

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

Thursdays

(Meets every Thurs.)

Ongoing Support Group for Loss of a Loved One, sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, meets at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, 495 New No. Ocean Ave., **Patchogue**, 2-3 pm, to register call Clarice Curry, LCSW (631-465-6253). **DAYTIME.**

Tues July 27

Good Shepherd Hospice is holding Bereavement Support Group meetings for those experiencing the **loss of a spouse**. This program will run for 8 consecutive weeks. It will be held at the Catholic Health Services office complex located at 245 Old Country Road in Melville on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. **This group is open to those 60 and under experiencing the loss of a spouse** and is free of charge. It offers support during this painful time of trying to cope with your loss. Please contact Jane Malone, PhD, Bereavement Coordinator at Good Shepherd Hospice at 631-465-6253 for more information and to register.

Begins

September 15
(Wednesdays)

Eight Week Support Group for Loss of a Loved One: Wednesday afternoons, 1:30 - 3 PM, beginning September 15th, 2010. Contact: Sister Judy Fay, St. Raphael PSM office, 600 Newbridge Road, East Meadow, to register at 516-308-3808.

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

1st 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; website: www.stkilian.com/gaps

1st 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.

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- 2nd 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, 2nd 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; website: www.tcfofrcv.org .
- 2nd 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.
- 2nd 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.
- 3rd 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.
- 1st 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...)
- New Time & Place**
2nd Sun. **Parents of Murdered Children (Suffolk County Chapter)**, support group for bereaved parents whose child has been murdered, at Mather Hospital, Main Floor Conference Rooms 4 & 5, North Country Road, Port Jefferson, 2-4 pm, for further information call Kathy (631) 949-5371 or June (631) 384-5240. **DAYTIME.**
- 1st Mon.** **New-to-COPE Parent Support Group Meeting for Loss of Child** (for newly bereaved parents), (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.
- 2nd & 4th Tues.** **Levittown Community Church**, meets at Pastor Joe's house, 8 Cornflower Road, Levittown, 7:30 pm, contact: Pastor Joe (516) 735-6550
- 2nd Tues.** **General Bereavement Support Group for all losses**, at Queen of the Most Holy Rectory Basement, 196 West Centennial Ave., **Roosevelt**, 7:30 pm, call Andre or Sheila Python (516) 333-5758.
- 4th Tues.** **COPE Newly Bereaved Parent Support Group for 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, (5/25)
- 1st 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.
- 2nd 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.

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- 2nd 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, feigelw@ncc.edu or feigelma@aol.com.
- 2nd 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 2nd Wed. of each month – 3/10,4/14, 5/12, 6/9.
- 4th 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.
- 4th 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.
- Every Thursday**
(Meets every Thurs.) **Ongoing Support Group for Loss of a Loved One**, sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, meets at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, 495 New No. Ocean Ave., **Patchogue**, 2-3 pm, to register call Clarice Curry, LCSW (631-465-6253). **DAYTIME.**
- 2nd 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.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs.** **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.
- 3rd Thursday** **L.I. GRASP Chapter (Grief Recovery After Substance Passing)**, for all those who have had a child die from drugs, at The Branch Funeral Home, basement meeting room, 190 East Main Street, **Smithtown**, 7-8:30 pm, for further info call Diana Roscigno (516) 233-4848 or Nick Nardone (631) 831-0867.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs.** **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.
- 3rd 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.
- 3rd 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.** **“You’re Not Alone” Support Group for those left behind after suicide loss**, at St Anthony of Padua Parish Outreach Office, 20 Cheshire Place, East Northport, 7 pm, facilitated by Pat and Bob Karpowicz, call them to register (631) 266-2656.
- 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.
- Every Mon.** **Support Group for Older Adults Living with Loss**, sponsored by Doctoral Psychology Program of C. W. Post, L.I. University, free, (focus is to support the development of new social networks and a renewed quality of life), 1 pm, supervised by Dr. Tom Demaria, at C.W. Post, One Expressway Plaza, Suite 110, **Roslyn Heights**, to register call (516) 299-3211. **DAYTIME.**
- 1st & 3rd 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.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays** **Bereavement Support Group** for all losses, at St. Raphael’s Church, 600 Newbridge Road, **East Meadow**, 7:30 pm, call to register (516) 308-3808.
- 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 Thursday** **Ongoing Support Group for Loss of a Loved One**, sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, meets at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, 495 New No. Ocean Ave., **Patchogue**, 2-3 pm, to register call Clarice Curry, LCSW (631-465-6253). **DAYTIME.** (begins 4/22)
- 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**
2nd & 4th 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 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm, to register call Sr. Barbara McKenna, RSM (631) 949-6770 or e-mail her at 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.sijcc.org/picc.

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Support Groups/Programs for Children

Bereavement Camps for Children:

With summer quickly approaching, we thought it might be helpful to list some camps that are specifically geared for grieving children. Some of these are sleep-away, or weekend camps; others are day camps. For more information, please visit the websites listed below.

- Bob Sweeney's Camp H.O.P.E., www.bobsweeneyscamphope.org
- Camp Good Grief, www.campgoodgrief.org
- Center for HOPE at Schneider Children's Hospital, www.schneiderchildrenshospital.org/center_hope.html
- Comfort Zone Camp, www.comfortzonecamp.org
- Hospice Care Network Bereavement Camp, www.hospicecarenetwork.org
- Time for Teens Retreat, www.time4teens.org

Fri.-Sun.

Aug. 26-29

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; e-mail: 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

Sat.-Sun.

Oct. 23-24

Weekend Retreat for families with children who experienced the loss of a family member, at Montauk Yacht Club, Montauk, NY, activities for families to bond and continue family growth and grief transformation in a setting that allows for memory work, physical movement and mindfulness, an annual program sponsored by Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk, Inc., \$100 per family, includes meals, to register call Andrea Fierro, LMSW, Ber. Coord. (631) 930-9316. (Not suitable for children under the age of 4)

Center for H.O.P.E., at Schneider Children's Hospital, 270-06 76th 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. (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. (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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- 2nd 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
- 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.
- 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 or call Bob Policastro (631) 926-0885.

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

- Multi-Dates** **Parents of Hope (Parents who have lost children) -**
Dates at St. Frances de Chantal, 1309 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh.
All events take place in the Church at 7pm with Hospitality following in the Parish Center. Advent Service of Light: Tuesday, December 14, 2010
Lenten Service of Light: Tuesday, April 5, 2011
Mass Celebrating the Lives of Our Children: Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Please call Joanne Walsh (516-785-8095) or Penny Duggen (516-799-0862) so that your child’s name will be read in our Litany of Children.
- May-Oct.** “**Retreats at the Beach**,” at Anima, Cherry Grove, NY, for details and availability call Patricia Lagattuto, M.A. (631) 597-3080.
- Fri.-Sun.**
August 20-22 **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) 736-8200 or Jim (718) 474-3779.

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Bereavement Mass
2nd Sat. of month

St. Joseph Church, 39 North Carll Ave., **Babylon**, 9:00 am
Contact: Barbara Schade (631) 968-8793; b.schade@verizon.net

Bereavement Mass
Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Parents of Hope (Parents who have lost children) -
St. Frances de Chantal, 1309 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh.
Call Joanne Walsh (516-785-8095) or Penny Duggen (516-799-0862) so that your child's name will be read in our Litany of Children.

Help for the Holidays

All programs completed

Facilitator Training and Educational Programs, registration required

Nothing scheduled presently

Our Diocesan Bereavement Conference **Save the Date SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2011**

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

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

Let Us Know:

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

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