

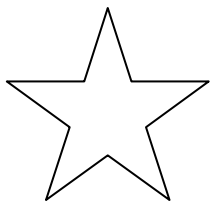
## Bereavement Support Available Now Updated 2/2/10

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### Announcing 2010 Bereavement Conference

Sat., Mar. 20



**Bereavement Conference for All Losses, "Open My Heart, O Lord,"** sponsored by the Office of Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the bereaved and those ministering to them, keynote address (Sr. Ave Clark, O.P.) and choice of three workshops from 61 offered, breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee (\$50 by Feb. 22, \$60 after Feb. 22, \$70 walk-in registration), to be held at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. A well-stocked Conference Bookstore will be available and the day will close with a Eucharistic Celebration. Brochures complete with Registration Form are available by calling (516) 334-7990, x 120 or x 122 or can be downloaded from our website: [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org), by clicking on the word *Bereavement* on the bar in the middle of the page and then on the right scrolling down to *Bereavement Conference Information*. **DAYTIME.**

### Bereavement Support Groups Available Now: (website updated frequently)

#### 2010

##### Thursdays, Jan.-March

(Meets every Thurs.)

**Ongoing Support Group for Loss of Spouse/Partner**, sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, meets at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 495 New No. Ocean Ave., **Patchogue**, 6:30-8:00 pm, to register call Clarice Curry, LCSW (631-465-6253).

##### Group Forming for end of Jan.

**Six Week Support Group for the loss of a loved one**, at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Rectory, 2350 Montauk Highway, **Bridgehampton**, 7-8:30 pm, call Robert to register (631) 537-0156, x 12.

##### Begins

Wed., Jan. 6

**Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse**, at St. Frances de Chantal Rectory Meeting Room, 1309 Wantagh Ave., **Wantagh**, 7:30-9:00 pm, (runs 1/6-3/10), facilitated by Paul Martin and Ann Mallinson, no fee, refreshments served, call Parish Outreach to register (516) 785-2333, x 240.

##### Begins

Mon., Jan. 11

**Eight Week Support Group for All Losses**, at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 720 Merrick Ave., **North Merrick**, call Sr. Pat (516) 379-1356, x 19 or Parish Outreach (516) 379-6123.

##### Begins

Wed., Jan. 13

**Six Week Support Group for All Losses**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, in the Spiritual Life Center (convent), 455 Hunter Ave., **West Islip**, 7:30-9:30 pm, to register call the Parish Office (631) 661-3224, x 120.

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- Begins**  
**Wed., Jan. 20** **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse or Significant Other, ages 55 and under**, at St. Mary Parish, 20 Harrison Ave., **East Islip**, 7-9 pm, call Rectory to register (631) 581-4266, x 100. (To participate in this group, the loss must have occurred prior to Oct. 20, 2009.
- Begins**  
**Wed., Jan. 20** **Nine Week Support Group for All Losses**, at Cure of Ars Parish, Rectory Basement, 2323 Merrick Ave., **Merrick**, 7:30-9:00 pm, call Rosemary Pertot to register (516) 546-3660.
- Begins**  
**Mon., Jan 25** **Eight Week Support Groups for Loss of Spouse/Partner**, at Comprehensive Community Hospice, 1 Delaware Drive, **Lake Success**, 7-9 pm, (runs 1/25-3/15), call Lorraine Fitzgerald, LCSW-R to register (516) 586-1514.
- Begins**  
**Mon., Jan. 25** **Eight Week Support Group for Adult Children Loss of Parent**, at Comprehensive Community Hospice, 1 Delaware Drive, **Lake Success**, 7-9 pm, (runs 1/25-3/15), call Lorraine Fitzgerald, LCSW-R to register (516) 586-1514.
- Begins**  
**Mon., Jan. 25** **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse/Partner**, sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, meets at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 500 South Oyster Bay Rd., **Hicksville**, 1:00 -2:30 pm, (runs 1/25-3/15), to register call Clarice Curry, LCSW (631) 465-6253. **DAYTIME.**
- Begins**  
**Wed., Jan. 27** **Eight Week Support Group for Adult Child Loss of Parent**, sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, meets at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 500 South Oyster Bay Rd., **Hicksville**, 6:00-7:30 pm, (runs 1/27-3/17), to register call Clarice Curry, LCSW (631) 465-6253.
- Begins**  
**Wed., Jan. 27** **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse/Partner**, sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, at Danford's on the Sound, 25 East Broadway, **Port Jefferson**, 6:00-7:30 pm, (runs 1/27-3/17), to register contact Margaret Stolz (631) 465-6262.
- Begins**  
**Thurs., Jan 28** **On-Going Bereavement Support Group for All Losses**, at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish Center, Upper Room, 168 Hill St., **Southampton**, meets twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 1:00 pm, to register call Sr. Barbara McKenna, RSM (631) 949-6770 or e-mail her at [mercmil@optonline.net](mailto:mercmil@optonline.net). **DAYTIME.**
- Begins**  
**Mon., Feb. 1** **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Parent/Sibling**, Hospice Care Network, 99 Sunnyside Blvd., **Woodbury**, 6:30-8:00 pm, (runs 2/1-3/22), \$60 fee, call to register (516) 832-7100.
- Begins**  
**Mon., Feb. 1** **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse/Partner**, Hospice Care Network, 59-07 175<sup>th</sup> Place, **Fresh Meadows**, 1:00-2:30 pm, (runs 2/1-3/22), \$60 fee, call to register (516) 832-7100.
- Begins**  
**Mon., Feb. 1** **"Coping with the Death of a Child," Five Week Support Group for Bereaved Parents**, at St. John Nepomucene Parish, in the Little Church, 1140 Locust Ave., **Bohemia**, 7-9 pm, (runs 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 and 3/1), call Parish Outreach to register (631) 205-1842,
- Begins**  
**Tues., Feb. 2** **Eight Week Support Group for All Losses**, at St. Joseph Parish, School Building, Centennial Room, 59 Church St., **Kings Park**, (runs 2/2 – 3/23), 1:30-3:30 pm, to register call Dr. Gerri Lehr (631) 269-6635, x 465. (handicap accessible) **DAYTIME.**
- Tues., Feb. 2** **"Follow-Up" Bereavement Gathering**, for those who have completed an eight week support group, at Sacred Heart Parish, Convent Basement Meeting Room, 720 Merrick Ave. **North Merrick**, 7:30 pm, call to register Sr. Pat Turley, CSJ (516) 379-1356, x 19; [spturley@yahoo.com](mailto:spturley@yahoo.com) .

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- Begins**  
**Tues., Feb. 2**      **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse/Partner**, Hospice Care Network, 99 Sunnyside Blvd., **Woodbury**, 10:30 am-12:00 noon, (runs 2/2-3/23), \$60 fee, call to register (516) 832-7100. **DAYTIME.**
- Begins**  
**Tues., Feb. 2**      **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Parent/Sibling**, Hospice Care Network, 14 Shore Lane, **Bay Shore**, 6:30-8:00 pm, (runs 2/2-3/23), \$60 fee, call to register (516) 832-7100.
- Begins**  
**Wed., Feb. 3**      **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse/Partner**, Hospice Care Network, 14 Shore Lane, **Bay Shore**, 10:30 am-12:00 noon, (runs 2/3-3/24), \$60 fee, call to register (516) 832-7100. **DAYTIME.**
- Begins**  
**Wed., Feb. 3**      **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse/Partner**, Hospice Care Network, 99 Sunnyside Blvd., **Woodbury**, 6:30-8:00 pm, (runs 2/3-3/24), \$60 fee, call to register (516) 832-7100.
- Begins**  
**Wed., Feb. 3**      **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse/Partner UNDER 50**, Hospice Care Network, 99 Sunnyside Blvd., **Woodbury**, 6:30-8:00 PM, (runs 2/3-3/24), \$60
- Begins**  
**Thurs., Feb. 4**      **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Parent/Sibling**, Hospice Care Network. 59-07 175<sup>th</sup> Place, **Fresh Meadows**, 6:30-8:00 pm, (runs 2/4-3/25), \$60 fee, call to register (516) 832-7100.
- Begins**  
**Thurs., Feb. 4**      **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse/Partner**, Hospice Care Network, 14 Shore Lane, **Bay Shore**, 6:30-8:00 pm, (runs 2/4-3/25), \$60 fee, call to register (516) 832-7100.
- Begins**  
**Thurs., Feb. 4**      **Eight Week Support Group for Loss of Spouse/Partner UNDER 50**, Hospice Care Network, 14 Shore Lane, **Bay Shore**, 6:30-8:00 pm, (runs 2/4-3/25), \$60 fee, call to register (516) 832-7100.
- Wed., Feb. 10**      **“Moving On” group**, for those who have completed a support group and would like to follow-up, at the Sienna Center of St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, 995 Holzheimer St., **Franklin Square**, 7:00-8:30 pm, to register contact Paula Santaro, LCSW (917) 921-7451. (will meet monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month – 3/10,4/14, 5/12, 6/9).
- Fri., Feb. 12**      **Come Celebrate Valentine’s Day with Us and Others who have recently lost a loved one**, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Community Room, 53 Prospect Road, Centerport, special program presented by Margie Demshock, M.S., LMHC, 7-9 pm. To register call OLQM Parish Social Ministry (631) 754-9045.
- Begins**  
**Tues., Feb.16**      **“Widowhood: The Journey Continues,”** at Middle Country Library, 101 Eastwood Blvd., **Centereach**, a monthly support program which addresses the on-going needs of adjusting to live after the death of a spouse, presented by Brenda Ferrante and Patricia Jones, 7:00-8:45 pm, call to register (631) 205-1842, (runs 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18 and 6/15).
- Begins**  
**Fri., Feb. 19**      **Soul Collage Class** (five weeks), at 296 N. Main Street, **Sayville**, a program using collage as a means of self-discovery. When we lose someone we love, we must spend some time discovering who we are now – this class can serve as a catalyst in that process, presented by Patricia Jones, Bereavement Specialist, \$100 fee, call her to register (631) 205-1842. (runs 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12 and 3/19)

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- Begins**  
**Sun., Feb, 21**      **Seven Week Grief Support Group for All Losses, “Bridges to Hope Bereavement Ministry,”** at St. Pius X Parish, 300 Washington Ave., **Plainview**, 1:45-3:45 pm, in the school, Classroom #1, (runs 2/21- 4/11, no meeting on Easter), call the Rectory to register (516) 938-3956,
- Begins**  
**Mon., Mar. 1**      **Eight Week Support Group for All Losses,** at St. Matthew Parish Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor St. Anthony Conference Room, 35 North Service Road (L.I.E.), **Dix Hills**, 7:30-9:30 pm, facilitated by Maryann DeVeau, call her to register (631) 745-1570.
- Begins**  
**Tues., Mar. 2**      **Six Week Support Group for All Losses,** at St. Anthony of Padua Parish Rectory, 1025 Fifth Ave. **East Northport**, 7:30-8:30 pm, to register call Bernadette Parker (631) 261-1695
- Sat., Mar. 6**      **Bob Sweeney’s 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wellness Day - A Day of Peace and Knowledge,** sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, to be held at Catholic Health Services, 245 Old Country Road, Melville, 10 am – 3 pm, . A free, day-long activity program for caregivers and their children who have experienced the death of an immediate family member (parent/guardian, grandparent, sibling or spouse). Please call the Good Shepherd Hospice Development Department for information (631) 465-6350. **DAYTIME.**
- Wed., April 7**      **Eight Week Support Group for All Losses,** at St. William the Abbot Parish, 2000 Jackson Ave, **Seaford**, facilitated by Jessica Mullen, 7-9 pm. To register call Parish Social Ministry Office (516) 679-8532
- Tues., April 6**      **“Follow-Up” Bereavement Gathering,** for those who have completed an eight week support group, at Sacred Heart Parish, Convent Basement Meeting Room, 720 Merrick Ave. **North Merrick**, 7:30 pm, call to register Sr. Pat Turley, CSJ (516) 379-1356, x 19; [spturley@yahoo.com](mailto:spturley@yahoo.com) .
- Begins**  
**Mon., April 12**      **Ten Week Support Groups for Loss of Spouse, Loss of Parent and Loss of Child,** at St. Brigid School, 101 Maple St., **Westbury**, 7:15-8:30 pm, facilitated by Lou Sabatini, Ph.D. and team, \$20 fee, to register contact Adriana Miller at the Parish Center (516) 334-0021, x 105 or [LouSab@aol.com](mailto:LouSab@aol.com) . (If not enough are registered the groups will be combined)
- Begins**  
**Wed., April 14**      **Eight Week Support Group for All Losses,** at St. Raphael Parish, 600 Newbridge Rd., East Meadow, 2-3:30 pm, call Parish Social Ministry to register (516) 308-3808.
- Tues., May 4**      **“Follow-Up” Bereavement Gathering,** for those who have completed an eight week support group, at Sacred Heart Parish, Convent Basement Meeting Room, 720 Merrick Ave. **North Merrick**, 7:30 pm, call to register Sr. Pat Turley, CSJ (516) 379-1356, x 19; [spturley@yahoo.com](mailto:spturley@yahoo.com) .
- Begins**  
**Tues., May 4**      **Eight Week Support Group for All Losses,** at St. Joseph Parish, School Building, Centennial Room, 59 Church St., **Kings Park**, (runs 5/4-6/22), 7:30-9:30 pm, to register call Dr. Gerri Lehr (631) 269-6635, x 465. (handicap accessible)
- Tues., June 1**      **“Follow-Up” Bereavement Gathering,** for those who have completed an eight week support group, at Sacred Heart Parish, Convent Basement Meeting Room, 720 Merrick Ave. **North Merrick**, 7:30 pm, call to register Sr. Pat Turley, CSJ (516) 379-1356, x 19; [spturley@yahoo.com](mailto:spturley@yahoo.com) .

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Tues., July 6

**“Follow-Up” Bereavement Gathering**, for those who have completed an eight week support group, at Sacred Heart Parish, Convent Basement Meeting Room, 720 Merrick Ave. **North Merrick**, 7:30 pm, call to register Sr. Pat Turley, CSJ (516) 379-1356, x 19; [spturley@yahoo.com](mailto:spturley@yahoo.com) .

### Monthly Bereavement Support Groups, meet once a month, every month

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fri.** **Guardian Angel Perinatal Support** (miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant death), at St. Kilian's Parish Center (basement of church), 485 Conklin St., **Farmingdale**, 7:30-9:00 pm, no fee, call Martha Weiss, LPN, Coordinator (516) 249-8589 or e-mail her: [martyk9@optonline.net](mailto:martyk9@optonline.net); website: [www.stkilian.com/gaps](http://www.stkilian.com/gaps)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Fri.** **The Compassionate Friends of Babylon (TCF)**, monthly support group for parents whose child has died, at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 576 Deer Park Ave., **Babylon**, 7:30 pm, facilitated by Barbara and Mike Redmond. (631) 724-7250.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri.** **The Compassionate Friends of Rockville Centre (TCF)**, monthly support group for **bereaved parents** (loss of child of any age), at Molloy College, Multi-Purpose Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Wilbur Arts Building (building on right of circular drive), Hempstead Ave., **Rockville Centre**, no fee, 8-10 pm, contact Chapter Leaders Elaine and Joe Stillwell (516) 766-4682 or e-mail: [elainestillwell@worldnet.att.net](mailto:elainestillwell@worldnet.att.net); website: [www.tcfofrcv.org](http://www.tcfofrcv.org) .
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri.** **The Compassionate Friends of Rockville Centre (TCF), (for bereaved siblings** 18 and above who lost a brother or sister), at Molloy College, Hempstead Ave., **Rockville Centre**, Wilbur Arts Building, Basement, Room #18, (building on right of circular drive), no fee, 8 pm, contact Sibling Facilitator Theresa Pellegrino (516) 249-7480 or e-mail: [tellpelle@msn.com](mailto:tellpelle@msn.com).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri.** **The Compassionate Friends of Brookhaven**, for loss of child, at St. Sylvester Church Basement, 68 Ohio Ave., **Medford**, 7:30 pm, call Chapter Leaders Maxine and Walter Katz (631) 738-0809.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri.** **The Compassionate Friends of Twin Forks (Hamptons Area)**, for loss of child, meets in **East Quogue**, call Chapter Leader Marie Levine (631) 653-9444 for details.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sat.** **General Bereavement Group for All Losses**, at Branch Funeral Home, 190 E. Main St., **Smithtown**, facilitated by Patricia Jones, M.S., 10-11:30, am, call (631) 205-1842. **DAYTIME** (2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1...)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.** **Parents of Murdered Children (Suffolk County Chapter)**, support group for bereaved parents whose child has been murdered, at North Shore LIJ Plainview Hospital, 888 Old Country Road, **Plainview**, (exit 10 of Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway), 2:00-4:00 pm, for directions or more information call Marilyn McNeil (917) 209-4491 or (631) 757-1646. **DAYTIME**.
- Last Mon. of each month** **Adult Sibling Support Group** (loss of brother or sister), sponsored by COPE, at Elias Hicks Historical Home, 1740 Old Jericho Turnpike, **Jericho**, 7:30-9:30 pm, (1/31, 2/22, 3/29, 4/26, 5/31, 6/28), contact Karen Flyer for further information (516) 484-4993; [karen@copefoundation.org](mailto:karen@copefoundation.org).
- One Tues. each month** **Newly Bereaved Parent Support Group** (loss of child in the last 18 months), sponsored by COPE, at Temple Emanuel, 123 Merrick Ave., **East Meadow**, 7:30-9:30 pm, contact Karen Flyer for further information (516) 484-4993; [karen@copefoundation.org](mailto:karen@copefoundation.org). (1/26, 2/23)

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues.**                    **General Bereavement Support Group for all losses**, at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Rectory Basement, 196 West Centennial Ave., **Roosevelt**, 7:30 pm, call Andre or Sheila Python (516) 333-5758.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed.**                    **COPE Parent Support Group Meeting for loss of child**, (South Shore) at Beth Shalom Oceanside Jewish Center, 2860 Brower Ave., **Oceanside**, 7:30 pm, contact Karen Flyer for further information (516) 484-4993; [karen@copefoundation.org](mailto:karen@copefoundation.org).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.**                    **Bereaved Parents/USA (BP/USA)** for loss of child of any age and from any cause, at Faith Lutheran Church, 231 Jackson Ave., **Syosset**, 7:30-9:00 pm, facilitated by Diana Roscigno, Chapter Leader, call to register (516) 233-4848.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.**                    **Long Island Survivors of Suicide, Support Group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide**, at Temple Emanuel-New Hyde Park, 3315 Hillside Ave., **New Hyde Park**, 7:30-9:30 pm, open to adults of all faiths, facilitated by Bill and Beverly Feigelman, (718) 380-8205 or 8206, website [www.LISOS.org](http://www.LISOS.org), [feigelw@ncc.edu](mailto:feigelw@ncc.edu) or [feigelma@aol.com](mailto:feigelma@aol.com).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.**                    **"Moving On" group**, for those who have completed a support group and would like to follow-up, at the Sienna Center of St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, 995 Holzheimer St., Franklin Square, 7:00-8:30 pm, to register contact Paula Santaro, LCSW (917) 921-7451. (will meet monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month – 3/10,4/14, 5/12, 6/9.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.**                    **General Bereavement Support Group for all losses**, a Tri-Parish Bereavement Support Group, sponsored by St. Ignatius Martyr Parish - Long Beach, St. Mary of the Isle Parish -Long Beach, and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish – Point Lookout. Meets monthly, 7:30 pm, for info contact Kathy Ryan (516) 432-6099.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.**                    **A Place for Hope, Support Group for Survivors of Suicide**, for those who have lost a loved one to suicide, at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Msgr. Graham Center (building on left of parking lot), open to all faiths, corner of Bayview Ave. and Merrick Road, **Massapequa**, no fee, 7:30 pm, call facilitator Anne Marie Maiorana (516) 868-1576.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs.**                    **Suicide Bereavement Support Group**, St. Catherine of Sienna Hospital, meets at Sienna Village Community Center, 2000 Bishops Rd., **Smithtown**, 6:30-8:00 pm, facilitated by Dorothy Raniolo, LMSW, ACSW and Rachelle Warren, LMSW, call to register (631) 862-3634.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. NEW**    **Bereaved Parents Support Group**, for loss of child of any age from any cause, meets twice a month in the Library, at The Church of Good Shepherd, 1370 Grundy Ave., **Holbrook**, 7 pm, to register call Parish Outreach (631) 585-4544.
- 2 Thursdays each month**                    **COPE Parent Support Group Meeting for Loss of Child**, (North Shore), at Elias Hicks Historical Home, 1740 Old Jericho Turnpike, **Jericho**, 7:30-9:30 pm, contact Karen Flyer for further information (516) 484-4993; [karen@copefoundation.org](mailto:karen@copefoundation.org). (Feb. 11 & 25)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.**                    **St. Mary's Perinatal Support Group**, (miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant death), at St. Mary's Parish, Sacred Heart Hall, in the Joseph Room (entrance on side under Parish Social Ministry Offices), Main St. (corner of Harrison Ave.), **East Islip**, 7:30-9 pm, for information call facilitators Gini Sandles (631) 277-1754, or Eileen Penny (631) 374-3235.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.**                    **Bereavement Support Group**, for all losses, St. Rosalie Parish, 31 Montauk Highway, **Hampton Bays**, 1 pm, contact Fr. Sabbas Rodrigues (631) 728-9461. **DAYTIME.**

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**Weekly Bereavement Support Groups**, meet once a week or twice a month

- Every Mon.**                    **General Bereavement for All Losses**, at St. Patrick Rectory, 280 East Main St., **Smithtown**, 7-9 pm, call Parish Outreach (631) 265-2668.
- Every Mon.**                    **General Bereavement Group for All Losses**, at South Nassau Communities Hospital Mental Health Center, 2277 Grand Ave. **Baldwin** (located between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road), 6-7 pm, no fee, call (516) 546-1370.
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays**        **Young Widows and Widowers Support Group**, at St. Frances de Chantal Parish, Rectory Basement, 1309 Wantagh Ave., **Wantagh**, 7:30-9:00 pm, call Parish Outreach to register (516) 785-2333, x 240.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays**        **Bereavement Support Group** for all losses, at St. Raphael's Church, 600 Newbridge Road, **East Meadow**, 7:30 pm, call to register (516) 785-8066.
- Every Wed.**                    **General Bereavement Support Groups**, Brookhaven Memorial Medical Center Hospice, 105 West Main Street, **Patchogue**, afternoons 2-2:30 pm and evenings 6:00-7:30 pm, call to register (631) 687-2960
- Every Thurs.**                **Survivors of Suicide Support Group**, Brookhaven Memorial Medical Center Hospice, 105 West Main Street, **Patchogue**, facilitated by Julianna Taglich, LCSW, 6:00-7:30 pm, call Hospice to register (631) 687-2960.
- Every Thurs.**                **General Bereavement Group for All Losses** except loss of child, at St. Joseph Church basement, 45 Church Street, **Ronkonkoma**, 7:00-9:00 pm, facilitated by Barbara Piccola, contact her at (631) 588-0476.
- Every Thurs.**                **Support Group for All Losses**, sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, meets at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 495 New No. Ocean Ave., **Patchogue**, 6:00-7:30 pm, to register call Clarice Curry, LCSW (631) 465-6253. (Individual counseling also available)
- Every Fri.**                    **General Bereavement Group for All Losses**, at St. Peter of Alcantara Parish, 1327 Port Washington Blvd., **Port Washington**, 8:00 pm, call Rose Osterberg (516) 767-1460 or Yvonne Calabrese (516) 883-4817.
- New**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**        **On-Going Bereavement Support Group for All Losses**, at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish Center, Upper Room, 168 Hill St., **Southampton**, meets twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 1:00 pm, to register call Sr. Barbara McKenna, RSM (631) 949-6770 or e-mail her at [mercmil@optonline.net](mailto:mercmil@optonline.net). **DAYTIME**
- Weekly Meetings**            **Support Groups for Loss of Spouse**, Partners in Community Care at Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center, 300 Forest Drive, **East Hills (Roslyn)**, led by caring Social Workers, call Partners in Community Care (516) 484-1545, x 196, [www.sjjcc.org/picc](http://www.sjjcc.org/picc).

**Support Groups/Programs for Children**

- Begins**  
**Thurs., Jan 28**                    **Eight Week Support Group for Children ages 5-10**, sponsored by COPE, at the Elias Hicks Historical Home, 1740 Old Jericho Turnpike, **Jericho**, 4:30-5:45 pm, to register contact Karen Flyer for further information (516) 484-4993; [karen@copefoundation.org](mailto:karen@copefoundation.org).

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**Sat., Mar. 6** **Bob Sweeney's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wellness Day - A Day of Peace and Knowledge**, sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, to be held at Catholic Health Services, 245 Old Country Road, Melville, 10 am – 3 pm, . A free, day-long activity program for caregivers and their children who have experienced the death of an immediate family member (parent/guardian, grandparent, sibling or spouse). Please call the Good Shepherd Hospice Development Department for information (631) 465-6350. **DAYTIME.**

**Fri.-Sun.**

**Mar. 5-7**

**Comfort Zone Camp**, a free weekend camp for grieving children 7-17 who have lost a parent, sibling or primary caregiver, at Blairstown, NJ (travel scholarships available). Register on-line: [www.ComfortZoneCamp.org](http://www.ComfortZoneCamp.org); e-mail: [Melissa@ComfortZoneCamp.org](mailto:Melissa@ComfortZoneCamp.org) or call (866) 488-5679.

- A place to share their stories and feelings
- Validation from peers
- Opportunities to say goodbye and remember loved ones
- Coping tools for after camp
- Lasting friendships
- A FUN camp environment

**Fri.-Sun.**

**April 16-18**

**Comfort Zone Camp**, see above (March 5-7).

**Sat., April 17**

**Courageous Hearts** (loss through separation, divorce and death), at St. John Nepomucene Parish, Meeting Room, 1140 Locust Ave., **Bohemia**, 10 am to 12 noon, call Parish Outreach to register (631) 567-1995.

**Fri.-Sun.**

**June 11-13**

**Comfort Zone Camp**, see above.

**Fri.-Sun.**

**Aug. 26-29**

**Comfort Zone Camp**, see above.

**Center for H.O.P.E.**, at Schneider Children's Hospital, 270-06 76<sup>th</sup> Ave., **New Hyde Park**, call Susan Thomas, LCSW (516) 470-3123 for dates and times.

**Hospice Care Network – Nassau**, at 99 Sunnyside Blvd., **Woodbury**, call (516) 832-7100, [www.hospicecarenetwork.org](http://www.hospicecarenetwork.org). (death does not have to be from cancer) Call for dates and times.

**Hospice Care Network – Suffolk**, at 14 Shore Lane, **Bay Shore**, call (631) 666-6863, [www.hospicecarenetwork.org](http://www.hospicecarenetwork.org). (death does not have to be from cancer) Call for dates and times.

**North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center**, 480 Old Westbury Road, (aka L.I.E. Service Road), **Roslyn Heights**, fee, call Linda Reilly, LCSW for dates and times (516) 299-5373, x 234.

**Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk**, 101 Laurel Rd., **East Northport**, call Andrea Fierro, LMSW (631) 930-9316. (death does not have to be from cancer)

### Programs Available as Needed:

**Every Thursday**

**Survivors of Suicide**, at **Brookhaven Memorial Center Hospice**, for those who have lost a loved one to suicide, 105 Main St., **Patchogue**, facilitated by Julianna Taglich, LCSW, call Hospice to register 9 am-4 pm, at (631) 687-2960. Group meets every Thursday, 6:00-7:30 pm.

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays** **Well-Spouse Group**, help and support for the **spouse caring for an ill spouse**, meets at South Nassau Communities Hospital Mental Health Center located at 2277 Grand Ave., **Baldwin** (between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road), 7:30 pm, contact (516) 546-1370. Check National website: [www.wellspouse.org](http://www.wellspouse.org)
- Every Day** “**Joe’s Project**,” offers support for family members who lost someone to **suicide**, trained responders will meet with you to help you through this difficult time, to request a bereavement contact call 1-888-375-2228.
- As Needed** **End of Life Guidance for Patients and Families**, support for critically ill patients and their families through all stages of illness, contact Lorraine Fitzgerald, LCSW, (516) 987-6931, fee, **Mineola**.
- As Needed** **Individual Perinatal Support** for parents who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death, at St. Mary’s Parish, **East Islip**, call the rectory (631) 581-4266, x 100.
- As Needed** **Free Help Is Available from 9 am to 9 pm**, to talk, to ask questions, to solve a problem, to face challenges or if you’re just feeling alone, call Mental Health Association of Nassau County, 186 Clinton St., **Hempstead** (516) 504-HELP. [www.mhanc.org](http://www.mhanc.org).
- As Needed** **Support Group for Parents of Children Diagnosed with a Chronic Illness**, facilitated by Mary Rzeszut, LMSW, fee, (516) 294-1672.

### Memorial Programs, to always remember our loved ones

- Visit Angel of Hope** **Angel of Hope Statue, (loss of child)**, Eisenhower Park, Field 6, **East Meadow**, (located between the Harry Chapin Theatre and War Memorial, bricks for the walkway surrounding the statue may still be purchased in memory of your child, for info check website: [www.angelashouse.org](http://www.angelashouse.org) or call Bob Policastro (631) 926-0885.

### Special Programs, Ceremonies, Masses and Retreats, to help the heart:

- Fri., Feb. 12** **Come Celebrate Valentine’s Day with Us and Others who have recently lost a loved one**, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Community Room, 53 Prospect Road, Centerport, special program presented by Margie Demshock, M.S., LMHC, 7-9 pm. To register call OLQM Parish Social Ministry (631) 754-9045.
- Fri.-Sun. Feb. 19-21** **The Beginning Experience**, a weekend away for a lifetime of change taking steps toward wholeness and new direction (persons attending should be beyond the initial feelings of shock, anger and despair which often follow the loss of one’s spouse), at Montfort Spiritual Center, **Bay Shore**, held twice a year–Feb. and Aug., fee, call to register: John (516) 822-0635 or Karen (201) 865-6784 or Jim (718) 474-3779.
- Tues., March 2** **Parents of Hope**, (loss of child group), at St. Frances de Chantal Church, 1309 Wantagh Ave., **Wantagh**, (a mile south of So. State Parkway Exit 28 or a mile north of Sunrise Hwy.), invites you to a special Prayer Service of Light and Hope, 7:00 pm, come share with us or just listen, how the death of your child has been a cross in you life and how it may be a resurrection. Refreshments follow the service. RSVP to Joanne Walsh (516) 785-8095 or Basil (516) 826-9089. Give your name and the name of your child.
- Bereavement Mass**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of month** **St. Joseph Church**, 39 North Carll Ave., **Babylon**, 9:00 am  
Contact: Barbara Schade (631) 968-8793; [b.schade@verizon.net](mailto:b.schade@verizon.net)

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**Help for the Holidays**

All programs completed

**Facilitator Training and Educational Programs**, registration required

**Tues. Evenings**

**2/2-3/23 Pastoral Care of the Bereaved, Six Week Training Course**, sponsored by Office of Faith Formation, at St. Rose of Lima Parish, corner of Bayview Ave. & Merrick Rd., Massapequa, presented by Margie Demshock, LMHC, 7:30-10:00 pm, \$100 fee, call to register (516) 678-5800, x 200. (meets: 2/2, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/2010). Info is posted on the Faith Formation website: <http://www.drvc-faith.org/assets/bereavementMinistryCourse.pdf>.

**Begins**

**Fri., Feb. 19 Soul Collage Class** (five weeks), at 296 N. Main Street, **Sayville**, a program using collage as a means of self-discovery. When we lose someone we love, we must spend some time discovering who we are now – this class can serve as a catalyst in that process, presented by Patricia Jones, Bereavement Specialist, \$100 fee, call her to register (631) 205-1842. (runs 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12 and 3/19)

**Sat., Mar. 13 “Compassion Fatigue,”** at St. Mary’s Parish, Sacred Heart Hall, 20 Harrison Ave., **East Islip**, 9:30-11:15 am, presented by Barbara Redmond, RN, BSN, for anyone who interacts with other people – parents, caregivers, professionals, come discover how well you can take care of yourself so you can care of others, call Rectory to register (631) 581-4266, x 100.

**Begins**

**Mon., April 12 Six Week Training for Bereavement Group Facilitators**, at St. Brigid School, 101 Maple St., **Westbury**, 8:30-9:45 pm, facilitated by Lou Sabatini, Ph.D. and team, \$60 fee, to register contact Adriana Miller at the Parish Center (516) 334-0021, x 105 or e-mail [LouSab@aol.com](mailto:LouSab@aol.com).

**Conferences**, registration required

**Sat., Mar. 20 Bereavement Conference for All Losses, “Open My Heart, O Lord,”** sponsored by the Office of Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the bereaved and those ministering to them, keynote address (Sr. Ave Clark, O.P.) and choice of three workshops from 61 offered, breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee (\$50 by Feb. 22, \$60 after Feb. 22, \$70 walk-in registration), to be held at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. A well-stocked Conference Bookstore will be available and the day will close with a Eucharistic Celebration. Brochures complete with Registration Form are available by calling (516) 334-7990, x 120 or x 122 or can be downloaded from our website: [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org), by clicking on the word *Bereavement* on the bar in the middle of the page and then on the right scrolling down to *Bereavement Conference Information*. **DAYTIME.**

**Fri.-Sun.**

**July 2-4 33<sup>rd</sup> National Conference of The Compassionate Friends** (support organization for loss of child, grandchild and sibling), “Reflections of Love, Visions of Hope,” Arlington, VA, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, see details: [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org) or call toll free (877) 969-0010.

**Bereavement Programs that Can Be Offered at Your Site, contact:**

**Sr. Peggy Byrne, O.P.**, bereavement and spiritual topics and art therapy, for adults and children  
(516) 742-1086

**Marjorie Demshock, LMHC**, bereavement specialist and spiritual director, programs for adults & children  
(631) 265-0305

**Donna Jaroslowski, CPO-CD**, (Professional Organizer & Life Coach specializing in a compassionate & peaceful approach to dealing with the possessions or clutter after the loss of a loved one)  
(516) 635-2007

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**Anne Kane, Ph.D. and Bobbie Comforto, LCSW**, *Grief Works for Loss and Trauma*, offering Retreats, Workshops, Corporate Presentations and Consultations, (516) 678-7348 or (516) 798-3200

**Patricia Jones, Bereavement Specialist**, programs for adults and children, siblings and grandparents (631) 205-1842

**Georgina McKee, M.A., R.N.**, specializing in bereavement and spiritual direction, associate staff member at St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset (516) 826-7097

**Margaret Peterson, R.N.**, facilitator training, will facilitate a support group for a parish needing a facilitator, will help a parish start up a Ministry of Consolation (for wake and funeral) – in Suffolk area, (631) 224-3911

**Kathy Ryan, M.A.**, bereavement and spiritual topics and facilitator training (516) 795-7438

**Elaine Stillwell, M.A., M.S.**, “How to Build a Strong Parish Bereavement Program” (516) 334-7990, x 122

### Let Us Know:

If your parish or agency is offering a support group or program, please send your information to **Elaine Stillwell, Bereavement Coordinator**, Catholic Cemeteries, P.O. Box 182, Westbury, NY 11590-0182, or (516) 334-7990, x 122 Voice Mail, or e-mail [elainestillwell@worldnet.att.net](mailto:elainestillwell@worldnet.att.net) or Fax (516) 766-4682, so the details can be included in this listing.

