Our Lady Queen of Martyrs welcomes persons with disabilities. Special seating and wheelchair area reserved at all Masses. Hearing devices available.

Weekly Mass Times
- Daily Masses: Monday-Thursday at 12pm; Saturday at 9am
- Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5pm
- Sunday Masses: 8am, 10am, and 12pm

Special Needs Mass
April 7th at 5:00pm Mass

Holy Days: Vigil at 7:30 pm; 12pm Mass on Holy Day

Confessions:
- Saturday: 9:30am-10:00am and 4:00pm-4:45pm
- Anytime upon request

Week at a Glance
March 11 - March 18

Sunday, March 18th
6:00 pm Teen Mass

Monday, March 19th
12:30 - 4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 pm Divine Mercy & Marian Prayers
4:30 pm 1st Grade church tour
7:00 pm “Cultivating Calm” program
7:30 pm Finance Committee meeting

Tuesday, March 20th
10:00 am Book Discussion Group
5:30 pm Children’s Choir
7:00 pm Chess Team practice
7:00 pm Youth Ministry meeting

Wednesday, March 21st
10:00 am Caregivers’ Support Group
4:30 pm 1st Grade Church tour

Thursday, March 22nd
9:30 am Women’s Bible Study

Friday, March 23rd
7:00 pm Chess match

Sunday, March 25th
Palm Sunday

Please see inside for schedule of Palm Sunday Masses.
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

A belated Happy St. Patrick's Day and an early buona festa di San Guiseppe! In case you were guessing – there are not many green eyed, redheaded Poles – so yes, I am indeed Irish (on my Mother's side). However, with the multi-national mutt that I am, (Polish, Irish, Danish and Alsatian), I am not Italian! But I am an Italian wanna be! As evidence of that, I submit that there has never been a plate of pasta or pizza that I refused to consume! In any case, whether you are Irish or Italian, I hope that you celebrate the two men whose faith, one as an apostle to the Celtic people, the other a father full of dignity, love and compassion to the child Jesus, who give us wonderful examples of faithfulness to God. May St. Patrick and Good St. Joseph intercede for us! Amen. Now, pass the corned beef and the cannolis!

I want to give a shout out to our CYO Boys and Girls Teams and their Coaches. This past Sunday our Boys 8th grade Basketball team played a hard game of b-ball against St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport. It was a nail biter of a game to the end and the boys played with a tremendous amount of heart. Unfortunately, they did not advance in the play-offs, but I can tell you, they are champions in my eyes! A shout out also needs to go to our girls 6th grade basketball team. I was remiss in making sure you knew that our girls won their championship! Any way you look at it, I hope you are as proud of all of our kids as I am - win or lose - you are champions. A thank you is very necessary here to our coaches, who give their time and talent to help our kids learn valuable life and sports skills. Thank you!

We come to the final week of our Lenten celebration. Where do you find yourself? Have you taken advantage of the time to dig a little deeper into your spiritual life? Have you taken benefit of one of the many ways we have been celebrating the season? It’s not too late.

As we get closer to Holy Week, I encourage you to make sure that you take note of this year’s schedule of services which you will find in this bulletin. As has become our tradition here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, there will be a Diocesan day of confession on the Monday of Holy Week (3/26) and I will be in the church from 3-5 PM and then from 7-9 PM, as will priests all over Long Island in all of our churches to hear confessions. Beyond that, we will also, have time for confessions on Wednesday (3/28), from 6 – 8 PM. There will be no confessions on Holy Saturday, to allow for preparations for the Vigil. Also, please note the times of the Masses and take extra time to get to Mass next weekend and on Easter. As always, these days are busy and crowded days. Please be patient with our visitors and let’s show them why, we are such an amazing parish. The rest of the schedule shows the various times and locations for the celebrations here at OLQM for the most holy and important week in the life of our Church. Please join us. Do you know someone who has been away from the Church for one reason or another? I urge you to share the gift of your faith with others. Bring a friend or family member who has been away and help us welcome them home! You are the best evangelist there is!

Our Gospel this week signals a significant shift in the ministry of Jesus. Where over and over again Jesus states that his hour had not yet come, today we hear Jesus proclaim, “the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” It is now the time for the culmination of his mission. The mission given to him by his heavenly Father: to sacrifice his life for us and rise again to new life. One can imagine the shock and confusion of his disciples expecting that this would be a time of Glory, recognition and adulation. That the Lord they had been following for three years now was finally going to take the throne of David and be crowned an earthly king. How wrong they were! We will see this as we walk with them through this coming Holy Week how every hope they had will be dashed. But their poor assumptions don’t end in despair. No, they end in joy as the good news is announced! The seed that falls to the ground and dies, yields a hundred-fold for us.

As we prepare to enter into this holiest of weeks, our Gospel encourages us to embrace our own crosses and walk with him through his passion so that as he is ‘lifted up’ we may be drawn to him and see in our own passion experiences the glory of the resurrection on the other side. Like Jesus, we are challenged to die to our sins - so that his Father might also help us to rise with him to new life. In a sense, Jesus’ “hour” is also ours. Let us go with him and walk with him through the experiences of Holy Week. A week that ends not in sadness, but hope and new life for each of us.

Peace,
Fr. Steve
Our 8th Grade boys CYO team, coached by Joe Ruisi and Tom Cavallaro, faced St. Anthony of Padua in the semi-finals this past weekend. Fr. Steve and many parishioners were on hand to cheer them on. Despite a tough loss, our boys played a great game. Congratulations on a successful season!

Many of our young parishioners dressed in their uniforms and gathered to celebrate Mass and Scout Sunday this past weekend. Many of our scouts have earned special catholic scouting medals and awards over the year. We congratulate them all!

Scout Sunday at OLQM

Thank you to all our Food Ministry volunteers!

As your Pastor, I am so proud to be in a parish that is so socially aware and active. In 25 years of ministry in the Diocese, I have served in many parishes, but none of them have been as involved in community outreach as OLQM. I am grateful to everyone who shares their time and talents to bring the gospel, from the pews by word and deed, into the homes of so many.

One of the many ministries that has been very active here at OLQM has been the Food Ministry, which has provided fresh food to help supplement families and individuals in need in our community. The ministry has been responsible for collecting, sorting food from vendors and delivering to participants every Thursday for the last several years. Given the lack of space and the fact that our Community Room is used by so many groups, I would say the volunteers have performed miracles. Over the last few years, the members of this ministry have felt the desire to grow. Unfortunately, due to our space limitations that has not been able to happen. Recently however they have had the opportunity to partner with a local Christian Community, the Refuge, whose own food ministry is quite developed. The members found a certain kinship with the members of the Refuge community and recently approached me with the request to merge the two together. Suzanne Dvorak, the leader of our Food Ministry and I have had several discussions and she has assured me that the members of the ministry are in agreement. She also has assured me that all of those who have received assistance from our ministry here will still receive assistance, but now rather from than from OLQM, it will come from the Refuge. For our part, our Parish Social Ministry will continue to assist with food donations and referrals. While I wish that the ministry could continue under our auspices, I am happy to see them “think outside the box” and be open to new opportunities wherever God opens the door for them. I am grateful to Suzanne and the members of this ministry who care for so many in need. I ask you all to continue to pray for this ministry and the work they do. May God who has begun this good work, bring it to fulfillment.
The 2019 Mass Intention Book will open beginning Wednesday, April 4th. Please feel free to stop by the Rectory if you would like to request Mass intentions and/or Mass cards. The Rectory is open Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

**EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

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*Should the weather be inclement, Mass will be held in the Community Room.*

When parking for Mass, please remember to be mindful of our neighbors on Prospect Road.

**Stations of the Cross**

Please join us as we reflect and pray the Stations of the Cross each Wednesday, following the daily Mass.

**Children’s Station of the Cross**

Friday, March 30th at 11:00am

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**Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday following the 9:00 am Mass and again at 4:00 - 4:45 pm.

The Diocesan Day of Reconciliation is March 26th. Priests will be available to hear confessions that day from 3:00 - 5:00 pm and 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Additionally, Reconciliation will be held on March 28th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

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**Book Discussion Group**

**Date:** March 20th  
**Book:** Mrs. Sherlock Holmes  
**Author:** Brad Ricca

For information about the group, please call Mary Ellen Mack at (631)757-3492

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Please be sure to take a copy of the brochure “Our Holiest Week: A Practical Guide to the Liturgies of Holy Week. 

Don’t miss the best part! In this guide, we hope to describe what goes on during the Triduum and entice you to participate in these special liturgies.
Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 25th and we hope you will mark your calendars to join us for these three Sacred Days, the Triduum, as one event; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

This is truly a retreat for our whole parish to gather for prayer and reflection, leading us all to hope, resurrection and new life.

**PALM SUNDAY ~ THE OPENING OF HOLY WEEK**

We invite you to celebrate the beginning of this most Holy Week with the blessing of palms.

We have scheduled an additional Mass at 10am in the Community Room. Palms will be blessed before all Masses.

Saturday, March 24th: 5:00 PM
Solemn Blessing of Palms

Sunday, March 25th: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon
also 10:00 AM in the Community Room

**MONDAY of HOLY WEEK - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Let us be reconciled to God! May this Lent be a time to rediscover our need for forgiveness and mercy.

Monday, March 26th:
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, March 28th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**HOLY THURSDAY**

For some, this most Holy Day may start at the Chrism Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral and for us here at our parish, we begin with an invitation for all to join us as we celebrate the Passover of the Lord.

Thursday, March 29th: 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
HOLY THURSDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

WASHING OF THE FEET
Washing of the feet is the most humble symbol of service to one another.

EUCHARIST
We especially remember our homebound parishioners and the Eucharistic Ministers who serve them. We offer a special blessing to these ministers as they will bring this Eucharist, this bread of life, to those who can not be with us at this Liturgy.

CONCLUSION & ADORATION
We invite you to spend some quiet time in prayer with Jesus...just for a moment, or for an hour.

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
GOOD FRIDAY
The celebration of the Lord’s Passion takes place at 3:00 PM and consist of three parts: Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion. We begin in silence, with priests and deacons prostrate in front of the altar. Good Friday is the day on which Catholics commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Friday, March 30th:
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
11:00 AM Children’s Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
7:30 PM Seven Last Words - Hymns & Reflections, Adoration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY
The Easter Vigil is comprised of four parts: Lucernarium(The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle), Liturgy of the Word, Baptism Liturgy and Liturgy of the Eucharist. The movement is from darkness to light as all in the church are given candles to represent the light of the risen Christ.

Saturday, March 31st:
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM Solemn Mass of the Easter Vigil
CALLING ALL YOUTH MINISTRY TEENS!
What are you doing this summer?

**Notre Dame Vision**

- **Date:** Monday, July 9 - Friday, July 13
- **Location:** Notre Dame University
- **Cost:** $325 per person. Does not include cost of travel. TBD at later date.
- **Deadline:** April 4th

We are looking for a group of about twenty teens who will be starting 9th grade in September 2018 or older. We also need adult chaperones for this trip. If interested in chaperoning, please email Bill Leone. Application and information available on our website.

**Nazareth Farm**

- **Date:** Sunday August 12-18
- **Location:** Nazareth Farm in W. Virginia
- **Cost:** $300 per person
- **Deadline:** April 4th

Who is eligible: Teens who are currently sophomores, juniors or seniors may apply for the trip. Please fill out the application on our website to be considered for the trip. We will select a group of six teens for the trip. We also need two adult chaperones for the trip. If any adults are interested in being chaperones please email Bill Leone at the above address.

**Quo Vadis Retreat at the Seminary**

Save the date for our second annual summer camp called Quo Vadis. The camp is for high school age men and women and will be held at the Seminary of Immaculate Conception in Huntington. The camp includes overnight accommodations, all meals and all activities. This will be an amazing experience for the Catholic youth of Long Island focused on faith, fun and fellowship.

- **Save the Date:** July 8th – 13th
- **Additional information to follow.**

“Quo Vadis” is the Latin phrase for “Where are you going?” Legend tells us that St. Peter asked Jesus this question on the outskirts of Rome. And we know where Jesus went in response to His Father’s will. Where are you going?

GET INVOLVED WITH OUR SUMMER 2018 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Detailed information about these opportunites is available on our website or you may contact our Youth Minister, Bill Leone at bleone@olqmparish.org
Saint Gabriel Sacred Space

Our Saint Gabriel Sacred Space welcomes all to gather to celebrate the Eucharist, to pray, to reflect and to see God’s presence in our lives and in one another. It is truly a living memorial and we look forward to the spring to embrace its beauty and peacefulness.

We are delighted that so many parishioners and friends have supported this project by purchasing memorial bricks. Bricks ordered during Phase II of the project were installed just before Christmas on the interior of the seatwall, closest to the parking lot.

Now accepting orders.

Space remains available for approximately 100 additional bricks. If you would like to order a memorial brick, you may do so by simply visiting our website and following the link. Credit card payments are accepted on the site. If you prefer to pay by check, or would prefer to have our staff assist you in placing an order, please feel free to phone the Rectory.

You can be a part of this special worship space through our campaign to “Buy A Brick” with your family name, or to mark a special anniversary, marriage, baptism or remember a loved one in a special way.

4 x 8 brick - $125
8 x 8 brick - $275

The Annual Saint Gabriel Sacred Space Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Saturday, June 30th at 5:00 pm. Mass will be followed by a light reception in the Community Room.

All are welcome!
Easter Baskets For Children In Need

Please help us make this Easter special for those less fortunate. Parish Social Ministry will be “Adopting” children in a local homeless shelter and providing them with an Easter Basket.

If you are interested in supporting this mission and supplying a basket for a child in need please give our office a call. We have a list of ages of children along with their gender.

Saturday March 3rd was the Ninth annual Little Cow Harbor 4 Mile Run For Hope (Helping Other People Eat). There were over 600 runners. That included 25 kids & fun run participants. OLQM kids turned out to fill prize bags, set up and serve pasta the Friday night before. Many Oldfields Middle School, Harborfields High School students & OLQM parishioners manned the many water stations.

What a wonderful community of caring individuals coming together to help others! A very special thank you to parishioners Felica Callan the race coordinator and Denise Leparik the dinner organizer!

A Special Invitation to HARBORFIELDS SENIOR CITIZENS

HARBORFIELDS HIGH SCHOOL’S THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS...

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018
Harborfields High School - Auditorium
98 Taylor Avenue, Greenlawn
5:30 p.m. Dessert & Coffee ● 6:30 p.m. Show

The Harborfields Council of PTAs cordially invites Harborfields Senior Citizens to a complimentary performance of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”. All Harborfields Senior Citizens are cordially invited for dessert and coffee at 5:30 p.m., followed by the show at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are required in advance. For tickets, please call 754-5320 Ext. 319 no later than March 14th.
Career Employment Workshop

All are welcome to join these inclusive, non-denominational programs

Once again, the Parish Social Ministry Office of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is offering our Career Employment Workshops. In the past 24 years, OLQM has helped over 2,000 people develop their job search skills and career paths. Workshops are led by active and retired executives from Management, Human Resources and other fields. They offer practical suggestions and information in a supportive environment as a FREE service of Parish Social Ministry.

The series consists of separate but interrelated sessions, spread over six weeks on Monday evenings, beginning on April 9th. The program is a hands on experience designed to improve skills and build confidence while providing individualized feedback. It assists those currently unemployed, recent graduates, people returning to work or individuals considering a career change.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

Career Assessment: Identify your Strengths, Talents and Transferable Skills
What kind of work will really make you happy?

Library Research & Resources
Learn to identify and research companies needing your skills and experience.

Effective Resumes: Styles & Techniques
Learn to write targeted cover letters and resumes that are clear and concise.

Basics of Building a Network of Contacts
How to build a network of people who know you and can introduce you to the right people.

Practical Interviewing Skills
How to develop your “Brand,” learn how to answer the question, “Tell Me About Yourself.”

One-on-One Job Search Support
Opportunity for those who would like individualized discussions with workshop leaders.

All workshops, except the Library Research workshop, will be held at the OLQM Community Room, 53 Prospect Road, Centerport, New York, beginning at 7:00pm.

Pre-registration is requested to attend!

To RSVP, please contact Maria Ryan at mryan@olqmparish.org or call 754-9045
Parish Social Ministry

“Cultivating Calm”

Monday March 19th
7 pm-8:15 pm in the Community Room

During this session you will learn Mindfulness techniques to help you Achieve your goals and reduce stress in your life.

*Please register, spots are limited*

Be Still... The quieter you become the more you can hear.......

~To Register contact parish social ministry 754-9045 or mryan@olqmparish.org~
I have been involved in the new Parenting Connections group at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs that is 
under the umbrella of Parish Social Ministries. The mission is to build community and provide support 
to parish families with children of all ages. While discussing the impact of the Opioid crisis, the 
conversation turned to prevention. What can Parenting Connections do provide support to families 
before their children become involved with drugs and alcohol? 
I am a Mental Health Educator and I shared with the group that it is not uncommon for young people to 
turn to substances when they are struggling with a mental health condition, whether it be diagnosed or 
not. Maria Ryan, Director of Parish Social Ministries, was very interested in tackling prevention and we 
discussed bringing Mental Health First Aid to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. 
My co-teacher, Laura Campbell, and I are Certified Mental Health First Aid Instructors and were delighted 
to be invited by Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parenting Connections group to teach Youth Mental Health 
First Aid to OLQM parishioners in January. 
Mental Health First Aid is the initial help offered to a person developing a mental health or substance 
use problem, or experiencing a mental health crisis. Like CPR, the first aid is given until appropriate 
treatment and support are received or until the crisis resolves. The course is 8 hours long and participants 
who complete the course receive a Certification. We met on four consecutive Monday nights from 7 to 9 
and had a great group of 25 participants. 
We reviewed what typical adolescent behavior looks like and introduced the class to the unique risk 
factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents. We focused on the importance of 
early intervention and introduced a 5 Step Action Plan – ALGEE. 
The class was made up of participants with varied backgrounds – parishioners, community members, 
parents, grandparents, athletic coaches and individuals who work with young people to name a few. The 
group was wonderful! They were very engaged and actively participated in discussions and activities. 
A number of the participants stated that they are looking forward to taking Adult MHFA and Laura and 
I look forward to teaching that class later this year.

Beth Ramme

The workshop was informative and thought provoking. It made me realize how much our youth need to know there is a compassionate ear ready to listen when they are overwhelmed at this time of their lives, and that we must recognize the signs when they are in trouble. Thank you for offering the workshop, 
Pat Campion

I found this course valuable in so many ways. The instructors were very informative and offered a safe, compassionate and effective approach to learning and dealing with the signs, treatments and explanations of the many mental disorders children and teens can often experience. I feel very fortunate to have been a part of this class and for the important information I have taken from it. Camille Jusas

Additional comments:
- Excellent. (Wish I had it years ago)
- Impressed at the level of knowledge. Something I didn’t expect taking the course.
- I would like to see everyone involved with "kids" take it. A way to learn to connect non-judgmentally.
- Excellent course - well worth the time.
- Good course, with a lot of information and tools that can be implemented.
- Think it was VERY informative and brought things to my attention I may have overlooked.
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<td>Open to All: Pokeno at Carillon 2:15pm Youth Ministry HIHI - help set up CR 4:00-5:00pm</td>
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Open to all: All can attend, YM: for 9th-12th graders, Faith Formation: 1st-8th graders. If Your Child is interested in attending any of the events you must call the Parish Social Ministry Office at 754 9045 to register.
Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus.

We don’t know a lot about St. Joseph’s life. We do know he was a poor carpenter from Bethlehem, and was also a distant descendant of King David.

Bible stories portray Joseph as open to God, obedient, upright, and, above all, kind.

He cared for Mary and Jesus and was a role model for us on how to act when we are faced with difficult or complicated personal choices.

He put God’s will first and his own feelings second. When he understood what God wanted from him, he obeyed.

Jesus knew that he was going to die on the cross. He could have asked God to save him. Instead, he only asked that his Father’s name would be glorified.

There are people who face troubles in life with such courage and faith that their lives glorify God.

Wouldn’t it be pleasing to God if all of us trusted in him so much that we could face our troubles with the same courage and faith?
Jeremiah is one of the most important and personal of all the Hebrew prophets. Most of his writing is during the Babylonian Exile when Judah was destroyed and most of the people sent into exile. In the first 30 chapters of the book of Jeremiah, the prophet tries to convince his people to change their ways and pays dearly for his words and work, almost to the point of death. However, he never gives up and now towards the end of the Exile he takes a more hopeful tone.

“The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.” “I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God and they shall be my people.” “All, from the least to the greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.”

The Law of Moses was written in stone. It was out there, distant, but this one will be written in the hearts of the people. This is a quantum leap of intimacy between God and his people. From sin and tragedy come forgiveness and a new start for a whole people. If that was true back then centuries before Jesus Christ, imagine the power of repentance and forgiveness today for us his people. That is a powerful message for us during this season of Lent.

Jesus is trying to explain himself to Phillip and Andrew and possibly to the Greeks who wanted to meet him. We have no idea whether these unnamed Greeks actually ever met Jesus but the occasion gives Jesus an opportunity to reveal who he really is, a Suffering Servant. “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

Jesus is using an agricultural image that these farmers and fishermen would understand to talk about his death. He is that grain of wheat that will die so that they and now we may be the “much fruit” that will grow. Jesus is the SUFFERING SERVANT who suffers the ultimate fate and gives his life for us. But his suffering is not the end. It leads to his resurrection and to new life for us after death.

So, in this Sunday in Lent we hear about important messages: God’s mercy in the midst of unfaithfulness- Jesus as the suffering Servant who serves us and dies for us. Yes, there is incredible sadness here but it is dwarfed by the new life of God’s forgiveness and mercy and especially the promise of eternal life with Jesus.
In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

When we help the poor we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.
Let us especially remember those who have asked for our prayers.

James Quinn   Jenny Sparby
James Jimenez  Matthew Hathaway
Karson Vales   Tillie Scida
Frank Viccaro  Sheila Croke
Lorraine Carmichael Jacob Joseph Hartnett
Corinne Brooks Dorothea Zammit
Steve Tolipani Mary Terillo
Joseph Gallagher Peggy Zohorsky
Julie Hawkins  Barbara Murphy
Annmarie Cherry Tom Walsh
Katelyn Gregorie Virginia Hetherington
Diana Honeycutt Patrice Martin
Rosemary Meehan Margaret Melia
Peter Volberg  Mary Anne D'Anna
Patricia Reit  Jenna Rushton
Antonio Aloe  Tom Gravina
Nick Boba  Eli Pritchard
Joseph Delli Vinneri Ovedeo Franco
Jack Ratti  Tommy Mazur
Bruce Jennings Finn Blumenthal
Joan Smith  Jamie Wrede
Pat Stabile  Cynthia Giordano
Andrea Busa  Barbara Stattel
Edward Gates Mary Gagliano
Audrey Flaiz  Jaiden Scelzo
Bruce Waring  Isabelle Grenier
Owen Kenny  Deacon Roger Miller

Pray for the peaceful rest of all of our beloved parishioners and friends especially Robert Melnik.

May all those who have gone before us share the joys of eternal life.

“They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are.”

~ Saint John Chrysostom
**In The Community**

**Living Lent Daily**

Come to know Jesus as a friend this Lent, and experience God's unbelievable love and generosity toward us. Living Lent Daily is a daily e-mail series designed to help you grow in friendship with God. It's based on the book *A Friendship Like No Other* by William A. Barry, SJ.

Walk with us—and more importantly, with Jesus—through a most meaningful experience of Lent.

Sign up to receive the daily messages from Loyola Press.

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**Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Center**

Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Center, sponsored by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, was established to provide opportunities for the spiritual education and cultural growth of God's people with a joyful, loving and hospitable environment.

All are welcome to participate in our monthly offerings.

We are located at 29 Shelter Rock Road in Manhasset.

Please phone us at (516)627-9255 or visit our website at www.olgretreat.com for detailed information about our upcoming programs.

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**VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED**

for English Speakers of other Languages

The Opening Word Program
1450 New York Avenue in Huntington Station

This is a sponsored ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville located at St. Hugh of Lincoln Parish.

Classes are held Monday to Friday from 9am until 2pm for adult women only. No foreign language is necessary. You may volunteer for 1 or more days, mornings or classes.

For more information, please call Melissa Ramos at 631-470-2288.