than universities in the deeper sense; and it culminated in popular culture where love and sex are spoken of more in terms of chemistry than in terms of soul. It is not surprising that for most pop singers today the mantra is: *I want your body! I want your body!* We're a long ways from Shakespeare's marriage of true minds and Yeats' love of the pilgrim soul in you.

Religion of course has always lodged its protests against this but often its understanding of the soul was itself too narrow to have much power to lure a materialistic culture back into wanting to rediscover and listen to the soul. Ironically, it took a non-religious figure, Carl Jung, to speak of soul again in a way that is intellectually intriguing. And it was in the sick, the insane, the suicidal, and others whose lives were broken that Jung began to hear the cry of the soul (whose demands are sometimes very different from those of the body and whose needs are for much more than simple comfort and the prolonging of life).

Much of Jung's teaching and that of his followers can be seen as a protest for the soul. We see this, for example, in the writing of James Hillman. It's ironic that as an agnostic he was able to speak about the soul in ways that we, who are religious, might envy and emulate. Like Jung, he also drew many of his insights from listening to the soul cry out its meaning and pain through the voices of the sick, the insane, the broken, and the suicidal. Religion, medicine, and psychology, he believes, are not hearing the soul's cry. They're forever trying to fix the soul, cure the soul, or save the soul, rather than listening to the soul, which wants and needs neither to be fixed nor saved. It's already eternal. The soul needs to be heard, and heard in all its godly goodness and earthy complexes. And sometimes what it tells us goes against all common sense, medical practice, and the over-simplistic spiritualities we often present as religion.

To be more in touch with our souls we might examine an older language, the language that religion, poets, mythologists, and lovers used before today's dominant materialism turned our language about the soul into the language of chemistry and mechanism. We cannot understand the soul through any scientific description but only by looking at its behavior, its insatiability, its dissatisfactions, and its protests. A soul isn't explained, it's experienced, and soul experience always comes soaked in depth, in longing, in eros, in limit, in the feeling of being pilgrim in need of a soulmate.

Happily, even today, we still do spontaneously connect the soul to things beyond chemistry and mechanism. As Hillman points out: "We associate the word 'soul' with: mind, spirit, heart, life, warmth, humanness, personality, individuality, intentionality, essence, innermost, purpose, emotion, quality, virtue, morality, sin, wisdom, death, God. As well, we speak of a soul as 'troubled', 'old', 'disembodied', 'immortal', 'lost', 'innocent', 'inspired'. Eyes are said to be 'soulful', for the eyes are 'the mirror of the soul'; and one can be 'soulless' by showing no mercy."

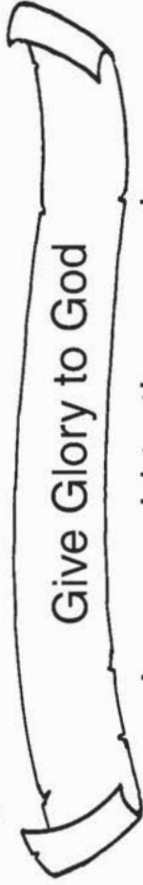
Soullessness: We understand the make-up of something best when we see it broken. So perhaps today we can best understand our soullessness in the growing acceptance of pornography and hook-up sex, where the soul is intentionally and necessarily excluded from what is meant to be the epitome of all soulful experience.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com. Now on Facebook www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser

Children's Worship Bulletin

November 5, 2017 • Matthew 23:1-12

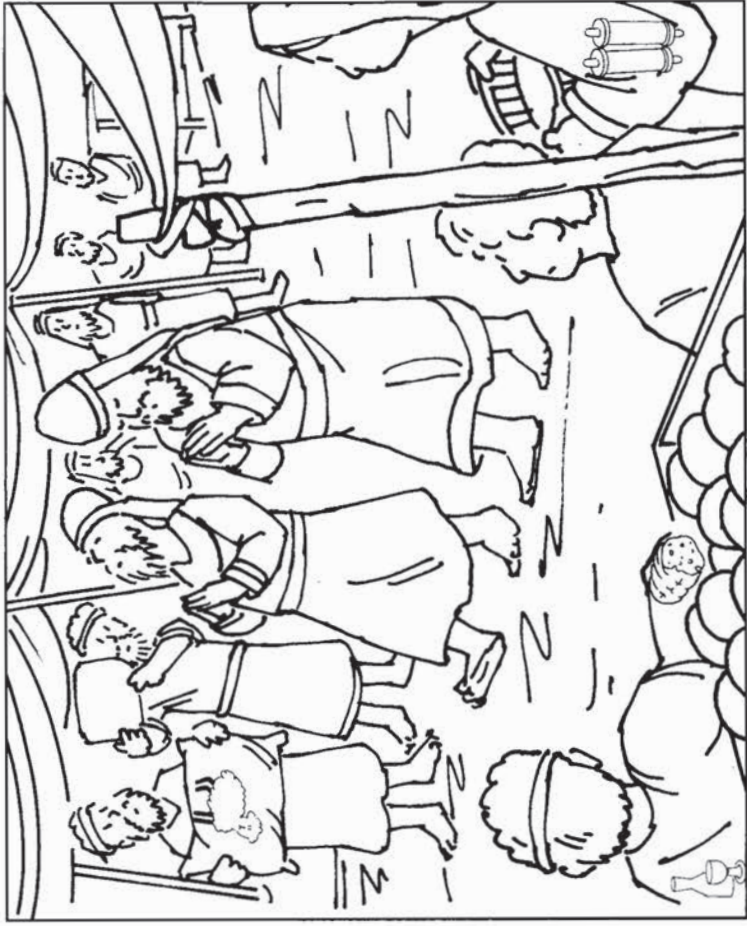
Ages 3-6



Jesus said to the crowd,
 "Do not do what the Pharisees do."

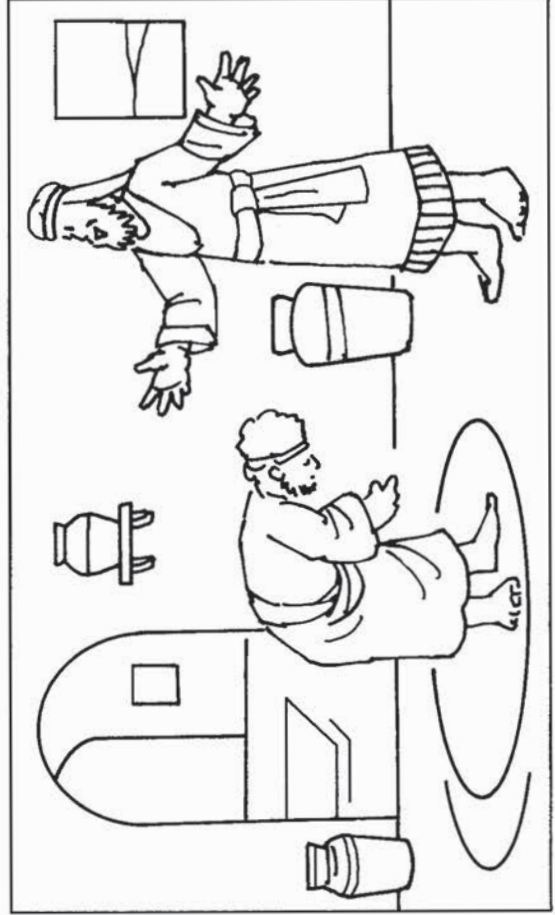
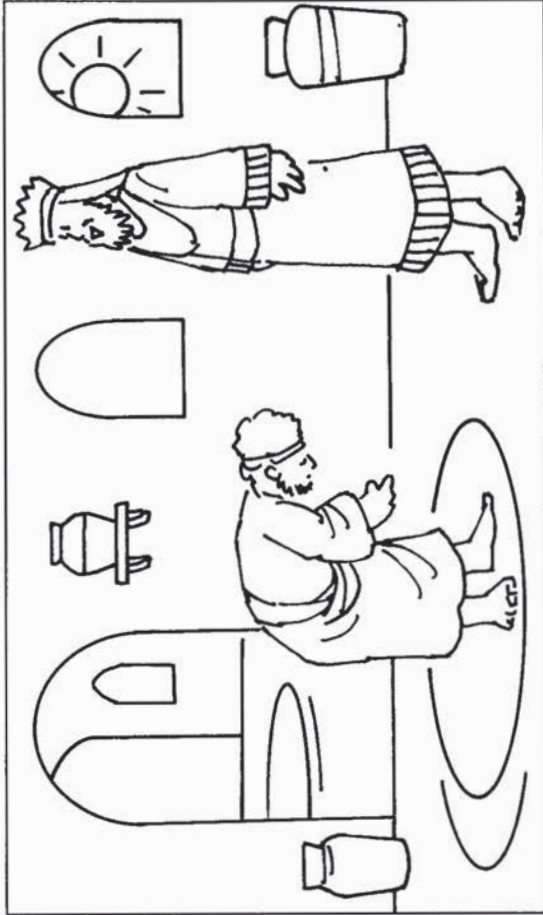


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Jesus also said, "Those who
 humble themselves will be exalted."

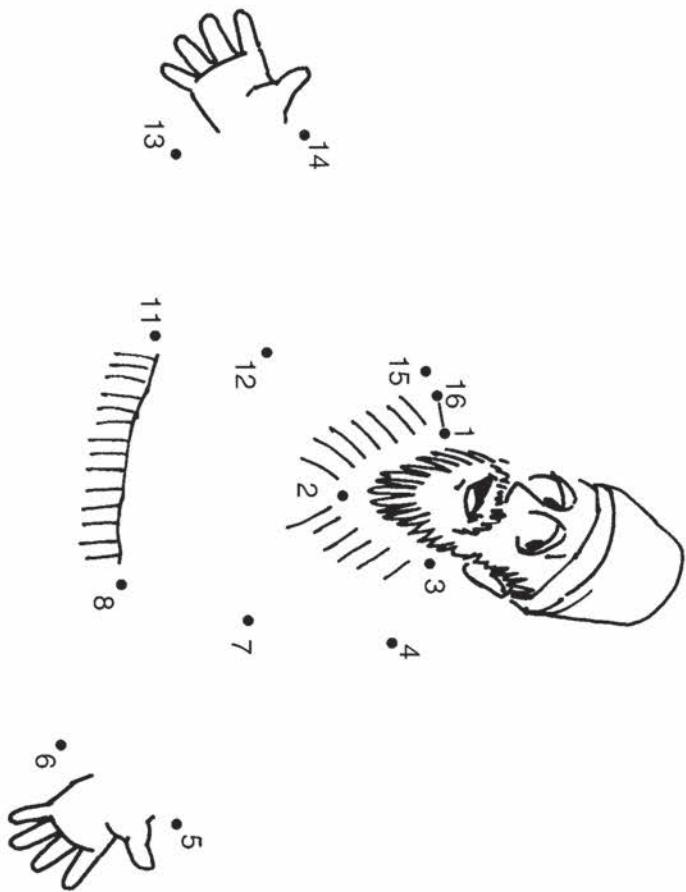
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“They love to be praised.”

Connect the dots.

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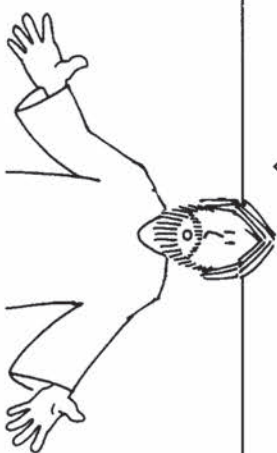


What else did Jesus say?

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☾ = I ◇ = O ○ = U



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w_ ll b_ y_ r_

s_ rv_ nt.”

Community and Diocesan Events

◆ Healing Mass—St. John Nepomucene

St. John Nepomucene Church is hosting a **Healing Mass on November 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM**. All are welcome. Fr. Larry Chadwick will be presiding. St. John Nepomucene is located at 1140 Locust Ave., Bohemia. For more information, please call Pat at 631-589-4715.

◆ Surviving the Holidays—Grief Share

Please join us for *"Holiday Help for the Bereaved"* on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017 from 7:30 PM—9:00 PM**. This event is sponsored by Bereavement/Consolation Ministry at St. Mary's Church in the Sacred Heart Hall (next to the Church on Main St.) in East Islip. All are welcome and please bring a friend. Refreshments will be served. Please **RSVP** by November 10th at 631-581-4266, ext. 0. Free will offering is appreciated.

◆ Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—May 16-25, 2018

Travel with St. Joseph's College faculty members: Sr. Grace Rowland, CSJ and Fr. Frank Pizzarelli, SMM from May 16th –25th, 2018. For a detailed brochure, please call Sr. Grace at 631-654-0199 or email at growland@sjcny.edu.

◆ Alzheimer & Dementia Caregiver Support Group—South Country Library

The *Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands Caregiver Support Program* is offering an **Alzheimer & Dementia Caregiver Support Group on Monday, December 13th from 1:00 PM—2:30 PM and on Monday, December 11th from 1:00 PM—2:30 PM**. This support group will link caregivers, family and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or dementia with other caregivers to provide information and support. Registration is required. Please call 516-586-1507 for more information and/or to register. South Country Library is located at 22 Station Rd., Bellport.

◆ Cenacle Sisters Ronkonkoma

The following programs are being offered at the Cenacle located at 310 Cenacle Rd., Ronkonkoma. Please call 631-588-8366 for more information.

Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 1:00 PM — 4:00 PM at the Retreat Center; 12:30 PM arrivals and refreshments. *"Love Never Dies—The Heart of Grief and Hope."* This grief and healing workshop will help us find strength and hope following the death of a loved one. **Offering: \$35 per session**—a \$20 deposit is required to hold your reservation.

Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 10:30 AM — 1:30 PM at the Retreat Center; 10:30 AM arrivals and refreshments. *"Morning for Seniors...Life's Calling You, Come Follow Christ—Journey Through Advent Pondering Mary's Faith."* In this season of preparation, awaiting new beginnings, we will journey together and ponder the depths of Mary's faith and our own. **Offering: \$25**—lunch included. This is a reduced rate for seniors. A \$15 deposit is required to hold your reservation.

◆ Hate Crime Prevention & Crime Victim Services Program

This program is for adults and mature teens. Hate Crime has particularly damaging effects on its victims, their families and the communities of which they are a part. In this Power Point presentation you will learn about prejudice, discrimination, stereotyping and how Hate Crime affects victims and communities. The program provides detailed information about what a Hate Crime is and what to do if you or someone you know may be a victim of a hate Crime. We also offer a viable long term solution for Hate Crime Prevention. Please call 631-689-2672 to schedule a workshop today.

◆ Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar to God what belongs to God." Discern how to give thanks to God for our spouses by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter will be held on February 9-11, 2018 in Huntington, NY.** For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit at www.wmeli.org.

For more information on any diocesan-sponsored events /programs, please visit www.drvc.org.



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