

Church of the Holy Spirit

16 South 6th Street, New Hyde Park, New York 11040

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January 22, 2017



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
Monday through Saturday: 8:30 AM
Holy days: As announced
Family Mass: 9:30 AM Mass

Baptisms

Please contact Deacon Lachlan at Ext. 112 to make arrangements for your child's baptism.

Confessions

- Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM
- Call the rectory to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the ceremony and before arranging the reception. Please contact Fr. Grieco at Ext 116.

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Thursdays: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Church Hours:

Monday through Friday 7:00am -8:00pm

Saturday: 7:00am-6:15pm

Sunday: 7:00am-2:00pm

Emergency call (516) 880-2936



Dear friends,

As I write this column, it is still a few days before the Presidential inauguration and two weeks before Bishop John Barres is installed as the 5th Bishop of our Diocese of Rockville Centre. As you read this, the inauguration is behind us, Donald Trump is now our President and Bishop John Barres is a week away from being installed as our new Bishop. As Catholics we are not required to agree with everyone, and because we are human there are people we may not like, but we are called to pray for everyone. And our prayers are heard! When we pray for our President, we are praying that he accepts God's guidance, and that he makes decisions based on what is best for our Country, and is open minded and fair. We pray that he has the courage to do the right thing! We are not praying that he does what we want him to do. That's not prayer. When we pray for our President, we are trusting in God. That's what prayer is.

Similarly, when we pray for our new Bishop (Bishop John Barres), we are praying that he accepts the grace from God to make the right decisions for our local Diocese and for people everywhere. We pray that he is a man of courage. We pray for his health. We are not praying that he makes decisions that benefit us individually. Prayer is trusting in God; it's not about us getting our own way. In many ways, we have all grown up praying for our needs. Although that may be a fine thing to do, I suggest that it is better we pray for God's will. If something is God's will, we will benefit from it. "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven".

Prayer is the most important thing we can do. Prayer is a sign of our faith. If we are praying we are either talking to God or talking to ourselves, and I hope we are not talking to ourselves. The fact that we are in church right now, is a sign of our faith. But we cannot just go through the motions. We must pray, and we must listen. Perhaps it is better not to ask God how to answer our prayers, but rather to ask God to help us understand His will.

On another note, I try desperately to encourage our young people to get involved; and many of them have. We have several youth music groups, many young lectors and Altar Servers. We have young people taking the collection at the Family Mass and bringing up the gifts. They are doing God's work! I'm now extending two more invitations for them to get involved. 1) Any parishioner 13 years of age, or older, is welcome to help distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday. It is simple but we do need time to coordinate it. If interested, please send me an email and I will be in touch. Trust me, it is simple. 2) Every Friday night during lent, we have Stations of the Cross immediately following the 7:30 P.M. Mass. I allow any parishioner "10" years or older to participate in this. It is simple, it is fun and it is for God. Please consider this and send me an email if interested. As I promise to pray for you, I also ask you to pray for me. Just as it's not easy to raise a family or to go to work every day, being a priest is much more challenging than you may realize. We need to pray for and support one another. Thanks and God Bless!

Fr. Grieco

DEACON LACHLAN

On Tuesday January 31st, Bishop John Barres will be installed as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He comes to us from Allentown Pennsylvania, where he has served as bishop for more than seven years. Much has been written about Bishop Barres since his appointment was announced on December 9th. We know he grew up in Larchmont NY, was baptized by Bishop Fulton Sheen, and that he played basketball at Princeton. If you are not so familiar with his biographical details, there is an excellent article in this month's Long Island Catholic magazine.

So on February 1st, what exactly will Bishop Barres be waking up to? What comprises the Diocese of Rockville Centre? While Bishop Barres will be well briefed by Bishop Murphy and many others about the Church on Long Island, I thought this might be an opportunity for us to look at how we were formed and what makes up our diocese in this beautiful part of the country.

The whole of Long Island from the East River to Montauk was at one time the Diocese of Brooklyn. In 1957, following the huge influx of people to Nassau and Suffolk counties after the Second World War, it was decided that the spiritual needs of so many people would be best served by creating a new diocese for the two counties. The Brooklyn Diocese would now be made up of Brooklyn and Queens, and Nassau and Suffolk would now become the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

The first bishop was Bishop Kellenberg, and he was followed by Bishop McGann. Then came Bishop McHugh, who sadly passed away within his first year. Bishop Murphy came to us in 2001, just a few days before the terrible events of September 11th. We now have Bishop Barres who will continue the dedicated work of his predecessors, shepherding the People of God on Long Island.

Our new bishop has 131 parishes in the diocese, and these parishes are grouped into what are known as vicariates. Each vicariate has a vicar, usually one of our auxiliary bishops. Holy Spirit belongs to the Western Vicariate and our vicar is Bishop Andrzej, who has visited us a number of times in the last few years. The vicar meets regularly with each of his pastors to discuss the needs of each parish. Usually every three years the vicar will make a formal visit to each parish and speak at every Mass, and hold meetings with the parishioners, so that he might better understand how the parish works. The vicar then meets regularly with the Bishop to keep him informed on the workings of the parishes in his vicariate.

Each vicariate is broken up into Deaneries. In our diocese there are 14 Deaneries. Holy Spirit is part of the North Hempstead Deanery along with seven other parishes. The position of Dean is held by one of the pastors, on a rotating basis. The pastors meet each month to share information and ideas on the workings of their parishes. This is a very useful tool for the pastors, particularly since they are all working in the same geographical area. It is also an opportunity to meet with other priests, since many of our priests are now working in parishes by themselves, with no associate pastor to help them.

At present there are almost three hundred priests in our diocese, although because of age or ill health, not all of them are active. There are also almost three hundred deacons....again age and health issues have taken their toll. However all our priests and our deacons look forward to serving Bishop Barres in his role as Bishop of Rockville Centre. He comes to a diocese of 1.5 million faithful who look forward to his leadership during this exciting time in our diocese.

May Almighty God bless us, protect us from all evil, and lead us into everlasting life. Amen

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit The Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles next weekend:

JANUARY 28TH & 29TH

Please continue to say the prayer attached to the bottle.

Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support and be assured it is making a BIG DIFFERENCE in the lives of many people served by this busy crisis pregnancy center.
Keep Going!!

SOCIAL MINISTRY



The Social Ministry needs for this week are: Hot and cold cereal, Pasta Sauce and Powdered Milk. If you do not wish to shop, small denominations of supermarket gift cards are always welcome.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

LET US PRAY



For Those Who Died in the Lord

Neil Duggan



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

Joyce McCabe, Jola Griffen, Chris Hanat, George Warren, Genevieve Early, Ninabeth Palces, John Caliendo, Linda Eagan, Vincent Sauchelli, Florence Krupski, Marie Lappin, Michael McGovern, Maria Celena DaCosta, Josephine Cassese, Emelia Arroyo, Irene DeRainieri, Joe and Flo Grimm, Eileen Hammond, Doug Wilson, Janet Rossano, Joseph McVeigh & Zina Campanale

THIS WEEK'S GIFTS AND CANDLES

*This week the Bread & Wine
are in memory of
P.J. Looney
From the Family*

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FAMILY MASS LECTOR SCHEDULE

	<u>January 22nd</u>		<u>Ash Wednesday (March 1st)</u>
1st	Sarah Bush	1st	Ciara Lennon
2nd	Nicole Dana	2nd	Hailey Mikowski
Petitions	Eamonn Lennon	4:00 P.M.	Petitions: Victoria McGuigan
Intro	Ally Petricca	“optional”	Intro: Allison Marzano
	<u>January 29th</u>		<u>March 5th</u>
1st	Gabby Munge	1st	Daniel Corcoran
2nd	Rosie Zehnter	2nd	Jasmine Garnica
Petitions:	Audrey Brooker	Petitions:	Pia Alana
Intro:	Ally Petricca	Intro:	Andrew Canise
	<u>February 5th</u>		<u>March 12th</u>
1st	Andrew Canise	1st	Audrey Mikowski
2nd	Larissa Scandura	2nd	Audrey Brooker
Petitions:	Eamonn Lennon	Petitions:	Gabby Munge
Intro:	Dan Corcoran	Intro:	Larissa Scandura
	<u>February 12th</u>		<u>March 19th</u>
1st	Linda Cheung	1st	Allison Marzano
2nd	Audrey Mikowski	2nd	Eamonn Lennon
Petitions:	Darla Petricca	Petitions:	Greg Marzano
Intro:	Nicole Dana	Intro:	Rosie Zehnter
	<u>February 19th</u>		<u>March 26th</u>
1st	Sarah Bush	1st	Nicole Dana
2nd	Victoria McGuigan	2nd	Sarah Bush
Petitions:	Hailey Mikowski	Petitions:	Dan Corcoran
Intro:	Jasmine Garnica	Intro:	Pia Alana
	<u>February 26th</u>		<u>April 2nd</u>
1st	Greg Marzano	1st	Darla Petricca
2nd	Pia Alana	2nd	Ally Petricca
Petitions:	Rosie Zehnter	Petitions:	Linda Cheung
Intro:	Larissa Scandura	Intro:	Ciara Lennon

Below, please find the full text of Pope Francis' prepared remarks

***Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis
Mass for World Youth Day
Krakow, Campus Misericordiae, 31 July 2016***

Dear young people, you have come to Krakow to meet Jesus. Today's Gospel speaks to us of just such a meeting between Jesus and a man named Zacchaeus, in Jericho (cf. Lk 19:1-10). There Jesus does not simply preach or greet people; as the Evangelist tells us, he passed through the city (v. 1). In other words, Jesus wants to draw near to us personally, to accompany our journey to its end, so that his life and our life can truly meet.

An amazing encounter then takes place, with Zacchaeus, the chief "publican" or tax collector. Zacchaeus was thus a wealthy collaborator of the hated Roman occupiers, someone who exploited his own people, someone who, because of his ill repute, could not even approach the Master. His encounter with Jesus changed his life, just as it has changed, and can daily still change, each of our lives. But Zacchaeus had to face a number of obstacles in order to meet Jesus. At least three of these can also say something to us.

The first obstacle is smallness of stature. Zacchaeus couldn't see the Master because he was little. Even today we can risk not getting close to Jesus because we don't feel big enough, because we don't think ourselves worthy. This is a great temptation; it has to do not only with self-esteem, but with faith itself. For faith tells us that we are "children of God... that is what we are" (1 Jn 3:1). We have been created in God's own image; Jesus has taken upon himself our humanity and his heart will never be separated from us; the Holy Spirit wants to dwell within us. We have been called to be happy forever with God!

That is our real "stature", our spiritual identity: we are God's beloved children, always. So you can see that not to accept ourselves, to live glumly, to be negative, means not to recognize our deepest identity. It is like walking away when God wants to look at me, trying to spoil his dream for me. God loves us the way we are, and no sin, fault or mistake of ours makes him change his mind. As far as Jesus is concerned – as the Gospel shows – no one is unworthy of, or far from, his thoughts. No one is insignificant. He loves all of us with a special love; for him all of us are important: you are important! God counts on you for what you are, not for what you possess. In his eyes the clothes you wear or the kind of cell phone you use are of absolutely no concern. He doesn't care whether you are stylish or not; he cares about you! In his eyes, you are precious, and your value is inestimable.

At times in our lives, we aim lower rather than higher. At those times, it is good to realize that God remains faithful, even obstinate, in his love for us. The fact is, he loves us even more than we love ourselves. He believes in us even more than we believe in ourselves. He is always "cheering us on"; he is our biggest fan. He is there for us, waiting with patience and hope, even when we turn in on ourselves and brood over our troubles and past injuries. But such brooding is unworthy of our spiritual stature! It is a kind of virus infecting and blocking everything; it closes doors and prevents us from getting up and starting over. God, on the other hand, is hopelessly hopeful! He believes that we can always get up, and he hates to see us glum and gloomy. Because we are always his beloved sons and daughters. Let us be mindful of this at the dawn of each new day. It will do us good to pray every morning: "Lord, I thank you for loving me; help me to be in love with my own life!" Not with my faults, that need to be corrected, but with life itself, which is a great gift, for it is a time to love and to be loved.

Zacchaeus faced a second obstacle in meeting Jesus: the paralysis of shame. We can imagine what was going on in his heart before he climbed that sycamore. It must have been quite a struggle – on one hand, a healthy curiosity and desire to know Jesus; on the other, the risk of appearing completely ridiculous. Zacchaeus was public figure, a man of power. He knew that, in trying to climb that tree, he would have become a laughingstock to all. Yet he mastered his shame, because the attraction of Jesus was more powerful. You know what happens when someone is so attractive that we fall in love with them: we end up ready to do things we would never have even thought of doing. Something similar took place in the heart of Zacchaeus, when he realized that Jesus was so important that he would do anything for him, since Jesus alone could pull him out of the mire of sin and discontent. The paralysis of shame did not have the upper hand. The Gospel tells us that Zacchaeus "ran ahead", "climbed" the tree, and then, when Jesus called him, he "hurried down" (vv. 4, 6). He took a risk, he put his life on the line. For us too, this is the secret of joy: not to stifle a healthy curiosity, but to take a risk, because life is not meant to be tucked away. When it comes to Jesus, we cannot sit around waiting with arms folded; he offers us life – we can't respond by thinking about it or "texting" a few words!

Dear young friends, don't be ashamed to bring everything to the Lord in confession, especially your weaknesses, your struggles and your sins. He will surprise you with his forgiveness and his peace. Don't be afraid to say "yes" to Him with all your heart, to respond generously and to follow Him! Don't let your soul grow numb, but aim for the goal of a beautiful love which also demands sacrifice. Say a firm "no" to the narcotic of success at any cost and the sedative of worrying only about yourself and your own comfort.

After his small stature and the paralysis of shame, there was a third obstacle that Zacchaeus had to face. It was no longer an interior one, but was all around him. It was the grumbling of the crowd, who first blocked him and then criticized him: How could Jesus have entered his house, the house of a sinner! How truly hard it is to welcome Jesus, how hard it is to accept a "God who is rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4)! People will try to block you, to make you think that God is distant, rigid and insensitive, good to the good and bad to the bad. Instead, our heavenly Father "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good" (Mt 5:45). He demands of us real courage: the courage to be more powerful than evil by loving everyone, even our enemies. People may laugh at you because you believe in the gentle and unassuming power of mercy. But do not be afraid. Think of the motto of these days: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" (Mt 5:7). People may judge you to be dreamers, because you believe in a new humanity, one that rejects hatred between peoples, one that refuses to see borders as barriers and can cherish its own traditions without being self-centred or small-minded. Don't be discouraged: with a smile and open arms, you proclaim hope and you are a blessing for our one human family, which here you represent so beautifully!

That day the crowd judged Zacchaeus; they looked him over, up and down. But Jesus did otherwise: he gazed up at him (v. 5). Jesus looks beyond the faults and sees the person. He does not halt before bygone evil, but sees future good. His gaze remains constant, even when it is not met; it seeks the way of unity and communion. In no case does it halt at appearances, but looks to the heart. With this gaze of Jesus, you can help bring about another humanity, without looking for acknowledgement but seeking goodness for its own sake, content to maintain a pure heart and to fight peaceably for honesty and justice. Don't stop at the surface of things; distrust the worldly cult of appearances, cosmetic attempts to improve our looks. Instead, "download" the best "link" of all, that of a heart which sees and transmits goodness without growing weary. The joy that you have freely received from God, freely give away (cf. Mt 10:8): so many people are waiting for it!

Finally let us listen to the words that Jesus spoke to Zacchaeus, which to be seem meant for us today: "Come down, for I must stay at your house today" (v. 5). Jesus extends the same invitation to you: "I must stay at your house today". We can say that World Youth Day begins today and continues tomorrow, in your homes, since that is where Jesus wants to meet you from now on. The Lord doesn't want to remain in this beautiful city, or in cherished memories alone. He wants to enter your homes, to dwell in your daily lives: in your studies, your first years of work, your friendships and affections, your hopes and dreams. How greatly he desires that you bring all this to him in prayer! How much he hopes that, in all the "contacts" and "chats" of each day, pride of place be given to the golden thread of prayer! How much he wants his word to be able to speak to you day after day, so that you can make his Gospel your own, so that it can serve as a compass for you on the highways of life!

In asking to come to your house, Jesus calls you, as he did Zacchaeus, by name. Your name is precious to him. The name "Zacchaeus" would have made people back then think of the remembrance of God. Trust the memory of God: his memory is not a "hard disk" that "saves" and "archives" all our data, but a heart filled with tender compassion, one that finds joy in "erasing" in us every trace of evil. May we too now try to imitate the faithful memory of God and treasure the good things we have received in these days. In silence, let us remember this encounter, let us preserve the memory of the presence of God and his word, and let us listen once more to the voice of Jesus as he calls us by name. So let us now pray silently, remembering and thanking the Lord wanted us to be here and has come here to meet us.

We are all familiar with the Blessed Virgin Mary's 'fiat'...her 'yes' to God when she was asked to be the Mother of Jesus. But what about the times she said 'no'... to sin and temptation. How about these for us to think about?



She said no to vanity. The young women of her time could have dreamed of being the mother of the Messiah. When she was chosen, Mary didn't lose her bearings or believe herself somehow above everyone else. She recognized herself as the simple servant of the Lord.

She said no to gossip. She didn't run to tell her friends about her special calling.

She said no to self-centeredness. She didn't settle down to spoil herself. She went to visit Elizabeth because Gabriel had revealed that she too was expecting a child.

She said no to living in a bubble. She didn't shut herself off. She got on with life and whatever it brought.

Let us ask Our Lady to help us to imitate her in these times she said "no" and let us add three "nevers": Let us resolve never to forget her, never to stop loving her, and never to fail to turn to her in our needs.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided ...

Long Island Coalition for Life, Inc.

Help restore the right to life for pre-born humans. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth event on Sunday, January 22, 2017, from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. This peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E Meadow), a hospital that commits abortions. Thousands more are hurting because of those abortions. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs will be provided. Sponsored by: LICL (631) 243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

Join the New Hyde Park Knights of Columbus Senior Citizens Club.

Any lady who is a member of Holy Spirit and is 59 1/2 years old or any member of our Knights of Columbus Council No. 2852 who is 59 1/2 years old is eligible to join.

We are a very active club, we have two meetings a month on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays. Our meetings include honoring Birthdays, Trips & Tours, Annual Memorial Mass, Annual Anniversary meeting honoring 50,60,70 and forever marriages, April Luncheon & Christmas Luncheon, 50/50 drawings, Bingo and other events. We end our meetings with sandwiches and coffee.

Our Chaplain is our own Pastor Father Grieco.
Annual dues \$20.00

For more information:
Please call 516-248-7741 or gfpellechia@aol.com.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The bulletin deadline is nine days prior to the Sunday publication date to allow enough preparation time. We need to adhere to this schedule so that we may transmit our bulletin in a timely fashion.

SUNDAY	DUE:
Sunday, February 5	Friday, January 27
Sunday, February 12	Friday, February 3
Sunday, February 19	Friday, February 10
Sunday, February 26	Friday, February 19

*Please submit your information to
bulletin@holyspiritchurch.com.
Thank you in advance for your support.*

The 2017 Mass
Intention Book
is now open for the
entire year.

Announced and Purgatorial
Masses,
and the Bread and Wine and
Altar Candles are \$20.

Parents' Club of Boy Scout Troop 298
invites you to our Annual

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 29, 2017

9am to 1 pm

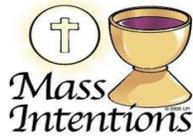
Holy Spirit Church Cafeteria



Delicious Pancakes and Raffles and Door Prizes !!!

All are welcome!

Adults 11 - 59 - \$6.00 Adults 60+ - \$5.00
Cub/Boy Scouts - \$4.00 Children 3 - 10 - \$3.00
2 and under are free



SATURDAY January 21st - Vigil
5:00PM Parishioners of Holy Spirit

SUNDAY January 22nd - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Kathleen O'Sullivan
9:30AM Robert Verdee
11:00AM James Nagy
12:30PM Michael Demalderis

MONDAY January 23rd - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
8:30AM Purgatorial

TUESDAY January 24th - Saint Francis deSales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:30AM Dominick Romano

WEDNESDAY January 25th - The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
8:30AM Pasquale Ciavarello

THURSDAY January 26th - Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
8:30AM Benny LoCastro

FRIDAY January 27th - Weekday
8:30AM Valsala Thomas

SATURDAY January 28th - Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:30AM Joseph Sharkey, Living
Amato Panetta, Deceased

SATURDAY January 28th - Vigil
5:00PM Maureen Rafferty

SUNDAY January 29th - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Parishioners of Holy Spirit
9:30AM Maureen Rafferty
11:00AM Anil Nayyar
12:30PM Valsala Thomas

Monday, January 23, 2017
12:15 PM TOPS Meeting
7:15 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
7:30 PM Legion of Mary

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Thursday, January 26, 2017
6:30 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group
7:30 PM AA Meeting Caf

Friday, January 27, 2017
3:00 PM Rosary and Divine Mercy

Saturday, January 28, 2017
7:00 AM AA Meeting
3:45 PM Confessions

Sunday, January 29, 2017

PRO LIFE BABY BOTTLES COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 28 AND 29

PARISH OFFERING

Last weeks collection, Sunday, January 15th was \$10,320.
Your goodness and generosity to Holy Spirit Church are very much appreciated.