

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 16

6:30 Nicoletta Mattariello
 9:00 Angela & Girolomo Gianuzzi, Anniversary

Tuesday - March 17

6:30 Andrew McCarthy & Patrick Hopkins
 9:00 Josephine & Leonard Barone

Wednesday - March 18

6:30 Ann Zolnik
 9:00 Fred Strianese

Thursday - March 19

6:30 Joseph A. Castora
 9:00 Dorothy & Frank Corbet

Friday - March 20

6:30 Barbara Evans
 9:00 Mary Ellen & Patrick Naughton

Saturday - March 21

9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Charles Harms, Sr.
 7:00 John O'Donnell

Sunday - March 22

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Joseph Anthony DeAngelo
 10:00 Mary Corrigan
 11:30 Lazzati & Tesoriero Families
 1:00 Ivy Ostermeier
 5:30 Harold J. Peterson

Readings For The Week

Mon. Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
 Tues. Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
 Wed. Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
 Thurs. 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21
 Fri. Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Sat. Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
 Sun. **Jeremiah 31:31-34** God says, "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God and they shall be my people...I will forgive their evil-doing and remember their sin no more."

Hebrews 5:7-9 When Jesus was in the flesh, he prayed constantly to God. Through his prayer and obedience, Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.


John 12:20-33 Jesus told his followers: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat...And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift
Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: March 14/15, 2015
 \$18,014.36
Thank you for your great generosity!

St. Martin's Parishioners - You are the Best!
The Two Dollar Lenten Campaign
is having great results! Thank you!
 - Father Pat

Reflection & Living Stewardship

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly His handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who remain steadfast in their Lenten promises through increased prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving.

Charismatic Prayer Group

It's A Date!

Whether it's a first date or 101st, it's exciting! When you live for Jesus, every day is a date. He takes you to places you could never imagine! Plus, He gives you the best Food and Drink. And, you'll love His Family!

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

3/9/15	#156	Maria Lanzarone	\$25
3/10/15	#343	Ann Schmidt	\$25
3/11/15	#487	Jean Davenport	\$25
3/12/15	#41	Geraldine Conlin	\$25
3/13/15	#207	M/M Salvatore F. Aquilina	\$50



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

Saint Maria Faustina



Wedding Banns

Second 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 cereal, pancake mix, Rice-a-Roni, mixed vegetables, chili, beef stew, pasta sauce, black beans, baked beans, chicken soup, boxed milk, evaporated milk, juice and juice boxes, coffee, sugar, white flour, mayonnaise, diapers (size 2), tissues and bar soap.

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

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.**

Week of March 15 - 21, 2015



Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Doris & Alfred Urbanski*

Week of March 15 - 21, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

*In Loving Memory of
The Martuge Family*



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
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 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 Messina
Michael Arato, Nicole Dreux, William Martuge
Joseph Mullaly, Deacon Jose Roa, Elizabeth Ryan
Steven Roberts, Jr., Ken Mannion

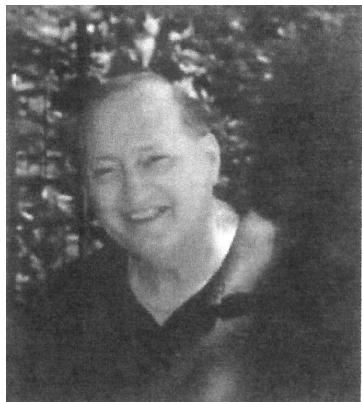
Rest in Peace

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

***Deacon Eugene Capobianco
James T. Mues, Vincent R. Murphy
Joan M. Lewis***

The Pastor's Homily - Mass of Christian Burial
Deacon Eugene H. Capobianco

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah



But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. **The**

Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The Word of the Lord

The Gospel of John

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen.

Father Pat’s Homily

Today our parish community gathers together to mourn and celebrate in faith the life, death and promise of Resurrection for Gene Capobiano. We have lost our brother and friend, and a man who lived the vocation of deacon with a great spirit of service to the parishioners of St. Martin’s and to all he touched with his life and ministry.

To his dear wife Marie of 57 years, I offer you our deepest condolences. Many years ago you and Gene took *each other for better, for worse, or richer for poorer, in sickness and in health until death do you part*. You both lived those marriage vows so very well. Together, you raised two children, Gene and Deborah, and in turn, grand parented Danielle, Nicole, John, Joseph, Michael and Brook. He loved his daughter-in-law Elizabeth and son-in-law Don. Elizabeth shared a story with me how she walked from the train station through piles of snow to meet her future husband young Gene. After seeing that, Deacon Gene took Elizabeth shopping for new boots. So much life and happiness flowed from the vows Marie and Gene took as the two of you shared life and raised your family in love. I cannot help but think of the power of the wedding vows...*in sickness and in health*...These last many years have been difficult for Gene, as he suffered without complaint, a great variety of health challenges that placed limitation on a man full of life and energy, eager to serve God, his parish, and his family. Even though he never gave voice to his pain and frustration in the pain and barriers brought on by his illnesses, I would say his greatest sorrow was not being able to outwardly serve as a deacon in the many ministries of the parish. At the same time, he bore his afflictions, in union with Christ Jesus the Crucified, in great calm and serenity. Only a man of deep faith could accept such struggles so peacefully. Marie, and all the family, stood by Gene in sickness and health. I know he thanked God so very often that the lovely young woman he met many years ago at Brooklyn College captured his heart. As Gene’s illness and suffering progressed, your heart broke to the point that you did not want Gene to suffer any more and to go home to the God he loved. That is a powerful witness of love to all of us. I offer my sympathy also to his brother Henry who shared life growing up in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

The family chose these beautiful words from Isaiah: *I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.* Gene passed through the fire and raging waters of painful suffering in the past years, but he knew he was called by name and that he was loved by his Creator and Redeemer.

People sometimes ask a priest, a nun, a deacon, when did you get the call? It is a traditional statement that seems to suggest God sends a direct message to a person to tell him that he is to be a priest or deacon. As we think about the life of Gene, we realize, as important as was his life as a deacon, God called him many times to a variety of vocations in life.

First of all, 79 years ago, Gene's parents had him baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This was his primary call in life as it is for all of us, to be a follower of Jesus, to spend his life putting on the Lord Jesus Christ. As a young man Gene had a close friend, now deceased, who was a Franciscan. Gene wondered if God was calling him to the priesthood and religious life. He listened and prayed, but God had other plans for this man. The Franciscans almost captured his heart, but it was the Redemptorists that were smart enough to declare Gene an oblate, a member of their Congregation. We were not going to let him get away from us. His next great call was to be married and to live the sacrament of marriage. His life became about loving his wife Marie, and raising his family. Gene was a refined man who loved the opera and classical music. Yet, he never missed a soccer game of his son Gene and took him to sporting events. He was always there for his children and later his grandchildren. His granddaughter Danielle told me this about her grandfather: *No one will ever understand our bond, he wasn't just my grandpa, he was my god-father and more importantly - like a father to me. Please watch over us forever. I love you with every ounce of my being. Until we meet again Bampi, fly high, my beautiful angel.* Gene was very close to all his grandchildren. God called Gene to be a husband, a father and a grandfather, and he lived those vocations so very faithfully.

That nudge from God about serving him in ordained ministry that he felt as a young man never left Gene, and so called him to a third vocation to be an ordained deacon of the Catholic Church, and on May 27, 1987, Gene Capobianco was ordained as a deacon. Gene told me that shortly after he was ordained, the Redemptorists came to the parish and he was worried that he might not be wanted in ministry. Gene met Father George Keaveney, the first Redemptorist pastor, and they became fast friends. Little did Gene know that one of the central qualities of the Redemptorists is that if we see someone else is happy to do the work, we are happy to let them do it.

So Gene took to a spirit filled ministry here at St. Martin's. He and Marie became instrumental in creating a wonderful baptismal program that continues to guide us to this very day. We can only imagine the number of children and parents that have met the Holy Spirit through the goodness of Gene. Deacon Gene helped what continues to be a great event in our parish, the Golden Harvest. For several years, he scheduled the weddings. He preached the Gospel from our pulpit and witnessed to his love of Jesus Christ. One of the major ministries of our parish is the Arimathian Ministry since it serves those who are suffering the loss of a family member at the funeral. Gene was one of the primary organizers of that program. I was impressed when I found out that Gene also did some service at St. Bridget's in Westbury. He would read the Gospel in Italian to the Italian community. He worked with the Philippine people and participated in their lovely marriage ceremonies. He also worked to help the very poor people of Haiti by providing computers for them. Gene was a man for all communities. He told me that he was happy to serve at the altar and read the Gospel, but his greatest delight was being with people, serving them, listening to them, and seeking to bring the good news of Jesus to them.

Our second reading today speaks of the creation of the office of deacon: *"It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task.* I often quote this text when my family help clean up after Christmas dinner. All of us followers of Jesus are called to be servants. But in particular, there is a particular focus of service to the ministry of the diaconate. That is why I chose the image of Jesus washing the feet of the apostles.

The first sermon ever given at a Mass had no words. Some of you may wish that tradition continued! "Jesus takes a towel and basin." What power those words have! In serving others, we are following Jesus. Gene was a man of the towel and basin. He was a man of service to God, the people of our parish and the poor of Haiti.

Gene was well educated and did advance training as an engineer. He took great pride that he, along with many others, help create and build the Lunar Module at Grumman that took Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to the moon. As we mourn our spouse, our father, our grandfather, our brother, our friend, our deacon, our parishioner, I thought of the words that President Ronald Reagan spoke in memory of those who died in the challenger disaster. *"The crew of the space shuttle Challenger honored us by the manner in which they lived their lives. We will never forget them, or the last time we saw them this morning as they prepared for the journey and waved goodbye and slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God."*

Gene honored God by the way he lived his life and now he has slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God. Rest in peace, our dear Gene.

The Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant; Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace; To let me be your servant too.

We are pilgrims on the journey; We are brothers on the road
We are here to help each other; Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you; In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you; Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh, I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow; Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven; We shall find such harmony
Born to all we've known together; Of Christ's love and agony.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR

woodscsr@aol.com; www.smtbethpage.org

Winter is almost over, the sun it out, and the best news of all, Father Ciya is home!

God bless! We are so happy to welcome him back to St. Martin's after his vacation. He has a souvenir for everyone!

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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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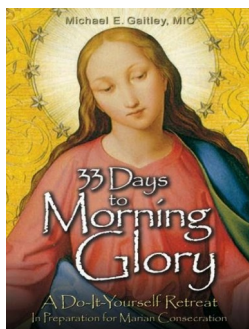
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Address: _____

(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

**REVISED SCHEDULE
FOR THE 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:

Saturday, March 14 from 10AM to 5PM

Sunday, March 15 from 1PM to 5PM

Friday, March 20 from 12 Noon to 4PM

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

USCCB: BISHOPS PUT HIGH PRIORITY ON FIGHTING MOVES TO ALLOW ASSISTED SUICIDE

Catholic News Service. As New York lawmakers began to consider a bill to legalize PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE, the New York State Catholic Conference launched a new website to offer Catholics moral clarity and guidance on the Church's teachings regarding END OF LIFE decision making. Talking about death and dying can be difficult and uncomfortable, yet perhaps no conversations are more profound or necessary for all of us, says the ABOUT section of the site. (www.catholicendoflife.org) ***"The fact is that most of us will face challenging decisions regarding treatment and care at the END OF LIFE, either for ourselves or our family members."***



Developed with a grant from ***Our Sunday Visitor***, the site provides links to RESOURCES, CHURCH TEACHING, ADVANCE DIRECTIVES and a variety of Catholic sources all across the country. The Catholic Church teaches that PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE is IMMORAL and UNETHICAL. In a February 9th interview with the ***Daily News***, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York said he and the state's other Catholic bishops have put a HIGH PRIORITY ON FIGHTING ANY EFFORT TO LEGALIZE PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE. Others opposed to assisted suicide include: Evangelical Christians, Orthodox Jews and Mormons.

Cardinal Dolan, who is chairman-elect of the U.S. Bishops' pro-life committee, told the ***Daily News*** that REAL DEATH WITH DIGNITY is seen in the cases of THOSE WHO DIE NATURALLY, WHO TAKE EACH DAY AT A TIME, SAVORING EVERYTHING THEY'VE GOT." In their 2011 statement on ASSISTED SUICIDE, TO LIVE EACH DAY WITH DIGNITY, the USCCB declared assisted suicide, A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY, one that a compassionate society should work to prevent. ***"A choice to take one's life is a supreme contradiction of freedom, a choice to eliminate all choices,"*** they said. ***"And a society that devalues some people's lives by hastening and facilitating their deaths, will ultimately lose respect for their other rights and freedoms."***

Currently four states have legalized assisted suicide: Oregon, Washington and Vermont, through legislative or voter action; and Montana, through a court ruling. In addition to New York, lawmakers in Alaska and Colorado have taken up the issue in their legislatures. At least 14 states are considering similar legislation.

A. 2129 in relation to LEGALIZING PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE: Introduced by Assemblyman Rosenthal.

ACTION: CONTACT THE FOLLOWING THREE:

GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO - STATE CAPITOL, ALBANY NY 12224 (518) 474 8390
<http://www.governor.ny.gov>

YOUR SENATORS: LEGISLATIVE BLDG. ALBANY, NY 12247 (518) 455 2800
 ASSEMBLY MEMBERS: LEGISLATIVE BLDG. ALBANY NY 12248 (518) 455 4100
 STATE ASSEMBLY BILL STATUS HOTLINE (800) 342 9860
 NYS LEGISLATURE PROCEEDINGS AIR CABLE CHANNEL 116

NOTE: A NEW WEBSITE AND VIDEO, OFFERED AS A GUIDE TO END OF LIFE CARE, IS AVAILABLE AT www.catholicendoflife.org.

**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.





3/15: There will be a Life Night following the 5:30PM Mass this Sunday. All High School teens are welcome to join us. Dinner will be served.

Upcoming Events: 3/20: Holy Hour and Dodgeball at St. Ignatius Church. All are welcome.
 3/22: Life Teen’s Laser Bounce Party! Open to all High School teens. Contact Erin for more information.
 3/29: Palm Sunday - after the 5:30PM Mass we will have pizza then back to the Church for the Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30PM. Please contact Erin for more information.



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

Upcoming Events:
 3/26: Edge Night 7-8:30pm OLPH Youth Room
 3/29: Palm Sunday - after the 5:30PM Mass we will have pizza then back to the Church for the Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30PM. Please contact Erin for more information.

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 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.**

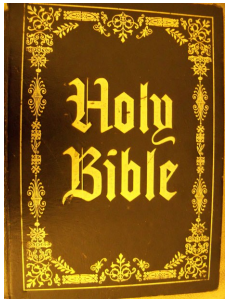
You may visit his website at <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>

Many thanks to Father Pat for welcoming back Lighthouse Catholic Media. The books and CDs were well received!

A note of thanks to Michael Leva who volunteered to help after many of the masses.

Have a very happy Easter to all!

In Mary Immaculate,
 Rita Verow



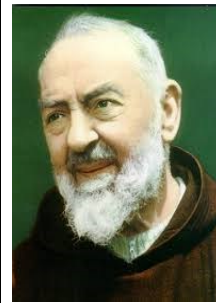
Fr. Jim McCabe, CSsR's bible sessions will cover the Passion, Death and Resurrection in the four Gospels. Similarities and difference will be discussed. The remaining sessions will be in St. Alphonsus Hall from 7:15-8:15pm.

Monday, March 16 - Luke

Monday, March 23 - John

REVISED SAINT PADRE PIO SCHEDULE

The Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour normally scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th is cancelled. The next time to meet is Tuesday, April 21st at 7PM in the Church.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

CORRECTION

Youth Ministry Adoration

Tuesday, April 14th 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

SOUP SUPPER SUCCESS

Our annual Lenten Soup Supper was truly a heartwarming success. We are blessed to be part of such a giving and sharing Parish. Our core of volunteers, who are so dedicated and hard working, made it all possible from start to finish.

Our gratitude and thanks to everyone who made a variety of delicious soups. We were able to completely fill our refrigerator with containers that will be distributed to the homebound and Parish Outreach. In addition we collected \$580.00 to send to the Bishop in Iran.



A special Thank You also goes out to the Knights of Columbus. As they have in past years, they donated all the rolls. We sincerely appreciate their generosity and support. Once again, thank you to all who came to work, participate, share and foster this Lenten act of giving.

Love In Christ, Pat Ricci

Stressed?

You don't have to be!



With a never-ending list of to-dos including parent-teacher conferences, soccer tournaments, ballet recitals, grocery shopping, birthday parties and First Communions, as parents, it's easy to forget that you have needs too. And meeting your needs is what makes you a better parent, spouse and person overall. We are going to show you how to meet those needs without faltering on those overwhelming to-dos.

Join us for a workshop on Monday, March 23rd from 4:30-5:30pm in St. Alphonsus Hall. The LIU Post Clinical Psychology Doctoral Candidates, led by Parishioner Lauren Taveras, Ed.M., M.A., M.S., will facilitate a workshop that will equip you with concrete skills to help you lighten your stress load, improve your quality of life, and your familial relationships.

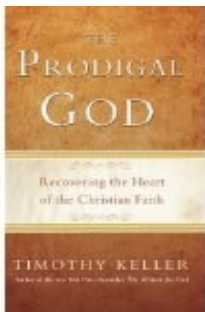
Breathe a bit easier knowing that there is something you can do to make life a lot more manageable!



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 20 & March 27

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 7:30PM Church
- Beginning Mar 5: Bereavement Sessions 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 17: NO Padre Pio Holy Hour this month
- 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
- Apr 14: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM Church
- 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**

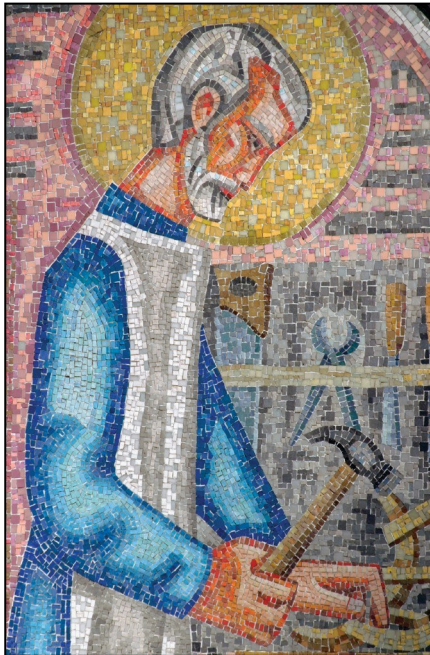
MUST REGISTER WITH LIFE LINE SCREENING

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.**

SAINT *of the* WEEK



St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First century

Solemnity—March 19

The spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God's will.

He followed God's instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child's birth in Bethlehem through the family's sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth.

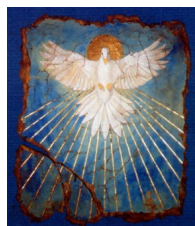
This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the fifteenth century, when it was placed on the liturgical calendar. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Married Couples!**

Looking for the perfect weekend? A weekend that will bring a husband and wife closer together? A WWME weekend is exactly what you are looking for. At a Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the original and continually updated marriage enrichment program, you get away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on each other. Enhance your good marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Weekends are scheduled throughout the Metro New York area. The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for April 24-26 at The Immaculate Conception Seminary in Lloyd Harbor, NY. For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at <http://www.wwme.org>.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



If you have been baptized and received your First Communion, but would like to receive confirmation, please call Father Henry Sattler, CSSR at (516) 931-0818 or Deacon Jim Biggin at (516) 796-5520 with your name and phone number and someone will get back to you. The schedule of classes are listed below.

**MONDAY EVENINGS at 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**

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**

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

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



LEGION OF MARY ACIES

The Mother of Our Holy Redeemer Praesidium would like to invite you to our sixth annual Legion of Mary's ACIES. It will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 11:00AM at Our Holy Redeemer Church, 37 South Ocean Avenue, Freeport 11520.

Fr. Douglas R. Arcoleo, our Pastor and Spiritual Director, will be celebrating the Mass and officiate the ceremony of the ACIES. As you may know from previous years, this is a very special event for all members of the Legion of Mary.

Any questions, please call Our Holy Redeemer at 378-0665.

Everyone is invited! Please join us!

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