

## 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  
October 21, 2018

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

**Religious Education Office:** 631-286-0154

**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

# October 21, 2018 The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 5 pm:** *Patricia Butler*  
By Hwasoon & Michael Mullaney  
*Kay Ford*  
By the Murphy Family  
*George Gamaldi*  
By Marilyn & Dale Justice & Family

**Sunday, 9 am:** *Robert DellaRocca*  
By Joan & John DellaRocca  
*Valentino D'Ambrosio*  
By Elaine & Joseph D'Ambrosio  
*Eileen Rehm*  
By Lynn & Frank Clementi

**11 am:** *Doris Noehren*  
By the Derby Family  
*Mary Jane Mahon*  
By the Mahon Family

**Monday, 9 am:** *Kay Ford*  
Parish Family of Mary Immaculate  
*Theresa Cook*  
Parish Family of Mary Immaculate

**Tuesday, 9 am:** No intention

**Wed. 9 am:** *Patricia Butler*  
By Dorothy Maggio

**Thursday, 9 am:** No intention

**Friday, 9 am:** No intention

**Saturday, 5 pm:** *Patricia Butler*  
By Jane Graham  
*George Gamaldi*  
By John W. Wallen III & Family  
*Arlene D'Elia*  
By Christine Monahan

## This Week's Readings

**Monday:** Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38  
**Wednesday:** Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9  
**Sunday:** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126:1-6;  
Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

## Bulletin Reflection:

All discipleship involves mission. The Bishops Pastoral Letter on Stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

**Weekly Collection: \$4,584**

**Faith Direct average weekly: \$2,200**

*Parishioners may honor a loved one by sponsoring the altar flowers & candles, or the wine & hosts for the month. We ask for a donation of \$50 for the wine and hosts and \$100 for altar flowers and candles. Their name and yours will be listed in the bulletin for the entire month.*



*To remember a friend or relative in this very special way, visit the weekend office after Mass or contact the Rectory office.*

*For the Month of October*

*Wine & Hosts  
are in loving memory of  
MaryAnn & Michael  
Auletti*

*Requested by Christine Auletti*

*For the Month of October*

*Flowers  
are in loving memory of  
Patricia Butler*

*Requested by Kathy Butler*



Fr. Bill Hanson



## *Night Prayer*

Concluding Family Catechesis we all stand around the Font and a statue of Mary Immaculate, sing the Night Prayer Hymn, the Salve Regina, a child rings the bells, and another sprinkles holy water. "May the Lord grant us a peaceful night, and a perfect end. Amen"



## *Family Catechesis*

One option available to families this year is Family Catechesis. Using special materials prepared by Loyola Press, parents and students work at home for four weeks. When we gather on the fifth week, we open with a prayer and a shared experience of faith based on the Sunday Gospel. Students then meet with a catechist, and parents meet with me for a discussion on faith to support their work with their students.



**South Country Churches' Pastors' Monthly Luncheon** at Peter's on the Green. A wonderful group of dedicated and creative people I feel privileged to be working with. Left to right we are: Rev. Kevin O'Hara, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Patchogue; Rev. Hickman Alexandre, St. James Episcopal Church, Brookhaven; Rev. Terrence Buckley, Christ Episcopal Church, Bellport; Fr. Bill Hanson, Mary Immaculate RC Church, Bellport; Rev. Suhee Kim, Bellport Methodist Church; Rev. Karen Hybertsen, Old South Country Presbyterian Church. Absent: Rev. Martin Curtain, OFM., cap, St. Joseph the Worker, E. Patchogue; Rev. Madge Houghton-Thompson, Ruth AME Church, Bellport; Deacon Robert Lyon, Mary Immaculate RC Church, Bellport; Rev. Vincent Linguiti, Church of the Nazarene, Patchogue.

## *South Country Churches Thanksgiving Service* *Sunday November 18th, 4:30 pm at St. James Episcopal Church*

*260 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, NY*

St. James Episcopal, Brookhaven + Old South Country Presbyterian, Brookhaven + Bellport Methodist, + Mary Immaculate, Bellport  
Ruth AME Zion, Bellport + Christ Episcopal, Bellport + St. Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue  
Patchogue Church of the Nazarene, + Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Patchogue

# Mary Immaculate Welcomes You!

## Ongoing Programs/Meetings:

- **Parish Library**  
Open weekends after each Mass in Large Church.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
9 am and 11 am Mass on Sundays during the school year. Children are dismissed to break open The Word on a level appropriate for them.
- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
10:15 am to 11:15 am on the 1st Sunday of the month in the Cottage.  
7 pm to 8 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Cottage.
- **Rosary Altar Society**  
7 pm every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Little Church.
- **Ministry of Consolation**  
Please call the Rectory for more information.
- **AA Meeting**  
7:30 pm on Sundays & 7 pm Thursdays upstairs in Auditorium. This meeting is open to anyone with the desire to stop drinking.
- **Icon Painting Class**  
10 am - 3 pm on 2nd Thursday of every month in the Large Church. Please call Jim Fuchs at 631-286-1643.
- **Camera Club**  
7 pm - 9 pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of month in the Cottage except for holidays and scheduled field trips.



### MARY'S MANTLE PRAYER SHAWLS

On the 2nd full weekend of each month, Mary's Mantle Prayer Shawls are available by the Ministry.

You can also stop by the rectory and someone in the office can help you. Also, you can inquire at the weekend office after all Masses.

The Parish Family of Mary Immaculate prays for the recipients of our Mary's Mantles. If you know of someone who is suffering - physically, mentally or spiritually - perhaps they would appreciate receiving one of these lovingly-made prayer shawls.

# 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 631-286-0154. You can also fill out a registration form found at both entrances to the Large Church, and drop them in the collection basket.*

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Celebrated either at a weekend Mass or once a month at 1 pm in the Little Church. Please register at least 3 months before the baptism by calling the rectory. A baptism preparation class is also required.

**Reconciliation:** Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 3:30 - 4 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 the rectory.



*“How good it is for us to pray together.*

*How good it is to encounter one another in this place where we see one another as brothers and sisters, where we realize that we need one another.”*

*Pope Francis*

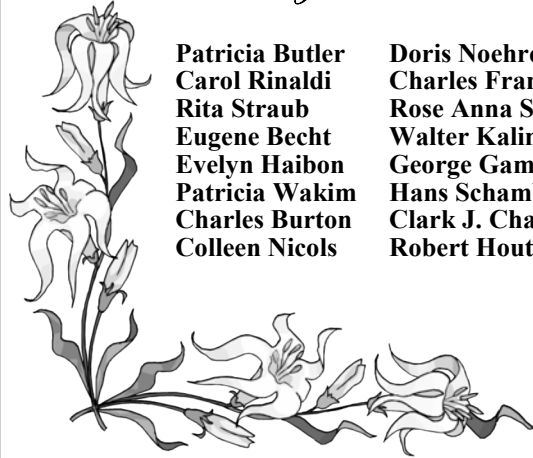
# Mary Immaculate Prays For One Another

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Robert Vasquez - Navy  
 Gregory Azzara - Navy  
 Gunnery Sgt. John Scott Dowdell - USMC  
 SSgt Matthew Pica - Army  
 PFC Robert Temple - Army  
 SSgt. Shawn Weismiller - Air Force  
 Sgt. Jason Ramos - Army  
 Cpl Mark Anthony Barone - USMC  
 Lt. Philip J. Granati - U.S. Coast Guard  
 LC Amanda Knepper - USMC  
 Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Kusa - Navy  
 Sean Thomas Vignato - USMC  
 Mgr. David Matthew Butler - Army  
 Chief Richard J. Vanderhoof - U.S. Coast Guard  
 Thomas C. Lennon - USMC

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

## *Please Pray for Our Deceased*



Patricia Butler	Doris Noehren
Carol Rinaldi	Charles Francomano
Rita Straub	Rose Anna Sander
Eugene Becht	Walter Kalinowski
Evelyn Haibon	George Gamaldi Sr.
Patricia Wakim	Hans Schambach
Charles Burton	Clark J. Champney
Colleen Nicols	Robert Houtenbrink



Marilyn Stanions  
 Nancy Cavaliere  
 Claudia Horst  
 Philip J. McSweeney  
 Vincent Racaniello  
 Jennifer Lombardi  
 Linda Sherwood  
 Mary Kinsley  
 Helen Sidoti  
 Thomas Nolan  
 Alice Nolan

George McCombs  
 Gina DiMartino  
 Michael Matthews  
 Roz Hassell  
 Emily Magnani  
 Lorraine Schordine  
 Luhur Budiarjo  
 Theresa Venturino  
 Kevin Williams  
 Therese Hopper  
 Helen May  
 Irene Ball  
 Christine Barden

"Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind." *Psalm 107:19-21*

Bishop Barres asks us to join in praying for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and for the reform, purification and sanctification of the Church. To report a past abuse or a suspected abuse, call the Hotline at 516-594-9063.



# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN

### IN LEVEL 8

There will be a parent meeting on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

At 11 AM OR 7 PM

Whichever is more convenient for you!

## Grade Level Liturgies in October

Levels 5 and 6: October 20 at 5 PM Mass OR  
October 21 at 9 or 11 AM Mass

Levels 3 and 4: October 27 at 5 PM Mass OR  
October 28 at 9 or 11 AM Mass

## Registration Closes October 31st

### Catechists are needed

### For Levels 2, 3 and 4

Please contact Fran if you can help  
in this very important ministry.

## Faith Formation Classes this Week

Level 2: Tuesday 4:30 - 5:30

Level 3: Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30

Level 4: Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30

Level 5: Tuesday 5:45 - 6:45

Level 6: Tuesday 5:45 - 6:45

Level 7: Monday 7:00 - 8:20

Level 8: Monday 7:20 - 8:20

## Community Service Opportunities

- **Eastern Farm Workers Association is holding a HALLOWEEN PARTY** for their workers and families at Christ Episcopal Church in Bellport. The event is on Saturday, October 27th, from 6 to 8 pm. 8th graders and older are needed to assist with set-up, clean-up and to help with games for the children. Please speak with Fran if you can help. Note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Food Collection for St. Vincent de Paul's Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Sign up and reserve your preferred date/time for collecting food at local grocery stores. Collection dates are 10/27, 11/28, 11/3, 11/4, 11/10, 11/11 and 11/17. Collection times begin at 9 am and end at 5 pm, in one-hour time slots. Sign up after Masses beginning on October 13th. If you can't sign up after Mass, please call Ken Hawkins at 631-286-2559.
- **CYO needs volunteers:** If any 8<sup>th</sup> graders or high schoolers are interested in volunteering, we could always use your help keeping the scorebook or running the scoreboard. Please contact John Mackie at 631-335-1025 or email him at [jm@cherrylanelitho.com](mailto:jm@cherrylanelitho.com)

If you volunteer for any community service outside of Church, bring documentation from the group to Miss Fran, and she will record your hours in your file.

*"To be friends with God means to pray with simplicity,  
like children talking to their parents"*

*Pope Francis*

# Weekend Ministry Schedule

<u>October 6, 7</u>	<u>October 13, 14</u>	<u>October 20, 21</u>	<u>October 27, 28</u>
<p><b><u>5 PM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> B. Maler, J. Maler, K. Price  <b>Lector:</b> S. Hammer  <b>Ems:</b> C. Strickland, F. Gucci, K. Hawkins  <b>Ushers:</b> G. Zanazzi, J. Palo</p>	<p><b><u>5 PM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> E. Ciavatta, K. Ciavatta, H. Sponton  <b>Lector:</b> K. Hawkins  <b>Ems:</b> D. Berberich, C. Barnett, J. Barnett  <b>Ushers:</b> P. Morrison, T. Derby</p>	<p><b><u>5 PM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> E. Mehrkens, C. Murphy, N. Ponter  <b>Lector:</b> F. Lento  <b>Ems:</b> J. Cronin, K. Hawkins, L. Ferraro  <b>Ushers:</b> P. Attanasio, T. Derby</p>	<p><b><u>5 PM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> J. Aragona, A. Caroli, W. Caroli  <b>Lector:</b> P. O'Connor  <b>Ems:</b> B. Berberich, K. Desmond, C. Strickland  <b>Ushers:</b> D. Sullivan, M. Simon</p>
<p><b><u>9 AM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> M. Murphy, P. Schortemeyer, E. Rauch  <b>Lector:</b> N. Cassone  <b>Ems:</b> E. Sullivan, A. Messina, A. Martinez  <b>Ushers:</b> M. Comiskey, D. Sullivan</p>	<p><b><u>9 AM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> T. Stanganelli, T. Sica, D. Walsh  <b>Lector:</b> C. Kusa  <b>Ems:</b> K. Stanganelli, J. Langer, V. Langer  <b>Ushers:</b> C. Miller, P. Dastis, D. Sullivan</p>	<p><b><u>9 AM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> A. Sullivan, C. Fiori, B. Fiori  <b>Lector:</b> H. Sidoti  <b>Ems:</b> S. Rauch, J. Barry, S. Barry  <b>Ushers:</b> J. Springhorn, E. Sullivan</p>	<p><b><u>9 AM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> G. Comiskey, J. Comiskey, K. Comiskey  <b>Lector:</b> J. Panarello  <b>Ems:</b> T. Fiori, M. Lyon, H. Sidoti  <b>Ushers:</b> P. Atanasio, M. Klein Sr.</p>
<p><b><u>11 AM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> J. Aragona, D. Walsh, N. Ponter  <b>Lector:</b> E. Russo  <b>Ems:</b> L. Budiarjo, J. Renehan, O. Miller  <b>Ushers:</b> P. Morrison, J. Ryan</p>	<p><b><u>11 AM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> T. Ocasio, J. Schmidt, S. Zengen  <b>Lector:</b> M. Lingat  <b>Ems:</b> K. Hawkins, K. Hawkins, M. Brown  <b>Ushers:</b> G. Moriarty, H. Zengen</p>	<p><b><u>11 AM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> T. Wilson, L. Wilson, C. Wilson  <b>Lector:</b> P. Morrison  <b>Ems:</b> G. Moriarty, J. Renehan, H. Zengen  <b>Ushers:</b> M. Umbarilla, D. Sullivan</p>	<p><b><u>11 AM Mass</u></b>  <b>Altar Servers:</b> S. Schildgen, S. Macioce, T. Macioce  <b>Lector:</b> J. Renehan  <b>Ems:</b> O. Miller, M. Simon, D. McDowell  <b>Ushers:</b> J. Deutsch, M. Deutsch, F. Lento</p>

## ONE WAY TO PRAY

- GRATITUDE:** Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
- AWARENESS:** Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were and when you were not the best version of yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
- SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS:** Identify something you experienced in the last 24 hours, and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).
- PEACE:** Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
- FREEDOM:** Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the best version of yourself.
- OTHERS:** Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, and ask God to bless and guide them.
- Pray the Our Father.**



# Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.



**Do you know of a family who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that we can help.**

**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 one to two hours accepting food donations at the doors of the local stores listed below.

**The Mary Immaculate/St. Vincent de Paul 2018 Thanksgiving Food Drive schedule is as follows:**

- **IGA Cirillo's, Bellport:** 11/3, 11/4, 11/10, 11/11
- **Best Market, Shirley:** 10/27, 10/28, 11/4, 11/17
- **King Kullen, Patchogue:** 11/3, 11/4, 11/10, 11/11

**Sign-ups for collecting at these locations will be at every Mass beginning Saturday, October 13th through Sunday November 11th.**

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

**If you are unable to sign up after Mass, please call Ken Hawkins at 631-286-2559 for available dates and times**

**"NO ONE SAVES ONESELF. THE COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL."  
POPE FRANCIS**



St. Vincent de Paul elves have already started planning for the upcoming Christmas Giving Tree.

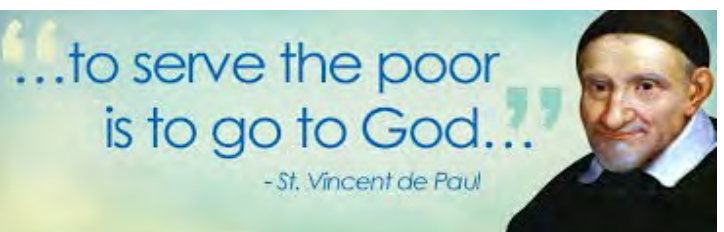
In the past, parishioners have requested to adopt their own family and found this to be a truly rewarding undertaking.

Once again, this year, the Giving Tree will be set up in the foyer of the Large Church and also in Classroom #7 on a poster board tree beginning **November 24th.**

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.**



You may help feed the needy in our area by dropping off non-perishables on Saturday or Sunday before Mass in our little blue wagon located in the foyer of the Large Church.

Our food pantry is in need of peanut butter, jelly, tuna, canned yellow and green vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, and soup.



## Thank You

To the businesses  
who advertise  
in our bulletin!

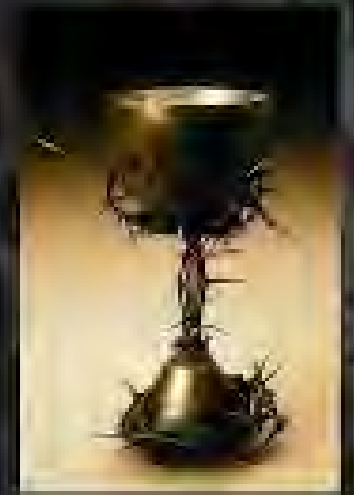
Please patronize these  
local establishments to  
show our gratitude for  
their continuing support of  
The Parish Family of  
Mary Immaculate.

If you haven't already  
completed a survey,  
visit our website,  
[www.miparish.net](http://www.miparish.net),  
and  
click on the survey link.

**Thank you!**

## Mark 10:38

Jesus said to them, "You do  
not know what you are asking.  
Are you able to drink the cup  
that I drink, or to be baptized  
with the baptism with which  
I am baptized?"



*"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of  
love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."*

**Mother Teresa**

## Do you shop at Amazon?

Did you know that Mary Immaculate can receive a donation at no cost to you?  
Visit Amazon and sign up for Smile Amazon. Make Mary Immaculate of Bellport your charity,  
and Amazon will give a donation to this parish every time you make a purchase!

**Embrace everyone and  
everything that helps you  
become a-better-version-  
of-yourself and you will  
live a life uncommon.**

*-Matthew Kelly  
The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic, page 152*

**To** our Eucharistic  
Ministers, the Lectors,  
Ushers, Altar Servers,  
Choir Members, and  
those who serve in the  
Children's Liturgy of the  
Word service, We thank  
you for your service to  
your parish family. You  
give your energy, skills,  
and time to serve at the  
Table of the Lord.  
Your tireless devotion to  
this congregation is such  
a blessing to us all.

# Impact



Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

## Impact this month

### PRAY

Pray this prayer throughout the coming month:

Lord, may your Holy Spirit make your good will and call for my life clear and present amidst the noise and clutter of my modern life. Help me to see moments where I can practice putting you and your Gospel first.

### DISCERN

What desires do you perceive in the depths of your heart? How might this desire lead you to follow Jesus more fully with your life? If you are weighed down by material things or concerns, invite God to free you from these burdens.

### ACT

What one or two things will you do this month to respond to the Lord? Resolve to put your faith into action.

## Is something weighing you down?

“Children, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

Anyone who has moved from a long-time home can likely relate to the man whose story we hear in the gospel on October 14. We seem to acquire material possessions without thinking. Then we prepare to move, and find all that stuff we have not used in years (or ever). We face a decision: will we pack the stuff and move it with us, knowing it may never come out of the box, or will we give it away, knowing someone else may truly need it, and feel free in the giving?

Jesus looked on the man with love, told him to give what he had to the poor, and then to follow him. Jesus knew that in letting go, the man would be set free. The man went away sad. He was weighed down by his many possessions. Many of us, like the man in today's gospel, are burdened by the pursuit of worldly things. Much of our days and weeks is spent trying to get ahead, to have all the things we want, thinking that in the things, we will find security and freedom. Jesus uses the outlandish image of a camel passing through the eye of the needle to illustrate how burdened we may become.

In the kingdom of heaven, no one is weighed down. No one is poor. All are free to live as God's children. All know, find meaning and security in, and share God's love.



Learn from the camel – don't be weighed down!

What weighs you down? As Jesus looks into your life and heart with love, what does he see? Is much of your time focused on the things you want or on gaining financial wealth? Do you find yourself eying the possessions of a friend or neighbor with envy? Do you find yourself consumed by a Pinterest image or someone else's seemingly perfect Instagram account? Learn from the man in the gospel. Don't be possessed by your possessions.

Are you burdened by financial concerns, physical difficulties, mental or emotional illness? When things are hard, remember that Christ looks on you with love and is ready to set you free.

# Your heart's desire

What we desire may be a sign of faith and trust in God, or a glimpse of God's call and will.

Often, when we think about what we want, we are gauging if the object is necessary and needed, or simply something that is nice to have.

This is a good practice for us to adopt. We grow as good stewards of our lives and resources when we learn to separate our wants from our needs.

It is good for us to be attentive to our deeper desires, too, as these often point to our readiness to do God's will. If we want to follow Jesus, for example, we will grow in the desire to spend time in prayer, at Mass, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and in service of others. If our hearts feel shaky and we seek solitude or we find ourselves craving time away, even from our spouse and children or good friends, perhaps God is calling us into a



deeper relationship with him where only true peace can be found.

At times, our desires help us to discern God's call and will for us. When we find ourselves drawn to another person in relationship, to a career, a desire to care for family, or a particular form of service, we may perceive God's hand in the desire, and through it, be led to live fully, meaningfully as people of faith.

James and John asked Jesus to do what *they* wanted, that, in his glory, they would sit at his right and left. Bartimaeus humbly called out to Jesus, trusting the Lord with his life. Jesus called Bartimaeus to himself, asking, "What do you want me to do for you?"

How might your desires be a sign of your faith and trust in God, or

of God's call and will for you in your life? Invite God to speak to you through the desires of your heart. Learn from the example of Bartimaeus. Be assured that as you grow in the desire to know and follow God's will, Christ hears you when you call out to God in humble trust.



## One word changes everything

Did you catch that?

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come." (MK 10:17-30)

Notice that Jesus includes persecutions in the many things those who follow him will be given.

Jesus tells us that when we put life, gifts, and resources in perspective, and give to others as stewards, our lives will be filled with rich blessings we can only dare to imagine. But there is more. In giving up for the sake of the gospel, we will be drawn into Christ's very life. Jesus endured attempts to trap him, persecution, and ultimately crucifixion as a result of living his mission in the world. The path is sometimes rocky, but when we live as disciples, we are assured that we will experience the fullness of life in Christ, now and for eternity.

# CYO CORNER

## The Mary Immaculate Saints CYO basketball clinic for grades 1 – 3 started Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

The clinics will be every Friday at the Bellport Middle School (east gym) from 6 to 7 pm, and they will run for 8 weeks. The fee is only \$75 and that includes a clinic tee shirt. The only things needed are sneakers and a basketball (a small one for their tiny hands...27.5") Please spread the word and come on down! Also if any 4<sup>th</sup> graders are interested in playing for the Mary Immaculate Saints, we have openings. Please contact John Mackie at [jm@cherrylanelitho.com](mailto:jm@cherrylanelitho.com), or call 631-335-1025.



# Diocesan Events

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS - OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education

Sunday Oct. 21st	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.
	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	ST. DOMINIC H.S.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

Students who plan to apply to any Catholic high school on Long Island must take the Catholic High School Entrance Exam. The exam will be administered without accommodations on **Saturday, October 27 at 8:30 am** for students applying for admission to freshman classes beginning in the **Fall of 2019**.

There is a \$60 non-refundable registration fee.

To register or for more information, visit [chsee.org/gallery/registration/](http://chsee.org/gallery/registration/)

## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE STRUGGLING WITH CHEMICAL ADDICTION?

Catholic Charities may be able to help. Talbot House is a facility for men and women over the age of 18 and is a voluntary chemical dependence residential stabilization center for withdrawal from alcohol and/or drugs. Assistance is also offered individuals entering into long-term treatment after their initial withdrawal phase. Medical and clinical staff are present 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

There are also "outpatient" facilities in Hampton Bays (631-723-3362) and Commack (631-543-620). Family members can also receive counseling services at these sites, whether or not their loved one is in treatment.

For more information about Talbot House, call 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff can assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Each call is confidential.

No fees are necessary - only the desire to become well by becoming "clean and sober."

- ♦ **St. Mary's Parish in East Islip** is offering a Holiday Help Program called "**The Unwanted Gift of Grief**" to help those coping with grief over the holidays. The program will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Sacred Heart Hall. Please R.S.V.P. by November 1st by calling 631-581-4226 Ext. 101.
- ♦ **The Cenacle Retreat Center** in Ronkonkoma offers many programs every month. Call 631-588-8366 or visit their website at [www.cenaclesisters.org/ronkonkoma](http://www.cenaclesisters.org/ronkonkoma).
- ♦ **St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montfort Spiritual Center** in Bay Shore offers many programs every month. For more information, call 631-647-8683 or visit their website at [www.stjosephsrenewalcenter.org](http://www.stjosephsrenewalcenter.org).
- ♦ **The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville**, will host their Annual Dominican Gala on November 2, 2018 at The Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m followed by dinner and dancing. This year the Congregation is proud to honor Al Roker, NBC's Meteorologist, and S. Ave Clark, author and founder of the Heart to Heart Ministry in Bayside, NY. Raised in Queens, NY, Al and his 5 siblings attended S. Catherine of Siena Elementary School in St. Albans, where the Dominican Sisters taught. Currently the co-host and weatherman of The Today Show. The Dominican Gala raises critical funds to support the ministries of the Sisters of St. Dominic. For more information about tickets or how you can support the event, please contact Mary Fuchs, Director of Advancement at (631) 842-6000 ext. 241 or email [mfuchs@amityop.org](mailto:mfuchs@amityop.org).



## Beyond Criticism and Anger – The Invitation to a Deeper Empathy

Recently I attended a symposium where the keynote speaker was a man exactly my age. Since we had both lived through the same cultural and religious changes in our lives, I resonated with much of what he said and with how he felt about things. And in his assessment of both the state of affairs in our politics and our churches today, he was pretty critical, even angry. Not without reason. In both our governments and our churches today there isn't just a bitter polarization and an absence of fundamental charity and respect, there's also a lot of seemingly inexcusable blindness, lack of transparency, and self-serving dishonesty. Our speaker was plenty eager to point these out.

And for the most part, I agreed with him. I feel the same way that he does. The current state of affairs, whether you're looking at politics or the churches, is depressing, bitterly polarized, and cannot but leave you feeling frustrated and accusatory at those whom you deem responsible for the blindness, dishonesty, and injustice that seem inexcusable. But, while I shared much of his truth and his feelings, I didn't share where he landed. He landed in pessimism and anger, seemingly unable to find anything other than indignation within which to stand. He also ended very negative in terms of his attitude towards those whom he blames for the problem.

I can't fault his truth and I can't fault his feelings. They're understandable. But I'm not at ease with where he landed. Bitterness and anger, no matter how justified, are not a good place to stay. Both Jesus and what's noble inside of us invite us to move beyond anger and indignation.

Beyond anger, beyond indignation, and beyond justified criticism of all that's dishonest and unjust, lies an invitation to a deeper empathy. This invitation doesn't ask us to stop being prophetic in the face of what's wrong but it asks us to be prophetic in a deeper way. A prophet, as Daniel Berrigan so often said, makes a vow of love not of alienation.

But that's not easy to do. In the face of injustice, dishonesty, and willful blindness, all of our natural instincts militate against empathy. Up to a point, this is healthy and shows that we're still morally robust. We should feel anger and indignation in the face of what's wrong. It's understandable too that we might also feel some hateful, judgmental, thoughts towards those whom we deem responsible. But that's a beginning (a healthy enough starting point) but it's not where we're meant to stay. We're called to move towards something deeper, namely, an empathy which previously we did not access. Deep anger invites deep empathy.

At the truly bitter moments of our lives, when we're feeling overwhelmed by feelings of misunderstanding, slight, injustice, and rightful indignation and we're staring across at those whom we deem responsible for the situation, anger and hatred will naturally arise within us. It's okay to dwell with them for a time (because anger is an important mode of grieving) but, after a time we need to move on. The challenge then is to ask ourselves: *How do I love now, given all this hatred? What does love call me to now in this bitter situation? Where can I now find a common thread that can keep me in family with those at whom I'm angry? How do I reach through, reach through the space that now leaves me separated by my own justified feelings of anger?* And, perhaps most important of all: *"From where can I now find the strength to not give into hatred and self-serving indignation?"*

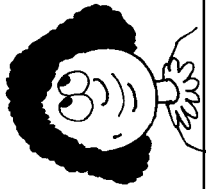
How am I called to love now? How do I love in this new situation? That's the challenge. We've never before been called upon to love in a situation like this. Our understanding, empathy, forgiveness, and love have never before been tested in this way. But that's the ultimate moral challenge, the "test" that Jesus himself faced in Gethsemane. How do you love when everything around you invites you to the opposite?

Almost all of our natural instincts militate against this kind of empathy, as does most everything around us. In the face of injustice our natural instincts spontaneously begin, one by one, to shut the doors of trust and make us judgmental. They also invite us to feel indignation and hatred. Now those feelings do produce a certain catharsis in us. It feels good. But that kind of cathartic feeling is a drug that doesn't do much for us long range. We need something beyond feelings of bitterness and hatred for our long range health. Empathy is that something.

While not denying what's wrong, nor denying the need to be prophetic in the face of all that's wrong, empathy still calls us to a post-anger, a post-indignation, and a post-hatred. Jesus modeled that for us and today it's singularly the most needed thing in our society, our churches, and our families.

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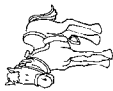


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# Children's Worship Bulletin



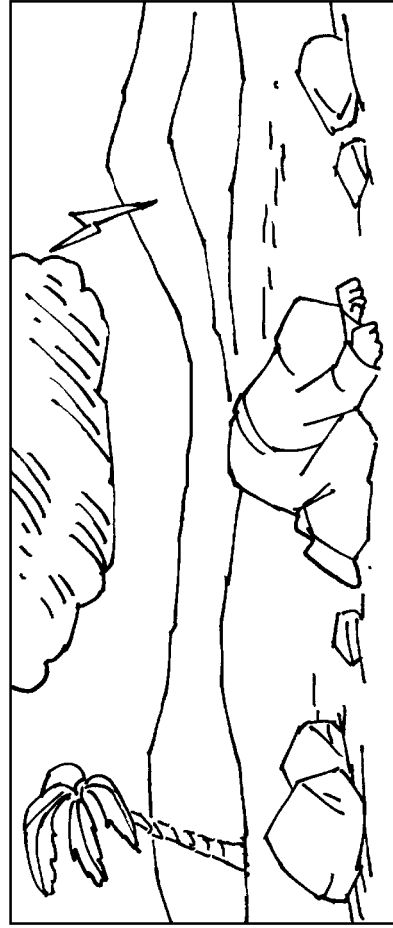
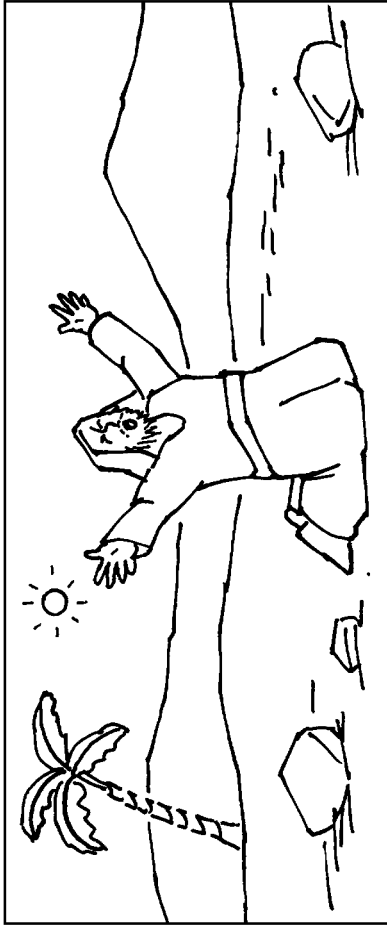
Ages 3+

October 21, 2018 • Job 38:1-41

God Answers Job

God spoke to Job out of a storm.

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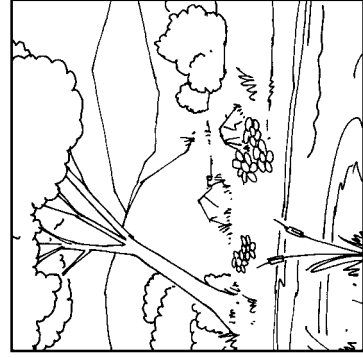
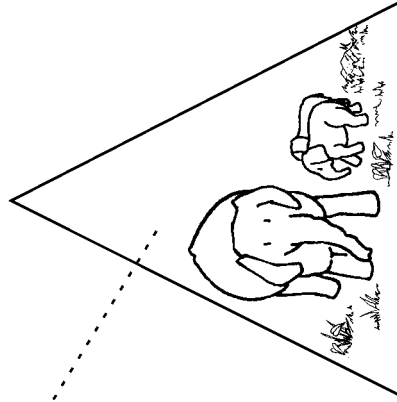
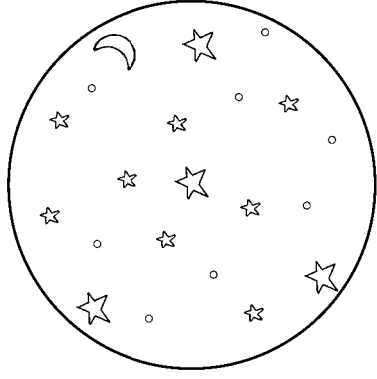
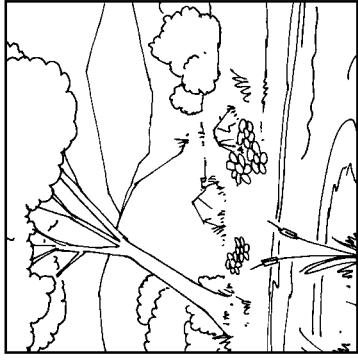
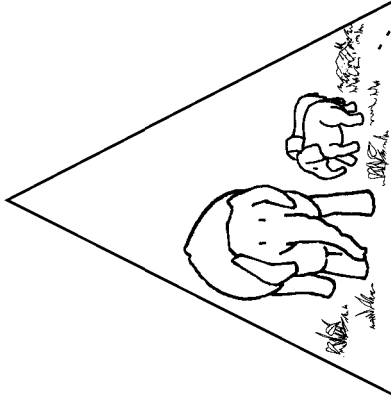
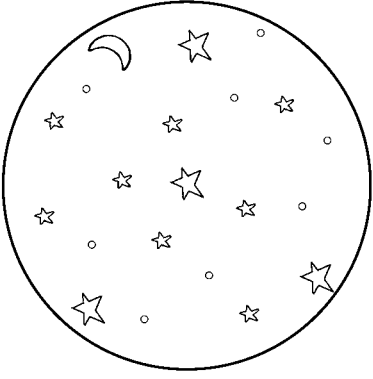
God answered Job by asking  
him questions.

Find and count. Trace the number.



The Lord God has created all things.

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