Ministry of Consolation

Local Parish List

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If you would like to be a part of a local parish Ministry of Consolation or are in need of the ministry see the list of parishes below.

If your parish or agency is offering a support group or program, please send you're your information to:

Office of Faith Formation

Phone: 516- 678-5800 | Email faith-formation@drvc.org

Bellport	### Church of Mary Immaculate *16 Browns Lane, Bellport* Comfort those who are grieving by serving at Funeral Masses. This important ministry helps many in need. Contact the rectory if you would like to help in this special way. For more information contact 631-286-0154.
Bellmore	### Church of St. Barnabas *2320 Bedford Ave* Our Consolation Ministry provides comfort and guidance to those who lost a loved one. This ministry is a corporal and spiritual work of mercy that unites us closely to our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. Please contact the rectory at 516-785-0054 if you would like to be a Consolation Minister.
Blue Point	### Church of Our Lady of the Snow *175 Blue Point Ave* Those interested in joining this ministry are compassionate, good listeners, a person of prayer, generous with their time, and available to meet with the family and greet at the Mass. For more information call 631 363-6385

Center Moriches	**Church of St. John The Evangelist Church** *25 Ocean Ave.* We are companions for the family in helping them plan the funeral mass. We are booklet markers, preparing the worship aid for the mass. We are greeters, meeting the congregation as they enter our church and distributing the special worship aid booklet prepared for the funerals. For more information visit stjohntheevangelistcm.com or contact 631.878.0009 or email rectory@sjecm.org
Centerport	**Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** *53 Prospect Rd.* As Ministers of Consolation, we help to bring comfort, peace, and healing to those who grieve. When a member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs community passes, we are there to let the family know that they are not alone and we, as a community, are here to support them. For more information call (631) 757-8184 or email rectory@olqmparish.org For parish social ministry call (631) 754-9045
Dix Hills	**Church of St. Matthew** *35 North Service Road* As always, we are looking to add bakers and greeters to the Ministry of Consolation. The ministry of Ministries of Compassionate Care and Consolation offers visits to the homebound who wish to receive the Eucharist and also to hospitals. For more information contact (631) 499 – 8520
East Islip	**Church of St. Mary** *20 Harrison Avenue* The Consolation Ministry supports the grieving members of our parish as they deal with the loss of their loved ones. If you have a gift to share with our parish family through this meaningful ministry, or for more information visit www.stmaryei.org or, contact: Mary Kratchman at 631-813-7258 or call 631-581-4266 Ext 100.
East Meadow	**Church of St. Raphael** *600 Newbridge Rd* Each of us has many opportunities to bring Christ's hope to people in our families, in our neighborhoods, in our world, and in our parish. For information visit www.straphaelparish.org or contact 516-785-0236

East Rockaway	Church of St. Raymond *263 Atlantic Ave* Ministry includes volunteers who work in teams and are usually on call for one week at a time, usually once every five to six weeks. During this time we meet with the family of the deceased to plan the funeral Mass and help the family with any questions they may have. For more information call (516) 593-5000
Farmingville	Church of Resurrection *50 Granny Rd* For more information 631-696-0233 or email psmoutreach@resurrectionrcchurch.org
Floral Park	Church of Our Lady of Victory *2 Floral Parkway* Volunteers in the Ministry of Consolaϴonϴon are known for their compassion and we are grateful for their service to our faith community. For more information contact (516) 354-0482
Garden City	Church of St. Anne *35 Dartmouth Street* Volunteers in the Ministry of Consolation are known for their compassion and we are grateful for their service to our faith community. For more information, please contact Parish Social Ministry at (516) 352-5904 or lindaleone@stannesgc.org.
Garden City	Church of St. Joseph *130 5th Street* The Consolation Ministry has the task of assisting parishioners at the time of the death of a loved one. Phone: 516-747-7120
Greenlawn	Church of St. Francis of Assisi *29 Clay Pitts Rd* The Ministry of Consolation serves to assist grieving families in the selection of appropriate readings and serve as guidance during grief-filled times. For more information, visit stfrancisgreenlawn.org or contact the rectory office at (631)757-7435.

Hampton Bays	## Church of St. Rosalie *31 E Montauk Hwy* The purpose of the new Ministry of Consolation is to assist parishioners who have suffered a death in the family. We walk with the family through the wake and funeral process, aid them in making liturgical choices, and offer genuine caring from the St. Rosalie's parish community. For more information visit www.saintrosalie.com or contact the parish office at 631-728-9461
Hauppauge	## Church of St. Thomas More *115 Kings Hwy* For more information contact the rectory/church office phone: 631-234-5551 or email: rectory@stmli.org or visit www.stmli.org
Hicksville	## Church of Our Lady of Mercy *500 S Oyster Bay Rd* Our volunteers meet with families to help them plan the music and readings for the funeral Mass. We give our time as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers. But most of all we bring the comfort and support of Christ to our neighbors in their time of need. To learn more about our new Consolation Ministry: Contact the Rectory at 516-931-4351
Hicksville	## Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola *129 Broadway Avenue* The Ministry of Consolation or the bereavement ministry, respond in an organized manner to the needs of people grieving the death of a loved one (s) in their lives. They console those who have suffered the loss of family or friends through death and assist them in their journey of grief. For more information call 516-931-0056.
Holbrook	## Church of Good Shepherd *1370 Grundy Ave* The Consolation Ministers assist those parishioners who have lost a loved one. The Ministers call the family and arrange to meet with them at the church. For more information email goodshepherdstaf@aol.com or visit www.goodshepherdrcchurch.org/consolation-ministry Call (631)588-7689 or (631)588-7651

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Church of Lake Ronkonkoma *800 Portion Road* Members of this ministry meet with the family and friends of a recently deceased loved one to offer comfort and support. We are present at the funeral mass and offer follow-up assistance as needed. For more information contact call: 631-737-4388 / 631-737-4416 x 108 Email: steas@optonline.net, outreach Office, or visit steas.org
Levittown	Church of St. Bernard's Parish *3100 Hempstead Turnpike* St. Bernard's Consolation Ministry serves our community by accompanying grieving families as they journey in faith through the wake and funeral of a loved one. For more information about this ministry, please e-mail dvella@stbernardchurch.org or call 516-731-4220, ext. 143.
Malverne	Church of Our Lady of Lourdes *65 Wright Ave* The Ministry of Consolation assists our parishioners at the time of death of a loved one. The Consolation Minister meets with the family, in the rectory office, to help them prepare for the funeral Mass. We invite anyone interested to join us so that with your added help we can continue for at least another 15 years. For more information call (516) 599-1269 or email rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org
Manhasset	Church of St. Mary *1300 Northern Boulevard* The Consolation Ministry is dedicated to the Corporal Work of Mercy that commands Bury the Dead. The Ministry's role in Corporal Work is to support grieving families by assisting with the funeral Mass liturgy. For more information call 516 627 0385
Massapequa	Church of St. Rose of Lima *2 Bayview Ave* This ministry offers an opportunity to be a quiet presence and support to persons and families who have lost a loved one. For more information call 516.798.4992 or email barbarap@srolchurch.org.

Merrick	**Church of Curé of Ars** *2323 Merrick Ave* Volunteers who support the bereaved by expressing sympathy and concern for mourning families at wakes and funeral services Please call the Rectory Office at 516-623-1400
Mineola	**Church of Corpus Christi** *155 Garfield Ave* A group of volunteers who come together to serve our Lord and fellow parishioners at a time of loss. For more information contact 516-746-1223 or email Rectory@corpuschristi-mineola.net
Northport	**Church of St. Philip Neri** *344 Main St* "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says our God." Isaiah 40:1 To console does not mean to take away the pain, but rather to be there and say, "You are not alone, I am with you." We all need to give consolation as well as to receive it. - Henri Nouwen For more information, please contact (631) 261-2485 Ext. 100 tpace@spnpt.org or visit stphil-northport.w.solutiosoftware.net
North Merrick	**Church of Sacred Heart** *720 Merrick Ave* Consolation Ministry volunteers accompany families both while they prepare for the funeral of a loved one and during the Mass. For more information contact Phone: 516-379-1356 or E-mail: frontdesk@sacredheartnm.org
Oyster Bay	**Church of St. Dominic** *93 Anstice St.* To provide support and assistance to family members of the deceased who are preparing for a funeral mass or service. Contact Sue Schwartz (planner) winnisue7@gmail.com 516-692-4180 Sheila Sharpe (planner) 516-656-0712 Ray Johnson (planner) 516-496-4646 Ginger Brockey (baker) 516-921-0947

Patchogue	**Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** *495 North Ocean Ave* Ministry of Consolation is a ministry that assists families in planning the funeral liturgies for their loved ones. For information about joining this ministry, please call the rectory. Ministers of Consolation are companions during the planning and celebration of the funeral Liturgy. For more information contact: 631-475-4739
Port Jefferson	**Church of Infant Jesus** *110 Myrtle Avenue* Members of this small ministry represent the parish community by bringing compassion, concern, and assistance at the death of a loved one. For more information contact the rectory phone: 631-473-0165 | rectory@infantjesus.org
Rockville Centre	**Church of St. Agnes** *29 Quealy Place* The Ministry of Consolation consists of St. Agnes volunteers who assist family members as they plan the funeral liturgy for their loved ones. These companions offer consolation and help the families select appropriate scripture readings and music and guide them through the Liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial. For more information contact 516-766-0205, parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org
Sag Harbor	**Church of St. Andrew** *122 Division Street* This ministry reaches out to families at the time of the death of a loved one. The members provide support during the days immediately following the death as well as assisting with the wake, funeral mass, or prayer service. Time commitment: as required on a rotating basis. Contact 631-725-0123 or 516- 725-0123
Sayville	**Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr** *27 Handsome Ave* Our Ministers of Consolation offer the precious gift of their time, presence, and sympathy to those who have lost a loved one. Ministers represent the concern of the larger parish by helping family members plan the funeral liturgy, and assisting in the preparation for, and celebration of, the Mass of Christian Burial. To learn more, contact the rectory office, at 631-589-0042.

Seaford	### Church of Maria Regina *3945 Jerusalem Ave* For information call or email 516-798-2415 office@mariaregina.com, you can visit www.mariaregina.com
Seaford	### Church of St. James Church *80 Hicksville Road* This ministry helps to serve the St. James Community when someone dies, by assisting the bereaved family in planning the funeral mass as well as afterward. Contact: Parish Center 516-731-3710
Setauket	### Church of St. James *429 Route 25A* The death of a loved one is certainly one of the most difficult things we must endure. Members of the Ministry of Consolation help to alleviate the burden on surviving family members in the days immediately surrounding the loss. While each family is unique in its needs, the responsibilities of ministry members generally include joining the priest when he meets with the family to start planning the funeral liturgy and attending one session of the wake. Contact: Carol Simco at (631) 941-4141 or simco32@aol.com Where/When: Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 in the Parish Center.
Southold	### Church of St Patrick *52125 Main Road* The ministry touches people at painful moments in their lives, when they are overwhelmed with tasks and grief, and presents to them a parish ministry, and Church, that is caring and concerned. For more information visit stpatricksouthold.org call 631.765.3442 or email: saintpat@optonline.net
Wantagh	### Church of St. Frances de Chantal *1309 Wantagh Avenue* Our Mission ... is to be the loving face of Christ as we extend our services to our brothers and sisters in their time of need. For more information call (516) 785-2333

Westbury	**Church of St. Brigid** *Meets in St. Brigid School, 101 Maple Ave.* Members of this ministry assist at funerals during the week and on Saturdays. Walter Wilczek, (516) 334-0021 or visit saintbrigid.net
Westhampton Beach	**Church of Immaculate Conception** *18 Ocame Avenue* Consolation Ministry Members of this ministry contact the family of the deceased, assist them with the arrangements for funeral liturgies, lead the prayer service at the funeral home, and extend the condolences and support of the parish. For more information contact Parish Office: (631) 288-1423
West Hempstead	**Church of St. Thomas the Apostle** *24 Westminster Road* Our Ministry of Consolation lends support to parish family members at funeral masses as a greeter, reader, or altar server. For more information contact 516-538-7465, email: humanservicesta@optonline.net
Wyandanch	**Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** *1434 Straight Path* It is our goal to help families through the task of planning a loved one's funeral Mass. Though certain parishioners have been trained in this ministry, we are not formally ministering in the parish because there is a need for at least 20 individual participants so that no one person has to be called upon more than once every six weeks. The training is very simple, requiring 1 or 2 meetings. Two ministers go together to the funeral home as consolation ministers to the family. Area funeral directors are aware of our ministry and welcome it. Contact: Parish Office, 643-7568

Further Resources

Websites

USCCB Bereavement and Funerals	Because of our belief not only in the immortality of the soul, but also in the resurrection of the body, the Church professes hope in the face of death, and acts with charity in the funeral rites. Through private prayer and public funeral rites, we strengthen our faith and hope, comfort those who mourn, and bury the bodily remains of the deceased with care befitting what was the Temple of the Holy Spirit.
USCCB Luto y exequias	Dada nuestra creencia no solo en la inmortalidad del alma, sino también en la resurrección del cuerpo, la Iglesia profesa esperanza frente a la muerte, y actúa con caridad en los ritos funerarios. La Iglesia ofrece diversas oraciones para que los fieles puedan orar para acompañar a un ser querido en su agonía y para fortalecer nuestra fe después de su muerte.
Rainbows	Rainbows for All Children trains adult volunteers in community-based sites such as schools, faith-based organizations, libraries or community centers to lead age-specific support groups for children and teens, ages 3-18, who are grieving from some type of loss.
Beginning Experience	Beginning Experience International Ministry programs and peer ministers serve those grieving the loss of a spousal relationship so they can move forward in life loving God, themselves, and others. • In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone (one-day) • Moving Forward with Hope...Coping with Life Alone • Moving Forward with Hope...Coping with Life Alone ONLINE • Additional Support Programs
Open to Hope	Giving A Voice To Grief And Recovery Open to Hope ® is a non-profit with the mission of helping people find hope after loss. We invite you to read, listen and share your stories of hope and compassion.
Book	
A Ministry of Consolation Involving Your Parish in the Order of Christian Funerals	In A Ministry of Consolation, the Christian community is called to a new understanding of its role when one of its own dies. It explains why and how members of a parish ministry of consolation program should be involved before, during, and after each of the key liturgical moments in the Funeral Rites: the Vigil Service, the Funeral Mass, and the Rite of Committal. It also shows how the ministry of consolation program provides personal contact, warmth, and support to people at a time when it is both important and necessary.