

Masses For The Week

- Monday - March 2**
 6:30 Patrick Hopkins, Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 Mary Connelly
- Tuesday - March 3**
 6:30 Joseph Reali
 9:00 Lucy & Joseph Laudadio
- Wednesday - March 4**
 6:30 Beatrice MacAskill
 9:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo
- Thursday - March 5**
 6:30 Joseph Reali
 9:00 Michael Smith
- Friday - March 6**
 6:30 Lucy Speelman, Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 Deceased Members of the Hospitality Ministry
- Saturday - March 7**
 9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Marie Bosco
 7:00 Helena Carroll
- Sunday - March 8**
 7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Margaret Dolmetsch & the Deceased Members of the Marano Family
 10:00 Helena Carroll
 11:30 Sara Cantillo
 1:00 Mary Griffin
 5:30 Connie, Mike & Michael Maggio

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
 Tues. Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
 Wed. Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
 Thurs. Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
 Fri. Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sat. Micah 7:14-15, 18-20, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun. Exodus 20:1-17 *God delivered the commandments to Moses and the Hebrews, who had been freed from slavery in Egypt. "You shall not have other gods besides me," said the Lord God.*

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 *Paul preached Christ crucified "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles." God's folly is wiser and his weakness stronger than human wisdom.*

John 2:13-25 *Jesus found people buying and selling in the temple. With a whip he drove out the moneychangers. He said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."*



Divine Mercy Novena

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: February 21/22, 2015
 \$17,027.76

A Reminder about Father Pat's invitation for a \$2.00 increase in your weekly offering for the Sundays of Lent. This will help greatly with the cost of heat and snow removal. Derek Jeter, #2 in your hearts, advised: *Give up your Yankee tickets and donate \$2.00 to the Church!*



Reflection & Living Stewardship

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial? **We are grateful** this week for all stewards in our parish who, through fasting, become more conscious of their faith and its interaction in daily life!



Charismatic Prayer Group

God is having a "come as you are" party and it's B.Y.O.B! - Bring Your Own Broken-ness! It's like a never ending open house. He's serving generous helpings of grace and mercy. The Guest Speaker is Jesus - listen to his stories and lessons. The motivational Speaker is the Holy Spirit who will lead you in the right direction.

Weather permitting, our next meeting is Monday, March 2nd at 7:30 PM in the Church. Everyone is welcome! Call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club

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| 2/23/15 | #183 Charles & Dorothy Lotten | \$25 |
| 2/24/15 | #319 Erin & Danny Baudille | \$25 |
| 2/25/15 | #600 Marion Pensabene | \$25 |
| 2/26/15 | #482 John Carroll | \$25 |
| 2/27/15 | #421 Joan Redka | \$50 |



Wedding Banns

Third Banns

Michael Pietzack & Michelle Mahlstadt



*“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: cereals, oatmeal, mixed vegetables, peas, carrots, sugar, chili, beef stew, pasta sauce, lentils, black beans, syrup, coffee, evaporated milk, Jell-O, pudding, chicken soup, pancake mix, flour, tissues, bar soap, shampoo, tooth paste, toilet paper.

As usual, we are so grateful for all that you do for those in need.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

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

The Psalms of Lent

Psalm 116:9

**I shall walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**



Week of March 1 - 7, 2015

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Helena Carroll*

Week of March 1 - 7, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

*In Loving Memory of
Patrick Hopkins*



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.**

Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa
Pattie Meegan, Fran Pignataro, Leigh Murphy
Richard Piernini, John Tortorice, Joseph Simon
Douglas Torres, James Robertson, Amy Hayes
Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly, Matthew Messina
Sharon Shiepkko, Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell
Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor
Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov
Patricia Marrone, Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil
Catherine Battiata, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro
Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino
Nicole Cagna, Gary Vlahov, Christopher Wezel
Eileen Catalano, Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh
Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Louise Sandberg
Jennie Ruggiero, Florencio Carmentate, Anthony Luisi
Deacon Gene Capobianco, Mary McCarthy
Christina Macchio, Karen Kilgard, Angela Calendrille
Tess Steubing, Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci
Robert Kennan, Corey Voboril, Charles Walsh
Baby Scarlett May Duffey, Vincent Mescia, Tommy Johnson
Joey Boncic, Harry Smith, Joseph Vareed
Joseph Antonakos, James Cardillo, Grace Pastorello
Anna M. Bosco, Baby Daniel, Janet Medina, Kevin Henson
Marie Newman, Lee Berkowitz, The Mascia Family
Caleb Haniquet, Edward Brown, Ceil Hollander
Ann Mirto, Vicki Perri, Daniel Costa, Nikki Eleanor Behrik
Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss, Bob Baciuska
Lorraine Dennan, Deacon Jim Biggin, Baby Aubrey
Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder, Thomas Napoli
Joan Spira, Gerald Campbell, Nicki, Vincent Esposito
Terry Hall, Maria Osicki, Joe Bauer, Catherine A. McCarthy
John Terence Ruane, Paul Granberg, James Fanning
Antoinette Diana, Little Sonny D'Ambrosio
Joann Sescila, Elsa Ryan, Sarah Messina
Michael Arato, Nicole Dreux, William Martuge
Joseph Mullaly, Deacon Jose Roa

Rest in Peace

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

Vito Bianco, Ann P. Gorman

*The Pastor's Letter***Jesus Dances into Your Life When You Least Expect It**

Last Thursday, February 19th, was a day I received a very special gift from the Lord. I had a funeral for Leonard Salemi, a parishioner who had a very lovely and beautiful family. He was elderly. As is the custom of our clergy, I visited the funeral home the day before to pray for the deceased. I met with Leonard's wife and children. It was clear to me from listening to them that he was a wonderful man. Since I try to give a personal homily when I can at a funeral, I asked the family about their husband and father. Besides his many good qualities as a father and husband, I was told he was a wonderful dancer, and that he and his wife met when she was introduced to him at a dance.

As I was preparing the homily, I thought I would try to bring into the talk something about dance since it is a word often used in the Bible, especially the Psalms. *Psalm 30:11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing: you have put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness. Psalm 150:4 Praise him with the tambourine and dance: praise him with stringed instruments.* For some reason, and how an imagination works is a mystery, I thought of the song *The Lord of the Dance*. So I included this refrain from the song in my homily:

***Dance, then, wherever you may be
For I am the Lord of the dance, said He
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.***

For me, the lyrics are a beautiful image of Christ leading us to his Father. When I got to Church for the funeral Mass, I asked Elena, our musician and soloist, if she knew the song and could sing it at the Mass. She is a very talented and flexible musician and readily agreed. After the homily, she sang the song in a very slow and mournful way that I think touched all at the funeral.

As the Mass proceeded, right around the time of the Consecration of the Mass, I had what James Joyce, the Irish writer, would call an *epiphany*, a sudden moment or flash of insight that comes to one unexpectedly. Earlier in the day, a close friend reminded me that February 19, 1983 was my sister, Gerry's anniversary of death. Gerry was twelve years older than I. She was a Sister of St. Joseph and died at the age of 45. It was very unexpected since it was a virus that had suddenly attacked her heart. My Mother and Dad and all the family were devastated, and we still feel her absence very much.

When Gerry died, I felt I could not give her funeral homily. I said the funeral Mass, but I knew I could not give a homily without breaking down in sorrow. So I asked my dear friend, Fr. John McGowan, CSsR, to give the homily. Gerry was a wonderful Irish step dancer, very light on her feet. (I did not inherit this trait!) So Fr. John used the image of a dancer through his very moving homily. He quoted W. H. Auden, the poet, *When grace comes, you have to dance*. He spoke about my sister as a woman of grace who touched many lives as a daughter, sister, friend, Nun, and teacher. He quoted the song *The Lord of the Dance* in the homily. Whenever, our family had a major family event - a wedding, a baptism, or a jubilee - we often played the song as a way of including Gerry in our loving memory.

So here I am at the altar, burying a good man who was a dancer, and for some reason, I chose *The Lord of the Dance* for the homily and as a song for the Mass. I had lost track that it was Gerry's anniversary until I got the note in the morning from my friend. However, it had slipped my mind with my preparation for the funeral Mass.

It all came together for me in an instant during the Mass: *The Lord of the Dance*, February 19th, a funeral Mass. Briefly, and with a clear sense that words cannot describe, in that experience I felt Gerry's presence, knew she was alive with God, and loving me - a great gift from God. I tell this story not because I think I am unique or blessed by God but simply because I know we all have such experiences but we are often afraid to share them lest people think we are religious fanatics or trying to act like a saint. I thank you, Gerry, for your visit and I know you welcome Leonard home to the kingdom of God.

The Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from Heaven and I danced on the Earth/In Bethlehem I had my birth.
Dance, then, wherever you may be/For I am the Lord of the dance, said He.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be/And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.
I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee/But they wouldn't dance and they wouldn't follow me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John/They came with me and the dance went on
Dance, then, wherever you may be/For I am the Lord of the dance, said He.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be/And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He
I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame/The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped, and they stripped, and they hung me high/And they left me there on a cross to die
I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black/It's hard to dance with the world on your back.

They buried my body and they thought I'd gone/But I am the dance, and I still go on
Dance, then, wherever you may be/Dance, then, wherever you may be
Dance, then, wherever you may be/For I am the Lord of the dance, said He
For I am the Lord of the dance, said He/For I am the Lord of the dance, said He.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be/And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be/And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He/And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He
They cut me down and I lept up high/I am the life that will never, never die.

I'll live in you if you'll live in me/I am the Lord of the dance, said He
Dance, then, wherever you may be/For I am the Lord of the dance, said He
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be/And I'll lead you all in the dance, the dance, in the dance!

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR

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**St. Martin of Tours
PARISH LENTEN MISSION
Conducted by Father Richard Bennett, CSsR
7:30 PM**

**Monday, March 9th: Openness, Honesty, Trust:
Christ's Formula for Success**

**Tuesday, March 10th: Conversion:
Humanity's Total Make-Over**

**Wednesday: March 11th: Gifts of the Holy Spirit:
Learning to Unlearn...What We've Learned**



3/1: NO Life Night - LI Life Teen Retreat

3/8: Life Night 7-8:30pm



**Edge meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month in the
OLPH Youth Center from 7-8:30pm.**

Upcoming Events:

3/12: Edge Night 7-8:30pm

To see our full schedule, please visit SMTBethpage.org!

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

The Youth Ministry Office Phone: (516) 870-5669.





SMT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one? Are you grieving the loss? Bereavement groups help many people in the process. St. Martin of Tours will have the sessions on Thursday evenings beginning at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall as follows:

**March 5, 12, 26; April 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, & 21**

Please call the rectory office at 931-0818 to register and leave your name, phone number and the best time to reach you. Someone from the Bereavement Ministry will return your call.

**Wednesday Lenten Prayer Reflection
7:30PM in the Church**

**March 18:
Listening to Jesus: His Seven Last Words**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturday, March 21st
8PM - 11PM
Church**

Lenten Movie

**The Passion of the Christ
Friday, March 27th at 7:30PM
St. Alphonsus Hall**

**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>

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY
CONFRATERNITY**

CMRC's general meeting will be Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Rosary and CMRC prayers, followed by a brief business meeting. A presentation by our pastor, Father Pat Woods, CSSR, will be on Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Refreshments will be served and all women are most welcome to attend.

SPRING FLING: Save the Date!!

This year our Spring Fling is **Tuesday, April 7th** at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Watch for April Bingo!

If you would like to become a member, please speak to Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408. Dues are still \$10 per year!

PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Please call the rectory at 931-0818 or email woodscsr@aol.com or gamit1946@hotmail.com to add your loved one to this prayer list.



Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MAJ Brian McGrath, US Army
 CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army
 CPT Erika Holownia, US Army
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT 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
 1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF, Afghanistan
 SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
 PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army, Korea
 PFC William Corrigan, USMC
 PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC
 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
 SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
 1LT Brian Thorpe, USN Pilot, Persian Gulf
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army, Afghanistan
 PVT Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
 BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
 LTC John Evans, US Army
 STS2(SS) James McDevitt, US Navy
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
 2LT Samantha Lopez, U.S. Navy

ANNOUNCING
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS ADULT EDUCATION COURSE
READING THE NEW TESTAMENT
 (AN INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW)

St. Gregory the Great uses a classic phrase to describe the New Testament as ***“Letters from our heavenly fatherland.”*** This precious legacy is the foundation of our faith and the rule and criterion of the Christian life.

Join us as we acquaint all participants with the basic information needed to adequately contextualize the New Testament by placing it within the first century world in which it was written.

Topics to be covered include: An Overview of the New Testament. The Apostolic Church and Teaching, The Formation of the Gospels, The Letters of Paul and the Catholic Epistles and The Formation of the New Testament Canon.

There will be ample opportunity for prayer, the sharing of faith experiences and the enjoyment of Christian fellowship.

If the Spirit is attracting you, pay attention to it. **Do something for your spiritual and intellectual growth by attending this basic course in Scriptural Theology.**

DATES: Begins Wed., April 8, 2015 and continues on Wed., April 15, 22, 29, May 6. Attendance at all sessions is **NOT** required.

TIME: 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

LOCATION: St. Alphonsus Hall

INSTRUCTOR: Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy, Spiritual Director

REGISTRATION: Required before course begins. Complete the form below with a **check for \$10.00 made out to Deacon Thomas Hennessy to cover the cost of course material.**

REQUIRED TEXT: The New Testament

REGISTRATION

Please enroll me in the **Reading the New Testament** course beginning Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. My check for \$10.00 for course material made out to Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy is enclosed.

(print)

Full Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

(Mail or drop off completed form to the rectory office c/o Deacon Tom.)



Welcome Back Lighthouse Catholic Media

This past Advent for two weeks, we made available listening and reading materials from *Lighthouse Catholic Media*. These materials were well received by our parishioners. **During the February 28/March 1st weekend**, we will once again make such materials available. *Lighthouse Catholic Media* has gathered some of the best of Church writings and speakers and made them very accessible to those who are seeking to come to know Jesus or to deepen their faith in the Lord.

They are offered at a very inexpensive price in the form of books, booklets, compact discs, and copies of the *New Testament*. The parish is not making any profit on these materials and are being sold for exactly what the parish paid. I find their writings and lectures to be very solid in Catholic teaching, and I hope you might consider buying a disc or book. Many of us spend a fair amount of time watching television (I know I do). Here is a chance to feed our spirits with some excellent reflections. Spiritual reading and listening is a great practice for the season of Lent.

We are proud to present a **new evangelization opportunity** here at St. Martin's. *Lighthouse Catholic Media* offers a practical and effective program to help Catholics know their Faith, keep their Faith, and share their Faith! We all have friends or family members who have fallen away from the Church, or loved ones who are searching for answers about their Faith and want to increase their knowledge and understanding but don't know where to begin.

Now you can reach out to them by offering a wonderful learning tool - a Lighthouse CD. Whether in the car or at home, people can deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith when they listen to inspiring talks given by some of the best Catholic speakers in the world. I am very grateful to our parishioner, Rita Verow, for once again coordinating this wonderful effort. - Father Pat

Dear SMT Book Club Friends,

We hope you are warm and safe in this “frosty” weather! Our new book is **“Orphan Train”** by Kristina Baker Kline. The meeting will be **Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Saint Alphonsus Hall**. Warm conversation and insightful comments hopefully will be enjoyed by all. New and seasoned members are most welcome. The book doesn’t need to be completed by the meeting date.

A memo about the meeting and some thoughts for discussion will be emailed to you about 10 days before. If you have any concerns, please contact Ann Mele ann111647@netscape.net or call (516) 330-3039.

Till then happy reading! - Father Patrick Woods & Ann Mele

**INFORMATION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING FOR
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Session “A” is required of **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are also required to attend Session “B” **in addition** to Session “A”. Please write a letter to the pastor, Father Pat Woods, CSSR expressing your desire to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for the Church and/or Hospital Homebound.

TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING: the pastor of the parish must send a letter to Bishop Murphy ***at least 10 days in advance*** requesting the training for each person attending. **This letter must mention the date and location of the session the person will attend.**

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

In Nassau:

**“A” Session Training for Extraordinary Ministers
ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

April 18, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Suffolk:

**“A” Session Training for Extraordinary Ministers
ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

April 25, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM

McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

In Nassau:

“B” session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 16, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Suffolk:

“B” Session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 9, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM

McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers at St. Elizabeth, Melville.

Session “A” - Wednesday, May 6, 2015; 7:30—10 PM

Session “B” - Wednesday, May 20, 2015; 7:30—10PM

WORKSHOP FEES: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: \$30 per person (fee paid by St. Martin’s).

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

DEATH WITH DIGNITY?

A.2129 Rosenthal: *In relation to legalizing physician assisted suicide.*



The above-referenced bill would add a new section of the Public Health Law to allow physicians to prescribe lethal doses of medication for the express purpose of ending a patient's life. The New York State Catholic Conference opposes this legislation for the reasons outlined below:

We would note that the title of the legislation itself - the DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT - is biased against those persons who allow a natural death to occur, inferring that a natural death is somehow less dignified than assisted suicide. Similarly, language used throughout the legislation references ENDING LIFE IN A HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER, suggesting that allowing natural death to occur is INHUMANE AND UN-DIGNIFIED. We find this language to be biased and insulting.

Blur longstanding medical, moral and legal distinctions between withdrawing extraordinary medical assistance and taking active steps to destroy human life. One lets people die a natural death, the other is the deliberate and direct act of hastening death.

Undermine the physician's role as healer, forever alter the doctor-patient relationship, and lessen the quality of care provided to patients at the end of life. Patients are best served when medical professionals, together with families and loved ones, provide support and care with dignity and respect, not lethal doses of drugs. The AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION holds a policy position against physician-assisted suicide, which they say is FUNDAMENTALLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PHYSICIAN'S ROLE and would be DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL.

Read more or view on New York State Catholic Conference website.

Further resources: NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH CATHOLIC GUIDANCE for End-of-Life Decision Making. www.catholicendoflife.org.

USCCB - Assisted Suicide. THE ASSISTED SUICIDE ISSUE WILL SOON BE UPON US IN NEW YORK STATE AND COULD HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ON CARE FOR THOSE AT THE END OF LIFE.

Source. Respect Life Office: DRVC

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**

**POLICY & PROCEDURE REGARDING THE SAFETY OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS**

SCHOOL PARKING LOT

FOR THE PROTECTION & SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Please note that while school is in session, the Religious Education Department **will lock both gates*** leading to the school parking lot** on the following days and times:

Monday and Tuesday: 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Please park outside the gates during these days and times since this area becomes a **SAFE ZONE FOR PEDESTRIANS ONLY**. PLEASE - park **ONLY** in the church parking lot or municipal lot during these days and hours. Thank you.

*****PLEASE NOTE:**

Due to the ice and snow, there are times when Religious Education cannot close the gates. This does not mean that cars are allowed to enter the school parking lot. It still remains a Safe Zone for **PEDESTRIANS ONLY**.

Your cooperation is most appreciated!

**Golden Wedding Liturgy Honoring
Couples Married Fifty Years or More**

Sunday, April 19

St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville

Sunday, April 26

Maria Regina Seaford

Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM. Please register for ONE liturgy by stopping by the Rectory office or calling 931-0818. Registration for the April 19th liturgy must be received by April 6. Registration for the April 26th liturgy must be received by April 13. If you have any questions, please call the Diocese and speak to Suzanne at 516-678-5800 x 207.

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.



ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015
SCHOOL CAFETERIA (EMMAUS HALL)
6PM - 8PM**



All Parishioners and their families and friends are invited to share, not only the warmth and goodness of homemade soup, but also in the warmth and goodness of our parish family!

This simple Lenten meal of soup and rolls is offered to all who come. In addition our Parish Outreach shares any left over soup with parishioners who are unable to attend. They also feed our Lenten soup to anyone who is homeless.

This means that those in need can feel the warmth of soup, sharing with their fellow men and women and, above all, the love of Jesus Christ. This is the gift of our faith reaching out to others during this sacrificial season.

**It's time to think about making soup
for this annual Lenten event!**

**To make soup or to volunteer,
please call Pat Ricci at (516) 796-1320.**

**Soup warms our bodies.
Sharing warms our hearts.
The Season stirs our souls.**

Be part of St. Martin of Tours reaching out!

International Night Team



I want to thank Laura Leigh Agnese and her team for the ministry they did in providing a lovely evening for our annual International Night. Although I did not know what some of the dishes were, I ate them with great gusto since they were delicious. We also had a great combination of various desserts and baked goods, including that pastor's favorite, soda bread. We even had a vegetarian dish, spiced up with tofu moose. It tasted better than it sounds.

It was a terrible weather night but we still had a good crowd. A few people have mentioned to me that I should have the International Night at another time of the year so that snow and ice could be avoided. This is the third international night and our goal was to have it as a kind of Mardi Gras before Lent began but the calendar pushed me into Lent this year. I certainly will consider the idea of scheduling the event at a different time of the year. I love events that bring our parishioners together. - Father Pat.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Youth Ministry Adoration

Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 PM
in the Church.

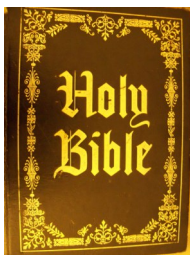
Everyone is welcome!

Please Note:

There may be times during the day when we will have to lock the church for cleaning. A note will be posted on the doors when this is necessary.

Fr. Jim McCabe, CSSR's bible sessions will cover the Passion, Death and Resurrection in the four Gospels. Similarities and difference will be discussed. The remaining sessions will be in St. Alphonsus Hall from 7:15-8:15pm.

Monday, March 2 - Matthew
Monday, March 16- Luke
Monday, March 23 - John



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Bethpage 24nd Annual St. Patrick's Parade



**Honoring 2015 Grand Marshal
Rev. Patrick Woods, C.Ss.R.
Sunday, March 1, 2015 - 2:00 PM
*(through downtown Bethpage)***

Schedule of Events: 1:00 PM Mass at St. Martin of Tours Church
2:00 PM Parade immediately following Mass
3:30 PM Program – Showmobile on Broadway
4:00 PM Reception at St. Martin's Auditorium and Cafeteria

Music & Entertainment and Food, Drinks & Good Cheer
All are invited

Admission: \$5.00 per person – children under 12 are free

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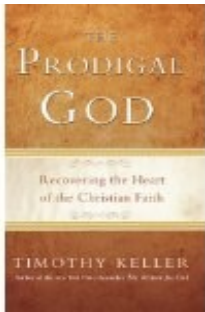
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Thank you, also, to the residents of Bethpage who have contributed to this event.

Parish Spiritual Book Club
The Prodigal God
 Written by Timothy Keller, Riverhead Books

Selection for Lent, 2015

"This short book is meant to lay out the essentials of the Christian message, the gospel." So begins Timothy Keller's new book, *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*. Keller targets both seekers who are unfamiliar with the gospel and longtime church members who may not feel the need for a primer on the gospel. Keller's book, as the provocative title suggests, is built on one of Jesus' most famous stories, the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15).



Keller contends that "on the surface of it, the narrative is not all that gripping." But, he contends that "if the teaching of Jesus is likened to a lake, this famous Parable of the Prodigal Son would be one of the clearest spots where we can see all the way to the bottom." Keller has taught from this passage many times over the years, and says, "I have seen more people encouraged, enlightened, and helped by this passage, when I explained the true meaning of it, than by any other text."

The book is laid out in seven brief chapters which aim to uncover the extravagant (prodigal) grace of God, as revealed in this parable. Keller shows how the parable describes **two** kinds of "lost" people, not just one. Most people can identify the lost-ness of the "Prodigal Son," the younger brother in Jesus' story, who takes his inheritance early and squanders it on riotous living.

But Keller shows that the "elder brother" in the parable is no less lost. Together, the two brothers are illustrations of two kinds of people in the world. "Jesus uses the younger and elder brothers to portray the two basic ways people try to find happiness and fulfillment: the way of moral conformity and the way of self-discovery." Both brothers are in the wrong, and when we see this, we discover a radical redefinition of what is wrong with us.

We will have our meeting at St. Alphonsus Hall on March 28th, at 7PM. You do not have to be a member of the book club to attend. This is one of my favorite books. Even if you have not read the book, you might enjoy the discussion. All are welcome. - Father Pat



Stations of the Cross
Friday evenings in the Church at 7:30PM
March 6, March 13, March 20 & March 27

**Homily from the Grand Marshall
St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2015
Father Patrick Woods CSSR**

THE STORY OF NINE FAMOUS IRISHMEN

In the young Irish disorders, in Ireland in 1848, the following nine men were captured, tried and convicted of treason against Her Majesty, the Queen, and were sentenced to death: John Mitchell, Morris Leyne, Pat Donahue, Thomas McGee, Charles Duffy, Thomas Meagher, Richard O'Gorman, Terrance McManus, and Michael Ireland. The judge sentenced them all to be hanged by the neck until dead, and drawn and quartered. Passionate protest from the entire world forced Queen Victoria to commute the sentence to transportation for life to far, wild Australia.

In 1874, word reached an astounded Queen Victoria that the Sir Charles Duffy who had been elected Prime Minister of Australia, was the same Charles Duffy who had been transported 25 years before. On the Queen's demand, the records of the rest of the transported men were revealed and this is what was uncovered:

Thomas Francis Meagher, Governor of Montana; **Terrance McManus**, Brigadier General, US Army
Patrick Donahue, Brigadier General, US Army; **Morris Leyne**, Attorney General of Australia in which office
Michael Ireland succeeded him; **Richard O'Gorham**, Governor General of Newfoundland;
Thomas D'Archy McGee, Member of Parliament, Montreal
Minister of Agriculture and President of Council Dominion of Canada
John Mitchell, Prominent New York Politician.

This man was the father of John Purroy Mitchell, Mayor of New York at the outbreak of World War I.

The moral of that story is you cannot keep a good Irishman down for long. They will eventually rise somehow or other to great heights. I feel that way today in being named the Grand Marshall of the Bethpage St. Patrick's Day Parade. I am deeply honored and grateful to the parade committee to be chosen at the Grand Marshall of the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade. It is a moment I will always treasure and I am delighted to share it with you the parishioners of St. Martin's and some of my family and friends.

As is true for the story of the nine famous Irishman, the former grand marshals of this parade have risen to some great heights. Just to mention a few of the long green distinguished line of men and women: John Joyce is a trustee of St. Martin's, even though he chose to attend the University of Nebraska rather than Notre Dame. Tom Hennessy is a deacon of the parish who has the task of trying to keep the Redemptorist priests in some kind of order. Mary McCaffrey rose to great political heights in the town of Oyster Bay and as a Democrat no less, Eamon Fitzgerald managed to marry Mari who is a wonderful woman and a great cook. Tess Stuebing survived her marriage to Bud, a good German. These people have done well. There is even a rumor that one of the Grand Marshall even became the County Executive of Nassau County. So when I received this title, I feel I might begin to plan on being fitted for a monsignor's robe!

This is a sentimental occasion for me. I was dear friend of Father George Keaveney, now deceased, who was the first Redemptorist pastor here at St. Martin's. I have the shillelagh that he carried in the parade when he was the second person to be Grand Marshal, following Connie Doolan. He often spoke to me about the parade. I also have deep memories of boarding the Sea Beach Express, now the N train, and going to the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade with my dad and sisters and marching up Fifth Avenue beneath the banner of County Clare, along with my uncles and cousins. When the parade was over, we went home for my mother's corned beef dinner. I must confess she made me chicken since I was not at the time a corned beef man, but I have converted over the years. An immigrant learns to love his or her new land. Every Memorial day and Fourth of July, my parents proudly hung the America flag outside what we called the parlor floor window on the second floor of our home. My father loved baseball because immigrants saw baseball as the game of their new nation. My mother learned to cook a Thanksgiving turkey as well as any Plymouth Rock Pilgrim. They were Irish, but they were proud to be American citizens.

I am the son of two Irish immigrants who came to New York in the height of the Depression. After many years of dating, my mother told my father it was time to get married. The O'Dea women were very decisive. The first time I went to Ireland, I was amazed at the beauty of rural Ireland and the areas where my parents were from. But as my cousin Seamus told me, *Ah Father, you can't eat the scenery*. How true. The Irish, and so many other ethnic groups, such as the Italians, the Germans, the Polish and many other nationalities came in waves to America for the three reasons: 1) here they could practice their faith in freedom; 2) they found a country where a working person could get ahead and make a better life for his family; 3) America was a great land of freedom and opportunity.

We Americans, whatever our nationality, come from brave people who made the arduous journey across the seas. We were and still are a land of immigrants. Tom Brokaw rightly calls the World War II generation the Greatest Generation. I would call the immigrants from all over the world who came to America in the 19th and 20th Century the Bravest Generation.

In the history of the Irish people, we know that they suffered for the practice of their Catholic faith for many centuries, both in Ireland and here in the United States. We know this is also true for many other nationalities. My mother often spoke to me about the terrible campaign of bigotry against Governor Al Smith, the first Catholic to run for president. Thanks be to God, those day of religious prejudice have passed both in Ireland and in America. I cannot help but think on this happy day of the suffering of the St. Patrick's Bethpage Parade, how many Christians in the Middle East and parts of Africa who are being persecuted, tortured, and even killed for their faith in the Jesus Christ.

America is the greatest nation in the world, but we have grown weary of seeking to solve the problems of other peoples with the blood of our finest young men and women. Still, I am sure that you join my in prayer that our nation and our the countries of the world may somehow find a path to put an end to such terrible evil and religious persecution as we have seen with ISIS. Let us never take for granted the gift of our ability to worship God in freedom. Generations of men and women have gone before us who left us this great gift. We lift our hearts in prayer and gratitude for what they suffered and those who are suffering today so that we can say, *I believe in Jesus Christ*.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 20, 2015

My dear brother priests:

The atrocities being inflicted on the populations of several countries in the Middle East and North Africa continue to mount. The growth of terrorism seems on the rise and Islamic terrorist groups, principally ISIS and Al Qaeda, continue to justify their brutal and barbaric actions by appeal to the Q'ran and to Islamic law. With no prejudice toward the peaceful Muslim communities on Long Island and around the world, we all, Christian, Muslim and all men and women of good will, must be one in condemning these atrocities and standing as one in defense of religious minorities throughout the world and especially in the countries of Middle East and North Africa.

In light of this, as Pastor of this local Church, I am sending you the following intention that is to be used in the Prayer of the Faithful at all of the Masses on the First Sunday of Lent. (we had a similar prayer in our prayer of the faithful).

Commending to you, O Lord, the 21 Coptic Christian Martyrs of Libya, we pray for an end to the hostilities and the violence against innocent people and religious and ethnic minorities in the Middle East and North Africa, beseeching your gift of peace for all who are suffering, and a swift restoration of justice, harmony and freedom for all who have been the victims of fanatical violence. Protect them and all their families whose homes have been destroyed and lives placed in peril, we pray to the Lord.

Thursday evening I joined the Coptic Bishop David and the Coptic Church of New York at a Prayer Service at the Coptic Orthodox Church on Staten Island. I assured them of our prayers and our solidarity with them and with all the victims of what the terrorists call *Jihad*. As a local Church we continue to help the refugees of all faiths in Iraq, Syria and Jordan. Catholic Near East Welfare Association, where I am one of the five Bishop Board Members, continues to serve refugees in welcome centers, schools and hospitals. Our Diocese cooperates with the Holy See in sending money directly to Papal Representatives in those countries, sending whatever funds I can find to support the care they receive through their churches as well as through CRS. Thanks to the Holy See, we were able a few years ago to work with the Nuncio in Syria who gained the release of the body of a local woman journalist, Marie Colvin, who was killed by snipers while on assignment.

I want to thank all of you who have supported these and other efforts to aid the suffering. However we need also to let the President and the elected officials of our government in Washington know that greater effort and more committed action must be exercised by our leaders in concert with the international community to bring an end to this violence and hatred and to restore hope and tranquility to peoples and nations in the Middle East. True peace is ultimately a gift from God for which we will pray every day. But God expects us, our nation's leaders, along with all peace-loving peoples and nations, to be instruments of peace by rectifying injustice, strengthening bonds of friendship and guaranteeing that all peoples can live in peace and harmony. May Mary Help of Christians watch over and protect all her children in the Middle East and North Africa.

+William Murphy
Bishop of Rockville Centre

I am including this information in the bulletin with the hope that you might consider writing to President Obama concerning the evil persecution of Christians by ISIS in the Middle East. What can be done politically is a most difficult situation. I certainly do not blame President Obama for this situation, but I do ask him and the leaders of the world to seek some solution that would end this terrible persecution. - Father Pat

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PHONE NUMBERS

Comments: 202-456-1111

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Visitor's Office: 202-456-2121

Email the President: president@whitehouse.gov

Write a letter to the President

Here are a few simple things you can do to make sure your message gets to the White House as quickly as possible.

1. If possible, email us! This is the fastest way to get your message to President Obama.
2. If you write a letter, please consider typing it on an 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheet of paper. If you hand-write your letter, please consider using pen and writing as neatly as possible.
3. Please include your return address on your letter as well as your envelope. If you have an email address, please consider including that as well.
4. And finally, be sure to include the full address of the White House to make sure your message gets to us as quickly and directly as possible:

**The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500**

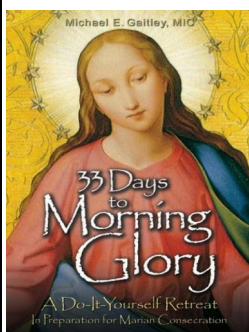
**The Living Stations of the Cross
performed by
St. Martin of Tours Parishioners**

**PALM SUNDAY EVENING
March 29th
7:30PM in the Church**



I am happy to announce that our parishioners will have the opportunity to open their hearts to a total consecration to Jesus through Mary. This is a 6 week program that consists of personal reading (five to six minutes) and six weekly meetings that end with the Mass of Consecration. One of the great saints of the Church is St. Louis de Montfort who said the following: *“Marian Consecration is the quickest, easiest, most perfect away to sainthood.”* Rita Verow, a parishioner who has made this consecration, will be the moderator of this program. I recommend it to all. See below for more information. - *Father Pat*

“The Immaculate Heart - 33 Days to Morning Glory” - A Parish-based Program



Join your fellow parishioners and thousands of Catholics around the country as we explore **Marian Consecration** as presented in **“33 Days to Morning Glory!”** We begin with the Immaculate Heart of Mary and preparation for Marian Consecration because she leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to holiness.

WHAT: The “33 Days to Morning Glory” book and accompanying group retreat materials provide a wonderful format for reflection, discussion and learning. The meetings include DVD lessons, discussions, review of the Retreat Companion, and prayer.

WHEN: **FRIDAYS FROM 7:30 - 9:00PM - ST. ALPHONSUS HALL**
 April 10, 17, 24
 May 1, 8, ending May 13th Consecration Day

FACILITATOR: Rita Verow, SMT Parishioner

REGISTRATION WEEKENDS: March 7 & 8 and March 14 & 15
 There will be sign up sheets in the Church or email Genny Mitchell at gamit1946@hotmail.com to register until March 15th.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Please come on March 7th at 8:30AM for **First Saturday Devotions** consisting of the Rosary of Reparation, a reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All are most welcome!

HOLY FACE OF JESUS HOLY HOUR

Monday, March 2nd at 1:00PM in the Church in reparation for the wounds to His Holy Face. All will be blessed with St. Peregrine oil.

Everyone is welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 7:30PM Church
- Mar 1: St. Patrick's Day Mass 1:00PM/Parade & Reception to follow
- Mar 2, Mar 16 & Mar 23: Fr. Jim's Gospel Study 7:15PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 2: Holy Face Devotion 1PM Church
- Mar 2: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Mar 4: Annual Soup Supper 6:00PM School Cafeteria (Emmaus Hall)
- Beginning Mar 5: Bereavement Sessions 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 6: First Friday Devotion is cancelled due to the Stations of the Cross at 7:30PM
- Mar 7: First Saturday 8:30AM Church
- Mar 9, 10, 11: PARISH MISSION with Father Richard Bennett, CSSR
- Mar 18: Lenten Prayer Reflection: Listening to Jesus-His Seven Last Words 7:30PM Church
- Mar 20: Life Line Screening begins at 9AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 21: Eucharistic Adoration 8PM - 11PM Church
- Mar 27: Movie: The Passion of the Christ 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 28: Spiritual Book Club: The Prodigal God 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 29: Living Stations of the Cross 7:30PM Church
- Beginning Apr 8: New Testament Course by Dcn Tom Hennessy 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Beginning Apr 10: 33 Days to Morning Glory! 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall

LIFE LINE SCREENING

**ST MARTIN OF TOURS AT ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH HALL
38 SEAMAN AVENUE, BETHPAGE NY 11714
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015 - FIRST APPOINTMENT BEGINS AT 9AM**

MUST REGISTER WITH LIFE LINE SCREENING

St. Martin of Tours Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 3/20/2015.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**