

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 11, 2018**



**A LEPER CAME TO JESUS
AND KNEELING DOWN BEGGED HIM AND SAID,
“IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN.”
MOVED WITH PITY, HE STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND,
TOUCHED HIM, AND SAID TO HIM,
“I DO WILL IT. BE MADE CLEAN.”**

**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

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Daily Mass

Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. at 12 noon
Tue. at 8:00 am
First Saturday 8:00 AM
Holydays: 7 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM,
12 Noon

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

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BASILICA PARISH OF SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11-1; Mk 1:40-45

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, February 17 5 PM Fr. Bill Gill

SERVERS M. Campbell, C. Fox-Bathon,
D. Maher
E.M.'S T. Cavallaro, M. King, S. Wilson
LECTORS K. King-Bush

Sunday, February 18 8 AM Fr. Bill Gill

SERVERS K. Stengel
E.M.'S P. Mackey, J. McKenna, C & J Mottern
LECTORS A. Enstine, M. Mackey

9:30 AM Fr. Joe Finnerty

SERVERS Terry Family, J. Kearns
E.M.'S M. Anderson, A. & J. Cuccia,
M. Johnson, N. McCulley
LECTORS G. Kearns, H. Reyes
GREETERS J. McCulley

11 AM Fr. Joe Finnerty

SERVERS G. O'Brien, S & S May
E.M.'S S. Adelante, T. Alegria, K. Maple,
S. McCulley
LECTORS G. Bauer
GREETERS

5 PM Fr. Paul Dahm

SERVERS L. Lavinio
E.M.'S N. Conroy, P. Nikolich, T. Westergard
LECTORS S. Krawciw

ALTAR MINISTRY

ALTAR CLOTHS: G. Bauer

HAND LINENS - February 12—18—H. Reister

SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL

February 11—J. McCarthy

February 14—C. and J. Mottern

February 18—M. Lynch

HAMPTON CENTER

February 11—S. Wilson, O. Valle

February 18—O. Valle, B. Doyle, J. Taylor

Rosary— February 15—C. Bishop



Mass Intentions for the Week of February 12-18

Monday	12:00	Joseph McKenna
Tuesday	8 AM	Patrick Nee
Wednesday	8:00	Brian Christopher Connelly
	12:00	Meg McAllister Toner
Thursday	12:00	Robert S. Grojean
Friday	12:00	People of the Parish
Saturday	5 PM	Elaine Corwin
Sunday	8:00	Rosemary Smith
	9:30	People of the Parish
	11:00	Moe Downey, Celestino Gambino
	12:30	Mass in Spanish
	5 PM	Laura Maria DeNunzio

Financial Realities and Stewardship

Regular Collections:

February 4: \$10,023.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all that you do - thank you!

Pastor's Letter

February 10/11

Remember

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we have all been invited to bring back to church our palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday. These branches, now dried, crumbling, and dusty from their year in our homes, are burned to become the ashes which we will use on Ash Wednesday to begin the season of Lent. I think most people appreciate and are inspired by this cycle of celebration. The joyful symbol of the beginning of Holy Week is now the ash that begins the season of Lent.

But there is more to the symbolism of ashes than the recycling of last year's palm. The ashes are a reminder to us of our mortality. "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." We, our bodies or our ashes, will one day be returned to the earth. But even here there is much more to the symbol. We are not only reminded that one day we shall return to the dust of the earth, but that we once *were* the dust of the earth! The story of our creation in Genesis is that we were formed from the earth and that we received from God a life-giving spirit. The life that you now know, with all its joys and happenings, came to be because you were formed from the most basic elements and God filled you with life!

The implication here is that if this happened to us in the miracle of conception and birth, it could happen in the miracle of resurrection! The whole season of Lent is a time for us to remember these amazing transformations. The symbols of Lent remind us to live toward a new future, one given by God. Prayer, fasting, and giving alms, the practices of Lent, help us embrace these transformations:

Prayer: Remember that life itself is God's idea, not yours. Don't forget to connect to the giver of life.

Fasting: Remember that all of life's hungers, for food, wealth, and power, will never fill us as much as the love we experience in God's presence.

Almsgiving: Remember that what we have and possess means little if we cannot use it to help and to love others.

Lent is not just about remembering our mortality or sinful humanity. It is an invitation to remember how God once gave us life and will give life to us once again. Remember that the ashes are you and you will rise again.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano, Pastor



Women : A Six Week Bible Study Just for You

Living in the Father's Love

And Lent is a perfect time to begin!

All Women of our Parish are invited to join us on a six week spiritual journey deepening our faith this Lent.

Join us on Wednesday Evenings in the
Chapel room of the Rectory
From 6:30 -8:15 PM

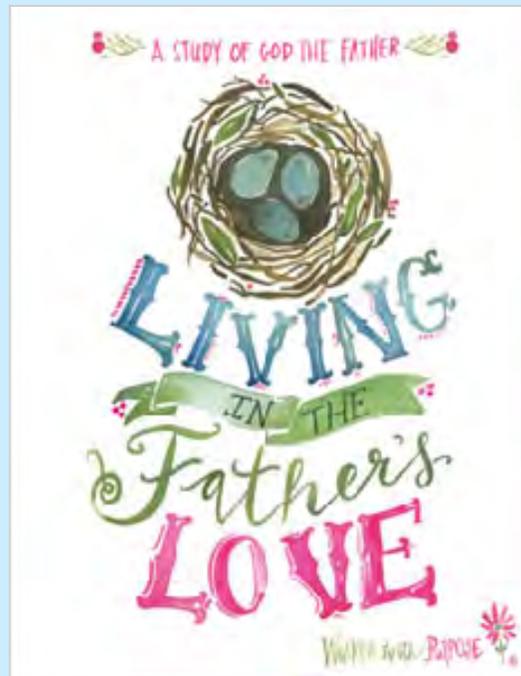
Living in the Father's Love, a six lesson Bible study, is a brief but powerful study meant to revive and refresh us as we discover just how much God loves us! In this study, we learn how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, both with God and with those we love.

Scheduled meeting nights are: February 21 and 28; March 7, 21 and April 4, 11.

Please contact Jeannine Rose to register and for information on how to order the book! The cost for the book is \$ 20.00 and can be ordered from

www.walkingwithpurpose.com

Come turn your heart towards the Lord through reflection and devotion:



The Feast Before the Fast



All are invited to join us on
Tuesday, February 13th,
at 12 Noon for our
Third Annual "Feast Before the Fast"
Mardi Gras Luncheon in the Parish Center
Seating is limited to 30, so sign up early

The suggested donation for this luncheon is \$15.00 and the menu includes a hot buffet, dessert and, coffee or tea. Call Jeannine Rose, Director of Parish Social Ministry, to reserve your spot!
(631)283-0097 Ext. 317

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Youth Group

For Teens in grades 7-12



Sunday, February 11th 1:30 p.m. The Youth Group Volunteers at the Hampton Care Center

The Youth Group will be volunteering at the Hampton Care Center to decorate their dining hall facilities for St. Valentine Day and St. Patrick's Day!

Follow us on Instagram!



SHYG168

Saturday, March 3rd 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

The Diocese of Rockville Center Youth Rally

Join together with Youth Groups from across Long Island to celebrate our faith. The event will feature musician and speaker Sarah Kroger.

Youth Group Summer Service Trip Catholic Heart Workcamp

July 8th-13th in Hartford, Connecticut
For teens entering High School in the Fall of 2018



This summer our youth group will be traveling to Hartford, CT to participate in Catholic Heart Workcamp. Catholic Heart Work Camp provides parish youth groups, teens and adult leaders service opportunities to restore homes and HEARTS, feed the hungry, lift the spirits of children, bring joy to the elderly and disabled and offer assistance while partnering with social agencies. Catholic HEART Workcamp faithfully and enthusiastically serves the Roman Catholic Church and its teachings and is an excellent opportunity to "love the least of these".

Sacred Hearts Basilica along with St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group has registered for 25 spots. The cost of the week long retreat is \$375.00 per person. A deposit of \$125 is due to reserve your spot today!

Visit the Catholic Heart Workcamp website at: <http://heartworkcamp.com>
or email Youth Minister, Maura Mandato at Youthgroup@shjmbasilica.org
for more information.



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Rosary Prayer Group
Help us Pray with
Residents of Hampton
Center

Are you able to volunteer *one hour a month* in January, February and March to lead the residents of the Hampton Care Center in their Thursday Afternoon Rosary Prayer group? The group meets at the Care Center from 2 to 3 PM.

Please contact Jeannine Rose in the office of Parish Social Ministry to Volunteer in this very rewarding ministry.

Morning Star Legion of Mary Præsidium

Devotions in the Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help as well as the Rosary are prayed in community with the Legion of Mary:
EVERY Tuesday morning
immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP and PRAY WITH US!



Have you been away from the Church?

Are you thinking about coming back? Do you know someone who wants to come home to the Catholic Church, but is struggling with their faith? Maybe you or someone you know has experienced one of these thoughts:

I grew up Catholic, but for some reason I just sort of stopped going to Church...

I just moved to a new city, I tried going to a couple different parishes, but I never really felt welcomed...

I just don't understand why the Church teaches what it does! Some teachings seem so outdated...

If you have experienced one of these situations or thoughts you are not alone.

R. C. I. A. is designed for Baptized Catholics who have been away from the Church, and thinking about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, those who are looking for a small group setting to reconnect with their faith. We also welcome those who are inquiring about being Baptized into our faith. For more information and to register please contact Jeannine Rose, Parish Social Ministry Office 283-0097 ext. 317

The St. Bernard League is GROWING!

Currently, we have 11 families caring for 14 of our neighbors in our Parish! For some it is a phone call to check in, for others it is knowing that they will be 'dug out' of the snowstorm. But for each person, it is a lifeline, a connection to a neighbor, a FRIEND.



For more information, to volunteer OR to refer someone who may be in need of a connection, Please contact Jeannine Rose (631) 283-0097 Ext 317

Valentine's Day Dinner

Tuesday, February 13th, 7 PM at The Plaza
Café Call the Plaza Café at 631-283-9323



Ash Wednesday :: February 14

As always we will have plenty of opportunities to celebrate the beginning of Lent. Blessed ashes will be distributed at the following times.

- 6:30 AM — Mass in Spanish
- 8:00 AM — Mass
- 10:00 AM — Prayer Service
- 12:00 PM — Mass
- 2:00 PM — Prayer Service
- 4:00 PM — Children's Service
(All Welcome)
- 6:00 PM — Prayer Service
- 7:00 PM — Young People's Mass
(All Welcome)



Religious Education on Ash Wednesday

As we celebrate Ash Wednesday on February 14th, there are changes in the religious education program that week.

All religious education students will attend either the 4:00 or 7:00 Ash Wednesday service with their parents in our parish.

Classes will not be held on Sunday, February 11, as participation in Ash Wednesday service replaces Sunday class.



*Growing Together
in faith, hope and love...*

At both 4:00 or 7:00, parents and children go directly to church and see their child's catechist or any catechist who will record the child's attendance. Please sit with your child during the service as this ensures appropriate supervision. Please call with any questions 631-283-0508 or email reled@shjmbasilica.org

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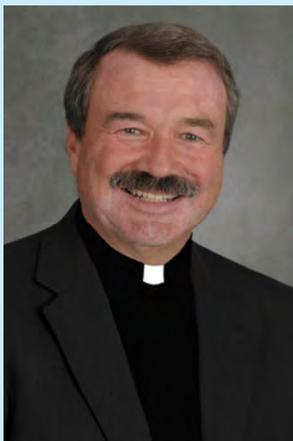
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and to sign up.**



Pax Christi Catholic Church

Reflections On the Gospel
February 11, 2018

“If you wish, you can make me clean.” So says the leper to Jesus in Sunday’s Gospel. But why “make me clean” and not “heal me” or “cure me”? The answer lies in a number of factors at the time and place of Jesus’s earthly life. What we read as leprosy in scripture is not the same as Hansen’s disease or leprosy today. As a matter of fact, it could be applied to fabric as well as skin. It was a kind of deformity that was considered polluted or unclean. It was also considered contagious, hence the isolation imposed on people with the disorder. Consequently, the encounter between the leper and Jesus is doubly significant. Not only does God cleanse the leper through Jesus, but Jesus does so by touching the leper who is legally untouchable. All of this can make today’s readings more relevant to us than if they were just about leprosy. We, too, may be unclean in one way or another, or we may look on others as unclean and untouchable. Do we have the faith to ask God to make us clean? Do we trust God enough to preface that request with “if you wish?” Or are we willing to reach out and touch someone who has been isolated, longing for the touch of a loving hand? How can we help another to be made clean?

RESOURCES FOR THOSE SEEKING AN ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION:

Rockville Centre Diocese, 516-678-5800, ext.626,

www.respectlife.drvc.org

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

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).

Respect Life Ministry



Faith and Justice



Our Lady of the Hamptons

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated on many levels at OLH, with the Pancake Breakfast, Grandparents Day, Oratorical Contest, Spelling Bee and a special day for the students that included Zumba dancing, a full-school Pep Rally and the Parent-Faculty Volleyball Game.

Registration for the September 2018 school year at OLH is open now. The target date for finalization of classes is March 1. Interested families are asked to call for personal appointments and tours. Consideration will be given to those seeking admission to Kindergarten and grades 1-5.

Placement in the elite OLH Prep program for grades 6, 7 and 8 is at a premium, so early consideration is advised. This program features Regents level courses in Math and Science, as well as an aggressive ELA curriculum and integrated Fine Arts.

OLH Pre-school for young children is offered at the campus of St. Rosalie's Church in Hampton Bays. Early registration for the 2018-19 school year is beginning now. The OLH Pre-school offers bi-lingual teachers, enrichment in dance, as well as pre-reading and readiness for kindergarten. 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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Become an Anchor of Prayer for Family Life

The Catechism quotes Saint John Paul II: "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."



Our parish will have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration following the noon mass on Fridays. We would like to dedicate this hour as a time of contemplation and reflection to pray especially for our families. For strength in family life, for the return of family members to the church, for healing and reconciliation within families that are hurting.

Programs: Legion of Mary

Tuesday mornings: After the 8 AM Mass
in the Church.
New members are ALWAYS welcome!

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



Pray for Our Sick

Peg Jordan & Pat Jordan
John Lynch
Suzanne Parillo

Bobby & Caroline Parillo
Ebby Culver
Elizabeth Joyce
Robert Melter
Daniel Sheerin
Richard Brown
Capt. Mark Enne
Michelle Morrone
Peter Madison
Elaine McDonagh
Michelle Cropp
Marielene Guimaraes
John Schizas
Robert Klein
John Nagy
Martin Pellicano
Glenn M. Kurtz
Viola Cummings
Lenny Evans
Roy Genova
Sherry Richici
Shirley Rolison
Kevin Murphy

Memorials:

Altar
Flowers:



Bread,
Wine &
Candles



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.

Help Wanted — Se Necesita Ayuda

Looking for Part—Time Maintenance Help

Sacred Hearts has a part-time position open. Must be able to communicate in English, do routine maintenance work, and some heavy lifting. Hours are 4 PM—7 PM, 12 to 15 hours per week. Please call the parish office at 631-283-0097 Ext. 0 - or email: bill@shjmbasilica.org.

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SOUTHAMPTON COUNCIL #1967
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The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Services organization in the world. Founded by a young priest in 1882, the order has grown to nearly 2 million members worldwide.

Local Southampton Council #1967 serves the parishes of The Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and Our Lady of Poland. We support both churches, Our Lady of the Hamptons School, Right To Life, Birthright of Peconic, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and many other local charities.

If you would like more information or would like to become a Knight, please call Grand Knight, Peter Nikolich, at 631-283-0580 or fill out the information listed below and mail it to us at the address above.

We are looking for new members. The only requirements are that you are a practicing Catholic male and 18 years or older.

Yes, I am interested in becoming a Knight. Please send me information.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

Knights of Columbus



DOMINGO VI TIEMPO ORDINARIO CICLO B

Los signos del Reino de Dios - Jesús acompaña sus palabras con numerosos "milagros, prodigios y signos" que manifiestan que el Reino está presente en Él. Ellos atestiguan que Jesús es el Mesías anunciado.

Los signos que lleva a cabo Jesús testimonian que el Padre le ha enviado. Invitan a creer en Jesús. Concede lo que le piden a los que acuden a él con fe. Por tanto, los milagros fortalecen la fe en Aquel que hace las obras de su Padre: éstas testimonian que él es Hijo de Dios. Pero también pueden ser "ocasión de escándalo". No pretenden satisfacer la curiosidad ni los deseos mágicos. A pesar de tan evidentes milagros, Jesús es rechazado por algunos.

Al liberar a algunos hombres de los males terrenos del hambre, de la injusticia, de la enfermedad y de la muerte, Jesús realizó unos signos mesiánicos; no obstante, no vino para abolir todos los males aquí abajo, sino a liberar a los hombres de la esclavitud más grave, la del pecado, que es el obstáculo en su vocación de hijos de Dios y causa de todas sus servidumbres humanas. CCE, §547-550).

Servicios legales para la comunidad inmigrante

ALFA Teléfono: 631-707-5375 /
OLA of Eastern Long Island 631 899 3441.

El Asesor de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas

Estará a su disposición el día 8 de Marzo de 2pm a 5pm en Apostolado Hispano de Southampton.

Rincón de Información

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 las 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.

La fecha de los Bautismos:

Los primeros Domingos de mes en Southampton a la 1:30 pm.

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 2:00 – 5:00 pm Favor de llamar previamente al Padre para concertar una cita.

Padre Marvin: Cel 631 377 9053

Padre Cesar Lara: Cel. 631-332-5300

Padre Jesús Arellano: Cel. 929-257-3467

El Asesor de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas

Estará a su disposición el día 14 de diciembre de 2pm a 5pm en Apostolado Hispano de Southampton.

Jesus healed a man with a terrible disease called leprosy.
 Jesus told him not to tell anyone.
 But the man spread the news about it anyway.
 Count the number of times this man has shouted, "Healed!"
 Then write that number inside the bandage roll at the bottom.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Paul told the Corinthians something we need to keep in mind for our everyday living.
 To find out what it was, use the number code provided.
 Some letters have already been written in.
 If you need help, read 1 Corinthians 10:31 in your Bible.

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	20=H	12=F	9=O	

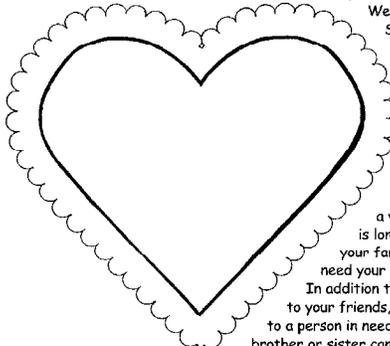
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CATHOLIC CORNER

BE MY VALENTINE

This Friday, February 14, we will celebrate a very special feast. You will probably give and receive many cards that say, "Be my Valentine." When you do this you are sending people your love, but you are also remembering a saint who lived many centuries ago. We know of two Valentines. One was a bishop and one was a priest. They both lived during the third century at a time when Christians were persecuted (made to suffer) for their beliefs.



We remember the feast of St. Valentine on the day he died in the year 269. Legend tells us that Valentine used to send letters to people to encourage them to be strong and brave. He probably signed them, "Your Valentine."

This year you might make a valentine for someone who is lonely or sick. Does someone in your family or in your neighborhood need your love and encouragement? In addition to the valentines you send to your friends, make a valentine to give to a person in need. Maybe an adult or older brother or sister can help you make heart-shaped cookies to give to a special person.

Usually our valentines have hearts on them. Many of them are decorated with lace, like the one here. Instead of buying valentine cards this year, why not make your own? You can use the one on this page as a sample. It will take extra time, but you can donate the money you save to your church or a charity.

That would be a real way to spread your love and care to those who need it.