



**NEW BEGINNINGS,
NEW VENTURES**

The other day I answered the phone and the person said: "Oh, Fr. Jim, you're back." Well, I do have another job but

I am still pastor here and I continue to live here. My new responsibilities as acting vicar for the Eastern Vicariate will get busier as the Confirmation season begins. In the meantime, Father John Sureau is settling in nicely and is a real asset to our parish. He brings new ideas and youthful enthusiasm, and he has my total confidence.

I will be away this weekend and next, but it is not related to my work as vicar. It is related to my work at the North American College in Rome twenty-five years ago. I was spiritual director to many students from around the United States who studied in Rome. One was Father Joe Barbieri who has been here a number of times. He is a member of the Passionist Community in Puglia, Italy and is presently the spiritual director of St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas. I will be giving a retreat there this week to eleven seminarians preparing to be ordained deacons. The following week I will give a priests' retreat to the priests in the Diocese of Austin, Texas where Msgr. Mike Sis is the Vicar General of his diocese. So, this little vicar will be visiting the big vicar.

We have kept in touch all these years and I am privileged to still count these men as friends. So in addition to giving two conferences a day and a homily at Mass, I will have the opportunity to spend time with my friends on the weekends.

The new year can bring new beginnings and new ventures. Perhaps you have made some New Year's resolutions as we enter into January. Normally, New Year's resolutions do not last long. But, that can depend upon how much thought and prayer we have given to them. As we start this year, I encourage



***Please pray for the sick of the parish,
their families and caregivers:***

**Vincenzia Castronova
Antonio Rodrigues Brandon Rodrigues**

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

**Responsorial Psalm
The Epiphany of the Lord, Psalm 72**

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses
January 14th/15th

5:00 PM	Fr. John
8:00 AM	Fr. Bob
9:30 AM	Fr. John
11:30 AM	Fr. Bob



Scripture Readings for January 14th/15th

+ *1 Samuel 3:3-10,19*
+ *1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20*
+ *John 1:35-42*



you to spend some private time reflecting upon what needs to change in your life. Perhaps some addiction has crept into your life and is holding you captive. Have family members or friends tried to say something to you about this and you have ignored them or gotten angry at them? This week would be a good time to talk to someone who has been there and can guide you. Is there tension within your family, with a neighbor or with a friend? This week might be a good time to take a step toward healing or bringing peace in these relationships.

On behalf of our Pastoral Team, I offer you our prayers for a year of health and peace. May Christ, the Prince of Peace, reign in your heart so that you can be a bearer of peace to others.

May the Lord give you peace.

Fr. Jim

Roof Collection

This weekend we will have a second collection for our Roof and Other Major Renovations (**ROMR**). This second collection takes place on the second Sunday of each month. Progress toward payment of our \$136,000 Mission Assistance Loan will be tracked (see next week's bulletin). Thank you for your continued support.



Religious Education

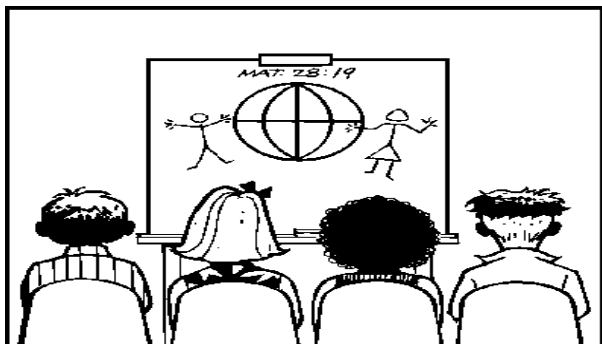
The following is a list of our upcoming Catechist meetings:

**Levels 3&4 - Tues., Jan. 17th -
1:30 & 7:30 PM**

**Levels 5&6 - Wed., Jan. 11th -
7:30 PM
or
Thurs., Jan. 12th -
1:30 PM**

**Level 7 - Mon., Feb. 13th -
1:30 & 7:30 PM**

We are still in need of people to teach **ONE-TO-ONE**, our Special Needs group, on Mondays. If you feel called to this ministry, please call Ellen Fox at 265-2200 x12. Training is provided.



Congratulations to the following December Cash Calendar Winners!

Date	Amount	Name
12/1/2011	\$50	Anmarie Zimmerman
12/2/2011	\$50	Connie Lipnicki
12/3/2011	\$50	Connie Lipnicki
12/4/2011	\$50	The Geary Family
12/5/2011	\$50	Tom Turchyn
12/6/2011	\$50	The Knipper Family
12/7/2011	\$50	Anmarie Zimmermann
12/8/2011	\$50	Anita DeNobrega
12/9/2011	\$50	Alana Suarez
12/10/2011	\$50	Michael Castellano
12/11/2011	\$50	Catherine Crouse
12/12/2011	\$50	Connie Lipnicki
12/13/2011	\$50	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Pitman
12/14/2011	\$50	Bernadette Collins
12/15/2011	\$50	Nick & Kathleen Bigotti
12/16/2011	\$50	Loren McCabe
12/17/2011	\$50	Antonio Rizzo
12/18/2011	\$50	Michael Castellano
12/19/2011	\$50	Gail Amrhein
12/20/2011	\$50	Angela Bukovsky
12/21/2011	\$50	Paul Calabro
12/22/2011	\$50	Madison Aichinger
12/23/2011	\$50	Lorraine Fahey
12/24/2011	\$50	Sisters of the Holy Spirit
12/25/2011	\$500	Ray Paolantonio
12/26/2011	\$50	John Costa
12/27/2011	\$50	Thomas Hough
12/28/2011	\$50	Theresa Palagonia
12/29/2011	\$50	Ginny Brindisi
12/30/2011	\$50	Connie Lipnicki
12/31/2011	\$50	Anthony Gallina



The Parish of the Holy Cross

Presents

Level 1 Winter Carnival

Who: All Level 1 Children and their Families

When: Saturday, January 28, 2012 11:00am-1:00pm

Where: The Atrium at Parish of the Holy Cross

What: Games, Crafts, Prizes, Refreshments

Friendship and Fun! Fun! Fun!

Please RSVP by January 18, 2012

Kim and Liz 265-2200

hcreled@optonline.net



Also, let's Help the Pantry
Please bring in a non-perishable food item or
Quarters to feed "Kevin Bacon," the Outreach Pig



Life Teen News

1/8/12 5pm Life Teen Mass followed by a "fun" Life Night

1/15/12 No Life Teen Mass or Life Night-Martin Luther King Holiday

1/22/12 5pm Life Teen Mass followed by a Life Night.
Don't forget to bring a friend!

1/29/12 5pm Life Teen Mass followed by a "**mystery**" Life Night.
Bring appropriate **PJs/slippers**, but don't forget to dress for Mass!

Introducing the Holy Cross...

Saint Bernard League

(Saint Bernards are known for bringing people to safety in hazardous weather conditions!)

If you are in need of help when it snows, members of our parish community will come to your home and shovel you out! If you think you can use this help, call the Parish Office at 631.265.2200, ext. 14 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org today so we can begin to match people up now.

PLEASE NOTE: We will do our best to match you up, but cannot guarantee a match at this time.

We also need Saint Bernards!

Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? We'd love to have all families matched up before the first snow of the season.

If you can help with this, call the Parish Office at 631.265.2200, ext. 14 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org. This is a great way to help those in need (do some tremendous community service!)



Mardi Gras @ Holy Cross

Sunday, February 19, 2012



We're planning a small Mardi Gras celebration after the 11:30 AM Mass in preparation for Lent... and we need your help! **If you would be interested in being part of a small committee of people to prepare for the celebration, contact Fr. John at 631.265.2200, ext. 14 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org**

Parish of the Holy Cross ~ Cash Calendar
January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 \$500	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50
8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$50	14 \$50
15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$ 500
22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50	27 \$50	28 \$50
29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$50				

\$10 Per Chance ~31 Chances to WIN ~ TWO \$500 Days this Month !

January 2012 Cash Calendar
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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, January 8th** 1:00 PM
 • BAPTISMS Worship Area
 • LIFE TEEN MASS 5:00 PM Worship Area
- Monday, January 9th** 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 • CONFESSION Deacons' Office
 • ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT Chapel
- Wednesday, January 11th** 7:30 PM
 • LEVELS 5&6 CATECHIST MTGS. Atrium
- Thursday, January 12th** 10:30 AM
 • MOMS' GROUP Fr. Joe Room
 • LEVELS 5&6 CATECHIST MTGS.1:30PM Atrium
- Sunday, January 15th**
 • REL. ED. HOSPITALITY After 11:30 Mass Atrium
 • NO LIFE TEEN MASS

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of Jan. 8th, 9 AM Mass

- Mon.** William Flynn
Tues. Neal & Concetta Romano
Wed. Helen Dalamango
Thurs. Rinaldi Family
Fri. Marylou Luma (living)



Saturday, January 14th, 5 PM Mass

Michael Autorino, Dennis Guerin, Linda Marino

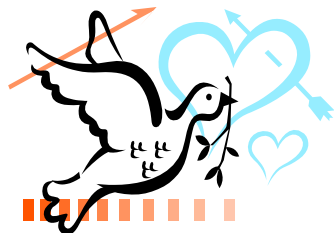
Sunday, January 15th, 2nd Sun. Ord. Time

- 8:00 AM** People of the Parish
9:30 AM John Paul Onysko
11:30 AM Denise Burka, Charles Groves, Annaliese M. Lockood

Our bulletin is available on our website at www.pothc.org

Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille

You can help heal your marriage now! Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing all types of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, February 3, 2012 at the Montfort retreat house in Bay Shore, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.



Give Kids a Smile!

National Children's Dental Access Day

Friday, February 3, 2012
 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 School of Dental Medicine
 Dental Care Center
 Stony Brook University



"Give Kids a Smile" day is part of a national campaign by the American Dental Association to promote good oral health in children who do not have access to dental care. Free dental screening & cleaning (if provider finds it is needed) and free fluoride treatment with oral health education will be provided to children ages 1 - 17. This is a one time event and will not establish any child as a patient of record at the Dental Care Center.

To schedule an appointment call **631-632-3164** between January 23 - 27 during the hours of 9:00 AM through 5:00 PM. **No walk-ins will be accepted.** A parent/legal guardian must come with the child. Directions to Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine, Dental Care Center: LIE to exit 62N (Nicolls Road), cross over Rte. 347, 2nd light is Stony Brook entrance. Make a left at South Entrance (West Campus), go around curve, parking lot on right (Dental Care Center), enter main doors and follow signs for registration table.