

Masses For The Week

- Monday - March 9**
6:30 Jessica Yeager
9:00 Maria & Frank Sergio
- Tuesday - March 10**
6:30 William Vontoussant
9:00 Salvatore Accardi
- Wednesday - March 11**
6:30 Barbara Coyer
9:00 Lucille Regan
- Thursday - March 12**
6:30 Anne Brown
9:00 Thomas O. Regan
- Friday - March 13**
6:30 Peter J. Carroll & Jay C. Aliano
9:00 Virginia Cooney
- Saturday - March 14**
9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Delia Connaughton, Anniversary
7:00 Frank & Josephine Paula Pfeffer
- Sunday - March 15**
7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 James J. Dooley
10:00 Margaret & Mark Ridge
11:30 Frank & Jennie Juliano
1:00 Stella Jankowski
5:30 Sabina Brigandi

Readings For The Week

- Mon. 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30
- Tues. Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
- Wed. Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
- Thurs. Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
- Fri. Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
- Sat. Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
- Sun. 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23** *God's people lived in sin, mocking God's messengers and ignoring the Lord's warnings. Finally their enemies destroyed Jerusalem. They were taken captive, but God showed mercy.*
Ephesians 2:4-10 *God is rich in mercy, and out of love the Lord brought us to life in Christ when we were in sin. God saved us by grace, not by anything we have done.*
John 3:14-21 *God's Son came into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. As Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life.*



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: Feb 28/March 1, 2015
\$22,699.20

Thank you for your great generosity!



Vice President Biden, the number two man in the United State government, says, "If you can afford it, please put two extra dollars in the collection during Lent. If not, we will tax it anyway!"

Reflection & Living Stewardship



"You shall not covet" is a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this realization that **all** is gift help us to be less resentful of the gifts of others.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who make a conscious effort to simplify their lives by reprioritizing and getting back to basics.

Charismatic Prayer Group

A new family moved into my neighbor's house, painting, redecorating and making it their own. I thought, God does the same thing when a child of His comes back to Him. He'll scrub away all the sins, and tear down the walls of pain. He'll decorate with mercy, love and forgiveness. Just like the house that is now their home, the child's heart is a home for God.

Weather permitting, our next meeting is Monday, March 16th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club

3/2/15 #214	Linda Leek	\$25
3/3/15 #301	Eleanor Shaw	\$25
3/4/15 #501	Loretta Eckhoff	\$25
3/5/15 #386	Joanne Reeves	\$25
3/6/15 #514	John & Connie Lynam	\$50



Wedding Banns

First Banns

John Moore & Lisa Caffrey



*“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

**Blessed are they
who hope in the Lord.**



Week of March 8 - 14, 2015

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Paul James Fidnarick*

Week of March 8 - 14, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

*In Loving Memory of
Ann Daly*



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 Shiepkov, 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 Baciуска
Lorraine Dennon, Deacon Jim Biggin
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 Messena, Vinny Murphy
Michael Arato, Nicole Dreux, William Martuge
Joseph Mullaly, Deacon Jose Roa, Elizabeth Ryan
Steven Roberts, Jr.

Rest in Peace

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

***Theresa M. Lagomarsino, Nicoletta Mattariello
John J. Farrell, Thomas O. Bertchi
Barbara Mangiamele***

The Pastor's Letter

Moses parted the Red Sea that allowed the Jewish people to be set free from the Egyptians. Our Lord Jesus calmed the seas and walked on the water. The Blessed Mother had the sun dance at Fatima. Father Pat brought us snow for the Bethpage St. Patrick's Day Parade! When I was named Grand Marshal, I was told I had only one serious responsibility: to pray for good weather. John Joyce, the chairman of the Parade Committee, told me that next year they are getting a Rabbi as the next Grand Marshal.

But your Grand Marshal was like the United States Postal Service: *Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds!* I completed the March and celebrated the day to the full extent of the law.

I was deeply honored by the Bethpage Parade Committee to have been chosen as the Grand Marshal for the Year 2015. In spite of the terrible weather, it was a day that touched my heart deeply and one that I shall never forget. I thank the committee for this wonderful gift.

It would be impossible to list all the graces I experienced on Sunday, March 1, 2015. To list but a few of those graces is risky since I know I cannot capture them all and the people that touched me with God's love. But here are a few of the many highlights:

1. ***The presence of my family.*** Right before the parade began my niece called from North Carolina to wish me luck. My sister came from Brooklyn, my nephew Rob came all the way from Westchester, in spite of having been here the day before for a baptism. My niece Claire, her husband Tom, Fiona and Sean were decked out in green. My cousins Philomena and Bridie and some of their children were there. Two dear friends, Mark from Annapolis and Kathy from Saratoga Springs, braved the weather and made the trip, as did two of my confreres Fathers Frank Gargani and Frank Mulvaney. Sr. Emily, a friend from my days in Brooklyn was present and always doing practical things such as making sure the soda bread was cut correctly.
2. I noticed Father Jim McCabe, after celebrating several Masses, came to the 1:00 p.m. Mass.
3. Parishioners went out of the way to be so very welcoming and helpful to my family. You made them feel so very special and I thank you.
4. Elena as always provided such beautiful music and is so willing to make any occasion special by her gifts.
5. Maureen Scharen sang three of our family's favorite songs: *The Lovely Rose of Clare*, *The Fair of Spancil Hill*, and *The Lord of the Dance*. My mother loved *The Fair of Spancil Hill* song since she often told us that her brother sold a horse at the fair that paid the fare for her sister to come to America, who then brought Mom to this great country. Maureen also made a great soda bread for my family as did Rita Verow and Maureen Descovich.

6. Kathie Speelman was a great photographer and took great pictures for me as did John McCarthy. Kathie also made a great Irish cake. I am still getting an opinion if devil's food counts as chocolate for those who give up the cocoa bean for Lent.

7. I noticed so many people at the 1:00 Mass for the parade who do not usually attend that Mass. I was touched that you came to the Mass to honor me. I could not name you all but I did see you and I was very moved. The same was true for the reception in the Hall. I do want to thank Harry and Louise Smith, in spite of health concern, for attending the party. Some parishioners sent or gave me greeting cards.

8. Along the parade route, through showing flakes, I heard *Hey Father Pat, we love you and you are doing a great job*. I appreciated that since I had told the people to yell that out, even if they did not believe it, at the previous Masses I said.

9. I could not buy a drink or a sandwich at the party since everyone wanted to be good to the Grand Marshal. If I drank all the Jamison I was offered, you might not have heard from me until Easter. That might be a blessing to you.

10. I was going to say that for a whole day, you made me feel so very loved and appreciated. But, I honestly must say that is how you treat me all the time, throughout the year. I wish everyone in the parish could be Grand Marshal (without the snow) since you are all so very special to me and I am most grateful to share faith and God's love with you.

Again, many thanks to the parade committee and to all who made this day a day I will never forget!

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



**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**



This week from Monday to Wednesday, we will have our annual Lenten mission-retreat. Our retreat director will be Father Richard Bennett, CSsR, a Redemptorist priest who is stationed at Immaculate Conception Parish in the Bronx. Father Richard is presently the vocation director for our Province. He has also been a pastor and parish priest. Father Richard came one weekend here to St. Martin's and said two parish Masses and many people told me how much they enjoyed his preaching. Our parish responds well to the annual mission, and I hope that we get a good turnout for this time of prayer, reflection, and listening. I have no doubt all who attend will be blessed by Father Richard's message.

There was a time when the missionaries came to a parish and the pastor would leave and go to Florida for a nice vacation. Today pastors are always home for the mission to show support for the preacher and the parishioners. I regret that I will be away the week of our parish mission. I promise you I am not going to Disneyland or to Port St. Lucie where the Mets are doing their Spring training. I will be giving a mission at St. Edward the Confessor in Syosset. The original date for our own parish mission had to be changed due to Confirmation practices and Masses. So I regret that I will not be with you for this experience of God's grace.

I am bit worried that when the people of St. Edward's hear how good Father Richard is, they will leave the mission that I am giving and head to St. Martins, and I'll be left with no one for the mission. So as part of Lent - and as your desire to deepen your relationship with Jesus - I invite you to attend **our** Lenten Mission. I will pray for all of you on this mission-retreat, and I know I can count on your prayers for me at St. Edward's!

Father Pat

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
Wednesday, March 25th @ 7:00PM
in the Faculty Lounge
School Building

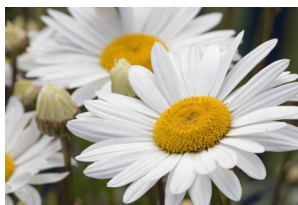
**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY
 CONFRATERNITY**

SPRING FLING: Save the Date!!
This event is open to all women.

...And bring a friend! This year our Spring Fling is **Tuesday, April 7th** at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. \$3.00 gets you in the door for a book of Bingo cards. Additional cards are \$1.00. Raffles and 50/50 will be sold as well.

Coffee, tea and desert will be served. For tickets please call Janet Dion at 433-9340.

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



Wednesday Lenten Prayer Reflection
7:30PM in the Church

March 18:
Listening to Jesus: His Seven Last Words

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturday, March 21st
8PM - 11PM
Church

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

Wednesday, March 25th is the feast of the Annunciation. We will celebrate as a group at the 9AM Mass. Special indulgences and graces to all who attend. Special reserved seating.

Lenten Movie

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

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.

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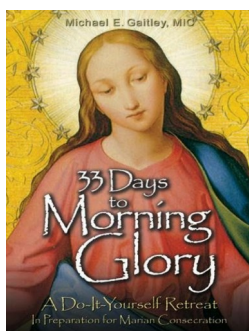
Full Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

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

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.

COST: The initial cost for the materials (excluding the book) is \$19.95.
However if 10 or more sign up, the cost is \$14.95.
The cost for “33 Days to Morning Glory” book is an additional \$2.00.

A GENUINE NEED FOR HELP

SINGLE MOTHER OF TWO (20 MONTH OLD & 5 YEAR OLD IN KINDERGARTEN). LOST EVERYTHING DUE TO AN APARTMENT FIRE. LOOKING FOR 2 SMALL BEDROOMS OR 1 LARGE BEDROOM APARTMENT. WILL PAY.

One of the members of our Parish Outreach asked me if there was anyone I know who could rent an apartment to a mother with two children. They have gone through some difficulties and are in genuine need. However, rent money is being made available to them. The Parish Outreach person vouches this mother and family are good people who just need an apartment since they are in a shelter now due to a fire in their home. The apartment needs to be in our area since the kids are in school. If anyone knows of an apartment that might be available for rent, please call or email me. - Father Pat

**MOVING SALE TO BENEFIT
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH**

**All house contents...50 Years of Accumulation!
493 Corral Run, Bethpage
Island Trees School District**

The sale dates are as follows:

Thursday, March 12 & Friday, March 13 from 12 Noon to 5PM
Saturday, March 14 from 10AM to 5PM
Sunday, March 15 from 1PM to 5PM
Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20 from 12 Noon to 5PM
Saturday, March 21 from 10AM to 5PM
Sunday, March 22 from 1PM to 5PM



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
HELPING THE HOMELESS**

This has been a long cold winter. The east coast has been under snow and ice for most of it. We, who are lucky enough to have a house, complain about all the shoveling to clear our sidewalks and driveways. We, who are lucky enough to have a car to drive ourselves to stores and or to jobs, complain there is no place to park. We complain about the traffic slowed by the weather, the long lines in the stores, and the cold! And it *is* cold!



But what about the homeless? Where do *they* go? How do *they* survive? The reality of it is, some simply do not! Many will not make it through to spring. But there is hope. There is help. Here in Nassau County, one of the services to aid the homeless is Bethany House. For over 35 years, Bethany House has been growing and adapting to the changing needs of the homeless community in Nassau County. However, the need for emergency and transitional housing and services for families has never been so great as at the present time. In the past 3 years they have grown more than 400% from a bed capacity of seventeen to that of eighty five nightly.



Bethany House has defined its Mission as a call TO PROVIDE CONCRETE RESPONSE TO THE BELIEF THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND DESERVES TO HAVE ADEQUATE FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER AND SAFETY. In September 1973, before homelessness had become a common term, three AMITYVILLE DOMINICAN SISTERS rented a small house in

Roosevelt, Long Island and opened their doors and to the frightened families who came to them in need of shelter, guidance and comfort. In the 1980s Bethany House expanded into a larger facility which is called Bethany One. Three other residences, Bethany Too, Bethany South, Bethany West as well as Bellmore Apartments have since been added. Each family case receives individual attention from seasoned case workers, dealing with the unique problems faced by persons that have become homeless. The Executive Director is Sister Aimee.

Here are listed some of the shelters that are available for our homeless on Long Island. If you know of someone who might need their help, please reach out to them with this information:

Bethany House: www.bhny.org/ Haven for Homeless Youth: www.safehorizon.org/ Nassau County, NY Shelters, www.shelterlistings.org/county/ny-nassau

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.





3/8: Life Night 7-8:30pm OLPH Youth Center following the 5:30PM Mass.



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.



**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.

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

CUB SCOUT AWARD

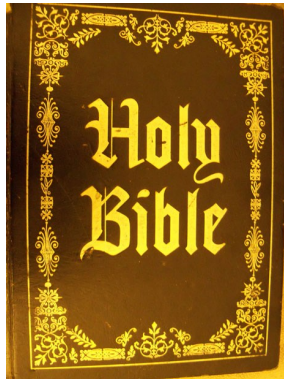
The parish of Saint Martin of Tours recognizes **Frankie Casale** of Old Bethpage upon receiving his second Cub Scout religious award, *Parvuli Dei*.



The award was presented at a Mass celebrated at St. Pius in Plainview on Scout Sunday, February 8, 2015.

Frankie's dad, Frank, is a den leader for Pack 423.

Congratulations to Cub Scout Frankie Casale!



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 16- Luke
Monday, March 23 - John

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!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Everyone is welcome!

**To donate furniture:
St. Vincent de Paul
516-746-8250**

**POPE FRANCIS HOSPITALITY
CENTER LOCATED AT**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SCHOOL BASEMENT
1510 DE PAUL STREET
ELMONT NY 11003**

Every Saturday 9AM to 1PM

A Brief Examination of Conscience

Based on the Ten Commandments

I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).

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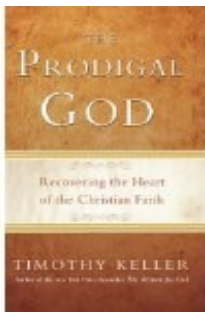
Parish Spiritual Book Club

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 13, March 20 & March 27

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you have been baptized and received your First Communion, but would like to receive confirmation, please call the rectory at (516) 931-0818 with your name and phone number and someone will get back to you. The schedule of classes are listed below.

MONDAY EVENINGS 7:30pm ST. ALPHONSUS HALL

April 13
April 20
April 27
May 3
May 11
May 18

**PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015
ADULT CONFIRMATION DAY**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 7:30PM Church
- Beginning Mar 5: Bereavement Sessions 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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 25: VIRTUS 7PM Faculty Lounge of the School
- 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
- Apr 7: Christian Mothers Spring Fling Event 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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
- May 24: ADULT CONFIRMATION (Mass time to be determined)
- SEE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ON THE LAST PAGE

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.**



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

Write or Call the White House

Call the President

PHONE NUMBERS

Comments: 202-456-1111

Switchboard: 202-456-1414

TTY/TTD

Comments: 202-456-6213

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.

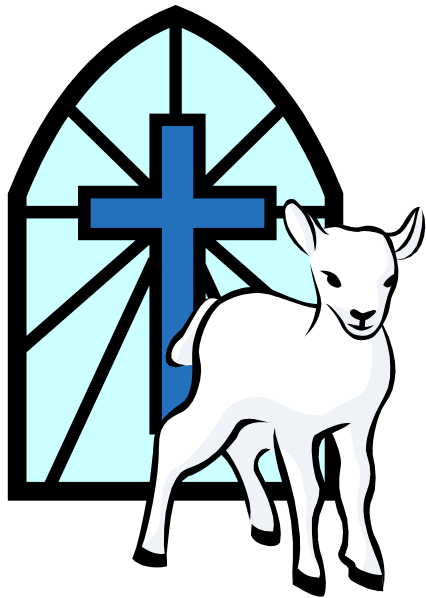
1. If possible, email us! This is the fastest way to get your message to President Obama.
2. If you write a letter, please consider typing it on an 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheet of paper. If you hand-write your letter, please consider using pen and writing as neatly as possible.
3. Please include your return 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**





Holy Week 2015

March 30, Monday

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

March 31, Tuesday

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

April 1, Wednesday

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

April 2, 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 3, 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 4, Holy Saturday

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

April 5, 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