

Masses For The Week

Monday - April 14

6:30 Joseph Sanfilippo
9:00 Jerry Saloy

Tuesday - April 15

6:30 Anna Marshall
9:00 Mayo Family

Wednesday - April 16

6:30 Otto Gutbrod
9:00 Margaret Lomnitzer

Holy Thursday - April 17

9:00AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
9PM - 11PM Adoration

Good Friday - April 18

9:00AM Morning Prayer
3:00PM Liturgy of the Passion of Christ
7:30PM Liturgy of the Passion of Christ

Holy Saturday - April 19

9:00AM Morning Prayer
1:00PM Blessing of Bread/Food
8:00PM Mass of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 20

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Madeline Stein
10:00 Bill Long
11:30 Veronica Lawlor
1:00 Pietro Sirianni (Youth Mass)
NO 5:30 MASS

Readings For The Week

Mon. Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tues. Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed. Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Holy Thurs. Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Good Fri. Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Readings

Easter Sunday:

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinth 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

Peter was not afraid to give witness to the salvation that comes through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have died in Christ. They are to be one with Him now and on the day of resurrection. In John's Gospel we hear the account of the first witnesses of the Resurrection and their reactions.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekend of April 5/6

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: \$18,059.86

Thank you for your kind generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”



Stewardship
A Way of Life

shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His Name!

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who aspire to greatness by humbly serving the needs of all, especially through our parish ministries.

Charismatic Prayer Group

How is your Lent going? Only one more week! It's not too late, even if you didn't keep any of your Lenten promises. There's plenty you can do this week to make your Easter more meaningful. The best sacrifices are the ones only God sees. Need help?

Our next meeting is Monday, April 14 at 7:30 PM at the faculty lounge of the school. Please use the side door facing the rectory office and walk one flight up. The faculty lounge is right across the hall. All ages 18 and over are welcome. Call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Saint Maria Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

Every Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

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| Apr. 7 | #425 | M/M Stanley Szmytkowski | \$25.00 |
| Apr. 8 | #381 | Joan & Leon Gardner | \$25.00 |
| Apr. 9 | #119 | Rita & Jerry McCoy | \$25.00 |
| Apr. 10 | #451 | Ed & Sarah Indelicato | \$25.00 |
| Apr. 11 | #469 | M/M Gonzalo Zuniga | \$50.00 |

Wedding Banns

2nd Ryan Oswald & Caitlin Boyce



“Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me.”

This week the Pantry could use carrots, peas, mixed vegetables, potatoes, yams, Rice-a-Roni, pancake mix, cereal (regular & sweet), sugar, Sweet & Lo, oil, flour, coffee, boxed milk, evaporated milk, canned fruit, black beans, macaroni & cheese, Chef Boyardee pastas, tea, juice & juice boxes, chili, canned chicken, tomato paste & tomato sauce, pork & beans, chicken soup, Progresso soups, tissues, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, bar soap.

Thank you to those who volunteered to help us pick up food at Whole Foods on Saturday. We are so grateful for your generosity as well as the tremendous support of all our parishioners.

Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage
 Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM
 Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM
 Phone: (516) 931-7332

HELP IS STILL NEEDED: St. Martin of Tours Outreach Program has been invited to pick up produce, dairy and other foods from **Whole Foods in Jericho** on Saturday afternoons. These items are very much appreciated by the people that we serve. Without help, we will not be able to continue to pick up this food.

If you are available to help from 4 - 6PM on Saturdays, can lift 30 lb. crates and have a car, SUV or van, we need you! Our goal would be to develop 4 teams so that each team could be available one Saturday per month. Each team would meet at Whole Foods, load their cars and drive to our Food Pantry to unload the cartons.

Please call 931-7332 if you can help or want more information. Thank you!

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Reminder: please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list. Thank you.

Pat Pedone, Vincent Valenti, Ledwin Mason
 Leevalli Annearosa, Fran Pignataro,
 Skylar Vega, Leigh Murphy, Helena Mulligan
 Richard Piernini, John Tortorice, Joseph Simon
 Douglas Torres, James Robertson, Amy Hayes
 Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly, Matthew Messina, Sharon Shiepk
 Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell, Peggy Namiotka
 Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson, Guido Penafiel
 Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Edith Lagan
 Henry Niemczyk, Bud Pehrsson, Zachery Duff
 Sam Zubov, Herman Lordahl, Patricia Marrone
 Godeliva Pagan, Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil
 Catherine Battiata, Brendan Rodriguez, Charles Drew
 Rebecca Passaro, Joanne Maguire, Dot Widyn
 Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino, Nicole Cagna
 Linda Cicoello, Sal Mascolo, Patrick Crowe, Gary Vlahov
 Irene Janampa, Christopher Wezel, Eileen Catalano
 Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Louise Sandberg, Katie Walsh
 Jennie Ruggiero, Nicholas Tiseo, Peter Kummer
 Florencio Carmenate, Charles Farrell, Anthony Luisi
 Kim Coyne, Ray & Pattie Meegan, Dorothy Froehlich
 Baby DiMola, Mary McCarthy, Linda Desposito
 Ed Carroll, Jeffrey Ogden, Christina Macchio

Thought for the Week

**Hosanna! Hosanna!
 Hosanna in the highest!
 Hosanna! Hosanna!
 Hosanna in the highest!**



*Week of April 13 - April 19, 2014
 Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of
 Otto Gutbrod*

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

***Eileen M. Miller, Matthew M. Scholz
 Thomas J. Volpe, Jr., Helen Hansen***

Pastor's Letter

People, even non-Catholic, tell jokes about going to confession. The latest one I have heard making the rounds goes like this: A man who has not been to confession in years steps into the confessional. He is surprised to see that there is a big easy chair that he immediately sits in. Next to it is a beer tap serving cold beer on tap. There is a big flat screen television showing the Notre Dame football game. He thinks to himself: *this is not too bad. Things have really changed in the Catholic Church.* Suddenly the door of the confessional opens and the priest comes in and says, *Get out of my chair. You are on my side of the confessional!* I can assure you the St. Martin confessionals do not have beer on tap nor easy chairs. I will confess that I have thought about the sports television but I have resisted it.

Fewer people go to confession today than in the past. I suppose there are many reasons for that. I believe Jesus gave us a wonderful gift in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confession. A few weeks ago I had the privilege of hearing the confessions of some teenagers who were gathered from several parishes for a retreat. Our youth director Erin did a great job in preparing the young people for the sacrament and I found their confessions very beautiful testimonies to their faith in Jesus.

I will try to make some very basic points about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Going to confession is not easy. Even if we only have a few faults and small sins to confess, it is never easy to sit or kneel before another human and confess our sins. I find it a challenge when I go to confession to another priest. Pride is at the root of all sins and makes it very hard for us to admit our sins to another human being. I find a certain irony in this since so many people go on television and say the most personal things about themselves and their families. We live in an age of tell all except in the context of the mercy of God in the confessional.

Why can't I just confess my sins to God? We can and we should. Every mass begins with a reconciliation rite. We should always pray and ask for the mercy of God. Still, Jesus gave us this sacrament as a way of meeting his love and mercy in the voice and ritual of another person. The priest represents Christ in the confessional and seeks to help us, as well as he can, experience the great mercy of God in a very concrete way.

I keep confessing the same sins over and over again. My response is: Welcome to the human race and original sin. We are all flawed human beings (except Jesus and his mother). Being always patient, having kind thoughts, resisting judgments about others, struggling with our sexuality, and forgiving others who have hurt us does not come easily. Admitting our regular struggles with such sins is a great act of love.

The most important part of confession takes place before I see the priest. The traditional term used before one goes to confession is the examination of our conscience. This is a time to stop and look at my life and how I am living. In particular, how are the most important relationships: with God, with my spouse, my parents, my children, my family, my friends, and those who are in need? Do I have time to pray? If I am angry or impatient, what might be the root of this? Why am I feeling this way? A good doctor sits with us for a good amount of time before the examination begins. He or she wants to know how we are doing. The examination of our conscience is a holy time to look at my life thoughtfully. Am I at peace? Does my life have purpose? What might I want to do differently? How am I using my time? Is my life making the world around me a better place?

Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the first Easter Sunday Evening. His first words to the apostles were: *Peace I give you. Whoever sins you forgive on earth are forgiven in heaven.*

How often should I go to confession? If we are in serious sin, we should go to the sacrament as soon as possible. The Easter duty binds a Catholic to make a good confession, if they are in mortal sin, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. My answer to the question is we should go regularly. Routine is an important part of life. I rarely miss my routine of having lunch! For some regularly might mean weekly, others monthly, or several times a year.

The first three days of Holy Week provide ample time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions are being offered Monday, April 14th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On Tuesday, April 15th, there are confessions from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, April 16th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Certainly, anyone is always welcome to come to the rectory, during any time of the year, and ask to see a priest for confession. We Redemptorists were founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori who taught his followers to make themselves available for this great sacrament.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR
woodscsr@aol.com; www.smtbethpage.org

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLY WEEK

Please note the Rectory office hours on the following days:

- **Holy Thursday:**
Open from 9AM—2PM No evening hours
- **Good Friday: Closed**
- **Holy Saturday:**
Open from 9AM—3PM
- **No hours on Sunday as usual**
- **Easter Monday: Closed**

A Follow Up: *We already have ten volunteers to serve as St. Clement Bakers. We need ten more people to make this ministry vibrant. The pastor, in his dedicated spirit of service, has volunteered to be a personal taster of the baked good.*

We Seek Some St. Clement's Bakers

St. Clement Mary Hofbauer was a Redemptorist saint who is sometimes called our second founder. He was born in Tasswitz, Moravia (now the Czech Republic) on December 26, 1751. After many years struggling to find his path in life, he became a Redemptorist and did amazing pastoral work in Vienna and Warsaw. As a young man he worked as a baker, and he often served home made pound cake to those who visited him in the rectory. We are still searching for his recipe for chocolate donuts!



As a result of our parish convocation, it was suggested that we develop a ministry of baking. One possibility was to give a cake or some baked goods to a family at the time of the loss of a loved one. We have many events and gatherings that call for cake and coffee. If we had several names that we might call upon at different times, it would be a wonderful way to share hospitality with other parishioners. If we had a list of twenty or so bakers, whom we might call, you would only be baking once a month or so at most. If I get twenty bakers, I promise tee shirts that proclaim you are a member of the St. Clement Bakers! If you would consider this proposal, call me at the rectory or email me at woodscsr@aol.com



Adult Confirmation

**Please contact Deacon Jim Biggin at 516 796-5520
Classes will begin on Tuesday April 29th for
Five consecutive Tuesdays.**

**Deacon Jim will provide
further details.**



MUSIC MINISTRY CHOIR MEMBERS/MUSICIANS**HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE 2014**

All members of the Music Ministry are encouraged to participate on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil (Triduum). Please make every effort to attend rehearsal. **All instrumental musicians are invited to play. Please let me know your availability by email.**

Monday, April 14 - 7:00 pm – Rehearsal for EASTER VIGIL

TRIDUUM & EASTER

Thursday, April 17 HOLY THURSDAY - 7:00 pm in the church for 7:30 mass

Friday, April 18 GOOD FRIDAY - 2:30 pm in the church for 3:00 pm service
and 7:00 pm in the church for 7:30 pm service

Saturday, April 19 EASTER VIGIL - 7:30 pm in the church for 8:00 pm mass

Sunday, April 20 EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 am – Choir

10:00 am – Children's Choir

11:30 am – Choir

1:00 pm – Life Teen Band

Please be in the church 15 minutes prior to your mass time.
Remember parking is an issue, so plan early.

NO CHOIR PRACTICE THURSDAY APRIL 24! HAVE A BLESSED EASTER.

What do I do with my old Palm?



People often wonder what to do with their old palm. In a perfect world, it would be burned and used for ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday, but we do not live in a perfect world. If you can burn it, that would be good. Still, I do not want anyone in trouble with the fire department. Another respectful way to dispose of palm is to bury it. Again, I am not sure how many of you have the time or inclination to do that. If you turn it into mulch for your garden that would be a very respectful and natural way to let go of your old palm. I know that sometimes there seems to be no other option than to throw it out in the regular trash. To do so is not a sin or disrespectful. Why we respect palm is because it is blessed with holy water during the Palm Sunday Mass just as our rosaries, other sacramentals, and our bibles. When they break or become outdated, we are never sure how to dispose of them.

Here in the rectory, we have many of the old missals and scripture reading books that are now outdated due to the changes in the liturgy. I haven't had the heart to throw them out, but I am not sure if TJ, our maintenance man, is ready to dig a deep hole on the property. Honestly, what is in our hearts is the **most** important, and I would not want anyone troubled with worries about how to let go of blessed objects. Perhaps the best we can do is say a prayer to God in thanksgiving for the blessings we or others have received from them, and then let them go - even if it has to be the regular trash collection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT BETHPAGE STATE PARK

Please join us on Good Friday, April 18th for the Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. in the picnic area beyond the polo field of Bethpage State Park.

Prayer booklets will be provided.
Carpooling is suggested.



**Driver Education Consultants
Member of the National Safety Council**

A 6-hour Defensive Driving course will be offered by Driver Education Consultants. Please be sure to register by contacting Martin Z. Hirschfield, instructor at (631) 360-9720 Monday - Friday from 9AM to 4PM.

Class 1 Course
Saturday, May 3, 2014
St. Alphonsus Hall
38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage
8:30AM to 3:00PM
\$45.00 per person

Requirements:
Minimum enrollment is 15 people
Maximum enrollment is 40 people

**Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track Program
2014 REGISTRATION**

**Boys and Girls
Kindergarten through 8th Grade
No experience required.**

The spring season runs from April through June. Track meets are held outdoors on weekends at fields throughout Nassau and Suffolk.

All athletes competing in meets will receive medals and/or ribbons. At the conclusion of the season, we hold our annual awards night in June. All participants will receive a trophy.

**To register your child, contact coordinator
Gynni Farrell at gynnifarrell@verizon.net**



**The Catholic Counseling Center
12 Ryder Court, Dix Hills NY 11746**

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of George A. Giuliani, PhD, Director/Psychologist, is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese.

Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503.

You may visit his website at
<http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.

**Widows and Widowers Divorced and
Single Catholics of Long Island**

**New Member Orientation
Non-Denominational - All are welcome
Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 8PM**

**The meeting is held every fourth Tuesday at
St. Frances de Chantal School
1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh**

**Please bring proof of single status to join.
Refreshments after the meeting.**

**Contact Info: Carol 516-794-4933
Eileen 516-661-4353**

**St. Joseph's Seminary
440 West Neck Rd., Huntington NY**

**Summer Session: May 19-July 8, 2014
Master of Arts in Theology and
Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies**

For course offerings please contact the Academic Office
631-423-0483 x 112
Or visit
[Www.icseminary.edu](http://www.icseminary.edu)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 13: Living Stations of the Cross 7:30PM
- SEE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE page 19

For Altar Server Volunteers:

- Apr. 15: Practice for Holy Thursday 4PM
- Apr. 15: NO PADRE PIO DEVOTION
- Apr. 16: Practice for Good Friday 4PM
- Apr. 18: Stations in Bethpage State Park 10AM
- May 3: Driver Education 8:30AM
(pending enrollment)
- May 9: Book Club 7:30PM
- May 13: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM
- Legion of Mary: Every Tuesday at 10AM
- Holy Face Devotions:
1st Monday of the Month 1:00PM Church

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO WISH THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS A HOLY AND BLESSED PALM SUNDAY!

As we prepare ourselves this Palm Sunday for the coming of Easter, may we reflect upon: ALL THOSE WHO TAKE UP THE CROSS AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST. FOR THE COURAGE NEVER TO BE AFRAID TO SPEAK UP FOR JUSTICE. FOR PEOPLE WHO FEEL TIRED AND WEARY FROM THEIR STRUGGLES. FOR THE SICK AND ALL WHO CARE FOR THEM. FOR THE DEAD AND ALL WHO GRIEVE FOR THEM. FOR THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO ARE PREGNANT AND AFRAID.

MARY DID YOU KNOW

MARY DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BABY BOY WOULD SOME DAY WALK ON WATER?
 MARY DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BABY BOY WOULD SAVE OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS?
 DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BABY BOY HAS COME TO MAKE YOU NEW?
 THIS CHILD THAT YOU DELIVERED WILL SOON DELIVER YOU

MARY DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BABY BOY WOULD GIVE SIGHT TO A BLIND MAN?
 MARY DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BABY BOY WOULD CALM A STORM WITH HIS HAND?
 DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BABY BOY HAS WALKED WHERE ANGELS TROD?
 AND WHEN YOU KISS YOUR LITTLE BABY, YOU HAVE KISSED THE FACE OF GOD.
 OH MARY DID YOU KNOW

THE BLIND WILL SEE, THE DEAF WILL HEAR, THE DEAD WILL LIVE AGAIN.
 THE LAME WILL LEAP, THE DUMB WILL SPEAK, THE PRAISES OF THE LAMB.
 MARY DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BABY BOY IS LORD OF ALL CREATION?
 MARY DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BABY BOY WOULD ONE DAY RULE THE NATIONS?
 DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BABY BOY IS HEAVEN'S PERFECT LAMB?

THIS SLEEPING CHILD YOUR HOLDING IS THE GREAT I AM. MARY DID YOU KNOW

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GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL

Please join us on Good Friday, April 18th from 10:30AM to 12 Noon for a Silent Vigil in defense of the Right to Life - Rain or Shine.

Nassau University Medical Center, 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow. Signs will be provided at the site.

Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life (631) 243-1435 fortyDFLLI@gmail.com

WE'RE ALL IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confessions are available in all parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

**April 14, 2014
3 - 9PM**

(please see the confession schedule for St. Martin of Tours on page 19 of this bulletin)

St. Martin of Tours Summer Bible Camp

Last summer we had 25 children. The morning program was very well received by both the children and parents. We offered arts and crafts, games, videos, prayer, Bible time and snacks. A Bible camp tee shirt was also given to the children, and the kids really seemed to enjoy the time spent with one another.



This year the staff has decided to have morning and afternoon sessions geared toward the children's ages, since the age spread between 5 - 12 year olds was too great. If you are interested, please fill in the form below. Be sure to indicate the age of each child. We would appreciate that all forms be returned to the Parish Rectory Office no later than Friday, May 30th.

Hope to have another great week this summer!



Monday, August 11 to Friday, August 15

Morning Session: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For children 5 years to age 8 years
Evening Session: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For children 9 years to 12 years

\$25.00 for one child; \$40.00 for two children
\$50.00 for three or more children in a family

Yes, I am interested!

My Name: _____

Number of Children: _____

Ages of the Children: _____

Email: _____

Phone/Cell Number: _____

Save the Date

Sick and tired of snow, wind and ice? Think of the Jersey Shore in the Summer. Father McGowan and I will be holding our annual end of summer/Redemptorist spirituality retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ from September 5th - 7th. (*corrected dates*)

This retreat is a time of fun in the sun and spiritual reflection. During the past several years, about 20 members of our parish have signed up to go and they have enjoyed it very much. We usually work out the travel from here. The cost of the retreat is \$200.00 which includes six meals and snacks. - Father Pat



Last Class

Father Jim McCabe's last class in this series is **Monday, April 14 on Judas at 7:15PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.**



ACT Prep Course

Our Lady of Mercy Academy is offering an ACT prep course for high school juniors on Saturdays from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. The sessions meet on May 10, 17 and 31 in advance of the June 14, 2014 test. The cost of the Mercy program is \$400.

If interested, please contact Mrs. June Kennedy, Assistant to the President at Our Lady of Mercy Academy at (516) 921-1047 ext. 112.

**Our Lady of Fatima Day
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
Manorville NY at Exit 70 L.I.E.
(631) 325-0661**

- 10AM Stations of the Cross
- 11AM Rosary
- 11:30AM Holy Mass
- 12:30PM Lunch Break
- 1:30PM Move: "The Triumph"

The Triumph - The Battle Has Begun
thetriumph.org

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

**Call Diana Hart Mirando
(C)830-5077 (H) 605-1979**

ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS, RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT (631) 243-2373.

Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE. Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services, Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-4357.

GLUTEN, PEANUT & DAIRY FREE HOSTS

St. Martin's always has a supply of hosts available for anyone who is allergy-sensitive to these types of foods. Please seek out the sacristan *before mass* so that the priest is prepared to include it for consecration.

Please be sure to follow this procedure every time you attend mass.



There will be **NO Life Night on Sunday, April 13.** Life Teen will be attending the *“Living Stations of the Cross”* at 7:30PM in the Church. Join us for pizza following the 5:30 Mass in the OLPH Youth Center. Please contact Erin to RSVP - All are welcome!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 20th: Easter Sunday - 1PM Life Teen Mass**
- April 27th: Life Night 7-8:30PM - OLPH Youth Center**
- May 5: Life Night 7-8:30PM - OLPH Youth Center**



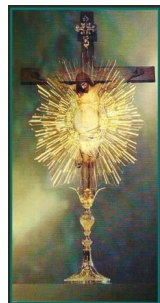
Our next Edge Night will be held on Thursday April 24th from 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 8th: Edge Night 7-8:30pm at OLPH Youth Center

For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Erin Horan-Baudille at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The next Adoration service is
Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00PM in the Church

The Life Teen Youth Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction every 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church. Join us for a beautiful Holy Hour in the presence of our Lord.

ALL are welcome!

**11th Annual National Film Retreat - Signs of Hope
 Friday June 27 - Sunday June 29, 2014**

View and discuss up to five outstanding films that explore the multiple dimensions and signs of hope in our human and spiritual experience.

Retreat Leaders: Frank Frost, Frank Frost Productions, LLC
 Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP, Pauline Center for Media Studies
 James Wallace, CSSR, San Alfonso Retreat House

Registration Fee: \$235: includes room & six meals, post-film refreshments, plus a 32-page workbook

To Register: Contact San Alfonso Retreat House
 755 Ocean Ave, Long Branch NJ 07740 (732) 222-2731 x 140
<http://www.sanalfonso retreats.org/>

**THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
PALM SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH
APRIL 13, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M.**

ONCE AGAIN SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS PRESENTS THE *LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS* PORTRAYED BY SMT PARISHIONERS AND DIRECTED BY SCOTT DANE AND NOREAN MANCINELLI-DANE. THIS IS A NARRATIVE OF EACH OF THE FOURTEEN STATIONS AS WELL AS HYMNS PERFORMED BY THE CAST.

COME AND EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S WALK DOWN THE *VIA DOLOROSA* ON PALM SUNDAY EVENING. THE PERFORMANCE WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH AND SHOULD LAST APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES.



"Father, into Your Hands I commend My Spirit."

**St. Martin of Tours/Knights of Columbus #5033
Catholic War Veterans #1938
Blood Drive**

**Monday May 19, 2014
2:00 - 8:00PM
517 Central Avenue, Bethpage NY
Knights of Columbus Hall**

Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! Thank you for caring!

- Eligibility Criteria:
- Bring ID with signature or photo
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Doctor's note needed for ages over 75)
- Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids
- No tattoos for the past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.
New York Blood Center

**For information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:
Jack Batt at (516) 868-8192**

PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Please call the rectory at 931-0818 or email woodsccsr@aol.com or gamit1946@hotmail.com to add your loved one to this prayer list. Our whole parish is united in prayer for safe return home of:



- MAJ Brian McGrath, US Army
- CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army
- PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
- CPL Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
- PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army, Afghanistan
- L CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC
- L CPL James Kruper, USMC
- PFC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
- CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC, Okinawa, Japan
- 2LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
- PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
- CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF, Afghanistan
- CPL Michael John Kelly, USMC
- 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
- SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
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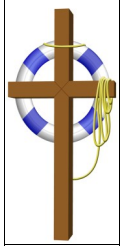
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The Italian Rosary

The Holy Rosary in the Italian language will be recited every Friday of each month at 11:00 AM in the St. James Church Chapel, 80 Hicksville Road, Seaford. All are welcome. Please consider joining us.

**Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille
A lifeline for married couples**

Another marriage saving Retrouvaille weekend will be offered May 30th - June 1, 2014.



For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, May 30th, 2014 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

Please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Meeting the Gospel Challenges

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul volunteers (Vincentians) provide hands on assistance to people in need. When someone asks for Society for help, two Vincentian volunteers will make a home visit to talk over the family's situation. Listening is probably one of the most important parts of our ministry.

The Society will provide whatever is necessary and within St. Martin's conference's means. Food and vouchers for perishable food items are available through our Outreach program. Financial aid to help families who are behind with their utility bill, in need of a fuel delivery, money for auto insurance, a medical expense, or rent.

During the past three months, the Society helped thirteen families, distributing \$5,092 in financial aid to help them with a variety of needs.

The generosity of St. Martin of Tours parishioners and the Vincentians themselves provided the resources to help these very deserving families.

May your Easter celebrations be enriched by your compassion.

**VIRTUS TRAINING
Protecting All God's Children**

If you wish to volunteer in any capacity in a parish, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that you first register for Virtus by logging on to www.virtus.com.

Look for "registration" at the left column and follow the instructions. If you do not have access to the internet, please pick up a packet at the rectory office. Complete it and bring it with you to the Virtus training session.

**Next Virtus at St. Martin of Tours
Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**

*Jesus became perturbed and deeply troubled at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. And when he came to the tomb, Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him
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I remember reading the book *Big Russ* by Tim Russert, the NBC news journalist. Mr. Russert died of a sudden heart attack in June of 2008. I always liked Tim Russert. Even though he had great success in his life, he always seemed to be an ordinary guy. He was fair as he played it down the middle in his interviews with both Democrats and Republicans. He loved Buffalo and his beloved Bills. The book *Big Russ* was a tribute to his father. In the book, Russert, a Catholic, said the greatest highlight of his journalistic career was having his family meet John Paul II.

He told another story that has stayed with me over the years. He had a friend and co-worker who lost his child at a very young age; the child may have been five or six years old. Naturally, the father and mother were overwhelmed with grief and sadness. Their hearts were shattered to the core. Tim Russert tried to be as supportive as he could, knowing there were no words that could bring comfort to his friend who had lost his son at such a young age.

Eventually, Russert did approach the man and ask, 'If you could do it all over again, have your son, and know that he would die so young, would you rather he had not been born and lived such a short time.' The father said No. I was blessed to have those few years and would not trade them for anything.

I thought about that story in the light of today's Gospel. I have always been moved by the words that Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus. He was also deeply moved by seeing the suffering pain of Lazarus' two sisters, Martha and Mary. The Gospel gives us that very short and simple sentence: See how he loved him. I love to think of Jesus' great human love for Lazarus. The Son of God, who made the heavens and earth, the stars and seas, stands and weeps and mourns for his friend. Jesus wept.

As we grow up, none of us escape the pain of loss. We have all wept the same tears that our Lord Jesus wept. Over and over again, we hear the painful litany of cancer, heart attack, alzheimer's, car accidents, and the terrible tragedies of earthquakes and tornadoes. Grieving and death are as much a part of life as are marrying, raising a family, buying a home and building a life. Yet, it hurts so much to love. There are so many widows and widowers here in our parish who deeply mourn their spouses. Although they may be blessed by loving children and grandchildren, there is an ache in the soul that does not go away. So many of us have buried our parents and miss them so much. Although they may have had long and happy lives, and as they aged we saw them grow ill, infirm and sometimes suffer from dementia, we find ourselves grateful for what they gave us, but pained that they are not with us now. We think of picking up a phone, dropping by the home, planning for Christmas dinner and suddenly recall they are now gone home to God.

We lose so many friends in the journey of life. People we grew up, shared childhood games, school memories, first cars and jobs, weddings and parties, and now they are not longer with us. Every death makes us think about our own mortality but is also leaves us a bit lonelier as we walk the path of life.

There is an old cliché, perhaps, tired and worn out, that it is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all. Without being overly dramatic or too melancholically Irish, every love will end in loss. Someone will go and someone will stay behind for a time. That is an undeniable truth. Yet, I am often struck at funerals, as I see the family and friends mourning their loved ones, that they were blessed to have had such a love in their lives. God blessed them with love, and the depth of their sorrow shows the death of their love.

Grief is an individual journey that every person carries. Martha is almost yelling at Jesus for not being there before Lazarus dies. Mary seeks to just be with Jesus for his comforting words. Jesus stands and weeps. Life moves on quickly. We are told to get on with our lives, not to get stuck in sorrow, to get hobbies and new interests. Those are good things but grief is real and must be embraced and allow time and the grace of God to bring healing and strength.

On the late Senator Robert Kennedy grave in Arlington National Cemetery are the words of Aeschylus, the ancient Greek writer, that the Senator found comfort in after the death of President Kennedy: *In our sleep, pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart and in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God.*

Jesus wept. Mourning moves in its own time and space. The dramatic aspect of this Gospel is not that Jesus raised Lazarus. That is certainly an awesome moment. But the Gospel tells us Lazarus will die again. This is not a resurrection but resuscitation – there will come a time when Lazarus will die again. The power of this Gospel story is the love Jesus had for Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. He comes to be with them in their time of loss and mourning. He weeps because he loved Lazarus. We call Jesus by the name Emmanuel which means God with us. God is with us in all the moments of our lives. As we walk down the corridor of the hospital after we have been told our spouse is dead, as we stand at the grave on the funeral day and yearn not to leave our deceased alone, as a memory flashes into our mind of a happy time spent with a friend, as we sit at Thanksgiving Dinner and miss Grandma sitting in her chair, he with us. He is Emmanuel.

After raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus will soon face his own agonizing death, and others, in particular his mother as well as Lazarus, Martha and Mary, will mourn him. They will be wrapped in agonizing confusion at the loss of Jesus. Some will go to his tomb to weep and pray, and to mourn and be with our Lord. They will hear the words: *why do you look for the living among the dead; he is not here; he has been raised.*

Just as all love on earth ends in death and separation. All love never truly ends because the one who we mourn on Good Friday will be raised from the dead on Easter Sunday. Every Sunday is a little Easter as we recall the resurrection from the dead. This is resurrection that has overcome death; Jesus will never die again. We pray for the faith in him to know that our beloved deceased will also die not more. They still love us in the kingdom of God and we shall see them again.

Father Pat, cssr

Golden Wedding Jubilee Celebrations

This spring couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, May 4th at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford and on Sunday, May 18 at the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM.

Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory.

Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 16th for the May 4th liturgy; and by April 30th for the May 18th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the fall for those who may find that more convenient.

If you have any questions, you may call the Office of Worship at (516) 678-5800, extension 207

Dear Book Club Friends,

WE HAVE SET A DATE! It is Friday, May 9th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. As a reminder, the book title is "*Someone*" by Alice Mc Dermott.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Ann Mele by phone 516-330-3039 or ann11647@netscape.net

Till then, happy reading!
Father Patrick Woods and Ann Mele



Holy Week 2014

April 14, Monday

Mass: 6:30, 9:00 A.M.
3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Confessions
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Confessions

April 15, Tuesday

Mass: 6:30, 9:00 A.M.
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Confessions

April 16, Wednesday

Mass: 6:30, 9:00 A.M.
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Confessions

April 17, Holy Thursday

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
7:30 P.M. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
9:00 P.M. Adoration until 11:00 P.M.

April 18, Good Friday

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
10:00 A.M. Stations of the Cross -
Bethpage State Park
3:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Passion
7:30 P.M. Liturgy of the Passion

April 19, Holy Saturday

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
1:00 P.M. Blessing of Bread/Food
8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil

April 20, Easter Sunday

Church: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.
& 1:00 P.M. (Life Teen)
Auditorium: 10:00 & 11:30 A.M.
NO EVENING MASS

