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ASSESSES:

SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAYS: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.

WEEKDAYS: Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M.

HOLY DAYS: Vigil 7:30 P.M. (Day) 8:45, 10:00 A.M.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 9:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Closed for lunch from 12:00 Noon till 1:00 P.M.

Saturday: by appointment only

Sunday: closed

Emergency - Anytime 744-2800

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions celebrated Saturday from 4:00-4:45 P.M., or you may schedule another time with a priest at the rectory.

MARRIAGE: Please call the rectory at least 7 months prior to your wedding, and before a date is finalized with the reception hall.

WEDDING TIMES:

Saturday: 1:30 and 3:00

Sunday: 2:00 and 3:00 (Ceremonies only)

PRO-LIFE COORDINATOR:

John McNamara - 744-2800

BAPTISMS: The parish community celebrates this sacrament at 1:00 P.M. on the third Saturday of each month. Please contact the rectory before your child is born to make arrangements for the Pre-Baptism program.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Periodically we have a parish celebration. However if you or someone in your family is seriously ill or going to the hospital for a serious operation, then call the rectory. Anyone going to a hospital or who may be sick at home should inform the rectory so the parish can pray for you.

R.C.I.A.: Adults seeking to become Catholic; or adults wishing to receive First Communion or Confirmation please call Mr. John McNamara at 744-9525.

A.A.: Meetings held every Sunday Evening at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.

PRAY WITH THE PARISH:

Rosary daily before the 9:00 A.M. Mass

Eucharistic Devotion & Benediction - First Friday

1:00 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Miraculous Medal - Mondays after 9:00 A.M. Mass

Fatima Devotions - First Saturday after 9:00 A.M. Mass

**WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU WORSHIP GOD WITH US! PLEASE FEEL AT HOME.
IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR AREA, PLEASE REGISTER AFTER MASS WITH AN USHER
OR COME TO THE RECTORY DURING THE WEEK. WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S PARISH.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK


I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

Next week, we start the season of Advent, a season of hope. If there's anything this world needs, it's hope. Turning on the TV sometimes can get you depressed when you hear all the negative things going on. We all need hope, a reason to live. We believe that God has a purpose for each of us, so we all should have confidence in our future. True, God sometimes works in ways that we cannot understand, but we believe that God does work in the world through all of us, if we are of good heart.

I am writing this on the Friday before Thanksgiving because of the time limit on the bulletin publication.

Don't forget to look at our website, st.marksrcc-shoreham.org. You can get my weekly homily on there, too. 😊

Fr. Jeff



Wedding Banns III

Craig Wellbrock,
(St. John's, Riverhead)
and
Lynn Letteri,
(Good Shepherd, Holbrook)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 27, 2017

9:00 AM Eleanor Harding - husband, Tom

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

9:00 AM Donald Knepple - wife, Louise

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

9:00 AM William Tester - The LaFata Family
Lou Cigliano - Ralph & Gale Lopez
Peter R. O'Brien - The Bunce Family

Thursday, November 30, 2017

9:00 AM *25th Anniversary*, Arthur J. Bunce -
Annmarie Bunce
John Garcia - Theresa Giuliano

Friday, December 1, 2017

9:00 AM Vincent Milioti - Jean & Alfred

Saturday, December 2, 2017

9:00 AM Brian John Healey - Marcella Bernstein
5:00 PM Joseph Gould - The Verbarg Family

Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:00 AM Lucy Gieo - Carolyn Walikas
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
11:30 AM Martin Glennon - Ruth & James Glennon



St. Mark's is accepting weekly donations for our altar breads and/or sacramental wine used at all Masses during the week. *These donations may be memorialized in whatever manner you may wish.*



Altar Flowers

You have the opportunity each week to donate the altar flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the rectory office for details.

FINANCIAL CORNER

By: Susan Schena

SUNDAY COLLECTION OF:
November 25th - November 26th, 2017
\$8,266.00

Human Development Collection:
\$1,817.00



Leaving a Legacy of Faith

When you next update your estate plan, would you please consider continuing your lifelong support of your parish by remembering St. Mark's with a bequest?

50/50 CLUB WINNERS

**** Weekend of Nov. 25th & Nov. 26th, 2017****

1st Prize	703882	\$9.75
2nd Prize	703872	\$5.85
3rd Prize	703859	\$3.90

W e l c o m e

New Parishioners!

We extend a *warm welcome* to all our new parishioners!

As a reminder, we encourage you to register with us. Forms may be obtained at the rectory or ask an usher at the church.

We look forward to meeting you!

Preview of next Sunday's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 (2B)
Psalm: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

**PRAY FOR THE SICK
AND THEIR CAREGIVERS**



Susan McFee, Edward Heinszen, Frank Mordola, Gloria Mazza, Susan Quinn, Melanie Quintos, Santa Inguanta, Steve McCune, Keri Lynn Stromski, Ruth Bradley, Catherine J. Navetta, Joan Mueller, Ryan Brady, Roberta Gerish, Rosemary Fleming, Bernadette Salvador, John Schlauraff, Judi Lynch, Christine Lopiccio, Frank Henn, Geraldine Sheets, Dana Jendrzewski, Walter Simonsen, William Watson, Jennifer Tomforde, Florence Lynch, James K. Glennon, Olga Camero, Joseph Olivo, Kristie Cleary, Ralph Lopez, Louise Knepple, Julie Esposito, Frances Roman, Samantha King, Melissa Black, Patricia Dansereau, Pasquale Cervini, Frank Lumia, Dana Hertzovitz, Helene Kenney, Kathleen Hynes, Luz Cadena, Diane Guarnieri, Fran Alvino, Joseph Minerva, Donna Byrnes, Jeanne Hughes, Donna Mirasola, Rene Macadaeg, Marguerite Danielsen.

If you know of any of the above names that should be removed from the list due to a return to good health, please inform the rectory office at 744-2800.

Names will be removed on the first of each month, unless we are notified. Kindly call the rectory with any updates. Thank you.

Altar Servers

We welcome any children in the third grade or older who've received their First Holy Communion to join St. Mark's Altar Servers. It's a special way to serve God, be part of our parish community, and fulfill church volunteer requirements for Confirmation.

For more information, contact Carla Silva or Marianne Minarik. E-mail: altarservers@stmarksrcc-shoreham.org

Thought for the Week

Next week is the first weekend of Advent. We ask the Lord to prepare our hearts for the coming of His precious Son. This is amazing— God became man to live with us and show us the way to Heaven. Let's ask Him how each of us can follow Him in our daily lives.



The Eucharist

We all must pray.
 What better place to pray than where God is physically present?
 If we love someone, we want to spend time with that person.
 What better way to show Jesus how much we love him
 than to kneel before Him in the Eucharist?



Respect Life

Please guide us, Lord, that we may see life as You see it, and help others to do the same.
 Give us the courage to speak up when we should
 —and please give us Your words to speak them *in love.*
 (Pro Life Reflections for Every Day)

Words from Pope Francis ...

“To be faithful, to be creative, we need to be able to change.
 To change! And why must I change?
 So that I can adapt to the situations in which I must proclaim the Gospel.
 To stay close to God, we need to know how to set out; we must not be afraid to set out.”



(Pope Francis, [The Church of Mercy](#))



A Scripture to Ponder..

*“Praise be to God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,
 who comforts us in all our troubles.*

(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Just a Thought

“Father, help us to say, “ No” to the world, and “Yes”
 to You. Help us to hear the true voice of Jesus amid
 the voices of pressure and stress and power.”

(Max Lucado: [God's Inspirational Promise Book](#))

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A Little Humor....

Here are two interesting facts revealed by young people at Sunday School:

1. A Christian should have only one wife. This is called *monotony*.
2. The *Epistles* were the wives of the *Apostles*.

“Giving Tree” Tags

Thank you for taking a tag from our Christmas “Giving Tree”.

Gifts will be given out on Wednesday, December 13.

We respectfully request that your gifts be brought to the Parish Center by the weekend of December 10.

Thank you so much for always being so generous!

Special Thanks for Your Tremendous Generosity to:

The *Leisure Women’s Guild* of Leisure Glen

The *Knights of Columbus* of Rocky Point

&

The *Entertainment Club* of Leisure Village

Your loving donations make the Thanksgiving and Christmas season so blessed for so many!

Thank You, and God Bless You and Your Families!

“Friendly Visitors”

If you would like to be a “Friendly Visitor” to someone in the parish who is homebound,
please call the rectory, and leave your name and phone number.

Win Big at the McGann-Mercy Christmas Raffle & Chinese Auction!

On December 10th, McGann-Mercy will be holding its Annual Christmas Raffle and Chinese Auction between 2 pm and 5 pm at the school.

Be part of this exciting event and take a chance in the Christmas Raffle to be one of ten winners, including the grand prize winner of \$20,000. In addition, over 100 fabulous gift baskets and gift certificates, generously donated by Mercy families and local merchants, will make up our Chinese Auction.

Dates: Sunday, December 10th – 2:00 pm

Place: McGann-Mercy High School Auditorium

For more information on the event or to purchase a \$100 Holiday Raffle ticket, please call the Development Office at 631.727.5900, ext. 334 or go to our website – www.mcgann-mercy.org



FAITH FORMATION
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 Lynn Fein, Director

- **Registration for our classes for Levels 1 through 9, for the 2017-18 Catechetical Year continues. Children entering first grade in school need to be registered at this time to prepare over two years for the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Children then continue with each level, growing in our faith and leading to the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation in the first year of high school. We also welcome any new families to our parish, families with older children and teens who may not have received any of our sacraments, and also children and teens with special needs. Our classes have begun so please call or e-mail the Faith Formation Office during the week to register. Registrations are also always taken following our 9:30 Sunday Mass.**
- **Our Levels 3 through 6 parents will gather this Wednesday, November 29 at 7 p.m. and Friday, December 1 at 10 a.m., choosing the time that works best for their family's schedule. These gatherings provide both an opportunity to pray together, while growing in faith as we explore the various topics the children are learning in class.**
- **I hope that parishioners of every age group will join us on Wednesday, December 6 for our Advent Family Night. Let us come together as we prepare for the Lord's coming during this special season in our Church's year. Please use the response form found in the bulletin so we can make plans for your participation.**

SAINT MARK'S YOUTH MINISTRY

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES



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Our next Youth Mass is Saturday, December 16 at 5 p.m., followed by a get-together in the parish center. We invite all of our young people from seventh through twelfth grades and their families to join us in the celebration of the Eucharist, followed by our get-together with pizza and activities.

Our upcoming dates for our weekly gatherings are: November 27 and December 4 and 11. All seventh through twelfth graders are invited to come and to bring a friend for discussions, prayer, activities, service and snacks. We meet from 7 to 8:30 in our parish center.

Please contact the Faith Formation Office with any questions about St. Mark's Youth Ministry.

ADVENT...A TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD!

To help us set aside time in our busy schedules, as we fully reflect on the true meaning of the upcoming Advent season, a special evening is being planned.



DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

TIME: 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

PLACE: PARISH CENTER

Parishioners of every age group, and especially our Levels 1 and 2 children and their families, are invited to attend as we share about this special time in our church's year and join in prayer. Come and gather in the parish center to enjoy crafts, refreshments and the company of one another. In order to provide adequately for those who will be with us, we ask that you complete the form below and return it to the Faith Formation Office by December 1. Beverages will be available, but we ask every family to bring their favorite cookies to share.

Yes, I/we will attend on Wednesday, December 6 to prepare for the Lord's coming. (A donation of \$3.00 per person, \$6.00 per family is requested to cover the cost of the craft materials.)

NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: ___adults___children___



***Fr. Francis Pizzarelli
and
Hope House Ministries
would like to extend to you a
very special invitation to the
following event:***

***34th Annual Celebration of Hope at
Christmas & the Holiday Season***

Monday, November 27, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook

Cocktails-Buffer Dinner-Coffee & Dessert

Silent Auction

Contact: Theresa Zeis (631)473-8796



Join the **Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception** for a **Celebration of Mary** to be held at the Seminary on **Sunday, December 3, 2017**. Journey to the heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts. Beginning with Mass at 10 AM, celebrated by Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski, Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre, the day will include lunch, presentations by Fr. Michael Whalen, CM, Associate Professor at St. John's U., Brother Timothy Driscoll, SM, Kellenberg Memorial H.S Faculty member, and Theresa Bissex, Music Director at Church of St. Rocco, Glen Cove. **Advance registration required.** \$40 per guest. For reservations & information, contact Seminary Development Office, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743. 631.423.0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu



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I Love you so much!
Come and spend a little
Time with Me.

Eucharistic Adoration next Friday

1-4 pm



Fr. Francis Pizzarelli and Hope House Ministries

Proudly Presents:

A Christmas Celebration

Starring Andy Cooney accompanied by the Big Apple Ensemble, with Special Guests - New York Tenors (Daniel Rodriguez, Andy Cooney & Christopher Macchio), Larry Gatlin, Ronan Tynan, the Hibernian Festival Singers and a Debut Performance by The HIMS

on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 8 p.m. on the Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall, NYC. This special evening benefits Hope House Ministries.

Tickets \$45 - \$125. Carnegie Charge (212) 247-7800 ~ Online at www.carnegiehall.org ~ Box Office at 57th St. & 7th Ave. For Groups or Bus Packages please call Mill Pond Music at (516) 798-3014 or email: millpondmusic@aol.com

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St. Mark's "Giving Tree"



***"Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy,
a joy to be shared by the whole people.
Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord."
(Luke 2:10-11)***



Our "Giving Tree" has been a tradition at St. Mark's for many years. Many Christmas mornings have been brightened because of the love and generosity of our parishioners. Thank you for taking a tag from the tree and providing a gift for a very thankful child or adult. *If you can't give a tangible gift, remember that the most wonderful gift you can give is your gift of prayer.*

At times we might think that what we give is not enough, but God sees our hearts, and He loves the cheerful giver. We never know the effect of one act of kindness!

*Thanks to all of you who make the message of the
Christmas Season come alive to so
many, year after year.*

May the Lord bless the cheerful givers at St. Mark's!

Have a Blessed Christmas!

In His Love,

Jane & Volunteers

Please remember to attach the tag to your *unwrapped gift*, and return all gifts to the Parish Center by December 10.



***Our families will be coming in to receive your
gifts on Wednesday, December 13.***



FAITH FORMATION

As we enter the Advent season and prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas day, at the end of time and into our hearts each day, it becomes the perfect time for reflecting on the gift of faith that we have been given. This precious gift that our parents, and the sponsors they so carefully chose to support them in raising us in the faith, needs to be continually nurtured. We do so by our participation at daily or weekly Mass, by developing our prayer life, by volunteering to share our gifts in the various ministries in our parish or out in our community and by our participation in opportunities for growth in our parish. Each individual has to carefully select what he or she personally feels would benefit his or her faith life, while considering that certain offerings may be more suitable for particular age groups. Sometimes our parish may especially provide the chance for parishioners of every age group to come together. One such example is our annual Advent Family Night being held in our parish center on Wednesday, December 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Here is an invitation for children and adults of every age group to gather together and join in prayer, discussion and activities which enable us to rediscover the true meaning of this very special time in our liturgical year. We hope that you will be able to join our parish family for this special time to be in the presence of those who share our beliefs.

Reflecting on the meaning of our own Baptism greatly enhances and increases our growth in faith. Through our Baptism we are called to a personal friendship making us members of his Body, which brings with it certain responsibilities. All sacraments are about our relationships with God and with each other and should always be thought of as not end points, but beginnings. As we meet with parents who are preparing their children for any of our sacraments, we ask them to reflect on what their own reception of the sacraments means to them. A very special time, as all of us who are parents remember, is the preparation time for the sacrament of Baptism. Our initial meeting with the parents invites them to be full participants in the life of our parish, by informing them of ways this is possible. A warm welcome and acceptance of whatever point they are in their faith journey greatly assists in making them feel they have found a home here in our parish. As the parents attend one of our Baptism preparation gatherings this sense of community is reinforced as they have the chance to meet other young couples who are also preparing for the Baptism of their children. We are truly blessed to have two couples who open their homes to the young families and share how they have raised their children in our faith. Sue and Mike Hegarty, this year's St. Agnes Medal Diocesan awardees from our parish and recipients of Catechetical Service Awards in the past; as well as Vanessa and Jim Logan, recipients of Catechetical Service Awards for their years of offering to share their gifts with the parents, truly provide a comfortable environment in which all can share their thoughts and faith. Our monthly Baptism ceremonies provide another opportunity to affirm the couples, their families and friends and to welcome them to our faith community. Our volunteers who have been present each month for many years, Rosemary Brosnan, Marianne Gallagher and Ellen Masterson, joyfully welcome all who enter our doors and so lovingly assist us throughout the ceremony. Each of these women has also received Catechetical Service Awards over the years for their engagement in our ministries. We invite anyone who may be called to be a part of our Baptismal ministry to contact me at the Faith Formation Office. We would love to have you serve the people of God with us.

**The Lord's blessings,
Lynn Fein
Director of Faith Formation**

