# Masses For The Week



Monday	, August 25th	Farra Caffen
6:45	Nicholas Mastroddi Int. Joe & Loretta Kriege	Faye Saffer
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Tuesday	, August 26th	
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8:00	Edward & Carol Reilly	
9:00	Douglas Daigneault	M/M Robert Rizzi
8PM	Dolly Romana	Adela Prisco
Wednes	day, August 27th	
6:45	Int. Fr. Robert E. Mason	
8:00		Georgia
9:00		Debra Santoro
8PM	Mary Fetherston	M/M Joseph Bonarrigo
Thursda	ıy, August 28th	
6:45	Int. Fr. Augustine	Henry & Doreen Tomlinson
8:00	Int. Bernard Hennelly	Georgia
9:00	Douglas Daigneault	John Rizzi
8PM	John Coffey	Family
Friday,	August 29th	
6:45	Int. Fr. Douglas Arcoleo	Addiss Family
8:00	Int. Fr. Robert E. Mason	
9:00	Liv. & Dec. Members of	Roarty Family
8PM	Judy Burmester	M/M Vincent Sabella
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	Al Urbanowski	Pam & Jim Young
8:00	Alice Milton	Fran Jurs
9:00	Elizabeth Schaal Steve Miller	Ursula Mulry
3PM 7.20	Amelia Peterson	Mag & Ingl- Mallan
7:30	Amena Peterson	Meg & Jack Malley
Sunday.	August 31st	
7:15		iewski Mom & Dad
8:15	Jean Caruso	M/M Paul Caruso
9:30	James Cress Mrs	s. Josephine De Geronimo
	James Cress Mrs Alice Milton	Helen & Don
12:00	Michael Molitor	Milton Family
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# Altar Boy Assignments



Monda	y, August 25th			
8 am -	John Carbonaro	Zachary Rizzuto		
8 pm -	Elias Afzali	Adam Afzali		
Tuesda	y, August 26th			
8 am -	Adam Kammerer	Christopher Giglio		
8 pm-	Matthew Veltri	Miguel Hutchinson		
	sday, August 27th			
8 am -	Timmy Violino	Stephen Martinez		
8pm -	Peter Collorafi	Matthew Collorafi		
Thursd	lay, August 28th			
8 am -	Elias Afzali	Adam Afzali		
8pm -	Peter Collorafi	Matthew Collorafi		
Friday	, August 29th			
8 am-	Zachary Gomes	Matthew Paras		
8 pm -	Timmy Erkins	Miguel Hutchinson		
Saturday, August 30th -				
8 am -	Eric Schaefer	Dan Johnson		

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5 pm -	Craig Reynolds Miguel Hutchinson	Garrett Reynolds Adam Kammerer
7:30 -	Peter Collorafi Matthew Collorafi	Christian Collorafi Kevin Wright

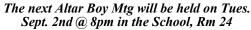
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9:15 -	Timmy Violino	Zachary Rizzuto
9:30 -	Elias Áfzali	Adam Afzali
	Victor Quijano	Mikail Afzali
10:45-	Eric Schaefer	Dan Johnson
	Matthew Lapitan	Zachary Gomes
12:00 -	John Carbonaro	Stephen Martine
	Christopher Giglio	•

John Blundell Steven Blundell







1:15 George Connelly

The Altar Bread and Wine have been donated this week in loving memory of Jennifer de Lutio from Anne Gualtieri

Marion Harrington

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church has been donated for the weeks of August 24th - Sept. 6th for a Special Intention

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The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel has been donated for the weeks of August 24th - Sept. 6th in loving memory of Judy Macchia love from, Ann & John Pianese

# Lector Schedule

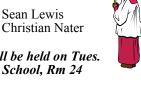


Saturday - August 30th

5:00 PM - Dan Donahue 7:30 PM - Rick Harrington

## Sunday - August 31st

7:15 - Deacon Dom Valdaro 10:45 - Efren Bacani **8:15** - Latin Mass 12:00 - Isadora Bacani 9:30 - Youth Choir 1:15 - Noel Martinez



Matthew Veltri

Dear Friends:



By now, I hope you've noticed the significant difference in the sound quality of the Church sound system. We had the good folks from Monte Brothers in recently to replace the sound system and I think they succeeded in truly improving the quality and clarity of our system. They are able to do that because of your generosity to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. So thank you for your generosity and support, which makes possible improvements like the sound system.

In the recent past, before the Monte Brothers replacement, our parish was often assisted by the generous service of Jimmy Diodato of Advance Sound. He did his very best to maintain the old system and on your behalf, I thank Jimmy for his wonderful help.

You may have recently seen a few articles in Newsday about Fr. Matthew Blockley and his recent return to his Diocese of Saipan. He was here at Our Lady of Lourdes for only two months, but had assisted me at St. Thomas the Apostle for the past seven summers. Much has been made of his lack of ecclesial paperwork. So let me share with you my thoughts on this much inflated story.

I met Father Matthew in 2000 in Oakland, California, where he was a speaker at a Conference dedicated to Our Lady. He explained to me that he was on sabbatical from his diocese after a falling out with his Bishop. At that time he was residing in Manila. As the falling out with his Bishop was not related to either financial or sexual scandal, but simply a matter of two men who didn't get along, I invited him to serve as a summer priest assistant at St. Thomas the Apostle. It was certainly my hope that, in time, Father Matthew could obtain a letter from his Bishop granting him specific permission to work in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. I know, factually, that Father Matthew in letter and email reached out to his estranged Bishop on several occasions, but no reconnection was made between them. Meanwhile, Father Matthew worked at St. Thomas in the summers and was very much appreciated and respected by the people of the parish.

Should I have insisted on a letter of permission from his Bishop? Yes. But as that seemed unobtainable, I did what I could to assess his background. Contacting the Religious Superior of the Dominican Fathers who taught Father Matthew in Rome, I received only praise for him from his professor there. I also met with the Rector of the Cathedral in Manila where Father Matthew had, on occasion, assisted. He, too, had only positive comment to make on Father Matthew.

So, for me, there was a pretty clear indication that here we had a good and holy priest, who worked hard and gave himself to the people of God. He had only one problem: he and his Bishop didn't like each other very much. That, I thought, was not enough reason to keep him from working in parish ministry.

I should also mention Father Matthew's perspective. As he told me on several occasions, his estrangement from his Bishop and his lack of consistent work in parochial ministry was also a source of great discouragement for him. He had, because of this waiting experience between him and his Bishop, contemplated leaving the priesthood. But his summer work in our parish, his reconnection with priests and lay people acted to renew his vocation. In short, he credits his rededication to the priesthood with his time spent helping in parishes on Long Island.

Let me be clear about this priest who so wonderfully served God's people in West Hempstead, and would have done the same for the people of Massapequa Park. He is not accused or 'expelled' from the diocese because of any scandal. He has been asked to leave because he does not have the necessary paperwork from his Bishop to permit his work in our diocese.

Let me close with a personal word about priests I've known and worked with as a Pastor. I have lived with and worked with priests who are battling alcoholism, others who battled severe depression, still others who faces serious physical illness (Alzheimer's disease, terminal cancer). I never thought it kind or charitable to stop working with any of these priests because of the challenges they faced. Similarly, Father Matthew came to me with a problem. He was without the support of his Bishop. I thought he had gifts to share in parish ministry and I gave him a chance to exercise those gifts.

Please pray for Father Matthew, who is now back in Manila and awaiting his Bishop's invitation to return to Saipan. Let's hope and pray that they are reconciled. No priest and his Bishop should ever be parted.

With gratitude for your sensitivity and consideration,

Pastor Sim Leante

# Wedding Banns



2nd Announcement -

Brian Crespo, OLL & Lauren Schweifel, Bellmore

3rd Announcement -

Jeff Biggers, West Babylon & Kristin Maresca, OLL



#### Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Claudio Riccobono



#### Collections Aug. 17th, 2008

In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans-and us-that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that **all** is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.

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#### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Have your deceased relatives and friends entrusted to St. Joseph, "Patron of Departing Souls."

A "BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE" will be placed before our new St. Joseph statue. To have your loved ones enrolled in this book and share in all the prayers, works and masses offered each month by the Rosary Society, complete the enrollment form below and return it to the rectory along with a \$20.00 offering. The offering is for one person or one couple or one family.

In return, you will receive a beautiful certificate commemorating your charity towards your loved one(s).

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Your name:
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Phone Number:



# **New Rectory Hours**

Please note that the Rectory Office has new weekend hours.

Saturday - 9am - 6pm and Sunday - 9am - 3pm





## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



#### Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Phyllis Capitani, Carmine Ciciretti, Russ Hayward, Stephen Sabatino, Margaret Ruff, Alexis Falabella, Richard Schriber, Steven Rippner, Allison Grogan, Karen Vigileand, Raymond Pettit, Carmine Milioto, Adrienne Trapani, Lucille Castoria, Anna Probert, Lori Kramer, Claire Smith, Lora Campbell, Edward Conrad, Larry Tomanelli, Mary Ressler, Gloria Bendror, Carmella Caffarella, John Thomas, Baby Emily, Frank Geary, Brendan Caselli, Colin Conaty, Kathleen Duggan, Jen Ebert, Tess Duggan, Christopher Martinez, Carmen Rusignolo, John & Jackie Krantz, Pat Aginley, Mary Anderson, Christina Harrington, Arthur Petrino, Vincent Boccio, Mary Farmer, Chris Maltese, Ralph Cassiere, Augie Minghini, Kevin Ryan Fetherson, Katie Pejril, Jacqueline Murphy, Walter Murray, Blanche Navon, Robert Magnuson, Joanne Iulo, Carmen Fischetto, Jim & Susan Reidy, Marilyn Attivissimo, Nancy Kaye, Catherine Chase, Lawrence Stevens, Jennifer Truesdale, Derek & Nancy Sears, Margaret Freitag, Frann Buffamante, Dennis Kessler, Tara Lewes, Kerrie Holian, Katie DeCaro, Phil Gallaher, Mike & Maureen Greene, Gina Pellegrino, Kevin B. McSweeney, Olivia Pizarro, Lori Maltese, Martine Lilavois, Virginia Keating, John Dellporta, Mary Miller, Russell P. Hayward, Hazel Grefig, Lisa Gallo, Millie Caffarella, Ann Walsh, Jo-Ann Taylor, Angela Tottaro, Lydia Spaulding, Austin W. Tobin, John Nycz, Ryan Bernadine, Lisa Ann, Linda Castoria, Tamburello Family, Gonzalez Family, Maureen Coskun, Rose Virzera, Charles Buckley, Daniel, Bruno Franchino, Corinne Berdion, Ed Helbeck, Richard Dalton, Najma Afzali, Rev. Marcelo Latona,

Ralph E. Rios, Terry Russo, Joan Clougher, Chris Maltese, Frank Register, James Gallagher



If you know anyone who can't get to church because of age or infirmity, please phone the rectory so they can be visited with the sacraments.

There is a Latin Mass every Wednesday at 8am and one on Sunday. The Sunday Latin Mass next week will be at

8:15am in the Church



# HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Life Center of Long Island (Nassau)	798-9100
Project Rachel	379-8292
Alcoholics Anonymous (24hr hotline)	669-1124
Regina Residence	223-7888
LI Birthright (Hotline)	1-800-550-4900
Overeater's Anonymous	505-891-2664
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info)	789-9546
Catholic Charities	797-5452
Good Shepherd Hospice	376-3758
Hope House Ministries	473-6030
Suicide Prevention	1-800-SUICIDE
Marriage Encounter	1-866-499-6354
Retrouvaille for Marriage	1-800-470-2230
St. Vincent de Paul (Nassau)	516-746-8250
St. Vincent de Paul (Suffolk)	631-277-9600

# **Religious Education**

The CCD Office will re-open on Monday, August 25th-mornings only - 9:00AM to 11:00 A.M. The office is closed on Fridays.

If you have not registered your child, it is important to do so this week. Registration fees are as follows:

#### **Registration Fee**

\$80.00 - 1 child \$90.00 - 2 children

\$100.00 - 3 or more children

Parents who wish to register a 1st grader or a new student must bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate

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Summer is upon on us and it is our prayers and hopes that you and your family are enjoying a safe and happy time. Just a brief reminder that as you travel, *Mass-Times* is available to assist you in locating a church near where you choose to vacation, by calling 410-676-6000. We would also like to remind you that as you travel to remember to support our parish as you know our financial obligations are ever present. We are grateful for your continued support.

# **Theology Students**



Theology students can check out books, periodicals, videos and DVD's from Theology classroom (Church basement) Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30am

#### **CYO Track Team**

We're now accepting boys and girls of every age to our CYO Track Team.

Get CYO application in the rectory, any day from 9am to 9pm.
1st Grade Children boys & girls, grades K - 12, phone rectory to enroll in **basketball** & **track**.

Also **baseball** & **flag football** is offered after school at our school.







## Developmentally Challenged Sports Program for Children

CYO is proud to announce a free six (6) week Recreation Program for Developmentally Challenged Children. It will be offered to children ages 9-16. Sports offered will be: Indoor Soccer and Basketball, It will be one and half hour time frame on Sunday afternoons (Sept 7,14,21,28, Oct 19,26) Venues include (in Nassau County) St Aidan Parish Gym , Williston Park and St Agnes Parish Gym, Rockville Centre (in Suffolk County),St Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park

You may register by visiting our website at <a href="www.cyons.org">www.cyons.org</a> and downloading the proper registration form. A schedule of events & locations will be mailed upon registration.

Space is limited. Please register no later than Wednesday, Sept 1, 2008.



On Sunday, October 5, 2008 couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop John Dunne at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa at 2:00 pm. Please pick up your registration card at the rectory, fill it out and return it to the rectory in time to reach the Diocese of Rock-ville Centre no later than September 21, 2008. Approximately one week to ten days before the ceremony information regarding the day will be mailed to you.

If you have questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 242.

# Bingo

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church 855 Carmans Road, Massapequa Park

(across from Carman's Plaza)
Thursday \$2000 in prizes at 8:00 PM
Friday \$1800 in prizes at 8:00 PM
Golden Society, Tuesday 7:30 PM
\$2000 in Prizes
Every Sunday Games at 7:00 PM

## Bingo Sunday, August 24th Team #4



\$2000 IN PRIZES - \$850 GIANT JACKPOT

There is a "GREAT NEED" for volunteers to help with Bingo on Tuesdays & Sundays

# \*Progressive Jackpot\*

On Tuesday nights there is a Progressive Jackpot starting at \$850. This amount will increase by \$200. every week until there is a winner and the maximum amount of

#### \$3000.00

Prize awarded with a minimum of 47 numbers. The minimum drawn numbers shall be increased by one number on each successive bingo occasion to a maximum of 60 drawn numbers, until the prize is awarded.

Aug. 26th - Jackpot - \$1850.00 Number - 51





# Sunday Readings for the Month of August

Eighteen Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 14:31-21 - They all ate and were satisfied
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 14:22-33 - Command me to come to you over
the water

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 15:21-28 - Woman, you have great faith
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 16:13-20 - You are Peter, to you I will give the
keys of the Kingdom of Heaven

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 16:21-27 - Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself

#### AUGUST 2008

1 F	irst Friday
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St. Alphonsus Liguori
Prirst Saturday

Bighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 St. John Mary Vianney

6 The Feast of the Transfiguration

8 St. Dominic

9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

10 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 St. Clare of Assisi

15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

17 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 St. Bernard of Clairvaux

21 Pope Pius X

22 The Queenship of Mary

23 St. Rose of Lima

24 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 St. Augustine

29 Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

31 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Bereavement Support in Diocese of Rockville Centre

A variety of Bereavement Support Programs is available in Nassau and Suffolk Counties for all losses, including both adults and children. Simply check the website of Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Rockville Centre:

www.holyroodcemetery.org

Click on the word **Bereavement** on the bar in the middle of the page and then on the right, click on **Support Groups Available Now**.

You will find groups that meet 6 or 8 weeks, weekly and monthly groups, special programs, masses and retreats for the bereaved, help for the holidays, facilitator training, speakers who can come to your site, and bereavement conference information which is all updated frequently.

Other information available on the website includes Hospital Groups, Special Focus Groups and Social Groups for the Widowed.



**Did you know**, that we have many religious CD's available with different speakers and topics.

The suggested donation is \$3.00. They're great to listen to at home or in the car and they also make a nice gift.

Please check it out in the back of the Church vestibule.
(See this weeks CD of the week)

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



# Respect Life





# RESPECT LIFE

"Those who are in favor of life today have responsibilities of a political character. The problems of family and life are not just for

Catholics, they are the patrimony of humanity. It is said that "abortion is an issue for Catholics," or the rejection of the use of human embryo. The same happens with the unity of matrimony. It is not a matter solely for Catholics; it is an issue of contemporary man who, if he does not respect the fundamental law of life and human dignity, betrays himself. The great suicide of humanity today is the denial of values without which we cannot live."

Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujino.

... Did you know scientific evidence is clear that life begins at the moment of conception (fertilization)?

... Did you know that elective abortions deliberately kills an innocent human being?



THERE IS ROOM FOR EVERYONE IN THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT. NO ONE CAN DO EVERYTHING, BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING.

#### **PRO-LIFE**

PLANNED PARENTHOOD—35 CARMANS ROAD, MASSAPEQUA (opposite Sunrise Mall)

PLANNED PARENTHOOD is open for business. They not only plan to perform abortions at this facility; this will be their education headquarters from where they intend to invade our local middle schools and high schools with the pro-abortion agenda to our children.

#### PLEASE JOIN US

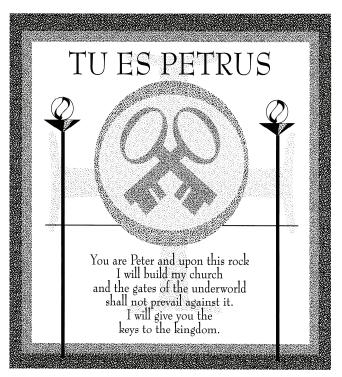
in a peaceful demonstration every Saturday:

ROSARY 10:30 AM-12 Noon.

PUBLIC WITNESS: Noon to 1:00 PM.

We are committed to peaceful sidewalk prayer, counseling and providing support services.

#### COME PRAY WITH US TO END ABORTION



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# Our Latiy of Lourdes School News



#### **School Office Hours**

During the two weeks from August 18<sup>th</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup> the school office will be open from 8:15 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The office staff will be available to handle registration, tuition payments, or other school business. Please call (516) 798-7926 if you have any questions.

#### Is your child ready for his or her first school experience?

Our Lady of Lourdes School offers a **Mommy and Me** program for children who are from 18 to 36 months old and a **Nursery** program for children who will be 3 years old by December 1<sup>st</sup>. **Call for more information: (516) 798-7926.** 

**Mommy and Me** is the perfect school experience for the very young child with crafts, story time and supervised play under the direction of an experienced, certified teacher. A parent accompanies the child. Classes are held for one hour each week on Monday mornings. The cost for the Fall Session (11 classes) is only \$50 for O.L.L. parishioners.

The **Nursery** Program introduces your child to the world of letters and numbers. Craft and movement activities develop fine and gross motor skills, and your child will learn to work and play with others in a nurturing school environment. Religion lessons and prayer are part of the daily program. 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. on two days (Tuesday and Thursday) or three days (Tuesday-Wednesday- Thursday) per week. Only \$129 per month for two days or \$162 per month for three days.

To visit our pre-school (located in the Convent) please call (516) 798-7926

# **Music Lessons**

Please consider having your child participate in the School Band. Instrumental Music is an important part of education. Students will bring home in formation sheets in September.

Band is available to all Our Lady of Lourdes-STUDENTS - GRADE 3 -8.



# Let's Be Dazzling!



The Let's Be Dazzling Campaign was a huge success!

We thank everyone who participated and helped us to reach our goal.

We raised more than \$11,000 to upgrade our First Grade classroom and for general school improvements.

We appreciate your generous support.

Excellence in education is our top priority!

We will continue to accept donations throughout the summer. As we put together the first grade classroom there will undoubtedly be some unexpected expenses.

Send donations to Our Lady of Lourdes School, 379 Linden St., Massapequa Park, NY 11762 or drop them off at the rectory.

Thanks again for your very generous support of Our Lady of Lourdes School



# Community News





EIGHTH GRADERS: Co-Op Exam Prep Course Offered at Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville. Five two-hour Saturday a.m. sessions, each including review in English and Math as well as practice tests. Course begins Sept. 13. \$225 fee covers instruction and materials. For additional information, call (516) 433-2900.

September 6 - Holy Spirit, New Hyde Park

September 20 - St. Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington

**Choosing Well:** 

**Everyday Principles and Practices of Discernment Presented by Sr. Kathy Madden, I.C.** 

How can we become more attuned to the heart of the Spirit in our choices and actions? In this seminar we will look at some basic principles and practices of everyday discernment and explore a variety of ways in which we can be uniquely Spirit-led in approaching both small and significant decisions in our lives.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Become a mentor to a young, single mother or mother to be. Regina Maternity Services, a Catholic Charities residence, welcomes volunteers interested in offering support and friendship to a pregnant or parenting young woman. It takes less than an hour a week to make a difference! Please call Christine Lai at 516-223-7888.

St. Agnes Cathedral School proudly presents internationally renowned tenor, **RONAN TYNAN**, in **CONCERT on Friday, September 5, 2008**. The concert will be held in St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Pl., Rockville Centre from 7:30 to 9:30pm. All proceeds benefit St. Agnes Cathedral School. Anyone interested in attending, please call Majella Gallagher at (516) 764-2031 or visit www.ronantynan.net.

Class of 1958 of Queen of the Rosary Academy, Amityville, NY

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50th Reunion November 8th and 9th 2008

For details, please contact Bernadette at 516-781-3942 or Nancy at 516-796-6846

## St. Dominic High School

2008 Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course September 20, 27 and October 4,11,18 9 - 11 am Course Fee \$290.

Contact Ms. Grasso @ 516-922-4888 Ext. #5101

YOU Can Help Your Marriage Now – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? 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 beginning Fri. Sept. 5th, 2008 please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille.