

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 30

6:30 Richard Godek

9:00 Teresa Flynn

Tuesday - March 31

6:30 William McCabe

9:00 Anthony Biggin

Wednesday - April 1

6:30 Deacon Eugene H. Capobianco

9:00 Julia & Robert Pellnitz

Holy Thursday - April 2

9:00AM Morning Prayer

7:30PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

9:00PM Adoration until 11PM

Good Friday - April 3

9:00AM Morning Prayer

10:00AM Stations at Bethpage State Park

3:00PM Liturgy of the Passion

7:00PM Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday - April 4

9:00AM Morning Prayer

1:00PM Blessing of Bread/Food

8:00PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 5

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Michael & Amelia DeCicco

10:00 Gertrude Parine

11:30 Carmelita A. DeGuzman

1:00 Patrick Curtin

There is no 5:30PM Mass

Readings For The Week

Mon. Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tues. Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed. Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Thurs. Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

John 13:1-15

Fri. Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

Sat. Exodus 14:15-15:1; Romans 6:3-11

Mark 16:1-7

Sun. Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven.

Colossians 3:1-4 Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory.

John 20:1-9 Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty. They did not yet understand that Jesus would rise from the dead.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: March 21/22, 2015

\$19,308.81

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ - emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who commit to supporting the vision and mission of Jesus - to build the Kingdom of God - by serving others through ministry.

Charismatic Prayer Group

One of the hardest parts of being a parent is when a child is sick. Whether it's a virus that keeps everyone up all night or something more serious, parents want to be by their child's side comforting them. Sound familiar? God does the same with us. He's always by our side!

Our next meeting is Monday, March 30th at 7:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Saint Maria Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

HOP Club

3/23/15	#581	Carole Boyce	\$25
3/24/15	#438	Richard & Evelyn Velting	\$25
3/25/15	#444	Dot & Jim Duke	\$25
3/26/15	#249	M/M Ernest Berlucci	\$25
3/27/15	#79	Mary R. Cohan	\$50



Second Banns
Philip Butchorn & Mary Kelly
First Banns
Sean Donahue & Barbara Crofton



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

This week, the Pantry is low on white rice, carrots, beef stew, baked beans, tomato soup, ketchup, mayonnaise, oil, coffee, sugar, brownies, boxed milk, paper towels, napkins, dish soap, laundry soap, diapers (sizes 5 & 6), & baby wipes.

Thank you so very much for your tremendous generosity.

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

**My God, My God
 why have you abandoned Me?**

Week of March 29 - April 4, 2015



Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Kristine Benasutti

Week of March 29 - April 4, 2015

Sanctuary Candle
In Loving Memory of
Kristine Benasutti



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
 Florencio Carmenate, 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
 Tommy Johnson, Harry & Louise Smith, Joseph Vareed
 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 Messena
 Michael Arato, Nicole Dreux, William Martuge
 Joseph Mullaly, Deacon Jose Roa, Elizabeth Ryan
 Steven Roberts, Jr., Ken Mannion, Jo Ryan
 Linda Malone, Peters Family, Christine Chiarappa

Rest in Peace

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

Joseph D. Boncic
Catherine N. Karopczyc, Vincent Mescia

The Pastor's Letter

There is an old joke I tell about an elderly Irish nun who is having stomach trouble. The Mother Superior takes the Sister to the local doctor who examines her. Afterwards, he tells the Mother Superior that Sister has a bit of digestive trouble and she should take one shot of Irish whiskey before she goes to bed at night. The superior tells the doctor, *Doctor that is impossible! Sister is very devout and she would never drink whisky of any kind!* The doctor thinks for a moment and says, *Mother, you can put the whiskey in a cup of warm milk that you give the elderly nun before she goes to sleep. She will never know the difference.* That is what they did and the elderly nun lived to be 110! Finally, when it was time for her to go home to God, all the Sisters crowded into her room because they wanted to hear the last words of such a devout and holy woman. It was clear the old nun was close to taking her last breath, when she halfway sat up in the bed and said, *Whatever you do, do **not** sell that cow!*

On a more serious note, people are always eager to hear some of the last words of someone who died. It tells us what they were feeling at such a critical moment. The deathbed confessions of criminals hold a special place in the legal profession and are given particular credence. We would assume the last words of a person would reveal to us the character of the person dying.

I was with my brother-in-law John when he was dying. About a minute before he died, I asked him, *How are you Jack?* He responded with absolute clarity, *I am great.* A few seconds later he closed his eyes and opened them to God in eternity. Those words, *"I am great!"* were certainly in line with his character since he was always a man who never complained and enjoyed the life God gave him. I think of the last words of my Aunt Anna. As she was dying, her eyes focused on someone above her and said *Missy.* Missy was her daughter who had died at a young age several years before. Those in the room knew Anna saw her daughter at the door of eternity welcoming her home.

Recently, I prepared a prayer service on the *Seven Last Words of Jesus.* I decided to look online for the last words of some famous people. Here are a few I collected:

- *How were the receipts today at Madison Square Garden?* P. T. Barnum, entrepreneur, d. 1891
- *I am ready to die for my Lord, that in my blood the Church may obtain liberty and peace.*
St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, d.1170
- *Now comes the mystery.* Henry Ward Beecher, evangelist, d. March 8, 1887
- *Beautiful.* In reply to her husband who had asked how she felt.
Elizabeth Barrett Browning, writer, d. June 28, 1861
- *That was the best ice-cream soda I ever tasted.* Lou Costello, comedian, d. March 3, 1959
- *It is very beautiful over there.* Thomas Alva Edison, inventor, d. October 18, 1931

- *Oh, do not cry - be good children and we will all meet in heaven.*
Andrew Jackson, US President, d. 1845
- *Is it the Fourth?* Thomas Jefferson, US President, d. July 4, 1826
- *Lord, help my poor soul.* Edgar Allan Poe, writer, d. October 7, 1849
- *I die hard but am not afraid to go.* George Washington, US President, d. December 14, 1799
- *Your will be done. Come, Lord Jesus!* St. Augustine
- *Be children of the Church.* St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- *Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!* St. Joan of Arc (Martyr)
- *Jesus, I love you. Jesus, I love you.* Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
- *Glory to God for all things!* St. John Chrysostom
- *I die the king's good servant, but God's first.* St. Thomas More (Martyr)
- *I have reached the point of not being able to suffer any more, because all suffering is sweet to me.*
Her last words were, "My God, I love you!" St. Therese of Lisieux
- At the words of the Angelus, Bernadette said twice, *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me a poor sinner.* St. Bernadette

Jesus, our Lord and Savior spoke seven last words from the cross. The words are collected from the Four Gospels, as some are found in only one of the Gospels. Like the Stations of the Cross, the Seven Last Words of Jesus are a powerful way to enter into the Passion and Death of Our Lord. Bishop Fulton Sheen was famous for preaching on the seven last words on Good Friday at St. Agnes Church near Grand Central. After each word was read, there was a sermon and music. Some churches still have such a service on Good Friday.

On this Palm Sunday, we will be giving you cards that contain the Seven Last Words of Jesus and a brief prayer with each one. I would invite you to take one word at a time for a period of a five or ten minute meditation.

Let your meditation take you wherever the Spirit brings you. They are most precious and sacred words.

THE FIRST WORD

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Gospel of Luke 23:34

THE SECOND WORD

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Gospel of Luke 23:43

THE THIRD WORD

"Jesus said to his mother: "Woman, this is your son."

Then he said to the disciple: "This is your mother." Gospel of John 19:26-27

THE FOURTH WORD

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34

THE FIFTH WORD

"I thirst." Gospel of John 19:28

THE SIXTH WORD

They put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, *"It is finished;"* and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit.

Gospel of John 19:29-30

THE SEVENTH WORD

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."* Gospel of Luke 23:46

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR

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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

Jesus wept.

Two weeks ago, my friend Fr. John McGowan CSSR and I were giving a parish retreat at the parish of St. Edward the Confessor in Syosset. On the third night of our retreat, we gave a talk on death and resurrection, followed by a candlelight ritual of grieving and remembering someone we loved who has died. I have always found this service to be of great emotional impact on people's lives, and many people have told us the prayer experience had helped them deal with their grief.

A popular word of our time is *closure*. I suppose closure means different things for different people. It does seem to have a general interpretation of putting to rest a difficult issue in our lives. I wonder if we ever get that elusive closure when someone we love dies. I think *grief* and *mourning* are words that are interchangeable to many. For me, grief is the very raw and immediate pain that flows from the death of a loved one. When I have experienced grief, it actually was a physical pain in my chest. Mourning is more akin to a gentle remembering, with moments of tears, followed by memories that make me laugh. Mourning is far gentler than grief, but I have a belief we never finish mourning the loss of a parent, a spouse, a close friend, or God forbid, a child.



In today's Gospel, the account of the raising of Lazarus, Jesus comes face to face with one of the most basic of human experiences: loss and death. One of the most powerful sentences in all the Gospels is the shortest: *Jesus wept*. I always take wonder that Jesus, fully human and yet also fully divine actually weeps. He is the creator of the heavens and earth, the seas and the skies, and the very tomb and rocks that now enclose his friend. Yet, he weeps for his friend. The bystanders comment: *See how he loved him*. It is clear Jesus found a very special place in his heart for the family of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Father McGowan, my preaching partner, jokes that Jesus stopped there often, sat on the family recliner, watched the football games and had a Manhattan. That might be more about what Father John or I would do on a Sunday afternoon, but I have no doubt the home of Lazarus was a place where our Lord went to relax, eat, share with his friends, and delight in their company. It was a kind of home to Jesus who said he had nowhere to lay his head.

Lazarus is dead. There is no doubt. He has been dead several days. When Jesus goes to raise him, Martha is worried about the decay and smell of the dead man. This is a **real** death. Both sisters, Martha and Mary, say the same thing to Jesus after he arrives several days after the death of Lazarus: *Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died!* Scripture scholars debate this text. Is it a great statement of faith in Jesus that he is blessed by God and has power to cure the sick and dying, or is it a statement of hurt and anger that Jesus, who cured and healed so many others, was not there for them when they needed him the most? This is a very deep friendship where words of both affection and hurt can be expressed to one another. I have heard it said, and found it rather true in my own life - you never forget who was there for you at the wake and funeral, and you also never forget, especially if you are Irish, who was **not** there for you at that time. The conversation between the sisters and the Lord is so very real and human. Yet, they know in their hearts how much Jesus loved Lazarus.

The great drama comes next! Jesus goes to the tomb of his friend, and says in a loud voice, *Lazarus, come out!* Can we image what the crowd is thinking? They must wonder if Jesus is a madman. Then, one of the most awesome moments in human history occurs: The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, his face wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, *Untie him and let him go!* Can their minds believe what their eyes are seeing?

We know Lazarus, raised from the dead, will die again and return to the grave someday in the future. We also see that this Gospel is a foreshadowing of what is soon to occur in Jerusalem. Jesus will be crucified and buried in a borrowed grave and lie there for three days as Jonah lay in the belly of the whale. He will be called out of the tomb by his Father through the saving power of the Holy Spirit. But unlike Lazarus, Jesus will never die again. He will return to the Father, and the Holy Spirit will be sent upon the earth. The story of Lazarus is our story - we shall one day be called from death to life through the power of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - to live forever in his kingdom.

Many of us have experienced a similar grace. We all have lost a loved one and wondered how we could ever get on again with life. We were wrapped in grief and sorrow. Yet over time, through the love of family and friends, and through our faith in God, we heard the voice of God saying to us in our deepest grief, *Untie him and live!* How were we ever able to cope and move from grief to mourning but only through the grace of God? Robert Kennedy, after the death of his brother John, read some of the ancient Greek writers. These words were one of his favorite quotes: *In our sleep, pain that cannot forget, falls drop by drop upon the heart and in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God.*

As we ponder and pray over the journey of our lives, we will see moments when the Lord Jesus called us from death to life as he did Lazarus; moments, when he untied whatever bound us. We find consolation and strength in the words of Jesus to Martha: *I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

Do you believe this? We do believe, Lord. Help our unbelief.

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>.



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



On Sunday, March 29th at 9:00 am, our Council will host its annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We will have a delicious Pancake Breakfast followed by fun activities for the children to enjoy (egg coloring, crafts, face painting, egg hunt).... and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny himself!

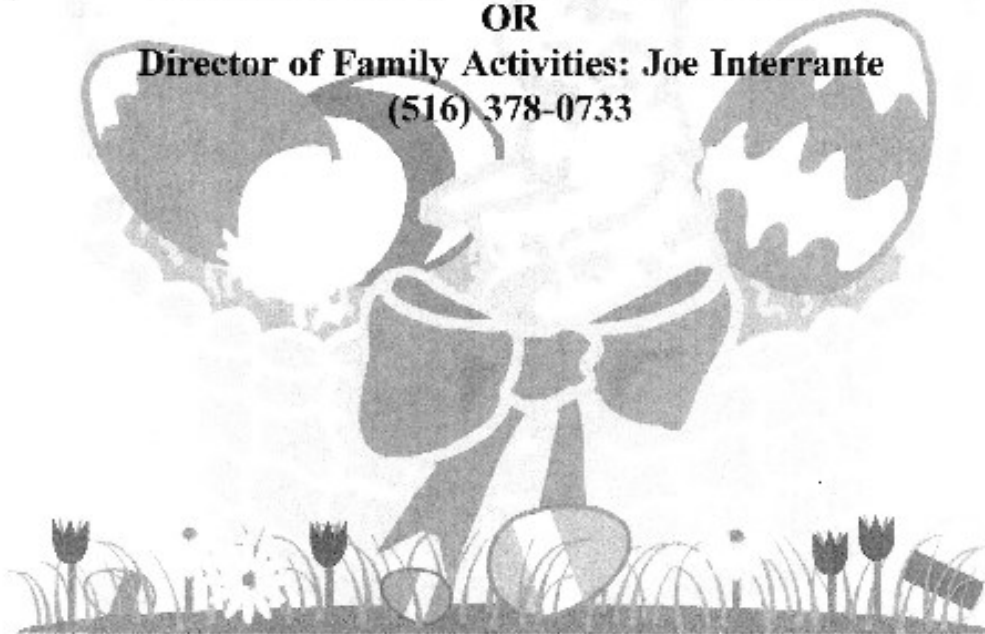
The cost is \$8.00 for each person 3 years and older. Reservation Payment by Cash or Check by March 22 payable to Rev. Michael J. Hartigan K of C #5033.

For Reservations, please call with the number of guests at your table:

Chancellor: Peter Gentilini (516) 579-8608

OR

**Director of Family Activities: Joe Interrante
(516) 378-0733**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LOCATION: St. Alphonsus Hall

INSTRUCTOR: Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy, Spiritual Director

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

REQUIRED TEXT: The New Testament

REGISTRATION

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

(print)

Full Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

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

Living Stations of the Cross



**Come Relive the Journey
of Jesus to Calvary**

Date: Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: St. Martin of Tours Church



This Sunday Life Teen will be serving pizza following the 5:30PM Mass before Living Stations of the Cross, presented in the Church at 7:30PM. If you would like to join us for pizza, please contact Erin. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events 4/5: Easter Sunday - Youth Mass at 1PM in the Church
 4/12: Life Night - 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room



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

Upcoming Events 4/9: Edge Night - 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room
 4/23: There is NO Edge Night.

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

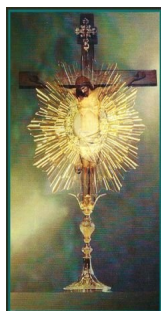
For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Erin Horan-Baudille at SMT_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

ALMSGIVING - Here is an excerpt from the CATHOLIC RESOURCE CENTER 3/14. "When you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have reached their reward, but when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." (Matthew 6:2-3) He does not say *if* you give alms, but *when!*



As we have reflected on the sacrifice our Lord has given for us during this Lenten Season, we think of how we will sacrifice something. We usually think of what we will GIVE UP. We may choose to abstain from watching television, or eating that favorite candy bar. We may promise ourselves not to overeat, over drink, or put away those comfort things during this holy time. But as it is written above, it is a wonderful time to simply, GIVE MORE of ourselves, and to do it in silence.

Giving can be done in many ways. We can give more time to prayer. We can give of our time to visit our Lord at St. Martin's during the beautiful ceremonies presented here during Lent. We can join the Prayer List that our church has for members that need help during difficult times in their lives, through prayer or through deed. We can pray more and often for this beautiful world our Lord has given us, to stop the terrorism so many have suffered for the sake of their faith. We can say a rosary especially for the children of the world that suffer from starvation, cruelty, and vengeance that they have no part. We can pray for a kinder, more understanding world, a tolerance here in our own country for the rights of others. We can pray for fairness for the problems facing us here, in our beloved America. Then there is giving to those who are alone. Giving an hour or two to a neighbor or friend that might be going through the death of a loved one, or suffering through a serious illness, going through a divorce, or just growing old, alone and lonely. Just a phone call to someone we have lost touch with, or we might have parted ways because of an argument or slight. How glorious to mend a heart along with our own as we walk the path of Jesus.

So many of our military are suffering PTS (Post Traumatic Stress) coming back from the Middle East or other places in defense of our country. The suicide rate among our veterans returning home is beyond belief. Giving to those who gave so much to us, would require nothing more than writing a letter to one of them. Calling the V.A. and offering to volunteer some time to help with our heroes. And if that is not a possibility, keep them in deep prayer as they continue to suffer in so many ways.

The children! Those suffering cancer, autism, physical disabilities. Maybe to visit a local hospital, visit the Children's Ward with a bunny or two. Sing a song with them, make them laugh. You will never get their faces out of your minds, their smiles, I promise! The homeless, to maybe volunteer at a HOMELESS SHELTER to help with a meal given to those lost and truly alone. A young lady, pregnant, afraid and alone. The Life Center of Long Island is in need of volunteers to help them along to bring their baby into this world. Maybe to answer a phone, join a committee, become a counselor, a speaker - just a little time means so much. Maybe join our Respect Life Committee here at St. Martin's. We are always in need of new ideas, and sharing. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, where both men and women suffering an abortion experience can find God's love, healing and peace. So many ways to GIVE!

The RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OF ST. MARTIN'S WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A BLESSED PALM SUNDAY. MAY THE SACRIFICE OF OUR LORD JESUS, BRING YOU PEACE, KINDNESS AND LOVE!

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

**Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track
2015 Spring Registration**

The mission of the Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track Program located in Hicksville is to provide a fun, relaxed environment where boys and girls, kindergarten through 8th Grade can learn the basics of track and field while also developing sportsmanship and teamwork skills. No experience required.

The 2015 season runs from April to June. Track meets are held outdoors on weekends at fields throughout Nassau and Suffolk. All athletes competing in meets will receive medals and/or ribbons. At the conclusion of the season, we hold our annual awards night in June. All participants will receive a trophy.



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

**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!



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd
10:00 A.M. Stations of the Cross
Bethpage State Park - Picnic Grounds

PLEASE NOTE:

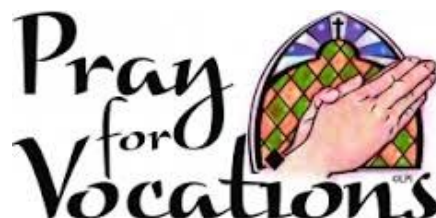
IF IT IS RAINING,
the Stations of the Cross will be in the Church.



A parishioner recently came to see me and he was seeking a person who might offer some limited assistance to him in the care of his wife who has Alzheimer's disease. He is a very fine man. If you might consider this position, please contact me at my email woodscsr@aol.com or by phone 931-0818.

As you probably heard, Father Henry's car went up in a spontaneous fire while it was parked in front of the rectory. There was no one in the car nor was the motor running. Gratefully, no one was hurt and we appreciated the quick response of the Bethpage Fire Department.

Our Provincial, Father Paul Borowski, CSsR, authorized the funds for Father Henry to buy a new car. We wish him many years of safe driving in his new car.



**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).



**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.



**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>

**Silent Vigil in Defense of the Right to Life
Good Friday Morning
April 3, 2015 from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon - RAIN or SHINE**

Nassau University Medical Center where abortions are committed. Pro-Life women, men and children stand in peaceful witness to the loss of children sacrificed by abortion at this hospital and throughout Long Island.



Nearly one baby an hour is dying from abortion in Nassau and Suffolk counties. We stand on the public sidewalk at 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow. Signs are provided.

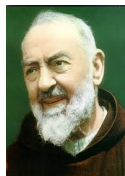
Please call (631) 243-1425 or email fortyDFLLI@gmail.com

Sponsor: Long Island Coalition for Life

VISIBILITY MATTERS!

SAINT PADRE PIO

The Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour is Tuesday, April 21st at 7PM in the Church.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 29: Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9AM Knights of Columbus Hartigan Council
- Mar 29: Living Stations of the Cross 7:30PM Church
- Mar 30: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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 11: SMT Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 14: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM Church
- Apr 21: Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour
- May 24: ADULT CONFIRMATION (Mass time to be determined)
- June 6: Respect Life Ministry's End of Life Seminar 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- SEE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ON THE LAST PAGE

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.



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

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



The Rectory Office Hours - Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 2

9:00AM - 2PM

Evening Staff: 2:00PM - 6PM

Good Friday, April 3

Closed - No evening hours

Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00AM - 5PM

Easter Monday, April 6

Closed - No evening hours

WHAT IS THE TRIDUUM?

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

News From the Vatican

The Pope announces an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Vatican City, 14 March 2015 (VIS) – Yesterday, 13 March 2015, in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis declared the celebration of an extraordinary Holy year. The Jubilee announcement was made during the homily of the penitential celebration with which he opened the “24 Hours for the Lord” initiative. This “Jubilee of Mercy” will commence with the opening of the Holy Door in the Vatican Basilica on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 8 December, and will conclude on November 20, 2016 with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The papal Bull will be made public on Divine Mercy Sunday, 12 April, the Feast day instituted by St. John Paul II and celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.



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