Bugalou Concert To Benefit BT CYO

This season’s first Bugalou concert is now one week away with “The THE BAND Band” plus “Real Young and Lazy Horse” at St. Camillus on February 28th. While working on some CYO matters, Bugalou promoter Keith ‘Bugsy’ Goldberg, who is CYO Coordinator for the Diocese of Brooklyn, and Blessed Trinity CYO Director Tony Burti, hit upon an idea to promote the Bugalou concert, and raise money for some upcoming projects for Blessed Trinity CYO. You may now choose to purchase tickets through Blessed Trinity CYO. When you do this, Blessed Trinity CYO will receive 50% of your ticket purchase.

“This is a great opportunity to expose many to Bugalou’s outstanding music series, and at the same time raise funds for BT CYO, while enjoying a fun night without travelling to Manhattan or beyond.” Tickets are $50 and may now be ordered by email to aburti@btcyo.com or to terry@btcyo.com.

Locals Honored at St. Edmund Prep Senior Night

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St. Edmund Prep Hockey Team Seniors Oscar Bautz, Ethan Funaro, Michael Lennon and Zach Erhard with their parents on the side of the rink.

Breezy’s own Michael Lennon with proud parents Maureen and Stephen.

The St. Edmund Prep Varsity Ice Hockey team celebrated senior night on Friday, February, 14th at Abe Stark Ice Arena. The night commemorated the high school hockey careers of four (4) young men, Brooklynites Oscar (Continued on Page 2)
Mary Louis Academy News

Digital Footprints for the Future

Members of TMLA faculty visited Sacred Heart Catholic Academy in Glendale to offer a glimpse into how TMLA prepares the next generation of healthy and responsible students.

In January, our Technology Specialist Mrs. Erin DiLorenzo provided activities and information to help the students of Sacred Heart to create and protect their Digital Footprint. The next day TMLA School Psychologist, Mrs. Christina Sama-Bommarito hosted an “escape room” activity to introduce the concept of bullying, conflict resolution and other important insights into social and emotional learning.

A segment from the station “Currents” featured Mrs. Sama-Bommarito, who is recognized as one of the first full-time school psychologists to be hired by a Catholic school in New York City.

AP Diversity Award

The College Board has announced that The Mary Louis Academy has received the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for attaining female student representation in AP Computer Science Principles (CSP) for 2019.

Out of 20,000 institutions that offer AP courses, TMLA is one of only 639 schools nationwide and the only school in the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese to be recognized for achieving this important result in AP CSP.

In writing to Mrs. Ann O’Hagan-Cordes, Principal, the College Board officials noted: “This honor acknowledges the outstanding work and programs that The Mary Louis Academy offers to engage more female students in computer science. Through your leadership in diversifying computer science education, you’re preparing your female students for the high-paying, in-demand jobs of the future and giving them the opportunity to help solve some of society’s most challenging problems.”
A Few Things…

After a few weeks of editorializing about City politics and the sorry state of our great metropolis, I figured this week I’d give some thoughts on the national political stage.

Refilling The Swamp

Haven’t written yet about our former Mayor Michael Bloomberg announcing he would run for President because I was actually a fan of Mayor Bloomberg when he led our City. I didn’t agree with many of his pet projects, like outlawing super sized sodas and cutting trans fats from restaurant menus as they smacked of a nanny state, and the government sticking its nose into places it doesn’t belong, but he was tough on crime and actually knew how to make New York more business friendly, unlike his successor. Now he wants to be President, and it seems to me he will say just about anything to make his dream a reality. He was once a Democrat, then switched to Republican to be elected Mayor, and is now back to being a Democrat to run for President. The man has no shame, will do anything to become the next billionaire from New York President. Most infuriatingly, he has flipped on his stance about the effectiveness of Stop, Question and Frisk, and has gone an apology tour with Reverend Al Sharpton and buddies in tow.

To top it all off he is now flirting with the idea of bringing Hilary Clinton on as his running mate. Really Mike, in my opinion that will be political suicide (and maybe even your own suicide). Bottom line is Bloomberg will say anything and spend whatever he has to to get elected. He is exactly the kind of swamp rat that has festered in the Washington bog for years. If he would stop trying to appease everyone and run on just his record and piles of money alone, he might have a good chance at making his dream a reality.

Watch Out Meeks

Our U.S Congressman Gregory Meeks may get AOC’d this coming year as the Progressive wing of the Democratic Party are taking full aim at him this primary season. That’s right Mr. Meeks now has a primary challenger in Marine Corps veteran Shaniyat Chowdhury a former staffer and campaign worker of Northern Queens Congressperson Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who famously beat out Queens Democratic Party Leader Joe Crowley in 2018. Mr. Chowdhury, a son of Bangladesh immigrants, is the perfect American success story to possibly unseat Mr. Meeks from his position in Congress that he has held for 22 years. After what happened to Joe Crowley in 2018, don’t expect Meeks to take this challenge lightly.

Not for nothing, we are in some trying political times. If you are like me and are already sick of political ads, it is only going to get much, much worse in the coming months. The New York State Presidential Primary will take place on April 28th 2020, and the Congress and State Legislature Primaries will take place on June 23rd 2020.
Hope you enjoyed your break-and ready to return to “Knowledge is Power” :-)

Tomorrow Feb. 22nd is one of the reasons you had your break-it is George Washington’s Birthday and Feb. 12th was Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday another reason for the break. All our former Presidents and the present one are honored at this time.

On Feb. 26th, this coming week, Wednesday is Ash Wednesday-the first day of Lent. I’m sure you will all be getting your ashes at St. Thomas More at 3:00 p.m. or call the rectory for the time 718-634-6357. Easter is early again this year. It is on April 12th. It will be here before we know it!!

You are all familiar with the Daily News. Well, back in 1919 it arrived on the local newsstands one hundred years ago. “A sixteen page newspaper filled with photographs, cartoons, and very brief stories”, and only 2 cents a copy. Today’s Daily News now has over 60 pages but costs $2.00. Quite a copy. Today’s Daily News now has a very brief outline of their educational received, volunteer service activities, either scholarship must also include either scholarship must meet all the requirements listed above, as well as being involved in an organized sport or sports. All those who wish to apply for either scholarship must also include a brief biography listing honors received, volunteer service activities, clubs, extracurricular activities, etc.; a brief outline of their educational achievements to help propel them to their dreams away with one of these scholarships.

College students looking to apply for the Academic Scholarship must have demonstrated a grade point average of 85 and over, have good conduct and demonstrate the dedication to pursue and complete a higher education degree, are active in community service and extracurricular activities, and can demonstrate financial need.

Applicants for the Athletic Scholarship must meet all the requirements listed above, as well as being involved in an organized sport or sports. All those who wish to apply for either scholarship must also include a brief biography listing honors received, volunteer service activities, clubs, extracurricular activities, etc.; a brief outline of their educational achievements to help propel them to their dreams away with one of these scholarships.

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Hope everyone had a great President’s Day weekend and enjoyed the extra day off. This writer and his family were able to spend the weekend with great friends and the good folks of the NYPD Emerald Society at their annual winter weekend in the Catskills’ Villa Roma Resort. Thank you to the Emerald Society and the officers for an outstanding weekend! Calling all blood donors! Please come out this Saturday, February 22nd for the Breezy Point Community Blood Drive to be held in the Colony Theater from 8am to 2pm. All the blood donated at this drive will be sent to local blood banks, so you never know, the pint you give may save your life, or that of a loved one. Please if you have not donated blood in a while come out and give a pint at this drive.

This Sunday the 2020 season of the Point Breeze Fire Department Booster Club will kick off with the first $100 Club Drawing of the 2020 year. With the changeover in stewardship of the PBFD $100 Club from Joe Drennan to Mike Schramm there was slight hiccup with the sending out of renewal letters for the Club membership. If you didn’t receive your renewal letter in the mail, you can fill out the form on page 14 and either mail it in along with your tax deductible $100 donation to 1 Fireman’s Plaza, Breezy Point NY 11697 or drop them off in the Firehouse mailbox. Just a reminder to everyone that they should start stocking up on reusable shopping bags as the New York State Plastic Bag Ban takes effect on March 1, 2020. Most grocery and retail stores will only offer paper bags at 5 cents per bag come March 1st, but please note that stores will not be required to have paper bags on hand for purchases, so please plan accordingly.

This coming Wednesday will see the start of the Lenten Season as it is Ash Wednesday. Here in Blessed Trinity Parish there will be many opportunities to get ashes; check out the schedule of ash distribution on page 20. Have you decided upon your Lenten sacrifice yet? Many folks give up, soda, or bread, or alcohol or they just make a concerted effort to be nicer to everyone each day. Whatever sacrifice you choose, good luck sticking to it and remember it is only for forty days.

Speaking of Blessed Trinity, do you have your tickets to the Bugalou Concert featuring “The THE BAND band” yet? Thanks to Keith “Bugsy” Goldberg the first show of this year’s concert series at Saint Camillus’ Springman Hall on Friday, February 28th will also be a Blessed Trinity CYO fundraiser. Tickets can be purchased by emailing Tony Burti at aburti@btcyo.com or Terry at terry@btcyo.com. In addition to the The THE BAND Band the group Real Young and Crazy Horse will be playing as well. Sounds like this will be a great night to hear some good music and support our CYO. Get your tickets asap.

Keith “Bugsy” Goldberg has two other great shows coming up this Bugalou concert season with Desert Highway an Eagles cover band, and Finnegan Blue a Grateful Dead and Irish cover band along with some local favorites opening up for each of them. Tickets to these shows are also $50 and can be purchased on the website www.bugaloumusic.com or if you’re interested in a bargain, and getting a season pass for all three shows for $100 contact Keith “Bugsy” Goldberg at bugaloumusic@gmail.com.

Don’t forget the Army Corps of Engineers will be holding a special meeting in Beach Channel High School on Thursday, February 27th from 5 to 8pm, regarding the New York, New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Study. The presentation will run from 5:30 to 6pm, then there will be a question and discussion period followed by a presentation recap from 7pm to 7:15pm and then another question and discussion period. See you there!

Our sincere condolences go out to the Madden families on the passing of their matriarch Mary this past week. Mary was no doubt greeted at the gates of Heaven by her loving husband Harold. Mary will be sorely missed by her family and many friends here in the Point. May she rest in peace.

What’s the story? Have a news worthy item your neighbors might want to know about? A birth? An engagement? A marriage? Somebody win an award or were honored for their actions? Maybe you have a picture for the Week that Was? Send it into the Pointer for consideration to be printed, email us at editor@rpnewsonline.com

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We Are What We Eat

Hope everyone enjoyed the long holiday weekend and Valentine’s Day.

Remember the saying, “an apple a day keeps the doctor away”? Do you know why it can keep the doctor away? The fiber in the apple, as well as in other fruits and vegetables are crucial for good health - and this is a great time of the year to go apple picking. If possible, visit the local farmers who grow organic or minimally treated apples. Aside from eating the apples right off the tree, there are so many wonderful recipes for making apple pies, applesauce, muffins and other healthy treats and meals with this wonderful fruit.

The importance of eating foods with fiber is that even though the fiber is not digested, it is vital for good health. Fiber is able to pull undigested fibers, gathers up the tines to keep things moving along. Dietary fiber is exclusively found in plant-based foods. The fiber which gives the rigidity to the cell wall of the plants, comes in thousands of different variations. Even though we digest very little or no fiber, it does help to dilute the calorie density of our diets, which creates a sense of fullness and helps to shut down appetite, among other things. By doing this, it helps to satisfy our hunger and minimizes the overconsumption of unnecessary calories. Another good thing about fiber is that it is a good indicator of how much iron is in our blood, hemoglobin, which actually increases with greater intakes of dietary fiber. There is no dietary fiber in meat, fish, and dairy.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared processed meats “carcinogenic to humans”. Processed meats, deli meats, and bacon. It would be a good idea to steer clear of these foods to help limit the risk of colorectal cancer. The foods we eat may play a decisive role in preventing cancer. The foods we eat may play a decisive role in preventing cancer. How can you spell relief? A whole food plant-based diet may help reduce the chances of us ever developing the nasty diseases that our society is afflicted with and/or halt and reverse the diseases are already there. For people who have been diagnosed with cancer, these foods can improve survival.

Before you do your grocery shopping, I would encourage you not to do it on an empty stomach. Grab some fruit and eat it before you walk in the store or place your order online. Not only will you spend less money, you will stick to your list and buy healthier foods. Constipation, reflux disease, colon cancer - millions of people suffer from these and other nagging digestive disorders and other debilitating diseases because of the processed foods and large amount of animal protein and dairy consumption. Sulfur in meats and dairy can cause bad breath. Dairy products increase stomach acid and delay ulcer healing. How can you spell relief? Not from a pill or surgery. A whole food plant-based diet will help you to say good-bye to belly and bowel problems - and you’ll feel better than ever.

Why not try it for at least a week? In just a week’s time, you will start feeling better. Just remember to let your health care provider know that you’ll be doing it - if you’re on any medications, you may be over medicating yourself because whole plant-based foods have the ability to help heal our bodies very quickly.

Yours in health, Sheila

Begalou Concert

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BT CYO receives $25 for every ticket purchase made this way.

“THE BAND Band” is highly acclaimed up and down the East Coast for their great presentation of the music of The Band. “Real Young and Lazy Horse” have quickly made a name in the Rockaways for their renditions of classic songs of Neil Young and Crazy Horse. You must order your tickets by February 27th for BT CYO to receive the 50% contribution. Order your tickets today!

Addabbo Scholarships

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goals; a brief outline of their financial need; a brief essay (500 words) on a current public issue of interest; and a school transcript indicating their GPA (incoming freshman must provide a high school transcript and college acceptance letter).

The submission deadline for both scholarships is March 16, 2020. This is the last date for students to submit their application to Addabbo’s office. Scholarship winners will be determined in April and are required to attend the award ceremony held in Albany on May 18, 2020.

If you should have any questions or would like to receive a scholarship application, please contact Anthony Giudice in Addabbo’s Howard Beach office at 718-738-1111 or via email at giudice@nysenate.gov.
Seventy-five years ago, this Sunday on February 23, 1945, the US flag was raised atop of Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima during WWII.

This historic moment was captured by war correspondent Joe Rosenthal and became perhaps the most iconic photograph of the twentieth century. What many people do not know is that the photograph portrays the second raising of a US flag at that spot on that same day.

Four days earlier three divisions of U.S. Marines attacked the volcanic island of Iwo Jima which was just 575 miles from mainland Japan. They attacked a well-fortified island that they had never heard of, but one that they soon would never forget. The battle of Iwo Jima would be one of the bloodiest of the war in the Pacific and it would be recorded in Marine Corps history as one of the costliest.

Although the flag was raised, the battle was far from over, it was only in its initial stage. Earlier that morning a patrol had been dispatched to secure and occupy the crest of Mount Suribachi, the highest point of the island. They were instructed to raise the American flag as a signal that the crest had been secured. As the flag went up, Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal had just landed on the beach and was so taken with the fervor of the moment that he decided he wanted the Second Battalion’s flag flying on Mt. Suribachi as a souvenir. The news of this wish did not sit well with the Battalion Commander Chandler Johnson, who simply replied “To hell with that” when informed.

Colonel Johnson believed that the flag belonged to his Marines who had captured that section of the island. So he sent his assistant operations officer to obtain a flag, which he then had sent up to be the replacement flag. It was the raising of this second flag that Joe Rosenthal captured in his now famous photograph.

The Battle for Iwo Jima would go on for 32 more days and account for 6,812 killed, 19,217 wounded and two missing in action. Of the 22,060 Japanese on the island, all were killed except for the 216 taken prisoner most of whom were captured only because they had been knocked unconscious by artillery.

The Marines fought in World War II for forty-three months, yet the one month of fighting on Iwo Jima accounted for one-third of their total killed in action for the entire war. It was the only major battle in the Pacific War in which Marines suffered higher causalities than they inflicted on the Japanese defenders. Almost one hundred thousand men would fight on a tiny island just eight square miles. It would take the Marines 36 days of savage fighting to secure those eight

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miles, Iwo Jima would be the most densely populated battlefield of the war with the combatants embraced in a battle of survival over an area smaller than one third the size of Manhattan island.

The Japanese were using Iwo Jima as a base for fighter planes to attack American B-29 bombers on their bombing missions over Japan and it also provided Tokyo with a two-hour early warning about incoming bombing attacks. It was hoped that with the capture of this Japanese stronghold, these problems would be eliminated and that the island could be used as a safe landing place for disabled and damaged aircraft returning from the bombing runs over Japan.

As a matter of fact, some B-29’s actually landed, refueled and were serviced while the battle was still raging. The battle of Iwo Jima continued until March 26 with the Marines securing three airfields as well as the entire island although some enemy were still hiding in caves. With the capture of Iwo Jima, the U.S. now had a base that provided a landing and refueling site for American bombers on missions to and from Japan.

The twenty-three-year-old Marine Captain who coordinated the tank and infantry attack that led to the capture of Motoyama Airfield #2 was the late Joe Egan, a member of our Post and longtime resident of Roxbury. He would be awarded the Silver Star for his heroism that day.

During the remaining five months of the war, there were over two thousand B-29 landings, more than eleven hundred fighter escort and three thousand strike sorties flown from Iwo Jima against Japan. On April 1st, Easter Sunday, all the surviving men of the 4th, 5th & 6th Marine Divisions passed through the cemetery to pay their respects to their fallen comrades. It had taken twenty-two crowded transports to bring the 5th Division to the island. The survivors fit comfortably onto eight departing ships. Both flags are now on display in the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia.

We extend our condolences to the family of Rod Court who passed away last week. Rod was a U.S. Navy veteran, a fine gentleman & a good neighbor. May he Rest in Peace.
Vegetable gardening requires a commitment of time and effort, but growing your own fresh vegetables doesn’t have to take over your life. If you start with a few easy to grow vegetables that don’t require daily care, you will be eating fresh all summer. You don’t even need a full garden: Most of these vegetables can be grown in containers and kept at a hand’s reach. No excuses—you can be a vegetable gardener, no matter your climate.

Beans are one of the most prolific vegetables you can have in your garden. Pole beans, in particular, keep going from mid-summer until frost. All you need is a packet of seeds and something to plant them. If you leave them on the plant, they will still get some leaves during its seed-setting year, but they’ll be more spiky than full and less numerous. Bay seed tomatoes need a long season of hot weather to set more pods. If you provide some shade. The cook greens—kale, collards, and arugula can be grown throughout the summer, especially in containers, if you provide some shade. The cooking greens—kale, collards, and the like—just keep chugging along. Harvest the outer leaves, and the plants will fill right back in. Like fresh eating greens, all they require is regular water and occasional fertilizer.

Garlic bulbs. It doesn’t get much easier than this. Dig a hole. Plop in a garlic clove (regular-sized or elephant). Cover. Come back next summer. Dig. Enjoy. OK, you do need to make sure your garlic gets watered and a little food, but seriously—that’s it. Animals don’t bother it. You don’t have to stake or prune. You can even save a few bulbs from your harvest to plant again in the fall so that you don’t even have to order more. Cutting off the garlic scapes to encourage bulb growth also gives you the bonus of a flavorful stalk to add to your cooking, used like a green onion.

Leafy Greens (Cooking and Salad). Members of this group of vegetables are a bit ragtag. They aren’t all green. Some are eaten fresh, others cooked, and some can be used either way. Some, like beet greens, do double duty. All of this versatility — and the only real care they need is regular water. Salad greens such as lettuce, arugula, and spinach can all be grown in the garden or in containers. Harvesting just a few leaves from each plant, known as the “cut and come again” method, will extend your harvest for several weeks. (You’ll get a much longer season if you succession plant.) Some salad greens will bolt in hot weather, but lettuce, and arugula can be grown throughout the summer, especially in containers, if you provide some shade. The cooking greens—kale, collards, and the like—just keep chugging along. Harvest the outer leaves, and the plants will fill right back in. Like fresh eating greens, all they require is regular water and occasional fertilizer.

Hot Peppers. Tiny hot peppers are much easier to grow than their larger sweet cousins. Each plant will set a sizable harvest. You can harvest at any stage, from green to screaming orange, so even if you forget to harvest for a month or so, your peppers will only get better (and hotter). In fact, a top recommendation for growing hot peppers is to neglect them. Be stingy with the water but generous with the heat and sunshine. This is another vegetable that is rarely bothered by pests or diseases. Hot peppers do well in containers, although they can get heavy when they are loaded with fruits and may need staking.

Herbs. Many herb plants are ridiculously easy to grow, and the more you snip and eat them, the fuller they grow. Plus, the oils that give them their flavor and aroma are more concentrated if you go easy on the water. Who can’t do that, right? Herbs do well in containers but can be tricky to grow indoors because they need a lot of sunshine and a container large enough for their roots to spread out. (And mint will spread like crazy, so you want to keep that in a container anyway.) You may have better luck indoors with perennial herbs, such as rosemary, thyme, oregano, and sage. Tender basil, dill, and cilantro are easy to start from seed or seedlings but will require more water than hardy perennials. Chives will be fine indoors or out. You can grow parsley as an annual in a pot or in its own garden patch and let it reseed itself, as it’s a biennial. You will still get some leaves during its seed-setting year, but they’ll be more spiky than full and less numerous. Bay is most often grown in a container, started from seedlings rather than seed, as it’s a slow-growing tree.
**PSEG Long Island Celebrates Engineers Week**

PSEG Long Island is proud to celebrate dozens of its engineer employees for Engineers Week (Feb. 16 - 22, 2020).

PSEG Long Island employs more than 140 people with an engineering job title or role, including Field Engineers, Civil Engineers, Mechanical Engineers, Electrical Engineers, Project Engineers, Power Engineers, Resource Planning Engineers, Environmental Engineers, Industrial and Systems Engineers, Substation Engineers, Resource Planners, Lead Designers and more.

“The diversity in job titles and the vast and varied roles engineers play at PSEG Long Island is a source of great pride,” said Daniel Eichhorn, president and COO of PSEG Long Island, who also holds an electrical engineering degree and is a Licensed Professional Engineer (PE). “Our engineers design and maintain the electric infrastructure and ensure our customers have safe, reliable power today and also in the future.”

PSEG Long Island employees are highly skilled. More than two dozen are Licensed Professional Engineers (PE), which is the engineering profession’s highest standard of competence as deemed by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE). In New York State, a PE requires a combination of education, several years of work experience and the successful completion of two day-long exams.

Throughout the week of Feb. 16, across PSEG Long Island, engineers’ achievements and contributions will be celebrated for Engineers Week. EWeek, as it is called, is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers. The week also celebrates how engineers make a difference in our world.

Community service is important to PSEG Long Island employees, and the engineers are no exception. Engineers played a big role in the 30,000 community service hours PSEG Long Island employees completed last year. Weekends in February and March, groups of engineers and other employees are judging and refereeing robotics competitions. Throughout the year individuals participate in mentoring in local schools assisting girls and boys with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum and also serve as mentors for engineering students at local colleges. PSEG Long Island engineers also participate in community partnership events, including beach and grounds beautifications, food packing activities for Island Harvest Food Bank, and more.

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**Addabbo Delivers Valentine’s Made By Students To Veterans**

On Tuesday, February 18, State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo Jr. visited the veterans at the St. Albans VA Veterans’ Hospital to deliver Valentine’s Day cards created by students at P.S. 63 and P.S. 88 in Addabbo’s district to show their love for our veterans and to thank them for their service.

In the photo, the students from P.S. 88 show the cards that they made with Principal Linda O’Shaunessy and teacher/organizer Audrey Glass.

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Democratic District Leader Lew M. Simon has announced the Jeanette M. Garramone, Executive Vice President of the Good Government Regular Democratic Club, will be a candidate to succeed the late Dr. Geraldine Chapey. Jeanette has lived in the 23 A.D. for 14 years and is a resident of Rockaway Park. She is married to her wonderful husband Sam. They have two beautiful children, Kyler and Cadence.

Jeanette has been an advocate for children, seniors and parents. After Hurricane Sandy she became super involved in going to every community meeting regarding resiliency and recovery. Although she had major damage to her own home she worked to help the community to recover.

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FBI Surveillance photo? No, sadly there was no non-descript white van snapping pictures outside of the Bada-Bing. It was Track Suit Saturday at the NYPD Emerald Society Winter Weekend last Saturday, February 15th 2020. Over two dozen Pointers and friends had a ball at the Villa Roma Resort and may have started a new trend at the decades old NYPD ski trip.
Saturday, February 22nd – 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Colony Theater – OUR COMMUNITY HOSPITALS NEED YOUR HELP! Eligibility Criteria: Bring ID with signature or photo and your donor card for faster registration – minimum weight 110 lbs. – age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental permission – consent form must be signed by a parent or guardian. Age 76 and over need doctor’s note) – eat well and drink fluids – no tattoos for past 12 months – for more information or questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

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Letters To The Editor

More Mackerel TDS (Trump Derangement Syndrome)

Dear Editor,

There goes Ms. Mettler again, complaining about our unchecked President who is above the law. The Constitution worked just as it was designed to. A one party vote (less 2 members) in the House of Representatives impeached the President on flimsy grounds. A vote of 52-48 (67 votes to impeach were needed to convict) with one Republican voting to convict on one charge, acquitted the President of the charges. That is how it works. Ms. Mettler is understandably upset, but the Constitutional rule of law was followed. From the failure of Crossfire Hurricane, the Mueller investigation, the Avenati farce, the prosecutions of Flynn, Cohn and Manafort etc., the Democrats have attempted to nullify the 2016 election, to no avail. The House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, publicly stated, from the beginning of the impeachment talk, that impeachment could not succeed without bi-partisan support. The bi-partisan support never developed, and yet Speaker Pelosi went on with the charade, knowing in advance that it must fail. She likely did this to protect her leadership position with the increasingly progressive House Democratic caucus. Speaker Pelosi put her own interests ahead of the good of her party and her country and continued with the most divisive political action possible, knowing in advance that it would not result in removing Trump from office. In doing so, she probably killed Joe Biden’s candidacy, which the Democratic establishment sorely regrets. Instead of having a centrist candidate to rally around, her party now has a mess of hard to elect progressives fighting among themselves.

Regarding Ambassador Yovanovitch, she was working against the President’s policies. She is not entitled to do so, and when she decided not to support the President’s policies the honorable thing to do was to resign in protest. Rather than do the honorable thing, she stayed in office and worked against the President. The President, as the elected Chief Executive, has the full Constitutional authority to determine foreign policy. He dismissed her, which he probably should have done as soon as he took office, as his predecessor did with Bush appointees. Regarding Trump allegedly telling Lev Parnas to “take her out”, what does that even mean? Trump could legally fire her as ambassador whenever he chose to. Regarding the Vindman brothers, Trump, as a political novice, kept Obama appointees on the White House staff, which was a big mistake. Obama replaced every Bush appointee when he took office. The Vindmans are US Army officers and will keep their rank, pay grade and benefits after re-assignment. The President rightly fired them as White House staff. He needs people working for him, not against him.

Ms. Mettler’s real argument is - because... Trump, or orange man bad.

Sincerely,
Bob Israel
For New York sports fans admittedly the winter passed rather quickly with the re-invention of the extremely watchable Rangers. Surely the predictable Knicks were deplorable; the Mets demonstrating no route to the championship. But, those Rangers have proved they can come back and win against any opponent. With a bit more playing time together, the team can achieve playoff caliber. With hockey percolating, it’s time for baseball: pitchers and catchers, our 162 game journey looming. The Yanks are always contenders with great hitters at every position and this year’s acquisition pitcher supreme, Gerrit Cole could bring them the prize. The Mets, with adequate athletes in the field only compete favorably with the team has once again put their Met starters.

If great pitching beats great hitting every time, Mets fans should be encouraged with the level to which they’ve improved their bullpen in light of the number of games blown by the 2019 bulls in the pen. Michael Wacha, Robert Gsellman, Chasen Shreve, Paul SwaIld, Tyler Bachelor, Dan Zamora, Stephen Nogosek, Matt Blackham and Chase Shreve are faces to get used to. The team has brought back starters; two time Cy Young winner Jacob de Gromm, second best Noah Syndergaard and question mark Marcus Stroman. The fourth starter could be Matz as he is expected to have matured enough to have his best year. On a positive note, Mets management has brought back Seth Lugo, Justin Wilson for middle or long relief. On a questionable note, the team has once again put their season in the hands of closers Jeuryys Familia and Edwin Diaz which last year proved to be a killer. It’s who they have added that gives fans hope; Dellin Betances if healthy can be a winning piece of the puzzle as can Brad Branch. Only time will tell.

Unlike many sportswriters who put little faith in pitching coaches re-making deliveries of pitchers who have lost their way, one must believe that specialty coaches are the keys to a team. If you believe that repetition and muscle memory are keys to steady positive performances then spring training provides the landscape for interaction and improvement. Let’s look at the proposed Mets starters in field positions and see where the team could improve:

First baseman Pete Alonso, home run king of 2019, could use a fielding tutor. And, who happens to have the best one available? It’s the Mets with their past number one first baseman, Keith Hernandez behind the mic. You almost wanted to send the two off on a vacation together that had nothing to do with baseball so that they could talk philosophy and positioning. Here’s hoping Pete’s batting duplicates 2019 and that in his fielding he doesn’t stray too far off the bag.

Catcher Wilson Ramos who batted in the high 200’s has been named the starting catcher despite having catching issues so extreme Syndergaard wanted none of him. In an effort to get lowerside of the crouch, Ramos has been kneeling on one knee. Ownership must know Ramos cannot be the answer behind the plate going forward.

Second base is Cano’s to lose. That is the promised land; not so now. Which Mets, the man who could take the team on his back and lead them to the promised land: not so now. Which Conforto will we see in 2020? Centerfield has 2 men vying for the position: the first, Brandon Nimmo and Jake Marisnick neither dangerous with the bat. In the days of Mantle, Mays and Snyder neither would be a starter. Marisnick has the team could improve:

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- Adding a center fielder to help Marisnick.

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Well, we’re past the Impeachment, the Acquittal, the debacle in Iowa and the ‘State of The Union’ Address; and the electioneering is underway! None of it was pretty or (in my humble opinion) enhanced America’s image in the view of the rest of the world, but then, probably no one would be so naïve as to say that anything we’ve done at ALL lately has endeared us to the world at large. One thing that was front and center during the POTUS’s State of the Union Address was that the economy is BOOMING! (Really?, is the Economy Really Booming? Let’s consider that question carefully!)

Until Cheney duped Bush into taking us into the Afghanistan War and all the ensuing wars, I always felt that the only realistic and logical political party and policy to follow was the Republican Party. (And this political party and policy to follow felt that the only realistic and logical taking us into the Afghanistan War was ‘On-The-Way’ by itself!)

To think I would do a little investigating of the facts in regard to our POTUS’s performance regarding his forte so far, i.e., the economy.

The FACTS, Ma’am are as follows:

1. Donald Trump is the beneficiary of a strong economy, no question - BUT
2. He is also the beneficiary of the strongest economic ‘TAILWIND’ since 1900!
3. The economy isn’t as strong as it looks and ‘Mr. Trump’ has had little to do with it’s continued expansion. It was ‘On-The-Way’ by itself!

4. The expansion is merely a continuation of the Obama rate of expansion, almost EXACTLY the same rate.
5. YES, in January, 225,000 jobs were added to the economy. BUT, in Mr. Trump’s 35 months as President, the economy added only an average of 191,000 jobs per month and the unemployment rate fell by an average of 1.2 percent (sounds pretty good, right?) but the FACTS, Ma’am are that:
6. During the last 35 months of the Obama Presidency, new jobs averaged 227,000 per month and the unemployment rate dropped by 2 points!
7. As for overall economic growth, it was essentially the same during the past year as it was during the Obama Administration.
8. In regard to year-to-year real growth (i.e., GDP), the Trump average was 2.5 for 20 months and is now 2.3, while the GDP growth rate during Obama’s years was 2.4 (Where’s the 4, 5 or 6 we have heard bruited about??)
9. Unemployment is, indeed, low, BUT, wages, adjusted for inflation (NB that I refer to the ‘Common Man’ or the average citizen, NOT the 1%!, have barely grown. (Again, that roughly 3% annual growth rate may sound reassuring, BUT, on average, after adjusting for inflation, real wages have risen at a rate of just 0.8% under Mr. Trump as compared with the rate of 1.3% under Mr. Obama.
10. Probably the third most important part of the POTUS’s promise to America (i.e. after the economy and the “Wall”), was that he would reverse the steady decline in industrial production’s share of our economy. And he has claimed that his actions regarding trade agreements have done just that. Well, the FACTS, Ma’am, are that the trade wars have contributed to a LOSS in manufacturing jobs in key states such as Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Indiana and New York; and job growth has fallen in Ohio, Michigan and Minnesota.

Income Inequality not only remains at historic high levels, but is INCREASING at a steady rate. Yes, it is true that income at the very bottom has increased due to attention to Minimum Wage Laws, BUT the disparity between the MIDDLE, the ‘Common Man’ (as I call him, and I daresay that most of us shareholders and my acquaintances fit into the MIDDLE, albeit the upper MIDDLE, but the MIDDLE nevertheless) and the “one-percenters” and substantial “Stockholders”, that disparity continues to rise.

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JAMES LIM BECKER Chief Clerk
TO: Mary Lynn Occhiogrosso if you are domiciled at 11701 89th Street, Jamaica NY 11433
TO: Sherene Williamson and if she is domiciled at 11414 66th Road, Apt. 3A, Forest Hills, NY 11375
TO: The heirs at law, next of kin, and if any of them be dead, to their distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence
Queens County Public Administrator
Sherene Williamson
A petition having been duly filed by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., who is domiciled at 3476 Stateview Blvd., Fort Mill, SC 29715
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County at 88-11 Stuphin Blvd., Court Room 62, Jamaica, New York on March 26, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the foreclosed mortgage held or claimed by you, the evidence upon which the Surrogate may act under the Law, in cause number 10162-2020, in the City of New York at CRFN 2011010000243 in the amount of $333,805.00 on the decedent's real property located at 114-42 Dillion Street, Jamaica, NY 11433.
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YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County at 88-11 Stuphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York on February 27, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock in the Forenoon in the action number 105-05 66th Road, Apt. 3A, Forest Hills, NY 11375
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Schumer: White House Is Barking Up the Wrong Tree with Bad Plan To Axe Dog-Sniffing Team

With the White House prepared to swing the axe and totally eliminate a critical and effective New York City counterterrorism tool, dog-snoifng bomb detection teams, which are used across transit hubs like Penn Station, airports, and other public places like Penn, airports, ferries, ports and special events, but they welcome the presence. Schumer is revealing, and special events, but they welcome the presence. Schumer is revealing, and special events, but they welcome the presence. Schumer is revealing, and special events, but they welcome the presence. Schumer is revealing, and special events, but they welcome the presence. Schumer is revealing, and special events, but they welcome the presence. Schumer is revealing, and special events, but they welcome the presence. Schumer is revealing, and special events, But terror threats are of national concern, and New York, other big cities and the nation of critical DHS and TSA gear up for a worthy fight. The budget proposal locals would end up footing the bill if they wanted to sustain their presence. Schumer said this kind of justifi cation simply means putting the burden on the citizens and lacks suffi cient demonstrable benefi ts to justify its continuation.

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Wrap-up

Relief pitching-wise, 2020 is slightly better than 2019 in that the bullpen is genuinely improved. Starters may have taken a hit with the Philly’s signing of Wheeler. How and who our starters fare remains to be seen. The bulls are roaring but the closers have to prove themselves or we are in for a long season.

Had the Mets signed one or two more tooled outf ieldders the team could conceivably go all the way. With a 2.40+CF collective and a LF on crashes the last 2 years fans and opposition have been line-up batting batters immediately.

A Met’s Prayer: May the team find a moneyed owner while we still have the core of a winning team. Amen.

Holy Mackerel!

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by how much? I doubt it!

Sure hasn’t been a bad winter so far! No reason not to take that walk down to or over or through the dunes to our Beaches to clear your mind while you’re trying to calculate whether YOU, SPECIFI - CALL IT THE FACTS M’AM, the public are in for that cut. And remember, Politicians are like diapers, they should be changed frequently, and for the same reason! Let’s look seriously at term limits for ALL political positions! (As regards those who asked me not to dabble in politics, remember we’ve witnessed especially over the past year and the past three months, it’s a time you’ll speak. You’ll just have to bear with me and you’ll have to agree, these aren’t my own humble political opinions, they’re the JUST THE FACTS, but they’re rendered in the framework of YOUR political leanings M’AM)”

Someone Asked Me

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We are deeply saddened by the death of Dr. Geraldine M. Chapey. I have personally known her since 1976 when she ran for the New York State Assembly.

Geraldine had a PhD in psychology. She was a tenured full professor at Kingsboro Community College for four decades. She also taught in elementary school early in her career. She was highly respected by the Diocese. In 1987 Geraldine was appointed Democratic District Leader after the resignation of Gerdie Lipshutz.

Geraldine was the founder and leader of Trinity Services. They provided free lunches for Seniors at Golden Age clubs.

Geraldine is survived by her husband, Eugene Pasternack, who is a gentleman and scholar. She was extremely close to her mother, Geraldine D. Chapey, who served as a State Regent. I always admired their relationship as I was very close to my own mother. I was very shocked when I received the call on Tuesday of her passing. My deepest condolences to Eugene and to all her friends and family. Now she is a special angel in God’s Kingdom.

The election schedule has changed this year. Primaries for state offices including Assembly, State Senate, Congress, District Leader and State Committee will be held in June, not September. The first day to obtain petitions to put candidates on the ballot is Tuesday, February 25. Our candidate for Democratic District Leader is Jeanette M. Garramone. Make sure you see my name on the petition when you sign.

I am extremely excited to announce that Jeanette M. Garramone, Executive Vice President of the Good Government Regular Democratic Club, is our candidate for District Leader. Jeanette has lived in the 23rd A.D. for 14 years and is a resident of Rockaway Park. She is married to her wonderful husband Sam. They have two beautiful children Kyler and Cadence.

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We need your signatures to get on the ballot. If you don’t see our petition, call us at (718) 945-1216 and we will come to you.

Schumer Dogs
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tems help ensure national security and allow, for example at airports, TSA agents to more effectively and efficiently screen individuals for explosives. These dogs often play a necessary and critical redundancy to other security measures that screen individuals for explosives or explosive residue.

Schumer also said he has fought this sort of effort before, but never a total and complete cut. One of the president’s previous budget proposals grossly slashed VIPR canine teams by $43 million or 23 total teams. Schumer led a bipartisan effort via a spending bill to restore those cuts and secured around $39 million to the VIPR initiative, sustaining 31 teams, which is the current cost and count nationally.

Canine teams include a highly trained detection dog and a handler. Visible Intermodal Prevent and Response (VIPR) teams augment the security of any mode of transportation at any location within the United States. VIPR teams may approach people and ask questions, examine bags, search vehicles, conduct searches, and patrol the airport to detect suspicious activity. According to the TSA, the agency allocates canine teams to specific cities and airports utilizing risk-based criteria that take into account multiple factors, including threat score, number of people with secure access, and passenger throughput.

Schumer has always supported the TSA’s use of canine screening teams, and in the past, the TSA has increased the number of highly trained Passenger Screening Canine Teams at New York City airports at Schumer’s request. Canine teams have been useful here, as well. For instance, Schumer pointed to an incident in February 2017 when eleven people walked through an unattended TSA checkpoint at JFK Airport. According to reports, eight of the passengers were screened by a canine prior to boarding. Schumer explained that because these teams are often deployed in real time, their usefulness is critical to law enforcement.

“We only have 31 VIPR teams across the country, and New York is often one of the destinations. To outright do away with these dogs-sniffing bomb detection teams could be a giant mistake and put an even bigger target on New York,” he added.

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From The Leader’s Desk
by Lew M. Simon
Democratic District Leader
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The election schedule has changed this year. Primaries for state offices including Assembly, State Senate, Congress, District Leader and State Committee will be held in June, not September. The first day to obtain petitions to put candidates on the ballot is Tuesday, February 25. Our candidate for Democratic District Leader is Jeanette M. Garramone. Make sure you see my name on the petition when you sign.

I am extremely excited to announce that Jeanette M. Garramone, Executive Vice President of the Good Government Regular Democratic Club, is our candidate for District Leader. Jeanette has lived in the 23rd A.D. for 14 years and is a resident of Rockaway Park. She is married to her wonderful husband Sam. They have two beautiful children Kyler and Cadence.

Jeanette has been an advocate for children, seniors and parents. After Hurricane Sandy she became super involved in going to every community meeting regarding resiliency and rebuilding. She attended Parks Committee meetings on weekends. Although she had major damage to her own home, she worked to help her community to recover. Jeanette was a leader in the successful battle to stop the opening of a homeless shelter on Beach 98 Street. She is a true advocate who will help all those who need her assistance. She has been employed as a Manager for Avon Products. She is endorsed by Rep. Gregory Meeks, Senator Joe Addabbo and Assemblywoman Stacy Pheffer Amato. We will appear on the same petition.

We need your signatures to get on the ballot. If you don’t see our petition, call us at (718) 945-1216 and we will come to you.

Schumer Dogs
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teams help ensure national security and allow, for example at airports, TSA agents to more effectively and efficiently screen individuals for explosives. These dogs often play a necessary and critical redundancy to other security measures that screen individuals for explosives or explosive residue.

Schumer also said he has fought this sort of effort before, but never a total and complete cut. One of the president’s previous budget proposals grossly slashed VIPR canine teams by $43 million or 23 total teams. Schumer led a bipartisan effort via a spending bill to restore those cuts and secured around $39 million to the VIPR initiative, sustaining 31 teams, which is the current cost and count nationally.

Canine teams include a highly trained detection dog and a handler. Visible Intermodal Prevent and Response (VIPR) teams augment the security of any mode of transportation at any location within the United States. VIPR teams may approach people and ask questions, examine bags, search vehicles, conduct searches, and patrol the airport to detect suspicious activity. According to the TSA, the agency allocates canine teams to specific cities and airports utilizing risk-based criteria that take into account multiple factors, including threat score, number of people with secure access, and passenger throughput.

Schumer has always supported the TSA’s use of canine screening teams, and in the past, the TSA has increased the number of highly trained Passenger Screening Canine Teams at New York City airports at Schumer’s request. Canine teams have been useful here, as well. For instance, Schumer pointed to an incident in February 2017 when eleven people walked through an unattended TSA checkpoint at JFK Airport. According to reports, eight of the passengers were screened by a canine prior to boarding. Schumer explained that because these teams are often deployed in real time, their usefulness is critical to law enforcement.

“We only have 31 VIPR teams across the country, and New York is often one of the destinations. To outright do away with these dogs-sniffing bomb detection teams could be a giant mistake and put an even bigger target on New York,” he added.
The next meeting of the Blessed Trinity Altar Rosary Society will be Sunday, March 1st, in the Breezy Point Activity Center, after the 11:30 Mass at Saint Thomas More. Please come, bring a friend, and enjoy Irish coffee and cake with us.

BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK
Hebrews 11:6 – “And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.”

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 7:00-8:30 PM. “A Survey of Church History” - Part 1. A.D.100-600, by W. Robert Godfrey. Beginners through Scholars, All are welcome! This Wednesday, February 26, Lesson 7 of 12 “Constantine and the Church.”

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SERMON RE-CAP
Reverend Rob Sundholm’s sermon was titled, “Loving Others with Jesus’ Kind of Love.” His Bible text was: John 15:13–17: “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you do not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you do not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES
In an effort to support our Armed Forces we will be listing them for you to keep in your prayers. If you have someone in your family serving in our Armed Forces and wish to add their names to our list please send it to: C/O Schramm, 32 Point Breeze Avenue, Breezy Point, NY 11697.

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**Obituaries**

**Mary P. Madden**

March 16, 1931 – February 12, 2020

Mary P Madden, age 88, passed peacefully on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 surrounded by all eleven of her children at Good Shepard Hospice in Rockville Centre, NY. Mary was a longtime summer resident of Breezy Point.

Mary was born in Belle Harbor, Queens, NY. She graduated from Stella Marrs High School and was married to her beloved husband Harold F. Madden on January 17, 1953. Harold was a longtime Breezy Point Cooperative Board Member and it’s Chairman for many years.

Mary loved Breezy Point’s beaches, fishing and most of all, her Breezy Point friends and family. She was committed to community service and philanthropy over the years which reflected her character of compassion and selflessness.

Beloved wife of Harold F Madden-deceased, daughter of Evelyn and Walter Moran -both deceased. Sister of Andrew Moran (Susan). Mother to Brian H. Madden (Elizabeth), Maureen Madden, Kevin J Madden (Ellen), Walter Madden (Judy Fallon), Regina Madden (Mark Scasny), Evelyn Jordan (Richard), Virginia Madden, Mary Jeanne Miller (Matthew), Sharon Fennessey (James-deceased), Madonna McMaster (Michael) and Mara Sproul (Matthew). She had 17 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren.

Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to Fairchild Sons Funeral Home, of Garden City NY. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Saturday, February 15th at Church of Saint Joseph, Garden City NY.

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**St. Francis de Sales Bereavement Ministry**

The members of the St. Francis de Sales Bereavement Ministry invite anyone who has recently lost a loved one to join them for a Memorial Prayer Service on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Francis de Sales Church, Beach 129th St. Light refreshments will be served after in Monsignor Reddy Hall. Members of the Ministry will be available to talk if you have any questions.

The Bereavement Ministry will also be holding a six week program entitled “Working Our Way Through Grief – A Journey from Grief to Healing for People Coping with the Loss of a Loved One”. It will be held on Tuesdays, March 24 to April 28 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. For more information, please call Ann Murphy (917-592-0857) or Noreen Ryan (718-945-4235).

**Christ Community**

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If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father.

But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated Me without a cause.’”

Pastor Rob briefly explained the various words for “love” in the Greek language. The love Jesus always demonstrated was “agape” or selfless love. It is the highest form of love. It is the love of God towards mankind, of Christians towards God, as well as a love for family, friends, and strangers. The results of imitating or loving selflessly, like Jesus, results not in hardship, but, in joy!

Besides the blessings of joy, it’s also incredible that Jesus would also call us His friends! However, if you read through the text you will find that it is based on keeping Jesus’ commandment to love one another, even going so far as to be willing to lay down our life for another. Jesus tells His disciples, and by extension, you and I, that we did not choose Him, rather He chose us. This text speaks of the radicalness of true Christianity. We will be hated by the world because we are not of the world. People of the world don’t want to hear they are sinner’s, separated from God, in dire need of a Savior or Redeemer. They want to feel they are in control of their own destinations, when, nothing can be further from the truth!

**UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE**

February 23 – Mr. Arnold Olsen
March 1, Communion Sunday – Rev. Ed Adams
March 8 – Capt. John Rondon
March 15 – Capt. John Rondon
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Please send all submissions for the Community Calendar to: editor@rpnewsonline.com

FEBRUARY
22 Community Blood Drive at the Colony Theater 8AM to 2PM
25 Fat Tuesday
26 Ash Wednesday
28 Bugalou Concert Series featuring The THE BAND Band at Saint Camillus’ Springman Hall 7PM
29 Leap Day
29 AOH Division 21 Rockaway Beach/Breezy Point inaugural St. Patrick’s Day Party at Silver Gull 7PM

MARCH
02 American Legion Meeting at the Point Breeze Firehouse 7PM
05 VFW Meeting - Roxbury Fire House - 7:30PM
07 45th Annual Rockaway Saint Patrick’s Day Parade 1PM from Beach 130th Street and Newport Avenue
07 AOH Division 4 St. Patrick’s Day Dance at the Point Breeze Clubhouse 6PM
08 Daylight Saving Time Begins
15 The Ides of March
17 St. Patrick’s Day
17 259th Annual NYC St. Patrick’s Day Parade
22 27th Annual Bayridge St. Patrick’s Day Parade
23 Cooperative Gate Change over to new parking pass
29 BPC & Plaza Theatrical Production of The Wizard of Oz 4PM

APRIL
01 April Fools Day
02 VFW Meeting - Roxbury Fire House - 7:30PM
03 BPC Presents Meshuggah Nuns Dinner & a Show at the Colony Theater 6PM
04 BPC Annual Easter Egg Hunt 12 noon at the Colony Theater
05 Palm Sunday
06 American Legion Meeting at the Point Breeze Firehouse 7PM
08 Passover Begins
10 Good Friday
12 Easter Sunday
15 Tax Day
22 Earth Day
24 Bugalou Concert Series featuring Desert Highway at Saint Camillus’ Springman Hall 7PM

MAY
04 American Legion Meeting at the Point Breeze Firehouse 7PM
05 Cinco De Mayo
10 Mother’s Day
23 Mayor’s Committee Memorial Day Fundraiser for Veteran’s Causes
25 Memorial Day
25 Cooperative Deadline to remove boats from the property
29 BPC Doo-Wop Event featuring Jersey Jukebox and the DelAngels

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