

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 7, 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 7, 2018 The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 5 pm: *George Gamaldi*
By Aunt Sue
Elaine Messina
By Parish Family of Mary Immaculate

Sunday, 9 am: *Elaine Messina*
By Family
Mark Martinez
By Donna, Judy, Leslie and Margie

11 am: *Patricia Butler*
By Laurretta & Jim Haag
Mary Jane Mahon
By the Family

Monday, 9 am: No intention

Tuesday, 9 am: No intention

Wednesday, 9 am: No intention

Thursday, 9 am: *Mark Martinez*
By Parish Family of Mary Immaculate

Friday, 9 am: *Doris Noehren*
By Lisabeth & Fred Hollmann
Ignatius & Frances Diecidue
By the Family

Saturday, 5 pm: *George Gamaldi*
By Claudia Wallen-Logalbo
Patricia Butler
By The Racaniello Family

This Week's Readings

Monday: Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday: Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4
Thursday: Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13
Friday: Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26
Saturday: Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28
Sunday: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

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. In order to more accurately reflect the true cost of flower arrangements and candles for the altar, a donation of \$100 is now requested. 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, please contact the Rectory office.



Bulletin Reflection:

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

Weekly Collection: \$ 4,325

Faith Direct for September: \$ 10,633

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

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THE NEWS: MAD? SAD? SCARED?

How are you feeling about all the bad news regarding the Catholic Church's failure to protect kids and cover up abuses? Angry? Sad? Anxious for our future? Yes to all. Here are some ideas I've had about dealing with all of this that I have found helpful. I hope it helps you in some way.

One day I was so fed up with the way the church in our own diocese was being managed, or mismanaged, I decided I had enough! "No more money for that Bishop's Annual Appeal from me!" I decided. "I'll show them! I work too hard for the little I make as a priest. I'm done. They spend it irresponsibly and besides I have absolutely no say 'downtown' where all the decisions are made. If they won't listen I won't give! No more!"

It felt good for a while, like I was taking back some autonomy for myself. I wasn't going to be throwing my money away on failure and deaf ears from those in charge of me. It felt good to separate myself from an institution and its behaviors that I believed were just wrong.

That was 28 years ago, long before the abuse scandals came to light! What I thought was wrong then were administrative issues. There was no planning process for the church's functioning and future. There was no participative decision-making process to give pastors and parishioners a sense of ownership in the church by giving input *before* decisions were made. All of that now pales in comparison to what we now have been learning has been wrong. The odd thing is, in between then and now, I learned a few things about God and money from lay people I met along the way that changed my mind about how to react to failure in the church. His name was Francis Schultz, and like the famous criminal, they called him "Dutch." He and his wife Barbara were speaking to pastors from parishes on Long Island about giving financial support to the church out of gratitude. I wasn't feeling very grateful but you know why I went to this event? I was a pastor by then, and responsible for paying the bills in the parish where I was stationed. And I realized that I had a whole bunch of parishioners who thought like me! They were so mad at the church they simply stopped giving, or even coming. I felt torn. "I get it," I said to myself, "but I also love helping people as a priest and pastor. If the bills don't get paid around here I'm going to get canned!"

What a dilemma! But frankly I could see no way I could tell anyone else to continue supporting the church while I felt so righteously adamant about withholding my own money. I loved my part in church life but wanted to separate myself from the failing parts. So at this meeting Dutch Shultz addressed us pastors and laypeople by saying that God loves us unconditionally. "OK I buy that," I thought. He went on, "But when we love conditionally, with strings attached, we easily and unwittingly slide ourselves into believing that God is really holding back on loving us because of our failures."

"Hmm..." That rang a bell within me. Withholding my money as a judgment against church leaders meant that my contribution had a string attached to it: perfection. "I will give money when they are faultless. No perfection, no money." And who would feel the pinch? My bosses? No, it would be those helped by Catholic Charities, kids in Religious Education, seminarians studying to take my place, people seeking counseling or annulments.

"Hmm..." And if I was right in depriving all those people from help as a way to punish administrators, what about me? I was an administrator too. Then according to my logic I would deserve to be punished by anyone who passed judgment on my faults. And what about my own perception of myself? Could this be why I was so unforgiving about my own failings? Was Dutch Schultz right? Was I making it harder to believe in God's love for me, by punishing church leaders for their failures?

I needed another way to separate myself from the things I wanted no part of, without hurting the people who really do get the help they need from a church that is both sinful and full of grace. Frankly I'm glad I faced this dilemma over issues of church administration that were a far cry from the abuse and cover-up that was revealed later. Learning this lesson would have been a lot harder!

How did I do this? I'll continue next week.... Fr. Bill Hanson

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.

Welcome New Parishioners

Lili and Byron
Elizabeth, Paola and Family
April and Family
Erica, Daniel and Charlotte
John and Kristina
Craig, Michelle and Cameron

Welcome the newly Baptized in September

Claire Alice Covelle
Charlotte Grace Derby
Matteo Caradonna
Liam Robert Scaturro

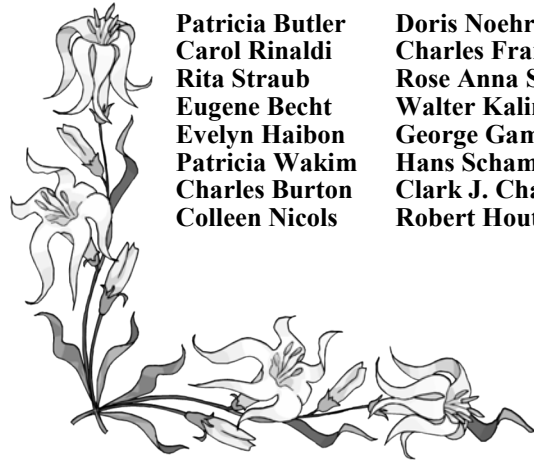
Mary Immaculate Prays For One Another



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 Budiarto
 Teimor Tamadon
 Theresa Venturino
 Kevin Williams
 Therese Hopper
 Helen May
 Irene Ball
 Christine Barden
 S. Richard Materia

Please Pray for Our Deceased



Patricia Butler
 Carol Rinaldi
 Rita Straub
 Eugene Becht
 Evelyn Haibon
 Patricia Wakim
 Charles Burton
 Colleen Nicols

Doris Noehren
 Charles Francomano
 Rose Anna Sander
 Walter Kalinowski
 George Gamaldi Sr.
 Hans Schambach
 Clark J. Champney
 Robert Houtenbrink



Dear Parishioners,

Many of the names on this page have been listed for five years or more. To keep our lists current, we are asking for your help.

There are many listed in the military here who are not parishioners, and I have no way of knowing if they are still in the military. We do know that Robert Vasquez and Edward Kusa are still actively serving, and we will keep them on our list and in our prayers. If anyone has any information on the other military personnel listed, please let the rectory know.

Also, please do let us know if someone is feeling better and should be removed from our list of Prayers for the Sick. Again we have the problem that several are not among our parishioners, and we have no way of knowing their current health status.

I appreciate your help, and thank you for keeping those in need in your prayers.

Fr. Bill

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
Pvt Jonathan Salvestrini - 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.**

"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 7

There will be a parent meeting on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

Faith Formation Classes this Week

<u>Level 2:</u>	Tuesday	4:30 - 5:30
<u>Level 3:</u>	Wednesday	4:30 - 5:30
<u>Level 4:</u>	Wednesday	4:30 - 5:30
<u>Level 5:</u>	Tuesday	5:45 - 6:45
<u>Level 6:</u>	Tuesday	5:45 - 6:45
<u>Level 7:</u>	Monday	7:00 - 8:20
<u>Level 8:</u>	Monday	7:20 - 8:20

There will be no classes on **Monday, October 8th.**



**Bring your pets for
a blessing**

in honor of
St. Francis of Assisi.

Sunday, October 7th;
12:30 pm in front of
the Large Church.

All Are Welcome!

Community Service Opportunities

- **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 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, call Ken Hawkins at 631-286-2559.
- **CYO needs volunteers:** If any 8th 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

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.

*"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance,
the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.*

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty
and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..."*

THE PARISH FAMILY OF MARY IMMACULATE

GIRLS NIGHT OUT!!

Join us for Italian Night at Café Castello in Bellport on Tuesday, October 16 at 6 PM

The cost is \$26 per person which includes a glass of wine

Appetizers: Clams, Fried Calamari

Choice of Entrée with Pasta:

Chicken Parmigiana, Veal Parmigiana or Eggplant Rollatini

Coffee/tea with dessert (chef's choice)

Please RSVP on or before October 14th to Lee Long, 286-0673; Judy Hester, 286-0782; Carolyn Barnett, 286-8109 or email jhester516@aol.com or jllong@optonline.net

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

CYO CORNER

The Mary Immaculate Saints CYO basketball clinic for grades 1 – 3 will be starting on Friday, October 5th. 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 4th graders are interested in playing for the Mary Immaculate Saints, we have openings. Please contact me, John Mackie, at jm@cherrylanelitho.com, or call me at 631-335-1025.

Weekend Ministry Schedule

October 6, 7

5 PM Mass

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

Lector: S. Hammer

Ems: C. Strickland, F. Grucci, K. Hawkins

Ushers: G. Zanazzi, J. Palo

9 AM Mass

Altar Servers: M. Murphy, P. Schortemeyer, E. Rauch

Lector: N. Cassone

Ems: E. Sullivan, A. Messina, A. Martinez

Ushers: M. Comiskey, D. Sullivan

11 AM Mass

Altar Servers: J. Aragona, D. Walsh, N. Ponter

Lector: E. Russo

Ems: L. Budiarjo, J. Renehan, O. Miller

Ushers: P. Morrison, J. Ryan

October 13, 14

5 PM Mass

Altar Servers: E. Ciavatta, K. Ciavatta, H. Sponton

Lector: K. Hawkins

Ems: D. Berberich, C. Barnett, J. Barnett

Ushers: P. Morrison, T. Derby

9 AM Mass

Altar Servers: T. Stanganelli, T. Sica, D. Walsh

Lector: C. Kusa

Ems: K. Stanganelli, J. Langer, V. Langer

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

11 AM Mass

Altar Servers: T. Ocasio, J. Schmidt, S. Zengen

Lector: M. Lingat

Ems: K. Hawkins, K. Hawkins, M. Brown

Ushers: G. Moriarty, H. Zengen

October 20, 21

5 PM Mass

Altar Servers: E. Mehrkens, C. Murphy, N. Ponter

Lector: F. Lento

Ems: J. Cronin, K. Hawkins, L. Ferraro

Ushers: P. Attanasio, T. Derby

9 AM Mass

Altar Servers: A. Sullivan, C. Fiori, B. Fiori

Lector: H. Sidoti

Ems: S. Rauch, J. Barry, S. Barry

Ushers: J. Springhorn, E. Sullivan

11 AM Mass

Altar Servers: T. Wilson, L. Wilson, C. Wilson

Lector: P. Morrison

Ems: G. Moriarty, J. Renehan, H. Zengen

Ushers: M. Umbarilla, D. Sullivan

October 27, 28

5 PM Mass

Altar Servers: J. Aragona, A. Caroli, W. Caroli

Lector: P. O'Connor

Ems: B. Berberich, K. Desmond, C. Strickland

Ushers: D. Sullivan, M. Simon

9 AM Mass

Altar Servers: G. Comiskey, J. Comiskey, K. Comiskey

Lector: J. Panarello

Ems: T. Fiori, M. Lyon, H. Sidoti

Ushers: P. Atanasio, M. Klein Sr.

11 AM Mass

Altar Servers: S. Schildgen, S. Macioce, T. Macioce

Lector: J. Renehan

Ems: O. Miller, M. Simon, D. McDowell

Ushers: J. Deutsch, M. Deutsch, F. Lento

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus TELLS HIS DISCIPLES: "Let the children come to me... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

This week please help the St. Vincent de Paul Society to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold."



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



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, canned yellow and green vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, soup, and tuna.



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

The feast day of the Holy Rosary is October 7th. This is a good time to re-commit or to begin praying the Rosary. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the 5 Joyful Mysteries (said on Monday and Saturday), the 5 Luminous Mysteries (said on Thursday), the 5 Sorrowful Mysteries (said on Tuesday and Friday), and the 5 Glorious Mysteries (said on Wednesday and Sunday).

If your schedule allows, come join with others to pray the rosary together each weekday at 8:30 am in the Little Church. During the month of October, the Rosary Altar Society will be saying the Rosary every Tuesday at 7 pm in the Little Church. If you need a rosary, please ask any usher for one after Mass.

The 5 Joyful Mysteries

- ◆ The Annunciation
- ◆ The Visitation
- ◆ The Nativity
- ◆ The Presentation
- ◆ The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

The 5 Luminous Mysteries

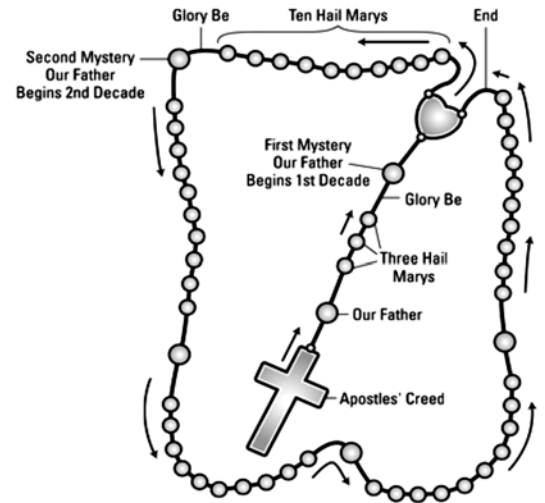
- ◆ The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
- ◆ The Miracle at the Wedding of Cana
- ◆ Proclaiming the Kingdom of God
- ◆ The Transfiguration of Jesus
- ◆ The Institution of the Eucharist

The 5 Sorrowful Mysteries

- ◆ The Agony in the Garden
- ◆ The Scouring at the Pillar
- ◆ The Crowning of Thorns
- ◆ The Carrying of the Cross
- ◆ The Crucifixion

The 5 Glorious Mysteries

- ◆ The Resurrection
- ◆ The Ascension
- ◆ The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ The Assumption
- ◆ The Coronation



Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn, then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Fatima Day
Saturday, Oct 13th

**Shrine of Our Lady
of the Island**



Morning Program

- 10:00 AM Pray the Rosary @ Rosary Walk
- 11:30 AM Mass
- 1:30 PM Presentation

Fatima Under the Stars

7 PM - 9 PM

Film / Rosary / Presentation

shrineoffice@optonline.net OurLadyoftheIsland.com

258 Eastport Manor Rd, Manorville, NY 11949 (631) 325-0661



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.

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Sunday the 14th	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	ST. MARY'S H.S.
Saturday the 20th	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN H.S.
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- ◆ **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.



The Search for an Indubitable Truth

In a book, *12 Rules for Life – An Antidote to Chaos*, that’s justifiably making waves in many circles today, Jordan Peterson shares about his own journey towards truth and meaning. Here’s that story:

At one point in his life, while still young and finding his own path, he reached a stage where he felt agnostic, not just about the shallow Christianity he’d been raised on, but also about most everything else in terms of truth and trust. What really can we believe in? What’s ultimately to be trusted?

Too humble to compare himself to one of the great minds in history, Rene Descartes, who, five hundred years ago, struggled with a similar agnosticism, Peterson nonetheless could not help but employ Descartes’ approach in trying to find a truth that you could not doubt. So, like Descartes, he set off in search off an “indubitable” (Descartes’ term), that is, to find a premise that absolutely cannot be doubted. Descartes, as we know, found his “indubitable” in his famous dictum: *I think, therefore, I am!* Nobody can be deceived in believing that since even to be deceived would be indisputable proof that you exist. The philosophy that Descartes then built upon the indubitable premise is left for history to judge. But history doesn’t dispute the truth of his dictum.

So Peterson sets out with the same essential question: *What single thing cannot be doubted?* Is there something so evidently true that nobody can doubt it? For Peterson, it’s not the fact that we think which is indisputable, it’s the fact that we, all of us, suffer. That’s his indubitable truth, suffering is real. That cannot be doubted: “Nihilists cannot undermine it with skepticism. Totalitarians cannot banish it. Cynics cannot escape its reality.” Suffering is real beyond all doubt.

Moreover, in Peterson’s understanding, the worst kind of suffering isn’t that which is inflicted upon us by the innate contingencies of our being and our mortality, nor by the sometimes blind brutality of nature. The worst kind of suffering is the kind that one person inflicts upon another, the kind that one part of humankind inflicts upon another part, the kind we see in the atrocities of the 20th century – Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot, and countless others responsible for the torture, rape, suffering, and death of millions.

From this indubitable premise he submits something else that too cannot be disputed: This kind of suffering isn’t just real, *it’s also wrong!* We can all agree that this kind of suffering is not good and that there is something that is (beyond dispute) not good. And if there’s something that is not good, then there’s something that is good. His logic: “If the worst sin is the torment of others, merely for the sake of the suffering produced – then the good is whatever is diametrically opposed to that.”

What flows from this is clear: *The good is whatever stops such things from happening.* If this is true, and it is, then it is also clear as to what is good, and what is a good way of living: If the most terrible forms of suffering are produced by egoism, selfishness, untruthfulness, arrogance, greed, lust for power, willful cruelty, and insensitivity to others, then we are evidently called to the opposite: selflessness, altruism, humility, truth-telling, tenderness, and sacrificing for others.

Not incidentally, Peterson affirms all of this inside a chapter within which he highlights the importance of sacrifice, of delaying private gratification for a greater good long-range. His insight here parallels those of Rene Girard and other anthropologists who point out that the only way of stopping unconscious sacrifice to blind gods (which is what happened in the atrocities of Hitler and what happens in our own bitter slandering of others) is through self-sacrifice. Only when we accept at the cost of personal suffering our own contingencies, sin, and mortality will we stop projecting these on to others so to make them suffer in order to feel better about ourselves.

Peterson writes as an agnostic or perhaps, more accurately, as an honest analyst, an observer of humanity, who for purposes of this book prefers to keep his faith private. Fair enough. Probably wise too. No reason to impute motives. It’s where he lands that’s important, and where he lands is on very solid ground. It’s where Jesus lands in the Sermon on the Mount, it’s where the Christian churches land when they’re at their best, it’s where the great religions of the world land when they’re at their best, and it’s where humanity lands when it’s at its best.

The medieval mystic, Theresa of Avila, wrote with great depth and challenge. Her treatise on the spiritual life is now a classic and forms part of the very canon of Christian spiritual writings. In the end, she submits that during our generative years the most important question we need to challenge ourselves with is: *How can I be more helpful?* Jordan Peterson, with a logic and language that can be understood by everyone today, offers the same challenge.

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But Job did not blame God for his troubles.

What did Job say?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters

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“M _ Y G _ D

B _ △

PR _ S _ D.”



Children's Worship Bulletin

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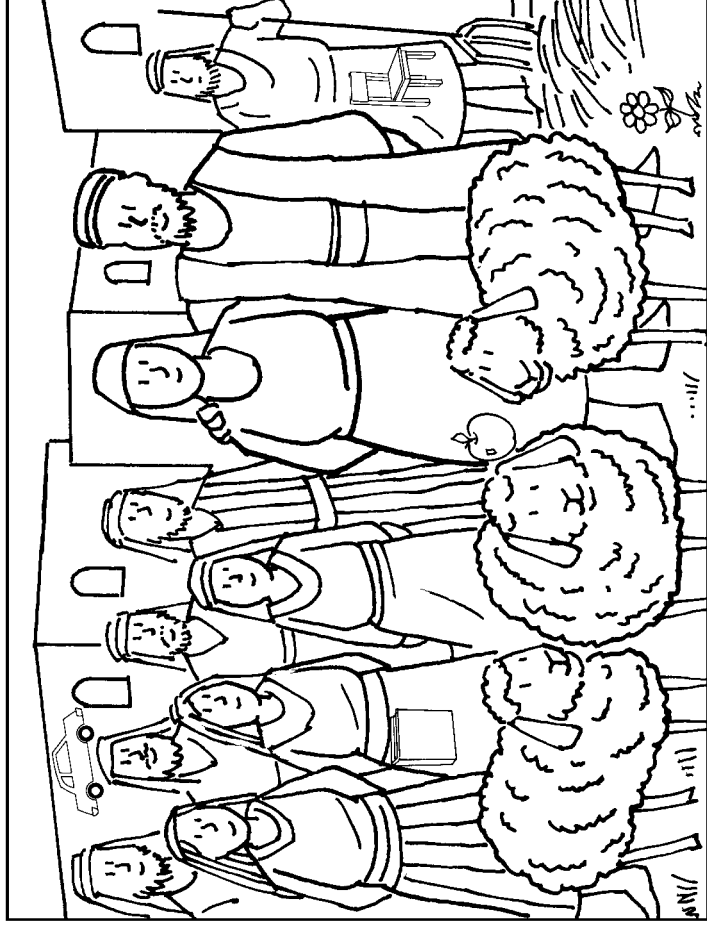
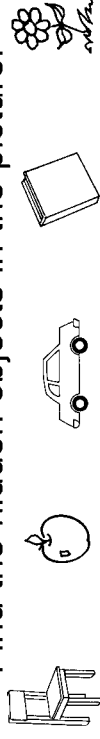
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Job Is Tested by Satan

Job lived in Uz.

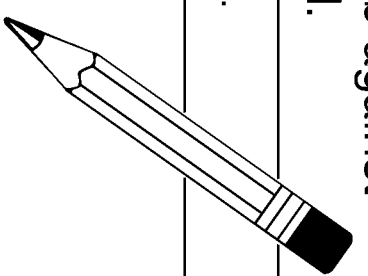
Job feared God. He did what was right.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.



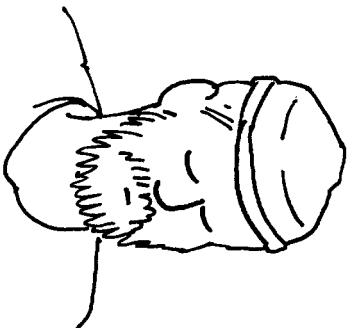
Satan tried to turn Job against the Lord God.

Trace the letters.



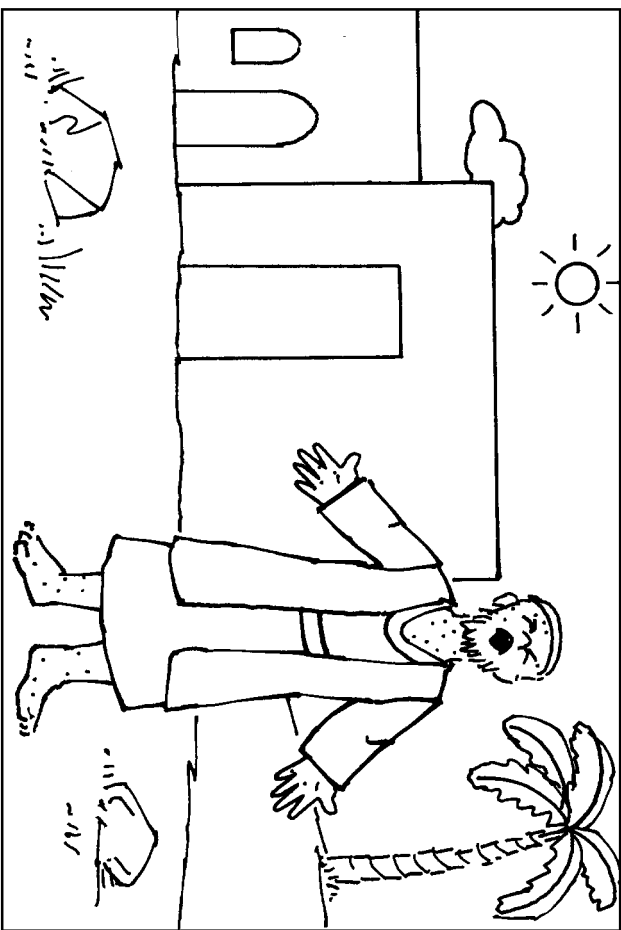
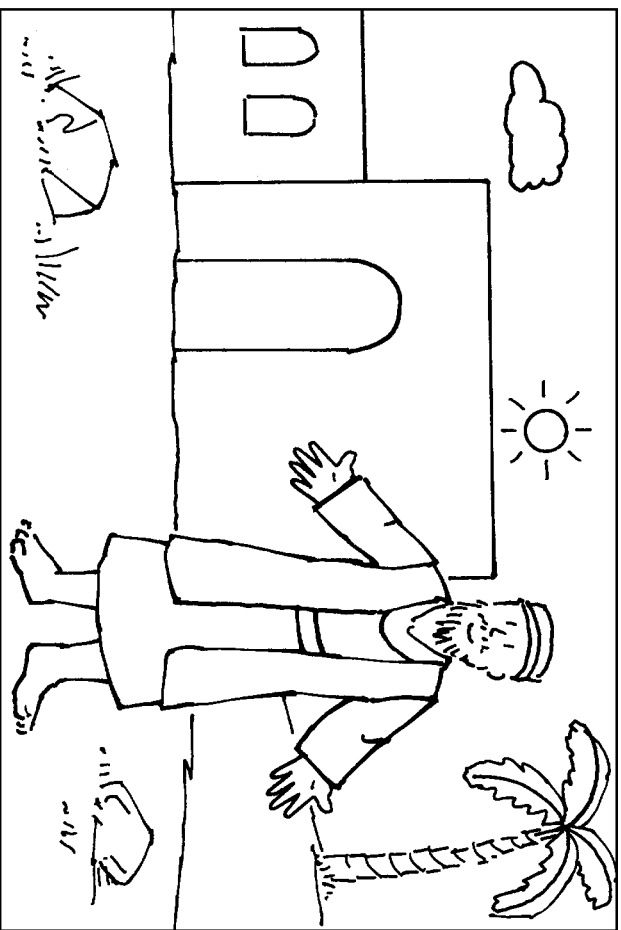
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Job was in great pain, from the bottom of his feet to the top of his head.

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