

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 25, 2017

“Do not be **afraid...**”

Matthew 10:28

THE BASILICA PARISH OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY
SOUTHAMPTON, NY



Welcome to the Basilica Parish of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Pastoral Team:

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano, Pastor
In Residence: Rev. Msgr. William J. Gill
Jeannine Rose, Director of Parish Social Ministry
Maura Mandato, Youth Minister
Dominick Abbate, Director of Music
Bill Kunzer, Plant and Facilities Manager

Daily Mass

Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. at 12 noon
Tue. at 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM (in Spanish)
and 5 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Ministry to the Sick

For communion at home or Anointing
please contact the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office
to schedule an appointment. Baptisms
are generally performed on Saturdays.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in
advance, please call the Parish Office.

Becoming A Catholic

We welcome those who would like to
become Catholic and adult Catholics
who have never received formal
religious education and/or sacraments.
Contact the Parish Office.

Parish Office

Suzanne Marchisella
Karen Berry
Donna Valle

Parish Leadership:

Finance Committee

Fred Weinfurt (trustee)
Pat Jordan (trustee)
Jay Diesing
Charlene Kagel
John Neknez

Pastoral Council

In formation

Adult Faith Formation

Mary Adamczyk



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BASILICA PARISH OF SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 8: 2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Mission Statement: We are a Eucharistic centered people, who by following Christ's teaching, join together to love and serve those in spiritual and physical need in our community.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, July 1 5 PM Fr. Paul Dahm

SERVERS McDonnell Bros.
E.M.'S T. Cavallaro, T. Sanders, T. Westergard
LECTORS J. Clarke, J. Hanlon

Sunday, July 2 8 AM Fr. Mike Vetrano

SERVERS Terry Family
E.M.'S D. Gilmartin, M. Mackey, M. Muller,
J. Taranto
LECTORS M. Mackey, J. Rose
GREETERS K. Moffa

9:30 AM Fr. Mike Vetrano

SERVERS K. Ameres, J. Kearns, S. Patrone,
C. Sacconaghi
E.M.'S G. Arresta, M. Anderson, M. Johnson,
R. Kelly, P. Shaughnessy
LECTORS L. Arresta, M. Terry
GREETERS J. McCulley

11 AM Fr. Joe Finnerty

SERVERS S & S May
E.M.'S S. Adelante, T. Alegria, T. D'Angelis,
O. Wynne
LECTORS G. Bauer, S. May
GREETERS C. Brown, C. Butler, R. Essay

5 PM Fr. Joe Finnerty

SERVERS W. Salinetti
E.M.'S M. & P. Nikolich, S. Oldakowski
LECTORS N. Conroy, H. Reyes

ALTAR MINISTRY

ALTARS: J. Ripalone

ALTAR CLOTHS: G. Bauer

HAND LINENS - June 19—July 2—K. Ciriello

SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL

June 25—M. Lynch

July 2—D. Podlaski

HAMPTON CENTER

June 25—T. Alegria, S. Raynor

July 2—P. Pellegrino, R. McGarry

Rosary— June 29—S. Raynor



Mass Intentions for the Week of June 26-July 2

Monday	12:00	Father's Day Novena
Tuesday	8 AM	People of the Parish
Wednesday	12:00	Paul Beatty
Thursday	12:00	Peter Zuhusky
Friday	12:00	Ann & Fran Schiavoni (L) 60th Anniversary
Saturday	5 PM	Stanley Glinka
Sunday	8:00	USMA Cadet Thomas M. Surdyke
	9:30	People of the Parish & Alfred Queally
	11:00	Carole Zuhusky, Dennis Duchemin, Ileana Aste, Ernest Costa
	12:30	Mass in Spanish
	5 PM	Carole Zuhusky

Financial Realities and Stewardship

The June 18th collection was \$8,949.00 Propagation of the Faith collection \$1,210.00 Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor's Letter

June 24/26

We Are All One Body

Dear Parish Family,

One of the most important parts of our Catholic faith is the many different ways that Catholics celebrate their national culture within their faith. I grew up in a very Irish and Italian neighborhood in Queens and so the St. Patrick's Day parade and carrying the Giglio were important events and often celebrated by both communities.



An Altar dedicated to El Salvador



Father Jesus leads the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament

Here at Sacred Hearts our Spanish community celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi with a procession around our grounds after Mass concludes. They set up a series of meticulously planned and decorated altars, each one dedicated to a particular country. So there are altars to patron saints of Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Colombia, Portugal, Spain, and other countries. At each altar the procession stops, prayers are said, and blessings bestowed on those who claim that country as their nation of origin.

This year there was a new altar. It was planned and set up by the altar servers in our community. It was dedicated to the Immaculate Conception and the United States of America, which is, after all, the land of their birth. I love to walk with the community in this procession. It helps me to understand that we are all one body.



Our Newest Altar

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano, Pastor



Music at The Basilica Summer Events

Monday July 10 6:30 PM
Country Folk Music Night
with the **Boxcar Lilies**



Monday July 17 6:30 PM
Fiesta Night

A joint gathering of our Spanish and English communities. Wonderful food and music. Come improve your Salsa skills!

Monday July 24 6:30 PM
Rum Hill Rockers.

They take their name from Rum Hill the highest point in Sag Harbor. The Rum Hill Rockers will also be providing music for our Tent party. Just a hint—they have a great Beatles repertoire.

Monday, July 31 6:30 PM
Father Pat Kelly

A special summer evening of prayer and reflection.



Monday, August 7

Beau Sinatra and Pizza Night at SHJM!

That's live on the great lawn with our own Beau Hulse. Beau will treat us to his wonderful Frank Sinatra review. Hint: Bring your dancing shoes!!

And more to come...

Including: Southampton Young Artists Festival; our own Ashley Bell on Saturday September 2; and The High Kings on Thursday, September 28.

Special Summer Events!



News from the Office of Parish Social Ministry:

Jeannine Rose

631 283-0097 ext. 317

jrose@shjmbasilica.org

- Are you caring for a parent or spouse with dementia?
- Are you caring for someone with a serious illness?
- Are you concerned about financial planning and decision making for someone in your family?
- Are you caring for a child with special needs?



Second Session, Thursday, June 29 - 1—3 PM in the Chapel

Father Mike Vetrano will be speaking on Health Care Proxies and Medical Ethics

Learn what you need to do to make medical decisions and communicate your wishes to your doctors.

THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND, PLEASE CALL JEANNINE ROSE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT!

Meetings have been scheduled for Thursday June 29 and July 13, 20 and 27 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Call now to reserve space. Jeannine Rose 631-283-0097 Ext. 317 or email rose@shjmbasilica.org

Walking with Purpose

A women’s Catholic Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ.



Dates for the sessions are: July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10, and August 17.

All sessions will begin at 6:30 PM

For more information and to Register, please contact Jeannine Rose, Director of Parish Social Ministry. All woman of every age are invited to participate!

The Morning Star Praesidium of the Legion of Mary



at the
Basilica Parish of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary meets on
Monday evenings: 5:30 – 6:45 PM
in the Chapel Room of the Rectory Building.
New members are ALWAYS welcome!

- Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith?
 - Do you want to enrich your prayer life?
 - Do you want to develop close Catholic friendships?
 - Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His Mother?
- Then come as a guest to a Legion of Mary meeting! There's no obligation!

Please contact the Office of Parish Social Ministry for more information.

What better way to welcome everyone to our Parish than with a cup of coffee, a snack and a smile.



A volunteer is needed to pick up the coffee at 7-11 at 8 AM on Sunday morning. If you are able to provide this **most** important service please contact Jeannine Rose in the Office of Parish Social Ministry to sign up or stop by the tent this Sunday for more information...Dates are filling up, you DO NOT want to MISS out on this wonderful opportunity!

Super Raffle Tickets on Sale Now!

Ticket sales begin this weekend. Volunteers are at the doors of the church at each mass. Each ticket is \$100. Only 500 will be sold—buy one for your self or buy with a group. Last year two of our winners were groups!



YOU NEED TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT! Tickets can be purchased during the week at the Parish Office or by calling Charlie Mottern—631-283-3785.

Volunteers are still needed to sell tickets

Anyone wishing to join the committee in selling chances before and after Mass please contact: Charlie Mottern—631-283-3785. We especially need some volunteers for the 5 PM Masses on Saturday and Sunday. You do not have to sign up for every weekend—one or two would be great!!

Vacation Bible Camp at Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary!

Volunteers are needed to make this a HUGE success.

Do you Love Arts and Crafts? Can you lead the children in Song? Do you enjoy creating healthy, exciting snacks? Are you able to lead children in outdoor summer games on the 'great lawn'?

If ANY of this is exciting to you, then PLEASE contact Jeannine Rose in the Office of Parish Social Ministry as soon as possible, as we are rolling up our sleeves and getting to work preparing for this amazing week of FUN!

Vacation Bible Camp * August 21 – 25 * 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON!
Registration begins in June.



Catholic Ministries Appeal — SHJM Reaches 70% of our Goal

105 parishioners from Sacred Hearts have brought our Catholic Ministries Appeal pledges to just over \$41,000 which is 70% of our \$60,000 goal. The average pledge is \$325.

Thank you to all who are helping our parish to take its rightful place as a leader in the appeal! The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports Catholic Charities, brings mass and sacraments to students on secular campuses throughout Long Island, educates men studying for the priesthood and the diaconate, and supports the educational and social ministers of the church here on Long Island. Please pledge now and help us reach our goal.



Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of others.

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Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sacred Hearts Basilica YOUTH GROUP

Welcomes all 8th Grade and High School teens!

Summer Youth Group Events

Wednesday, June 28th 6:30-8:00

YOUTH GROUP BONFIRE ON THE BEACH

Last fall we tried to have a bonfire on the beach, but due to rain it was canceled. Lets pray for good weather so we can reschedule this event and enjoy a special kick-off to summer bonfire!

CHECK INSTAGRAM "SHYG168" for bonfire location, details and weather updates.

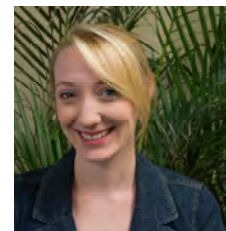
Monday, July 17th Youth Group Volunteers at Fiesta Night

Wednesday, July 26th Volley Ball Night on the Lawn

Wednesday, August 2nd Summer Youth Group on the Lawn

Sunday, August 13th -YG Volunteers at Sunday Hospitality

Monday, August 14th- YG Volunteers at Open Mike Night



Religious Education:

Passing On the Faith . . .Catechists Needed

We are starting to plan for our September 2017 religious education program.

If you have experience teaching, have an interest in teaching, or just enjoy working with

young people, consider being part of the Sacred Hearts religious education team as a catechist this coming fall.

In order to pass on the Faith, we need teachers, including teachers who will co-teach a class with another teacher; substitute teachers; classroom assistants; and

All you need is:

An open heart and a willingness to share your faith

We will provide:

- Expert guidance
- A supportive community to share ideas and best practices
- Great materials
- Special support for first-time catechists

What you'll receive:

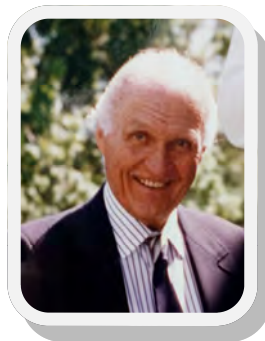
- the satisfaction of passing on our Catholic Faith to the next generation, as others have passed the Faith on to us

If you are interested in serving in this important ministry, contact Sister Cathy Stare at cstare@yahoo.com or Liz Parker at reled@shjmbasilica.org.

In Sympathy

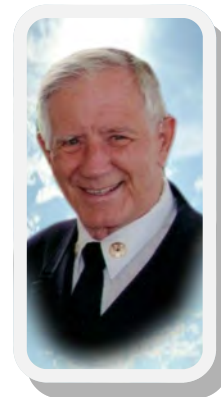
Joseph Z. Krajewski

We mourn the passing of Joseph Krajewski on June 15, 2017. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at the Basilica Parish of Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary on June 22, 2017 by Rev. Michael A. Vetrano. A private cremation will follow. Mr. Krajewski served in the Army Rangers during World War II. He was awarded the American Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart and World War II Victory Medal. He and his wife, Jeanne, who predeceased him, were the proprietors of Judge's Restaurant in Hampton Bays. Joe was an avid golfer and loved to spend time with his grandchildren, family and friends. Our sympathies go out to his daughter, Stephanie McNamara, his grandchildren, Lauren, Luke, and Collin, family and friends.



Albert "Boo" Frankenbach

We mourn the passing of Boo Frankenbach on June 18, 2017. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Basilica Parish of Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary on June 24, 2017 by Rev. Michael A. Vetrano. A private cremation will follow. Boo served in the United States Army in Korea and was a member of the Southampton Fire Department and Southampton Fire Department. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Ann, his children, Jim and his wife, Erin, Lynn Goleski, Carol Pike, his grandchildren, Jake, Katie, & Donny Frankenbach, Kerry, Jessica, & Megan Goleski, and Julia McGann and Otis G. Pike, his sister, Linda Frankenbach-Kranenburg, family and friends.



Programs:

Secular Franciscans meet on the Second Sunday of the month after the 11 AM Mass in the Parish Center. You are always welcome to come to our meetings. Please come, bring a friend, bring a snack for breakfast, and we supply the coffee.

Resurrection Prayer

Group :: meets on Tuesdays at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Come share your healing gifts with us. Prayer requests are always welcome.

Spiritual Book Group :

Spiritual Book Group meets on Tuesdays, at 1 PM, in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Pray for Our Sick

Peg Jordan & Pat Jordan
 John Lynch
 Patrick & Eileen Connolly
 Suzanne Parillo
 Bobby & Caroline Parillo
 Ebby Culver
 Elizabeth Joyce
 Robert Melter
 Daniel Sheerin
 Richard Brown
 Capt. Mark Enne
 Mary Nadurak
 Michelle Morrone
 S. Barbara McKenna
 Peter Madison
 Elaine McDonagh
 Michelle Cropp
 Marielene Guimaraes
 John Schizas
 Robert Klein
 John Nagy
 James E. Malone
 Martin Pellicano

Memorials:

Altar Flowers

The Main Altar Flowers for this week were given in loving memory of Joseph Markovich by his son, John.



Bread, Wine & Candles



The Altar Bread, Wine & Candles for this week were given in honor of our Titular Feasts, The Most Sacred

Heart of Jesus & The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all priests past and present, Fr. Gill's 62nd year of priesthood and in loving memory of Jacques Bodeau by Yvonne Bodeau,

If you would like to donate altar flowers or bread, wine and candles in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please call the parish office.



Our Lady of the Hamptons

The thirty-four members of the OLH class of 2017 were presented for graduation in a special liturgy and commencement at the Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Special awards included: **HIGH HONORS 95% CUMULATIVE AVERAGE:** Kieran Ameres, Lola Anderson, Julia Fritsch, Hayley Guillen; **HONORS 90% CUMULATIVE AVERAGE:** Kyla Culver, Christian Mangiameli, Andrew McAdorey, Gianmarcos Rivera, MaryAnn Ryan, Christopher Stutt, Thomas Wilkie

MEDALS OF DISTINCTION

RELIGION	Gianmarcos Rivera	SOCIAL STUDIES	John Allan
ENGLISH	Hayley Guillen	MATHEMATICS	Julia Fritsch
SCIENCE	Kieran Ameres	SPANISH	Andrew McAdorey
TECHNOLOGY	Graceann Kellis	ART	Bridgette Murphy
MUSIC	Kieran Ameres		
DANCE	Thomas Wilkie, Ava Cuccia		
ATHLETICS	Bryan Ambrose, Emily Milton		

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS Emily Milton, Gianmarcos Rivera
GENERAL EXCELLENCE Julia Fritsch, Hayley Guillen

2017 Graduates Mass at the Basilica



Pre-school is an important first step in the educational process. An all new, revitalized program for three and four year old students is offered at the campus of St. Rosalie's Church in Hampton Bays and is an integral part of Our Lady of the Hamptons. . Tours and conferences leading toward admission can be arranged. Informational packets are available. Call 631-283-9140 to set up a personal appointment and tour. More information is available on the website www.olh.org.

The community of Our Lady of the Hamptons is extending an invitation for potential students and their families to explore the options of enrollment in the East End's premier Catholic elementary school for September 2017. Limited placement is available in Kindergarten through grade 5. Admission to the Prep program (grades 6-8) is available after personal interviews and evaluation. The initial registration period will end on March 10. Limited financial aid is available through the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.

Save the date for the first of several events to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the regionalization of Our Lady of the Hamptons: a gala Dinner Dance at the Muses in Southampton on October 28.

Fortnight to Freedom 2017 Events

Opening of 2017 Fortnight for Freedom - Wednesday, June 21

St. Bernard's Church, 3100 Hempstead Tpke, Levittown

6:00 PM - Preview of St. John's Bible

7: 00 PM - Visio Divina—Seeing the Word



Mass Celebrating the 2017 Fortnight for Freedom - Freedom for Mission

Sunday, June 25 - 12:30 PM

St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre

Bishop Robert J. Brennan - Celebrant

Rosary and Rally for Religious Freedom - Wednesday, June 28

Bishop John O. Barres - Keynote Speaker

Holy Trinity High School, 98 Cherry Lane, Hicksville

6 PM - Public Witness Rosary in front of auditorium facing Newbridge Road

7 PM - Fortnight Rally for Religious Freedom in auditorium (light refreshments served following the program)

RESOURCES FOR THOSE SEEKING AN ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION:

Rockville Centre Diocese, 516-678-5800,

ext.626, www.respectlife.drvc.org

Birthingright, 631-728-8900, 800-550-4900

Respect Life Ministry



The Diocese of Rockville Centre provides both information and support services in regard to the Life issues, particularly in regard to crisis pregnancy, when abortion is being considered as the only way out of a difficult situation. There is a diocesan outreach program, with a 24-hour confidential hotline, where a woman with an unexpected pregnancy can turn for help: call 1-855-301-4247, or a call can be made to OPTIONLINE at 1-800-712-HELP(4347).

Pax Christi Catholic Church

Reflections On the Gospel

June 25, 2017

Sunday's readings have a lot to say about fear. Terror is on every side according to Jeremiah. But, and it is a huge BUT, God is on the only side that matters. God is on the side of the just, the righteous, the faithful. God is on our side if we welcome God in. Yes, we may be tested with persecution and bodily harm, but God is ever with us, aware of every last hair, caring, loving, providing for our ultimate victory. Knowing that, how can we not take courage, stand up and speak out for those who are impoverished, oppressed, neglected, abused, or exploited? How can we not put our own safety on the line for the safety of all? Remember: "Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."



Jesús dice: "No temáis a los que matan el cuerpo, pero no pueden matar el alma; temed más bien a aquel que puede llevar a la perdición alma y cuerpo en la gehenna". No debemos tener temor ni miedo de los hombres; de Dios debemos tener temor, pero no miedo.

A partir de Septiembre nuestra Diócesis de Rockville Centre pone en marcha la ESCUELA DE DISCIPULOS MISIONEROS, en la Parroquia de Bridge Hampton. Es un proyecto de formación en la fe para adultos. Las personas interesadas, favor de ponerse en contacto con Maria Joya llamando al tfno 631 377 8786

Campamento Verano SYS para adolescentes. Todos los sábados comenzando el día 17 de Junio hasta octubre en las instalaciones deportivas del SYS de 8:30 am a 2pm. Ponerse en contacto con Mario Soto. 631 579 6007.

El Centro Corazón de Maria en Hampton Bays tiene DIAS DE DOCUMENTOS. Usted puede conseguir ayuda en copiar sus documentos, conseguir una Foto ID, llenar aplicaciones para pasaportes, etc. Este servicio se ofrecerá todos los martes.

Grupos de adolescentes y Jovenes Southampton: Todos los miércoles del año nuestra parroquia ofrece un programa de juegos y actividades para adolescentes en Ingles. Es de 6pm a 8pm. Para inscribirse, favor de ponerse en contacto con Tania Maza al salir de la Misa o llamando al 631 488 4171

OLA of Eastern Long Island ofrece consultas legales gratis en caso de familia, Criminales, Inmigración. Llamar al 631 899 3441. Preguntar por Minerva Pérez

Rincón de Información

El Asesor de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas atenderá en el Apostolado Hispano de Southampton el próximo jueves, 27 de Julio y 24 de Agosto de 2:00 a 5:00 PM.

Comunidad de Oración para Adultos y Familias Los martes a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia. El 3r martes de cada mes hay Hora Santa.

¿Desean bautizar a sus hijos? Los papas y los padrinos asistan al curso Pre-Bautismal, sin previo aviso.

Curso Pre-Bautismal

El curso se da el último domingo de cada mes a la 1:30 PM en el Apostolado Hispano en Southampton o a las 5:00 PM en la iglesia en East Hampton. Es preciso llevar la copia del acta de nacimiento del niño. Los próximos Cursos serán el 29 de julio y el 26 de Agosto

Las próximas fechas del Bautismo:

Los primeros Domingos de mesen Southampton a la 1;30pm. Seran 2 de Julio y 6 de Agosto.

Requisitos para el Bautismo de un Niño

Curso: Para bautizar a su hijo, es necesario que los padres y padrinos asistan al curso pre-bautismal.

Padrinos: Debe escoger a los padrinos conscientes de los requisitos. Los padrinos tienen que ser católicos bautizados, confirmados y que han hecho su Primera Comunión y deben poder comulgar. El padrino (madrina) debe ser un(a) soltero(a) o debe ser casado por la iglesia.

Permisos: Si viven afuera de la zona servida por el Apostolado Hispano, necesitan una carta de su párroco dándonos permiso para bautizar su hijo.

Preparación Pre Matrimonial – Para casarse por la iglesia, haga una cita para una entrevista con P. Cesar, P. Jesús. El curso pre-matrimonial se da por seis domingos, de las 9 AM al mediodía comenzando el primer domingo de octubre o de febrero.

Horas del Apostolado: los martes a viernes de 3- 5pm Favor de llamar previamente al Padre para concertar una cita.

Padre Cesar Lara: Cel. 631-332-5300

Padre Jesus Arellano: Cel. 929-257-3467

You are worth more
than many sparrows.
Matthew 10 : 31



CATHOLIC CORNER

THE ANGELUS

Have you ever heard church bells ring at noon? Do you know why they do?
In the sixteenth century churches in Europe would ring their bells at 6:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m. When people in the local communities heard the bells they would pause in their work and pray the Angelus. The prayer takes its name from the Latin first words of the Annunciation story: "The angel of the Lord" (*Angelus Domini*).

A famous painting by the French artist Jean-François Millet, called *The Angelus*, depicts a nineteenth-century farming couple in the field, bowing their heads and praying the Angelus at dusk. You can search for this painting on the Internet. The original hangs in the Musée d'Orsay in Paris.

In the twelfth century the Angelus was a simple recitation of three Hail Marys at the evening bell. By the sixteenth century it had evolved into the prayer that is still prayed today.

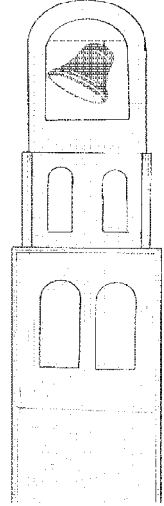
When prayed in a group setting a leader (L) recites the verses and everyone recites both the responses (R) and the Hail Marys between each verse. Take some time this summer to learn this part of the prayer; then, when you hear the church bells ring, say it alone or with your family.

L. The angel spoke God's message to Mary,
R. and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary

L. I am the lowly servant of the Lord,
R. let it be done to me according to your word."
Hail Mary. . . .

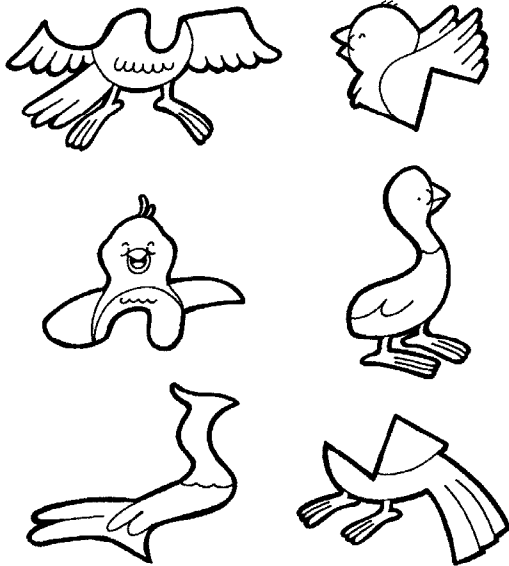
L. And the Word became flesh,
R. and lived among us. *Hail Mary*. . . .

L. Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
R. that we may become worthy of
the promises of Christ.



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God knows what happens to every sparrow!
If God is this watchful over the birds,
we can trust God to take care of us, too.
Draw lines to connect the bird halves together.



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