

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2011

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray,  
your own sins will be forgiven.

— *Sirach 28:2*

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**Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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**St. Joseph School: 596-6115**

**Religious Education: 598-0519**

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

**Vigil Mass:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**HOLY DAYS:**

**Vigil Mass:** 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Day:** 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASS:**

**Monday through Friday:** 8:00 a.m.

**CONFESSION: Saturdays:** 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

**BAPTISM:** Fourth Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

**MARRIAGE:** An appointment with priest/deacon  
a minimum of six months in advance is required.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** In the event of a  
serious illness, please call the rectory.

*St. Joseph Parish is a community of believers who uphold the teachings of the Gospel and  
the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church,  
foster the formation and enrichment of parishioners in spirituality, worship and education,  
providing a welcoming environment to all.*

*We live Christian lives by praying together, caring for our diverse community, encouraging and  
sharing of ourselves in service to others.*



### From the Desk of Fr. Jim:

Today, September 11, we commemorate the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. We remember in our prayers all those who lost their lives on that day in New York, Arlington, Virginia, and the field near Shanks-

ville, Pennsylvania.

We also remember those families and friends that continue to deal with the aftermath of those days' events. And last but certainly not least we remember all those first responders, firefighters, police officers, medical personnel and those private citizens who valiantly helped those who were injured and in need.

In the Gospel reading today, Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

It is important to remember, however, that forgiving another does not mean absolving them of responsibility. To forgive someone is to acknowledge that they have done wrong and are in need of forgiveness. Mercy doesn't cancel out justice or the need for conversion, but it does open up a path of charity that encourages and promotes conversion and justice. For the Christian in the world, we live in mercy and we long for justice, but we entrust final justice always to God.

This may be a hard message to hear, but Jesus' words today are challenging us in a big way. When something that is dearest to us has been attacked, how will we respond? The Gospel challenges us to consider what a Christian response might be. My hope and prayer for each of us is that we develop a deeper understanding in our hearts, knowing that our response will have long-lasting implications on us as persons and as a society.

### Grief Support Group

Are you grieving: the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation? You do not have to carry this "emotional burden" alone, there is caring help available! A Parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on **Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center (PAC) and will run for nine weeks. Practical, emotional, spiritual and social support will be offered free of charge. (Note: There will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for further information, please call Olga, 594-4657 (rectory office), or Deacon Shane Cuda, 493-0541.

**Bundle Sunday** - Next Sunday St. Vincent de Paul will be here in the church parking lot. Please bring any usable items. Your donations will either be given to the needy or sold in their Thrift Store to support their charitable activities.

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Ed Beniof, Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://www.lavocations.org).



### From Deacon Don's Desk:

Want to hear some good news? Read the Gospel. The Gospel will speak differently to each person that meditates on it. As you read the Gospel in search of the point (God's word to you) ask yourself, what is God saying to you right now, right at

this moment.

**Our Prayer:** Father, we pray for peace in our world, especially on this day, ten years after 9/11/2001.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 98; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** When someone hurts me, am I more inclined to be just or to be merciful?

**Child:** How do I show people that I forgive them?

**Teen:** When have I forgiven someone who treated me unfairly?

**Catechetical Sunday - Sept. 18** - This year's theme is "Do this in Memory of Me." Special recognition of those who serve our parish community as catechists will take place at the **9:00 a.m. Mass**. Please remember our catechists in your prayers as they share their gifts and faith with our children, teens and adults.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Al Correa



### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

### Meditation/Centering Prayer

**Second & Fourth Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.**  
**September 13 & 27**

In the church. All are welcome!



**Pro Life Corner** - International Pro-Life Youth Conference in L. A. **Nov. 11-13**. Pro-life groups from around the world are making plans to attend and show that the future global leaders support human rights for unborn and those at the end of life. Call Sylvia Aimerito, 562-429-1965 for info or visit [AudioGirlMinistries.com](http://AudioGirlMinistries.com).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Registration Sunday:** Classes begin **September 25!** If you have not yet registered your child, please call the religious education office to receive your registration materials. We are currently placing students in their sessions and ordering materials in preparation for the first day.

Catechist orientation meeting today at 10 a.m.

**Middle School:** Classes begin **October 4**, from 7 - 8 p.m. Don't miss out on this faith enriching & fun-filled program and new events for our middle school students. Be watching the bulletin for more important info. Sign up now!!

**Sacrament Program** is a **two-year** program which usually starts at **Grade 1** level. Older children may join our **RCIA for Children Program**.

**Sunday Nursery:** Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

**Confirmation News** - Year I & II registration packets have been mailed out. If you are interested in signing up and have not received a packet, please contact the Religious Education office, 598-0519.

Important Dates:

Year II parent meeting **Sept. 12**, 7 p.m. in the hall.

Year I parent meeting **Sept. 26**, 7 p.m. in the hall.

Year I & II sponsor workshop **Oct. 10**, 7 p.m. in the hall.

On behalf of all our Confirmation catechists, we look forward to joining your teens on their journey through Confirmation this year.

**Liturgy of the Word with Children**

Liturgy of the Word with Children starts today at the **9 a.m. Mass**. Please encourage your children (grades 1-6) to participate. Children will experience the Sunday readings on their level with our catechists. Parents are invited to observe and accompany their child..

We are currently recruiting volunteers to help in this ministry. A love of your faith and a desire to share your faith with children are the main requirements. Lessons are provided and you need to only be committed once a month (or more) to attending the 9 a.m. Mass. Please call the religious education office, **598-0519** for information.

**Memorial Mass for Joe Ainge** will be **Sept. 12** at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

**"Jesus is Lord"**

**New Bible Classes** - **Sept. 13, Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.**  
or **Sept. 15, Thursdays 7:30 p.m.**

**The Book of Psalms** - The Church always considered the Psalms her most perfect prayer book. The Psalms contain in themselves all of the Old Testament and New Testament, the whole mystery of Christ.

When we pray Psalms we deal with our human emotions, glad, sad, mad, scared, anxious, confused, hurt, all our problems with God, Himself. Direct line to God!

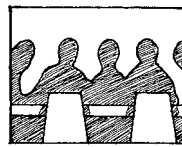
Information: Rita Smith, 714-761-4376, 562-533-1243

**Catechetical Corner**

**What is the timeline for the approval and implementation of the Missal?**



After the Latin *Missale Romanum* was published in 2002, ICEL began its work of preparing a draft English translation. ICEL presented the Order of Mass, which contains the fixed prayers of the Mass, including the people's parts to the English-speaking conferences of bishops in 2004. The USCCB approved the final version in 2006, and the Holy See confirmed this section in 2008. The USCCB completed its approval of the *Missal* in 2009. The Holy See granted the final approval of the text in the spring of 2010. Cardinal Francis George, OMI, president of the USWCCB, announced that parishes may begin using the revised translation on November 27, 2011.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN**

**INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

**REGULAR RCIA MEETINGS** begin

**September 14 (New Date)** for everyone

who is continuing in the Adult Initiation process, or for anyone who is considering

becoming Catholic. The Adult Initiation sessions will meet every Wednesday, 7 - 9 p.m., in the PAC. Please call Peter Baine, 598-4130, if you are interested in learning more about our Adult Initiation process. You are welcome to drop in on one of our regular Wednesday gatherings to learn more.

**WHO IS THE RCIA FOR?** The RCIA Process is designed for adults 18 years and older who fall within the following criteria:

- Those who have never been baptized.
- Those who have been baptized in other Christian faiths.
- Those who have been baptized Catholic but have not received Confirmation and First Communion.

**Reflections on Catholic Social Justice**

**Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable** "All members of society and society as a whole have a special obligation to poor and vulnerable persons. God's covenant includes a special concern for these persons." . . . "The Christian faithful are also obliged to promote social justice and, mindful of the precept of the Lord, to assist the poor from their own resources."

Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum*, 1891

Jesus said, " When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14: 13-14

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** Forgiveness is perhaps one of the greatest challenges individuals and communities face. In this Gospel passage Peter asks Jesus how often he should forgive someone who has wronged him. Jesus' answer, "Seventy time seven times" would have meant "no limits" to his listeners. Jesus tells a story about what will happen to those who do not show others the same forgiveness and compassion they have received from God.

**Life Focus:** \* Who in your life has forgiven you the most?



## St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

**We always welcome new members.**

**Sept. 12 & 26** - Regular meetings.

**Pechanga Casino Oct. 27** \$11/person, \$10 returned on Pechanga player card. Sign up at Sept. 12 meeting. Checks only. Player card # or birth date required.

**Palm Springs Follies Show Dec. 9** matinee with guest star John Davidson. More info to follow.

For trip info call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

### St. Joseph School Non-Discrimination Policy

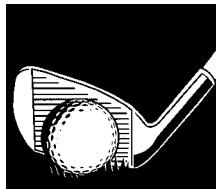
The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation, and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

### Golfers! We need you!

Precious Life Shelter's Annual Golf Tournament, **Sept. 21**, at the Navy Golf Course, Cypress. Tournament fees include green fees, cart, driving range, tee prizes and dinner. To sign up, volunteer, donate, or for questions, please call Amelia Nunez, 889-0380, email at [amnunezz@charter.net](mailto:amnunezz@charter.net), or call Precious Life Shelter, 431-5025, or Don Gath, 498-6701.



**Did You Know? Educational materials on the danger of abuse** - The overwhelming majority of our leaders are hardworking individuals who are dedicated to serving the People of God. All of us are responsible for making sure that our ministries are safe for children and young people. We have a responsibility to educate ourselves about the danger of sexual abuse. The L. A. Archdiocese has two pamphlets, "Respecting the Boundaries: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy and Holy," and "Working Together to Prevent Sexual Abuse." Both pamphlets are available online at: [www.la-archdiocese.org](http://www.la-archdiocese.org). Click the "Protecting Children" tab. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, (213) 637-7650.

### Initiating our 28<sup>th</sup> Year of Faithful Service

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Luke 14:18. Let us show you how you can! Please join us

**Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.** in the PAC or call Tim Clark, 431-4385, to let us know your interest and availability to help.

**Oct. 2** - Feed-a-Baby food drive

**Oct. 9 & 16** - Homeless kit collection

**Nov. 6** - Blanket drive

**Nov. 19** - Thanksgiving food and blanket delivery

**Dec.** Organize, collect, deliver food staples and presents to needy families for Christmas. Your donations through the Skip-a-Meal envelopes in the pews support our activities. Call: Tim Clark 562-431-4385.

**Bulletin Board:** *Blessed event on the way!* Crib needed.



### Music Ministry Update

**10:30 Choir:** Looking for something new? It's time to realize your interest in joining the choir. You may be amazed at how fulfilling this experience is! We are seeking new members to complement existing group. Must be able to sing on pitch. All other skills are taught. All are welcome (teens and adults). Rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the church.

**Children's Choir:** Attention children entering grades 2-5, it's time to prepare for choir/drama rehearsals. Following some of the teachings of Hildegard de Bingen, this group's mission is to mix music, drama, visual art, and dance for an enriched liturgical experience. Children meet weekly and serve nearly once a month, mostly at the 9:00 Mass. Rehearsals will resume Sat. mornings, 8-9:15 a.m. Parent meeting/Registration/Voice Placement September 17, first rehearsal September 24.

**Youth Ensemble:** Youth entering grades 6 - 12 are welcome to enjoy their singing/instrumental skills to provide music at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Practice at 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

### Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:

**Sept. 14** - St. Bartholomew, Long Beach, 562-438-3826

**Sept. 21** - St. Francis Xavier, Pico Rivera, 562-699-8526

**Oct. 5** - St. John Fisher, Rancho Palos Verdes, 310-377-5571

**Oct. 7** - Holy Angels Church of the Deaf, Vernon, 323-587-2096

**Oct. 8** - Our Lady of Refuge, Long Beach, 562-597-3102

### Virtus Training & Re-Certification

The Virtus child sexual abuse prevention training will be **Sept. 13, 7-10 p.m.** in the hall. This is mandated by the Archdiocese for those who work with children of the school or parish. Please register at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) to attend.

Those who completed the three-hour training **before 2007** must be **re-certified** by attending the "Keeping the Promise Alive" workshop or through the Virtus website. This workshop will be offered on Wednesday, **Sept. 14, from 7-8:30 p.m.** in the hall. Please call the Religious Education Office, 598-0519, to reserve your spot.

These trainings will also be offered at St. Cornelius as follows: Virtus - Sunday, Sept. 11, 1:30-4:30 p.m. and re-certification: Tuesday, Aug. 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Please call our Religious Education office for details on registering.

# Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, September 10**  
 5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, September 11**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Michael Samuelson  
 9:00 a.m. - Renteria family, living  
 10:30 a.m. - † Florence Boyd  
 12:30 p.m. - † Robert Waskiewicz
- MONDAY, September 12**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Marie Bielman
- TUESDAY, September 13**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Dolores King
- WEDNESDAY, September 14**  
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Jim Halley, Happy Birthday
- THURSDAY, September 15**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Mary Schmitt
- FRIDAY, September 16**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Marie Bielman
- SATURDAY, September 17**  
 5:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter
- SUNDAY, September 18**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Mike Samuelson  
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. - † Ruby Neton  
 12:30 p.m. - Lois Kearney, living

Please remember in your prayers the men and women of the Armed Forces who are currently serving our country, especially those of our parish families, including:

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| <b>Glen Warren</b>      | <b>Nick Compton</b>        |
| <b>Joseph Comfort</b>   | <b>Irene Avila</b>         |
| <b>Scott Williams</b>   | <b>Justin Ray</b>          |
| <b>Timothy Ring</b>     | <b>Adam Mariano</b>        |
| <b>Daniel O'Connell</b> | <b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>    |
| <b>David Waidelich</b>  | <b>William G. Ouimette</b> |
| <b>Timmy Allison</b>    | <b>Patrick Rea</b>         |
| <b>Patrick Murphy</b>   | <b>Michael Marchante</b>   |
| <b>Jason Kaufmann</b>   | <b>Nicky Kaufmann</b>      |

We would like to have a framed picture of your loved one serving in the Service to display in the back of the church. Please include a number so we can contact you.

To add a name to the list, please call the rectory, 594-4657.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .** Eugene Dryer, Bert Willis, Mary Mariano, Betty Chappell, Patricia Morand, Michelle Smith, Merinda Bradshaw, Hugo & Mickey Jorda, Beverly Clinton, Dave Gallagher, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Jeanne Desmond, Robert Maney, Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Den Goldberg, Kennedy Willey, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohlen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Ginny Kennebeck, Evelyn Sylvia, Teresa Anselmo, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, Johnson-Ziehl family, Christopherson-Ziehl family, John, Spencer & Helen Baca, Dorothy Custer, Ronald Willy, Andy Troncale, Sheri Weber, Jarome Bartolon, Kenneth Davis, Mary Lou Clark, Bob Flynn, Al Correa, Joanna Springer, Nicolas Ramirez, Mary Harding, Tim Ginnett, Lois Kearney, Gary Skrehot & Mirna Pilarczyk.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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|---|---------------------------|-----------------|
| LITURGY COMMITTEE                         | Dcn. Shane Cuda           | <b>594-4657</b> |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION | Gene Ensch                | <b>421-0147</b> |
| LECTORS                                   | Bill Smith                | <b>431-2495</b> |
| USHERS                                    | Marty Vezzetti            | <b>425-0621</b> |
| ALTAR SERVERS                             | Ann Crowley               | <b>594-7575</b> |
|   | annbakercrowley@yahoo.com |                 |
| DIRECTOR of MUSIC                         | Vivian Doughty            | <b>422-5430</b> |
| ALTAR CARE                                | Mary Jelnick              | <b>429-2529</b> |
| CHURCH SACRISTANS                         | Lily & Joe Dang           | <b>493-2198</b> |

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

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| PRINCIPAL      | Cheryl Hebestreit |
| VICE-PRINCIPAL | Erin Wright       |
| SECRETARY      | Julie Gianessi    |
| PTO PRESIDENT  | Michele Grubbs    |

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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| DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Virginia Young |
| SECRETARY                       | Veronica Gibb  |

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| ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL         | Virginia Young    | <b>598-0519</b> |
| CONFIRMATION                      | Melissa Beach     | <b>598-0519</b> |
| EARLY CHILDHOOD                   | Shannon Carpenter | <b>430-6840</b> |
| LITURGY/CHILDREN                  | Virginia Young    | <b>598-0519</b> |
| RCIC (Children)                   | Virginia Young    | <b>598-0519</b> |
| SUNDAY NURSERY                    | Shannon Carpenter | <b>430-6840</b> |
| BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN | Mimi Bloeser      | <b>597-0785</b> |

## ADULT MINISTRY

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| RCIA                        | Peter Baine          | <b>598-4130</b>     |
| BIBLE STUDY                 | Rita Smith           | <b>714-761-4376</b> |
| BAPTISM PREPARATION         | Olga Cuda            | <b>594-4657</b>     |
| BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY        | Dave Desmond         | <b>429-3316</b>     |
| CENTERING PRAYER            | Fr. Will             | <b>594-4657</b>     |
| SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES | Dcn. Don & Tina Gath | <b>598-5202</b>     |

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

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| Ann Crowley | <b>594-7575</b> |
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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| PASTORAL COUNCIL            | Mark Smith                   | <b>425-7811</b>     |
| FINANCE COUNCIL             | Randall Ely                  | <b>430-0142</b>     |
|                             | rely5@verizon.net            |                     |
| WEBSITE COORDINATOR         | Mike Santy                   | <b>799-0660</b>     |
|                             | msanty@verizon.net           |                     |
|                             | www.stjosephlb.org           |                     |
| Website address:            |                              |                     |
| MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD | Tim Clark                    | <b>431-4385</b>     |
| SENIOR GROUP                | Betty Maligie                | <b>596-8287</b>     |
| KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS         | Ron Steiner                  | <b>431-7703</b>     |
| ENGAGED ENCOUNTER           | Tom & Diane Krause           | <b>310-316-3477</b> |
|                             | www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm |                     |
| NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING     | Greg & Beth Gath             | <b>377-5877</b>     |
| SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN      | Monica Munoz & Julie Gray    | <b>598-0519</b>     |
| PROJECT ACHIEVE             | Tina Gath                    | <b>598-5202</b>     |
|                             | Olga Cuda                    | <b>594-4657</b>     |
| PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER       | Greg Shea                    | <b>221-8673</b>     |
| CUB SCOUTS                  | Moses Bass                   | <b>420-1877</b>     |
| BOY SCOUTS                  | Tom Lane                     | <b>496-4223</b>     |

**BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM**  
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE