The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2017
Parish Mission Statement
We, the community of Saint Mary’s, Manhasset, building on our rich heritage of Catholic faith and tradition, center ourselves in the Eucharist and honor God in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.
Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be the presence of Christ through our liturgical, educational and social ministries. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to the service of all as we build the kingdom of God in our world. We commit to this mission in the name of Jesus Christ.

Church of Saint Mary
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Schedule of Masses
Monday–Friday 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM

Sacrament of Penance
Saturdays from 4:00–4:45 PM and by appointment. Please call 627-0385.

Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated in the Chapel on the second Sunday of the month following the 10:30 AM Mass. If you are unable to come to Church, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for Anointing or to receive the Eucharist.

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Friday 9:30 AM–5:00 PM
Saturday 8:30 AM–5:00 PM
Sunday 9:45 AM–1:30 PM
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Parish Social Ministry
365-2705
Monday–Thursday 9:45 AM-12:00 Noon
1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Religious Education
627-4028
Monday 12:00 Noon-9:00 PM
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At Saint Mary’s, we are all God’s children.

The Schools of Saint Mary

SAINT MARY’S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL N-8
SAINT MARY’S HIGH SCHOOL 9-12

1300 Northern Boulevard | Manhasset, New York 11030 | 516 627 0385 | www.stmary.ws
Stewards of God’s Gifts

The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talent in His service as those first disciples were!

We are grateful this week for all stewards who work in parish-based advocacy groups to bring Gospel value and Catholic social teaching to the wider community.

The collection for Sunday, January 15, 2017 amounted to $25,433.00.
The collection for Sunday, January 17, 2016 amounted to $22,656.00

Have you enrolled yet? Visit www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is NY281.

We Care for Our Parish Community

Baptism
We celebrate Baptism at 2:00 PM on Sundays as scheduled. Please call the Parish Office at least one month in advance to see if a date is available and to arrange for a pre-baptismal interview. Parents are required to attend a baptism preparation session held once every month. Those chosen as sponsors for Baptism should lead lives in harmony with the Catholic faith and the role of Godparent.

Marriage
At least six months before you plan to be married and before you make arrangements for the reception, please make an appointment with one of the priests to begin the necessary preparations.

Children’s Education
Saint Mary’s Elementary School offers excellent education in the spirit of the Gospel from grades N, Pre-K to Eighth grade. For information call 627-0184.

Empowering Character, Innovation and Leadership in our students, Saint Mary’s High School is a dynamic, contemporary, Catholic value-centered school, combining a commitment to academic excellence and educational innovation, with a passion for learning, and an emphasis on moral character development through the pursuit of truth and discovered in faith and reason. For information call 627-2711.

The Religious Education Program provides excellent formation in the Catholic Faith for children in public or private schools. Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation requires two years. All classes are held at St. Mary’s. Grades 1 through 5 meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Families choose which day. Grades 6, 7 and 8 meet on Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. For information about Grades 1-8 call 627-4028.

Parish Social Ministry
We care for our sisters and brothers through our Parish Social Ministry and Food Pantry. For information call 365-2705.

Youth Ministry
We reach out to our teens though our Youth Ministry Program. For information email youth@stmary.ws or visit stmarysyouth.weebly.com.

New Parishioners
We welcome new members to the Catholic Church and to Saint Mary’s Parish. If you are new in the area or interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office.

Opportunities For Prayer
The Church is open Monday to Friday until 8:45 PM and on Saturday and Sunday until the end of the 5:00 PM Mass so that we may have the opportunity for quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The Miraculous Medal Novena is said each Monday following the 9:00 AM Mass. Monday to Friday the Rosary is said following the 7:00 and the 9:00 AM Mass. A Rosary Service is held every Monday from 1:45 to 2:45 PM in the Chapel. Eucharistic Adoration is held every Monday from 3:00 to 8:00 PM in the Chapel. On First Saturdays the Scriptural Rosary is recited following the 8:00 AM Mass.
Masses and Special Intentions

Please Pray for the Ill
Ellen Ward
Thomas DeFrancisci
Gina Corleto
Virginia Fallon
Suzanne McAdams
Vera G. Maher
James Leung
Richard D. Maher
Michael Hallquest
Linda Salerno
Elizabeth Hill
Vincent Lodato
Bobbie Stein
Amanda Passarella
Christine Marchese
Alice & Joe Labella
Thomas Ryan

Names will remain on the list for three months. Please notify the Bulletin Editor if you would like to continue with the listing.

In Memoriam
Please pray for our loved ones who have gone before us.
Joseph Giaccone
Elizabeth Robinson
Brian P. Jennings
Marge Lowenstein

Please Remember Those Serving in the Military
125th Brigade Support Battalion
23rd Marine Regiment
25th Marine Regiment
2-4 GSAB Task Force Mustang
Abbott, Kyle C., Cpl, USMC
Amerson, Jason, CPT, USA
Anderson, Michael, 1LT, USA
Arnold, James, LCpl, USMC
Avasthi, David, Capt, USAF
Baber, Joseph, Maj, USAF
Beagan, Charlie, 1stLt, USMC
Booth, Paige, SPC, USA
Broderick, Evan, SGT, USA
Broderick, Steven, SN, USN
Brodie, Virginia H., 2ndLt, USMC
Brown, Jason, SGT, USA
Delaney, Matthew, LCDR, USN
DiStefano, Matthew, Maj, USAF
Fontanetta, Joseph, Capt, USMC
Hayes, Andrew, 1stLt, USMC
Hernandez, Steven, SSGt, USAF
Higgins, James, GySgt, USMC
Hilton, Justin, SGT, USA
Hilton, Nathaniel, SGT, USA
Horner, Brian G., 1stLt, USMC
Howard, Edward, PV2, USA
Hussey, James M., GySgt, USMC
Jones, Scott B., LT, USN
Jones, Katherine L., LTJG, USN
LaManna, Vincent S., Jr., PVT, USA
Lanza, Anthony E., LtCol, USMC
Madden, Michael E., Capt, USAF
Major III, A. Edward, CPT, USA
McCabe, John C., COL, USA
McKiever, Gary, LT, USA
Millau, Jeffrey, PFC, USMC
Morris, Jr., Brian J., MASN, USN
O’Leary, Jason, SSGt, USAF
Petracca, Evan L., LTJG, USN
Polowczyk, John P., RDML, USN
Quinn, Anthony, Jr., SPC, USA
Rodi, Caroline G., CDR, USN
Sharkey, John J., LtCol, USMC
Spivak III, Edmund, Capt, USAF
Tafone, Samantha, SPC, USA
Ullrich, Kenneth C., HN, USN
Unger, Matthew J., SPC, USA
Wood, Kelly, BMSR, USN

If you have a service member that you would like to add to this list please e-mail bulletin@stmary.ws. Please include name, rank and branch of service.

On the cover: The Calling of Peter and Andrew.
Artist: Duccio diBuoninsegna (1255-1319)

Masses for the Week

Monday, January 23rd
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
St. Vincent
St. Marianne Cope
Heb 9:15, 24-28, Mk 3:22-30
7:00 AM | Nora Chomicz
9:00 AM | Betty O’Connor

Tuesday, January 24th
St. Francis de Sales
Heb 10:1-10, Mk 3:31-35
7:00 AM | Rose Zhang
9:00 AM | Kevin Gately

Wednesday, January 25th
The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18
7:00 AM | Nelson Espaillat, Jr.
9:00 AM | Ann J. Sexton

Thursday, January 26th
SS. Timothy & Titus
2 Tim 1:1-8, Mk 4:21-25
7:00 AM | Eileen Farrell
9:00 AM | Dolores Conway

Friday, January 27th
Sr. Angela Merici
Heb 10:32-39, Mk 4:26-34
7:00 AM | Kevin & Siobhan Clarke
9:00 AM | Ronald Ronzoni

Saturday, January 28th
St. Thomas Aquinas
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, Mk 4:35-41
8:00 AM | Millie Nasti
5:00 PM | Frederick Coulter
Mary Thompson
Timothy Dowd
Dolores Conway
Mary McKeown
Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Sunday, January 29th
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3, 3:12-13, 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 5:1-12a
7:30 AM | Dolores Conway
Celebrant: Fr. Mario
9:00 AM | People of the Parish
Celebrant: Fr. Nick
10:30 AM | Mary Elizabeth O’Connor
Celebrant: Fr. Bob
12:00 Noon | Loretta Abbaciamiento
Kevin Saggese
Richard Vincent Brown
Irene Macaluso
Michael Cossa
Celebrant: Fr. Anthony
5:00 PM | Kevin Gately
Celebrant: Fr. Jiha

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mondays
Exposition at 3:00 PM
and Benediction at 8:00 PM
in the Chapel off the south side of the Church

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions Book for the second half of 2017
(July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017)
will be opened on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Please note our policy whereby you will be able to reserve only two Masses during the first two weeks of the opening of the Mass Intentions Book for the second half of 2017. After that time, you may reserve any additional Masses for the period.

Bulletin Submission Policy
We welcome submissions to the weekly Bulletin. All copy and material is due by noon on Mondays preferably in electronic format - original documents, no PDFs. Photos or supporting graphics should be hi-resolution and sent via E-mail as attachments. The Bulletin Editor may edit submissions for content, clarity and/or size. Please E-mail your submission to bulletin@stmary.ws.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Question for Adults:
How can I help to make the beatitudes messages of hope in today’s world?

Question for Children:
Which is my favorite beatitude? How can I be more like what Jesus asks in that beatitude?

Stay in touch with your parish on FACEBOOK
Church of Saint Mary, Manhasset
Adult Faith Formation

RCIA The RCIA group is picking up new candidates as the year goes by. We have one person as a Catechumen who needs all the Sacraments of Initiation, one for Confirmation and two for First Communion and Confirmation. All are being worked with separately until they are ready to join the RCIA group. Do keep them in your prayers.

Religious Education

GRADE 8 - There will be a Grade 8 Confirmation Parent meeting on Wednesday, January 25th, at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM in the Marian Room.

Fr. Bob spoke to our 3rd Grade Religious Education students as they prepared to go to Reconciliation.

This LENT: Monday at the Movies

The Lenten project under consideration for this year is a change from the prayer groups of the past three years to spending time with the Movies! Arrangements are in progress to provide movies that can witness and inspire us to live our faith more intensely and see instances of how God works through the efforts, words and even our mistakes to bring about the Kingdom. Each movie will be shown on Mondays during Lent at 1:00PM and again at 7:30PM. It is hoped that the two viewing times will work for the variety of life styles and schedules of our community. Save the dates!

Bishop-Designate
John O. Barres
will be installed as the 5th Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre on January 31, 2017 at 2:00 PM.
Watch the Installation Mass live on Telecare TV.
St. Mary’s
Winter Blood Drive

HEROES WANTED
WALK INS WELCOME

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD

The need for blood locally is constant. January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. January is usually a very difficult month to collect blood donations. Holiday travel schedules and illnesses this year present tremendous challenges in maintaining an adequate supply of blood in our community.

Sunday, January 22, 2017
8:00am to 2:00pm

Eligibility Criteria
- Bring DONOR CARD or ID w/ photo or signature
- Minimum weight 110lbs
- Age 16-75 (over 75 need Dr.’s note)
- No tattoos in past 12 months

Marian Room

For medical questions concerning blood donations call 1-800-688-0900
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BOOK FAIR 2017

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHOP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29: 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
MONDAY, JANUARY 30: 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31: 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1: 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2: 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3: 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

in the Elementary School library

COZY UP WITH A GOOD BOOK THIS WINTER WHILE SUPPORTING St. Mary's!
The Schools of Saint Mary

Students Participate in Telethon

Members of the Saint Mary’s High School Performing Arts Program once again participated with song and dance in the Telecare Telethon this year. Paul Inglese, Rosario Amico, Sophy Rodriguez, Ludmilla Charlot and Jameelah Shabazz represented St. Mary’s on the live broadcast Sunday night, Jan. 15. As a group, the students performed “Opening Night” from the Broadway musical The Producers, followed by Paul and Rosario singing their duet “Together Again” from the Broadway musical Young Frankenstein.

Msgr. James Vlaun, Telecare president and CEO, thanked our students on air for their wonderful performance and for sharing their talents. “That was a great little bit of Broadway there,” he noted. Bishop William Murphy, who was sitting with Msgr. Vlaun, agreed. “They have a great tradition of musical and artistic things that they do,” stated the bishop. “It’s a wonderful parish high school.”

St. Mary’s to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

The Schools of Saint Mary will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week January 29 – February 4. The theme of Catholic Schools Week 2017 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.”

At St. Mary’s, students in Nursery through Grade 12 flourish in an innovative and nurturing educational environment rooted in Catholic values. The mission of the school is to empower students to find inspiration and joy as they discover themselves and learn what they are capable of accomplishing. Small class sizes foster a more personal connection between students and faculty. Faculty and administrators at St. Mary’s strive to educate the whole child – intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, socially and physically.

The use of cutting-edge technology, including campus-wide wireless capabilities, an online system that allows students and parents to access homework and grades, and school-issued iPads for every student in sixth through twelfth grade, helps teachers provide students with a strong academic foundation. At the early childhood and primary grade levels, students actively explore concepts and develop skills through an interdisciplinary approach utilizing the latest technology, hands-on learning materials, and skill-related experiences. Students in grades 6-12 incorporate technology as an interactive tool that enables them to be independent learners while investigating research based learning. The St. Mary’s education is about more than just academics – spiritual values, a sense of service and the growth of faith are fostered by connecting Gospel values to all parts of the curriculum, including core academic classes, allowing students at all grade levels to deepen their own moral standards and ethics. Students learn about the tenets and meaning of their faith and how to live it joyfully, especially in serving others within the school and greater community.

The school day doesn’t end when the last bell rings – St. Mary’s becomes a vibrant after-school community as students at all grade levels participate in a wide range of extracurricular clubs and activities, exploring their talents and skills outside of academia.

Middle school and high school students gain an appreciation for the arts and develop their creativity through participation in the Fine and Performing Arts Program, taking classes in art, chorus, band, orchestra, dance or stage performance; performing arts students learn from and work alongside professionals in those fields, thanks to St. Mary’s collaboration with The Josephine Foundation. The Schools of St. Mary is also proud of its competitive athletics programs at the middle school and high school levels, which are highly regarded for both excellent coaching and superb sportsmanship.

From the early childhood students to high school seniors, The Schools of St. Mary is preparing inspired thinkers and creative leaders, guiding all our students as they develop the character traits of great leaders and skilled team players, including
creativity, flexibility, diligence, perseverance, accountability, and responsibility.

At every level, St. Mary’s balances strong academic development with experience to encourage personal growth. Exceptional faculty and staff inspire each and every student along their educational journey, always promoting the safe and welcoming culture that is one of the hallmarks of the St. Mary’s experience.

Saint Mary’s Elementary School will mark the beginning of Catholic Schools Week by hosting an Open House for Admissions on Sunday, January 29 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. St. Mary’s High School will also be open for tours. Prospective families will have the opportunity to view the facilities and meet with current St. Mary’s teachers, administrators, students, and parents. All are invited to join the St. Mary’s community for Mass beforehand at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week. There will be activities and events throughout the week including a book fair every day in the Elementary School library; a Frozen T-shirt Day on Jan. 30, when students will be able to come to school in either a blue or white shirt; an Open House for current parents on Jan. 31, when parents are invited to visit their children’s classrooms to see what happens at St. Mary’s during the school day; and VIP Day on Feb. 2, when students can bring a family member to spend the morning engaging with the children in normal classroom activities as well as special VIP Day projects.

For more information on the programs and curriculum at St. Mary’s, the Open House, or to schedule a personal tour, please call 516.627.0385 or visit www.stmary.ws.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017
Opening Mass
Sunday, January 29, 10:30 a.m.
Open House for Admissions
Sunday, January 29, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
"Winter Wonderland" Book Fair
Sunday, January 29-February 3
(see ad on page 9 for schedule)
St. Mary’s Elementary School Current Parents Open House
Tuesday, January 31, 9:45 a.m.
St. Mary’s Elementary School VIP Day
Thursday, February 2, 9:45 a.m.

Saint Mary’s Elementary School Performing Arts Presents:
Guys and Dolls Jr.
On stage in Immaculata Hall
Friday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 12, 3:00 p.m.
General Admission Tickets: $10
VIP Reserved Tickets: $20
For more information please call 627.0184 or visit www.stmary11030.org

The Schools of Saint Mary
Ladies Night Out
Thursday, February 16, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
The Inn at New Hyde Park
$5,000 raffle tickets on sale after all Masses
Rosary Society

"The Rosary Society fosters devotion to Mary through prayer and good works for causes that would be dear to her heart"

Considering becoming a Rosarian?
Please contact Ann Welsh at 516-627-4621
All Parish Women are Welcome!

The primary purpose of the Rosary Society is to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the rosary for the mutual spiritual benefits of all its members throughout the world and to promote and aid the parish spiritually by performing activities for the care and well being of the church, rectory, and Pastor.

We host open monthly meetings and two special Masses, several prayer events, and pilgrimages to deepen our prayer life: The Living Rosary, Public Square Rosary Rally, Respect Life Adoration in October, Advent and Epiphany Prayer Services, a spiritual Day of Recollection in Lent, a Communion Brunch to celebrate our new members, (these events have speakers), First Friday Devotion and First Saturday Devotion (to fulfill Mary’s request that we pray for reparation for sinners) and a May Crowning.

We host a simple coffee and cake after these events to give the opportunity to connect and to meet new people. And of course there is our Annual Christmas Dinner which is our only fundraiser, which is supported by so many of our generous members and guests.

There will be a New Member Coffee on Friday, March 3rd, at 10:30 AM in the Marian Room.

**Ranger Rosaries** will meet after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Saint John Paul II Room on the following Fridays: January 27th, March 24th, and April 28th (there is no meeting in February).

**February 3rd - First Friday** Join us for coffee as we pray and share our Catholic faith on this First Friday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass and recitation of the Rosary, at approximately 9:45 AM. There will be a Rosary Society Open Board Meeting at 11:00 AM in the Marian Room.

**February 4th First Saturday Devotion** - 8:00 AM Mass and Recitation of the Rosary with coffee afterwards.

If you would like the Rosarians to pray for a special intention, please e-mail us at rosarysociety@stmary.ws.

Parish Social Ministry

Coffee, Pancakes, Needles

Cake Mix
Instant Potatoes
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Tissues
Tomato Sauce

Donations may be left in the food baskets located in the north and south lobbies of the Church or brought to the Parish Social Ministry office located on the ground floor level of the convent building. Thank you for your continued support!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

*Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 AM Mass will resume on a weekly basis on Sunday, February 5th.*
We apologize for the delay in starting up again after the Christmas season.
**Who:**
You and thousands of other Catholics across the country!

**What:**
During 9 Days for Life, join thousands of Catholics nationwide in **9 days of prayer and action** focused on cherishing the gift of every person’s life:

1) **Pray** for the respect and protection of each person and his or her life using short prayer guides with different intentions, reflections, and more each day!

2) **Gather** together in prayer, action, and fellowship with others.

3) **Share** your experience online!

**When:**
Sign up now & participate Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 29. (If you’re getting started after January 21, it’s okay!)

**How:**
Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to download a free mobile app or novena, sign up for daily emails or text messages, or discover many other ways you can participate!
In this Sunday’s Gospel, we find that Jesus “…proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, and cured the people of every disease and illness.” Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the good news of Jesus to those who are suffering.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Mary’s will be on Tuesday, February 7th, at 7:00 PM in the Marian Room.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 516-627-0385 ext. 1125 or SVDP@stmary.ws. If you would like to make a donation, you may use the collection slots at the doors of the church or place an envelope in the regular collection marked “St. Vincent de Paul Society.” For furniture and household donations, please call 516-746-8250 to arrange for a pick up.

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To join or to find out more about the Knights, please contact Tom Mayerhauser at tgm514@verizon.net / 516-852-0812 or Daniel Garcia at KofCDanGarcia@aol.com / 516-358-1817.

The Don Bosco Squires Circle #548
welcomes young men of the parish ages 10 through 18.
For more information about the Squires or an application for membership, please contact Frank De Lucia at fxl@aol.com.

The Father William A. Daly Columbiettes
All women of the parish, age 17 and over, are invited to join. For more information or an application, please contact Maura Clifford at maciff56@gmail.com.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017 | 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017 | 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017 | 3:00 PM

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Alcohol, Drugs & the Teen Brain

featuring

Stephen Dewey, Ph.D.

Feinstein Institute for Behavioral Health at Northwell Health

With today’s teen binge drinking out of control as well as new recreational marijuana laws, it can be hard for parents to discuss why substance use is so dangerous to our teen’s health and wellbeing.

By popular demand, Dr. Stephen Dewey returns to our Power of Parenting Series to discuss how the teen brain is affected by underage drinking, marijuana and other drugs.

Dewey, an Investigator at the Center for Behavioral & Molecular Imaging at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research at Northwell Health, simply shows us what he sees everyday through his research!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT manhassetlibrary.org or manhassetcasa.org with SignUpGenius Link!

Presentation Location: Manhasset Public Library 30 Onderdonk Ave, Manhasset, NY 11030
Prayers for Jesus’ Birthday: A Great Turnout

“I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.” (Romans 15:30)

In early December, I wrote an article about celebrating Jesus’s birthday. I suggested parishioners celebrate Jesus’ birthday by offering him a written prayer. I am happy to report that many people from elementary school age children to adults of all ages wrote to Jesus. Each week I would go to the prayer box and find new messages and prayers. Just picking them up made me feel so good. It also showed me that people read the articles in the bulletin.

The prayers written were those of thanks, celebration and requests for healing. An elementary school child wrote about Jesus always being there for him. A mother wrote about asking for her children to integrate the message of faith to help them in life. A man thanked God for his many gifts and asked for guidance on how he could give back since he had just retired. Another woman wrote about how Jesus has been there in the past and has provided her family with miracles as they overcame adversity. Many asked Jesus to help with bringing peace into our world. Others thanked Jesus for his sacrifice for each of us. Some asked for help in dealing with varied illnesses for themselves, family members or friends.

I want to thank all who participated. Just in case you did not there is still so much time to pray to Jesus in this New Year. Maybe you can start your own resolution to give Jesus a gift of prayer. Maybe you can start by remembering to say a prayer before you eat a meal. Pick one meal a day and see how it goes. I know when I sit down to eat I sometimes gobble my food and then say, “I didn’t thank the Lord for this meal.”

When I went to Mass on Christmas, it was so crowded and I asked myself, “Where are all these people coming from?” How come the visit just for Christmas and Easter? Then I thought, people like a party. These holidays celebrate Jesus in a more obvious way (through commercialism) than the ordinary Sunday Mass. So if you like a party, you need to think about coming to Mass as coming to a party to celebrate Christ. I know we all at times say, ‘Oh, I must go to Mass.’ Rather, we need to put a positive spin on our thinking and say, “What a wonderful way to celebrate the ending of a week with a visit to the Lord’s house. It is a party that enriches your life and offers you the body and blood of Christ. So when a family member says, “Oh, I don't want to go to church,” say, “Do you want to miss a great party with the Lord? It is a gift to be able to visit with Jesus.” You share your sense of enthusiasm and remember that faith is taught and caught through association with others.

In the prayers for Jesus box, a parishioner left many printed prayer cards in a bundle. I took that as a gift for me to share with all of you. I want to thank that parishioner for taking the time to do that. I will share them with you throughout the year. I also want to thank all the parishioners who wrote prayers to Jesus. This can become a yearly tradition. Below is the prayer of Eucharist Hospitality that was part of the prayer bundle. Remember: praying to Jesus is like preparing for the party to share in a relationship with the Lord.

Prayer of Eucharist Hospitality:

Loving God, your Son Jesus said: Your kingdom is like a banquet: A festive gathering for all people of every race and color. A table at which the lonely find company, the hungry savor rich foods and fine wine and strangers enjoy family ties. Jesus calls us to build this kingdom here on earth. Teach us, Lord, the ways of hospitality. Give us the spirit of joyful welcome and the sensitivity to help people on the move feel they belong. Grant that our tables at home may draw our new neighbors from other lands into a loving community and that the Eucharistic table in our parish may prefigure that banquet in heaven where all are one with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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