

Masses For The Week

Monday - April 6

NO 6:30AM MASS
9:00 Joseph Patrick McCabe

Tuesday - April 7

6:30 Cecilia Churilla
9:00 Thomas Critelli

Wednesday - April 8

6:30 Lucretia (Grace) Alloggio, 11th Anniversary
9:00 Mary Godek

Thursday - April 9

6:30 Joseph Reali
9:00 Erma Eichenlaub

Friday - April 10

6:30 Janice & Ed Denave
9:00 Anthony & Margaret Simone, Sr.

Saturday - April 11

9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Stephen Marano
7:00 Barbara Hoolahan, Living, Birthday

Sunday - April 12

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Joseph E. Pellicano
10:00 Rae Buto
11:30 Mary E. Gimbut
1:00 Vito J. Amarosa
5:30 Rose & Frank Belcastro & Steve Creme

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 2:14, 22-23; Matthew 28:8-15
Tues. Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wed. Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
Thurs. Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Fri. Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Sat. Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
Sun. **Acts 4:32-35** *The community of believers shared "one heart and mind." No one claimed ownership over anything, everything was held in common, nobody went needy among them, and all "bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."*

1 John 5:1-6 *Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God. "The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth."*

John 20:19-31 *Jesus appeared to the disciples and said, "Peace be with you" and breathed the Holy Spirit on them. Thomas doubted and then believed saying, "My Lord and my God!"*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: March 28/29, 2015
\$23,277.00

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose lives reflect the joy of Christ's Resurrection!

Charismatic Prayer Group

***The Lord is Risen!
Blest be the Name of the Lord!***

May you and your loved ones be blessed on this Easter Day and throughout the year. Keep Christ the Redeemer in the center of your life - now and forever.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 13 at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Divine Mercy Novena

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

HOP Club

3/30/15	#528	Christina Kennedy	\$25
3/31/15	#457	Josephine Bruno	\$25
4/1/15	#424	Grace Mancz	\$25
4/2/15	#161	Rosalie Joannou	\$25
4/3/15	#535	Gerald & Terri Brace	\$50



Third Banns
Philip Butchorn & Mary Kelly
Second 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

*You are looking for
 Jesus of Nazareth.
 He is not here.
 He has been raised.*



Week of April 5 - April 11, 2015

Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Richard F. McKenna

Week of April 5 - April 11, 2015

Sanctuary Candle
In Loving Memory of
Lucretia (Grace) Alloggio



Please pray for the sick of our parish:

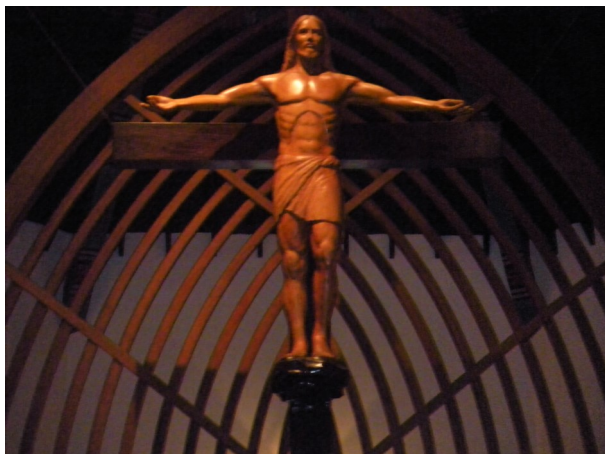
Reminder: please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list. Thank you.

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 Battiatia, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro
 Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino
 Nicole Cagna, Gary Vlahov, Christopher Wezel
 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, 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, Jo Ryan
 Linda Malone, Peters Family, Christine Chiarappa

Rest in Peace

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

Alfred Friedel, Eileen Catalano

*The Pastor's Letter**Today We Begin*

This past winter, and I am almost afraid to use the word past, has been extremely difficult. It seems since Christmas, and especially through the days of February, we have experienced a great period of freezing temperatures, with plenty of snow and ice to follow. Many meetings and religion classes were cancelled. Attendance was down at our Sunday Masses since we wanted no one to risk a broken hip or worse as they navigated the icy streets. Your poor Grand Marshall of the Bethpage St. Patrick's Day Parade walked through a frozen tundra that was reminiscent of Siberia, but of course he never complained.

I am not sure if it was my imagination, but it seems that we had more funeral since Christmas than we usually have at a similar time, and many of us were ill with colds, pneumonia and other illnesses. We have lost people we have loved and sat with people suffering serious medical conditions.

August brought us the news of Michael Brown, a young African-American man being shot by police officer Daren Wilson. The country debated was this shooting justified as riots ensued. During the Christmas seasons, we learned that two police officers, Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, were in the car near Myrtle and Tompkins Avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant, in the shadow of a tall housing project when a gunman walked up to the passenger-side window and assassinated them both. They left behind weeping families and a nation wondering where we were heading. Some wondered if racial peace and harmony would ever be possible.

We have experienced on a daily basis the savagery of ISIS as they killed people in the most cruel and brutal ways. We have been particularly pained by the ongoing murderous assault on Christians in the Middle East and Africa. Iran is seeking a nuclear weapon and Israel is threatening to destroy this nation before it gets such a weapon. We are deeply troubled by these events but we feel almost powerless to do anything to change these realities.

It has been cold and cruel winter full of bad news and chilling weather. What gives us hope? What can lift our spirits to live our daily lives with enthusiasm and courage? Through some of the coldest days of February, I found myself thinking that this is a spring that we would truly appreciate and treasure for all that has gone before us. I think we are blessed to live in a place that has the four seasons. However bitter were the days of winter, we know that spring, with its lengthening sunlight, its first touch of gentle breezes and warmth, is coming. With the emergence of nature breaking forth in multitude of new life and colors. Oh, how we need this spring.

The word *Lent* means *spring*. The word Easter refers to the Passover moon and the first days of spring. We are moving into the season of light and life. Nature is being renewed, and we walk with a lighter step. Many of us grew up with stories that ended with *They all lived happily after*. Most of us do not like movies or television shows that conclude with an unhappy ending, or even worse, an ending that leaves us in doubt about what really happened. I think we might run the risk of seeing the Resurrection of Jesus, after his terribly cruel passion and death as a happy ending that makes us feel good about the story of Jesus. I think sometimes preachers and teachers of the Gospel might even fall into this trap. Actually, the Easter Gospel is the beginning of our Catholic faith. We are here tonight because of Easter. Without the Resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day by the power of God the Father through the Holy Spirit, Jesus would be at best a footnote in history. Without the Resurrection, the apostles go back to their fishing boats and try to forget about the one they called *Master*. Without Easter, Mary of Nazareth remains hidden from history as a woman whose son died a criminal on a cross. If we do not have the glory of this day, a stone rolled back, angels telling us not to look for the living among the dead, Mary Magdalene confusing a gardener with the Risen Jesus, there would be no Eucharist, forgiveness of sin, baptism, and the very Gospels themselves. No one would write about a dead man on a cross who ended up in a borrowed grave.

On Good Friday, all but a very few, the Blessed Mother and perhaps the apostle John, understood and believed there was more to come. All the rest returned to lives where they worked, experienced pain and sorrow and eventually died. There was nothing more. The inspiration, the wonder, the excitement of the Beatitudes, the call for justice for the poor and an end to oppression, a call for the mercy and love of God all came crashing down in his bloody death. It was all darkness and doubt.

What begins today for all of us is a call for spirit of joy and peace in our hearts, however dark the news of the day can be. God's justice will ultimately prevail. What begins tonight leads to the witness of St. Francis of Assisi, the victory of St. Therese of Lisieux over depression, Blessed Mother Theresa comforting the dying of Calcutta, Saint John Paul II standing before the Communists and demanding the people be given the Gospel, and our smiling Pope Francis offering us a message of Mercy and Hope. This resurrection begins the story of Christian soup kitchens, Catholics orphanages, hospitals for the poor, faithful caring for the abandoned of society in the name of Jesus, a parish outreach center, first communions, voices crying out for the protection of all life, from conception to natural death.

The power of the Risen Christ gives us the strength to seek to forgive those who have hurt us, to honor our life commitments when we are tempted to walk away from their challenges, to have hope in the face of addictions, to see the earth as a gift from God, to be grateful for all that we have, and to trust, deep in our hearts, believe that Jesus Christ is Risen and that one day I will rise with him. Today, we know that we shall see again those we have loved and mourned and buried. Tonight is not they lived happily ever after. No, tonight is the beginning of our faith in the one who said he would rise on the third day. Because of tonight, we walk with a hope in our hearts and joy in our souls.

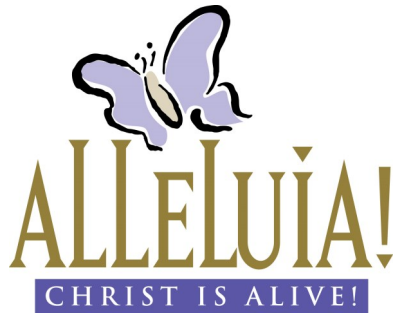
Happy Easter!

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

A Message of Thanks

No words could ever express our appreciation for the love and support you have shown to us after the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Deacon Gene. We are deeply grateful to be surrounded by such a loving congregation.

The Family of Deacon Gene Capobianco



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**



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord:

How changed is the world this Easter morn! How wondrous the truth on the lips of His faithful disciples! Can there be any chant more beautiful, any news more desired, any heart that could seek for more? **Jesus Christ is Risen! It is true! He is Risen! Alleluia!**

The long Lent of human history was ended that first Easter Sunday morn when Mary Magdalen discovered that the tomb was empty and the body of her beloved Lord was missing. But that body, cruelly put to death on the tree of Calvary, was not missing. It was transformed! It was glorified! For the Son of God made man fulfilled His destiny on this earth and so transformed our destiny from sin and death to life in Him, life eternal.

You and I are the recipients of the long journey of love that Jesus travelled from Galilee to Jerusalem, from birth in a stable to death on a cross. When Jesus took that sign of death and made it the sign of glory, He accomplished the will of the Father *who so loved the world that He sent His Son not to condemn but to save the world. And this is the salvation which is ours: Life in Christ Jesus, Life eternal!*

My prayer this Easter is that we all with deep faith acknowledge with joy and gratitude that God's love triumphed in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and that His resurrection gives us our new destiny: we share His divine life now and will share it with Him forever in glory! My prayer is that we all participate in Mass this Easter Sunday as a pledge of our fidelity to Him who died and rose. My prayer is that we greet one another with that ancient greeting of Christians: *Christ is risen! He is truly risen. Alleluia.*

If we do that then I am confident we will be renewed in His life and we will be so filled with His Spirit that we will seek to share His life with others and witness His life to the world. I am confident that we will be more eager to care for the sick, reach out to the poor, bear one another's burdens and be true brothers and sisters by prayer and action to all who need us in our parishes, our communities, our nation and the world. The world needs the witness of our faith in the Risen Christ. The world needs the witness of our hope for the future. The world needs our love that embraces all those whom our Savior embraced from the cross. May they too share in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! *For He is Risen. He is truly risen. Alleluia!*

Your brother and your Shepherd in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS AND EASTER

EASTER BUNNY

The Bible makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on Easter Sunday; nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a prominent symbol of Christianity's most important holiday. The exact origins of this mythical mammal are unclear, but rabbits, known to be prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life. According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests.

Happy Easter!



EASTER EGGS

Easter is a religious holiday, but some of its customs, such as Easter eggs, are likely linked to pagan traditions. The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.



EASTER CANDY

Easter is the second best-selling candy holiday in America, after Halloween. Among the most popular sweet treats associated with this day are chocolate eggs, which date back to early 19th century Europe. Eggs have long been associated with Easter as a symbol of new life and Jesus' resurrection. Another egg-shaped candy, the jelly bean, became associated with Easter in the 1930s (although the jelly bean's origins reportedly date all the way back to a Biblical-era concoction called a Turkish Delight). This is highly endorsed by your Pastor.

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.)

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.

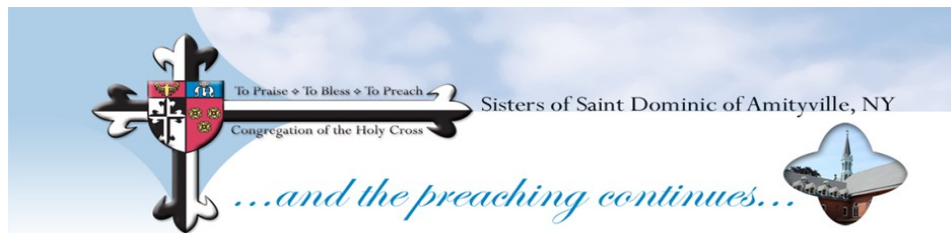
Till then happy reading! - Father Patrick Woods & Ann Mele

Easter Monday, April 6

The Rectory is Closed - No evening hours

Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour

The next Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus will be Monday, May 4th at 1PM. All are welcome!



“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

-St. Catherine of Siena, Dominican Saint

Come join us April 17 to April 19, 2015
(beginning Friday at 7PM & ending with Sunday Vespers at 4PM)

To explore what it means to be part of the Dominican Family

Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville

And find how you will set the world on fire!

*for women who are 17 years old and older

*a \$20 donation for the weekend is suggested

Please contact Sr. Marenid Fabre, OP

Director of Vocations

(631) 842-6000 ext. 352

555 Albany Avenue

Amityville NY 11701



St. Martin of Tours Youth Ministry wishes you and your family a blessed Easter! Alleluia! He is Risen!

4/5: Easter Sunday - Youth Mass at 1PM in the Church
NO Life Night this Sunday. Happy Easter!

Upcoming Events

- 4/12: Life Night - 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room
- 4/14: Youth Ministry Adoration Service in the Church at 7 - 8PM
- 4/19: 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!

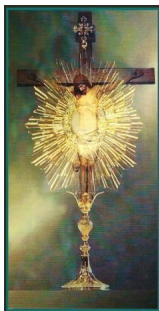
For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Erin Horan-Baudille at SMT_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com.

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

A Blessed Easter!

Through all the years, we have had wonderful movies showing the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus. From *King of Kings*, to *Ben Hur*, and *Jesus of Nazareth* just to name a few. We have seen the story of our Lord, Hollywood style. But to listen to the Gospels, is the true depiction of what our Lord suffered. Just as we say the SORRIFUL MYSTERIES on our rosary, brings us close to the understanding of what Jesus suffered for our sins. If you attended the LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS here at St. Martin's, it brought you closer to his passion.



A few years ago, Mel Gibson made a wonderful movie, THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST. They had a showing of it at St. Martins last week. It's an incredible journey through the life of our Savior. It is difficult to get through his scourging and crucifixion without coming to tears. But it brings about true understanding -understanding of how much He loves us.

We have spent Lent, both GIVING UP and GIVING MORE. We have prayed and meditated upon the life of our Lord, to his death upon the cross. But now, he has RISEN! We can celebrate our lives and our eventual journey to heaven beside Him.

So, as we share that Easter dinner with family, keep in mind what this day is all about. Watching the children collect Easter eggs in baskets, stories of the Easter bunny, marshmallow chicks and chocolate bunnies and eggs are joyous. But children need to know what the true meaning behind all of this is.

During Advent, while at mass with my grandson Finn, we knelt down at the Nativity. He is 5 years old. I explained to him about the birth of the Baby Jesus. The Wise Men fascinated him, along with the Star of Bethlehem. As we were leaving the church, he looked up at Jesus on the Cross and said, "What happened to him?" The journey from the crib to the cross with a 5 year old took me back at the moment. But, during Christmas, he understood what Easter was about.

How blest are we to know we are not alone. That Jesus walks beside us. That no matter what comes about in our lives, our Lord Jesus is close, listening to our prayers.

Jesus said, "***Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.***" Matthew 11:18

**THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY WISHES ALL OF YOU
THE MOST GLORIOUS EASTER SUNDAY.**

Diana Hart Miranda



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!



**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).



March 25th is the Feast Day of perhaps the greatest event in human history: the Annunciation of the birth of Jesus. Mary of Nazareth is asked by the Archangel Gabriel to be the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God. With the words, "Let it be done unto me according to your word," the Holy Spirit comes upon Mary and Jesus is conceived in her womb. God and humanity meet in this young lady from Nazareth.



March 25, 2015 was a very blessed day here at St. Martin of Tours Parish. Bishop Andrzej J. Zglejszewski confirmed almost 200 of the young men and women of our parish in two different celebrations that were held at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. When I introduced him, I called him Bishop Andrzej and I'm not sure how well I did with that. I did refer to him as Bishop O'Malley to make matters simple. The Bishop gave a wonderful and inspiring homily that brought forth great laughter while, at the same time, serious thoughts about

what it means to receive the Holy Spirit as a follower of Jesus. He was most gracious and kind and we hope he comes back often to visit us.

I first want to congratulate the young men and women who worked diligently to receive this special sacrament. The obligation for Confirmation, in addition to their years of religious education, required that they perform 20 hours of Christian service, make a one day retreat, participate regularly at Mass, choose a name of a saint or virtue that inspired them, and to seek a sponsor who they felt exemplified Catholic virtues. We at St. Martin's are very proud of you and pray that the Holy Spirit will always guide you.

We as a parish congratulate the parents of these young men and women. You have made a very serious effort to raise your children in the Catholic faith. With all the other responsibilities you have and all the many activities you bring your children to, I know it is a sacrifice to keep bringing your son or daughter to religious education every week. God bless your commitment. Confirmation is not an ending, but a new beginning in the Christian life and I strongly encourage you to continue to do all you can to pass on the Catholic faith to your child. As they continue to mature, they are moving into a most complex and confusing world, with many paths that can lead to serious problems. I am convinced the values of Jesus Christ will be the greatest guide they can have in navigating their way forward. I also offer a word of thanks and encouragement to the sponsors who have journeyed with the young person as he or she moved toward confirmation. They valued you and saw something special in you as their sponsor.

It takes a great many people to prepare our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I cannot thank enough the men and women who volunteer their time and talent to be religious education teachers and aides for our program. You are important evangelists in the life of the parish. I know it is not always easy teaching in the afternoons, evenings and Saturday morning, but you do it with great joy and commitment. Thank you! Certainly, a special word of thanks to our two religious education coordinators, Laura Leigh Agnese and Pat Ryan. We are blessed by their gifts and talents.

Our entire staff, including our maintenance team who set up chairs, our office staff, our musicians and choir, our church cleaners, our sacristans, those who dress the altar, those who decorate the church, our clergy who celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with those to be confirmed and who serve as substitute teachers, all are involved in making the parish and those confirmed to have such a joyful celebration. Thank you. - Father Pat

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 7PM Church
- May 4: Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour 1PM Church
- 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

**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.



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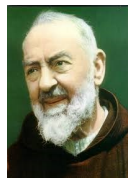
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SAINT PADRE PIO

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



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.



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The Deacons & their Families
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*wish you, our Parishioners, and all Visitors
A Blessed & Joyous Easter.*

*On this Most Holy and Joyous of Feasts -
The Resurrection of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
we sing,*

*"This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad!"*

