



## FAITH AND EDUCATION (AT FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

Parishioners of Our Holy Redeemer are not only making a difference in the life of the Church at 37 South Ocean Avenue where they put their faith into service as Altar Servers, Lectors, and Ushers, or at 87 Pine Street as Catechists, but anywhere and everywhere the People of God are sent to “go in peace” they are making that difference: in Freeport (and beyond)! The Pastor of Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport needs only to consider the Faith-life lived by parishioners working throughout the Village: at the *Freeport Memorial Library*, at the *Freeport Post Office*, at *Village Hall*, at *Hungerford and Clark Funeral Home*, at *Atlantic Nursery*, at *Allstate Insurance Company*, at *Gala Foods*, at *Two Cousins Fish Market*, at *Sparaco-Liberman Realty*, on the beat in the *Freeport Police Department*, at *Duryea’s Florist*, in the rigs of the *Freeport Fire Department*, ... to see that “Faith in Service” makes a difference!

The Good News of “Faith in Service” is also being proclaimed by our young parishioners. All too often (and yes at times justified) the thought of young people – “kids” as they are too often called – conjure up sights and sounds (tattoos, body-piercings, cell-phones, head phones, immodest clothing, loud car radios and mufflers) that all too often (and yes at times justified) leave “grownups” shaking their heads. And so it is that

readers of Our Holy Redeemer’s Sunday bulletin need to remember (in the words of The Osmonds – remember them?) that: “*One Bad Apple Don’t Spoil the Whole Bunch*”. Don’t however just take it from your Pastor, read it for yourself from the pages of the *Freeport Public Schools Pride* newsletter.



### JOSEPH LAROCCA – VALEDICTORIAN

The valedictorian of the Class of 2018 graduated with a weighted GPA of 106.996. Joseph was a member of the National Honor Society and New York State Science Honor Society and graduated with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors in Math and Science. He enrolled in seven Advanced Placement courses and was recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction, and was a member of the Academic African-American Bowl Club, Drama Club, Madrigals Choir, Mathletes, Mock Trial, Ninth-Grade Select Chorale, Odyssey of the Mind, Peer Leaders, Peer Tutors and the Science Olympiad Club. An accomplished tuba and trombone player, Joseph was an active member of the jazz band, marching band, brass ensemble and brass quintet, earning NYSSMA medals for his participation and exemplary grades at annual festivals. He was also president of the Science Honor Society and Mock Trial, and in his senior year was drum major for the marching band. He was a featured soloist in the jazz band, the

low brass section leader in the marching band and a lead actor in the school’s musical production. Joseph will be attending Boston College and majoring in finance.



### KENNY MARTINEZ

Kenny graduated with a weighted GPA of 104.026. He was a member of the National Honor Society and New York State Math Honor Society, was recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction, and was the recipient of the University of Rochester’s Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award. Prior to his senior year, he enrolled in 14 Honors-level and five Advanced Placement courses, and in his senior year enrolled in three Advanced Placement and two Honors-level courses. He graduated with a Regents Diploma with

Advanced Designation with Honors in Math and Science. Kenny played the trumpet since the fourth grade and was section leader in the marching band since his sophomore year. He was an active member of the marching band, jazz ensemble and brass ensemble, in addition to the musical pit for two of the high school’s annual musical productions. Kenny was also an active member of DECA and served as vice president and team captain of Mathletes. Outside of school, he was an altar server and catechist assistant at Our Holy Redeemer Church. He will be attending Adelphi University and majoring in computer engineering.