

Masses For The Week

Monday - April 27

6:30 James Mason
9:00 John Dettori

Tuesday - April 28

6:30 James Giacobello
9:00 Arlene Carroll

Wednesday - April 29

6:30 Emil Affen
9:00 Walter & Robert Kranz

Thursday - April 30

6:30 Jack Mason
9:00 Angelina Pantano

Friday - May 1

6:30 Marie Gialleonardo
9:00 Anthony Gragnaniello, 15th Anniversary

Saturday - May 2

9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Louis Ruggiero, Gertrude & John O'Rourke
7:00 Julia & Fred Zoitke

Sunday - May 3

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Thomas F. Campbell
10:00 George Ruff
11:30 Terence Barry
1:00 In Honor of St. Joseph
5:30 Rudy & Stephanie Casal

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tues. Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wed. Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
Thurs. Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Fri. Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Sat. Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
Sun. Acts 9:26-31 *Saul went back to Jerusalem, but the disciples were afraid of him. Barnabas told them how the Lord had conversed with Saul and how he had suffered in the name of Jesus. Then they welcomed and protected Saul.*

1 John 3:18-24 *"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." If our hearts do not condemn us, we can have confidence that God will grant our requests.*

John 15:1-8 *Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." Everyone else "will be thrown out like a branch and wither."*



Divine Mercy Novena

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: April 18/19, 2015
Regular Collection: \$16,995.67

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who stand ready to assist their neighbors through attendance and support for community activities such as police, fire and rescue.



Charismatic Prayer Group

For God so
loved th**E** world
that He g**A**ve His only
begotten **S**on that whoever
believe**T**h in Him
shall not p**E**rish, but
have ete**R**nal life.

Sorry to repeat the theme, but I couldn't resist! It's like God's version of a hidden word search puzzle. John 3:16 is a favorite of many people. I love that it reminds me of God's great love, His sacrifice and His promise. **Our next meeting is Monday, April 27th at 7:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

HOP Club

4/20/15	#208	Eileen Filice	\$25
4/21/15	#150	Mildred Kestler	\$25
4/22/15	#236	John & Noreen Joyce	\$25
4/23/15	#642	Mary Donahoe	\$25
4/24/15	#606	M/M Kenneth Kelly, Sr.	\$50



First Banns
Joseph Ferrigno & Elizabeth Liguori
Daniel Reano & Nicole Sullivan



*“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: sweet cereals, white rice, peas, carrots, pasta sauce, black beans, apple sauce, chicken soups, ketchup, mayonnaise, oil, coffee, brownie mix, pancake syrup, jams or jellies, sugar, Jell-O, pudding, tissues, dish soap, laundry soap and bar soap.

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

Two important truths of our faith:

**that we are the children of God - *all of us*
 and that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.**

Week of April 26 - May 2, 2015



Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Anthony Gragnaniello

Week of April 26 - May 2, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of
Marco & Amanda Gambino



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
 Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, James Robertson
 Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly
 Matthew Messina, Sharon Shiepkko, Christopher Gratton
 John Mitchell, Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson
 Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov
 Patricia Marrone, Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil
 Catherine Battiata, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro
 Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino
 Nicole Cagna, Gary Vlahov, Christopher Wezel
 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, Edward Brown
 Ceil Hollander, Ann Mirto, Vicki Perri, Daniel Costa, Nikki
 Eleanor Behrik, Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss
 Bob Baciуска, Lorraine Dennan, Deacon Jim Biggin
 Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder, Thomas Napoli
 Joan Spira, Gerald Campbell, 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, William Martuge
 Joseph Mullaly, Deacon Jose Roa, Elizabeth Ryan
 Steven Roberts, Jr., Ken Mannion, Jo Ryan, Linda Malone
 Peters Family, Christine Chiarappa, Michael Kott, Jr.
 Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller, Susan Carroll-Goyan

Rest in Peace

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

Salvatore Alaimo
Raymond Reynolds

The Pastor's Letter

There are two old jokes I have heard about meetings. The first is that at the Last Judgment, when Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, he will say to those on his right side, *"Come my beloved, enter the Kingdom of God for you were very faithful and good Catholics, and for you on the left, I want you to break up into small groups and go have a meeting!"* The second one is even simpler: *"On June 30, 2015, the entire Catholic Church will come to a complete stop because everyone will be at a meeting!"* I am sure neither joke is a side-splitter.

I go to many meetings in the parish as well as with the Diocese and the Redemptorists. Actually I find meetings helpful (unless they are scheduled during a Met game, or even worse, during a Jet game!) Parish meetings are important to evaluate what we are presently doing and what we hope to do in the future. It was at the meetings of our pastoral council and our finance council that we came to the decision to have a capital campaign.

Now our building committee is giving excellent counsel on how to implement the various projects of the campaign. We had a very good Lent and our liturgy committee does great work to make our liturgies so enriching. Our discipleship committee is working on a booklet that will outline the many ministries of the parish. These are just a few examples of the many meetings our parish has to plan for both the present and the future. I am so very grateful.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is comprised of three geographic regions called vicariates. There is the Western, Central and Eastern Vicariate. Within each vicariate there are smaller groupings of between 8-16 parishes called deaneries. There are thirteen deaneries in the diocese and each is made up of several parishes. Our parish is deanery five and is in the Central Vicariate under the leadership of Monsignor James McNamara. Father John Derasmo, the pastor of St. James Parish is the dean of our deanery.

The parishes in deanery five are Our Lady of Hope, Carle Place; St. Raphael, East Meadow; St. Kilian, Farmingdale; Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville; Holy Family, Hicksville; St. Ignatius Loyola, Hicksville; St. Bernard, Levittown; St. Pius X, Plainview; St. James, Seaford; St. Brigid, Westbury; and St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage.

Recently, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has called parishes to conduct meetings to put a process in place to help parishes plan for the future direction of their parish as they seek to grow in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. They have begun the process in two deaneries, number 5 and 7. This process of future planning has been going on for several months. Each parish was asked to have ten people attend a meeting with people from deanery five. I sent an invitation to our staff and committees to see who might wish to be part of this project. We had ten people attend and we were presented with some very detailed materials about demographics taking place in our deanery.

This material was not only about the present but sought to identify information about the future. This material was prepared by a professor from St. John's University. We were given about 75 pages of statistics and trends to read (I would prefer the sports pages of the *New York Post*). Some members of our team found the material very enlightening and others felt it was information they had clearly observed from living in this area. We also received a presentation on how important it is to plan for the future in a parish on every level to include care of the buildings, finances, formation programs, liturgies, programming for various ages groups and so on. We were encouraged to study our vision statement and see if it was helpful in moving us toward the future. It was a good meeting, but we were certainly left with a great deal of material to absorb.

Examples of future planning were provided by some parishes that had adopted good methods. Each pastor was asked to appoint a smaller executive planning committee (since meetings for the 13 parishes of the deanery that included all would have at least 130 members, which can be somewhat unwieldy for a meeting). I asked the ten men and women who had already volunteered to be on the large committee, who might wish to serve on the executive committee. I provided Monsignor McNamara with the names of Ann Hughes (chair), Martin Meaney and John McCarthy. I think this a very well-balanced team since Martin is head of the pastoral council, John is chair of the finance committee and Ann has good experience in working previously on such large scale processes.

The executive committee has had several meetings to organize and take initial steps to proceed with the larger committee, as well as all the committees and ministries and all the parishioners of our parish. Recently, the executive committee attended a meeting with all the other executive committees of our deanery. We were asked to report what we had done so far. I was very impressed with some of the fine ideas I heard from other parishes. Still, without sounding boastful, our parish had been doing a significant amount of future planning while seeking to address particular needs and goals in the present. This was also the feeling of the other members of the committee who attended. I certainly think Father Tizio (as well as previous pastors and clergy) and the people of the parish had left our parish in a good position in terms of ministries and functioning committees.

When I came to St. Martin's, almost four years ago, I did a planning booklet called *Discerning the Future* based on my meeting with the clergy, staff, members of various ministries, as well as a survey of all the parishioners. When we conducted the capital campaign, the Lynch Associates did surveys and interviews of parishioners. Last year several of the councils and committees, as well as the staff, had to prepare ideas about the future for a Diocesan Visitation with Monsignor McNamara.

Now our pastoral and finance councils, as well as our staff, are preparing materials that evaluate where we are and our vision for the future for the superiors of the Redemptorists who will be visiting our parish on May 14th. We have done a great amount of study indicating where we are and where we need to go over the past four years. Thus, this new study from the Diocese is good but certainly far from anything new for us.

We need to be careful of vision fatigue planning. Still no parish should ever allow itself to grow complacent nor rest on its laurels. Most people are very happy with our parish, but there is always room for challenge and growth. So our parish will do its best to fully participate in this diocesan process.

Since most of the people involved so far in this particular process are members of the councils, committees, and staff of the parish, it is important that we listen to **all** parishioners who have dreams and visions for the future. **We are planning a Parish Assembly on May 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (lunch included).** Part of the agenda of this assembly will be a discussion of the diocesan process for planning for the future which I have written about. I do ask every parishioner to attend the assembly (we will add more water to the soup).

This is a letter with a great deal of information and one that might have your eyes glazing over. You may be longing for a Jet joke by now. Ultimately all of this information, as well as everything that we do at St. Martin's, is about seeking to help us know the love Jesus has for each of us, and to help us respond to how we live our lives in the light of that love.

If you have read every line of this letter, word for word, I owe you one jelly bean! God bless you always.

Father Patrick Woods CSSR
woodsccsr@aol.com; www.smtbethpage.org

SAVE THESE DATES

May 16th: Parish Assembly: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Mass followed by conference, discussion and lunch.
Theme: Meeting Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread.

June 7th: Corpus Christi Procession after the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass

June 14th: Father Pat's 40th anniversary celebration of his ordination.
1:00 p.m. Mass with luncheon to follow.
All are welcome. More details to come.

September 4-6th: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House
Long Branch, New Jersey - 6:00 p.m. on Friday to Sunday at 1:00 p.m.



Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity



On Tuesday, May 5, 2015 beginning at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall, we will be crowning our Blessed Mother followed by the recitation of the rosary. Our pastor, Fr. Pat Woods will give a talk on Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Election of officers will also take place. Refreshments will be served. All women are most welcome.

Please note: If you haven't paid your annual dues of \$10, contact Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408 to arrange payment.

**The Michael J. Hartigan Council of the
Knights of Columbus, Bethpage**

Membership Drive Sunday, April 26th

at the following masses:

7AM, 8:30, 10, 11:30 and 1:00PM

A member of the K of C will be in the gathering area for more information and to answer any questions you may have.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Youth Ministry Adoration
Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 PM
in the Church.
Everyone is welcome!



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE MATTERS, RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND THE AMERICAN SOUL

When Christians and other people talk about THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON, and THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE, they're putting into words what we all instinctively know - and have known for a very long time. Unique in nature, and unlike any other creature, men and women possess something elevated and sacred that demands our special respect. When we violate that human dignity, we do evil. When we serve it, we do good, and herein lies one of today's many American ironies. We now live in a society that speaks persuasively about protecting the environment and rescuing species on the brink of extinction. But then it tolerates the mass killing of unborn children, and contemplates the killing of the sick and elderly in name of their "DIGNITY."

Modern critics of religion like to point out that God is ABSENT from the U.S. Constitution. And of course that's true, but not because God was unwelcome. In effect, God suffused the whole constitutional enterprise. Nearly all the Founders were religious believers, and some were quite devout. The Founders saw religious faith as something separate from government but vital to the nation's survival. The American Founders also presumed the existence of natural law and natural rights. These rights are inalienable because they are guaranteed by the Creator, by "nature's God," to use the words of the Declaration of Independence. Such ideas seem to be out of fashion in much of legal theory today. But these same ideas are very much alive in the way we actually reason and behave in our daily lives.

Today, people of faith are facing a multitude of threats to religious liberty that demand our active witness and opposition. One state would have forced Catholic parishes to be restructured according to a congregational model. The Justice Department has argued that a federal agency can redefine and override who a Christian church considers a "religious" minister according to their faith.

State immigration laws forbid clergy to give sacramental and pastoral care to immigrants who lack residency documentation. Catholic charities in some jurisdictions have been driven out of ADOPTION and FOSTER CARE services because they refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried cohabiting opposite-sex couples. Catholic humanitarian services have been discriminated against on the awarding of government grants because they refuse to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) preventive services, mandate requires almost all private health plans to cover contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL FORCE RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS TO FUND AND FACILITATE COVERAGE OF DRUGS AND PROCEDURES CONTRARY TO THEIR MORAL TEACHING, AND PURPORT TO DEFINE WHICH RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS ARE RELIGIOUS ENOUGH TO MERIT AN EXEMPTION.

It is important for our own integrity and the integrity of our country THAT WE STAND UP today against these and other attacks in our RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. History affords many examples, both before and since America's founding, where restraints on religious liberty presaged the denial of other human rights. BY STANDING UP FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY NOW, we can begin to renew the soul of America and strengthen our nation's commitment to all the rights and freedoms we enjoy as children of God. In so doing, we may also discover in our own lives what it means to be fully human.

Source: Excerpts taken from Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. USCCB

**10th Annual Life Center Baby Shower
Weekend of May 16th and 17th at all 8 masses**

The Life Center of Long Island celebrates and thanks the Parish of St. Martin of Tours for your generosity. Every item you donate gives each baby born the necessities of clothing, diapers, and everything else it takes to care for a newborn.

Our Wish List:

Diapers, newborn items for a layette, monitors, breast pumps, bottles, thermometers, crocheted blankets, baby hats and booties, baths, baby food, formula, Q-Tips, Vaseline, baby powder, carry bags, crib sheets, bassinet sheets, doorway gates, baby wipes, clothing for 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-9 months and all sizes up to toddler 4.

Slightly used and must be under 5 years old: car seats, cribs that convert to beds, swings, jumper seats, porta-cribs, dressing tables, mattress and bumpers, comforters, strollers, baby carriers.

The Life Center is no longer taking toys due to needed space for the above items. For ten years you have reached out. Thank you and God bless!

**The Respect Life Committee will be presenting an “End of Life” seminar
on Saturday, June 6th at 10AM in St. Alphonsus Hall.**

We cordially invite all those interested in information concerning end of life issues. Anyone who might be a caretaker, daughter, son or another relative or anyone that is a healthcare proxy, might want to sit in on the information that will be available. Father Henry Sattler, CSSR will be opening the seminar with information on Church teachings.

Dr. Lisa Honkanan, Doctor of Geriatrics and associated with Good Samaritan Hospital and on the Board of Directors at the Life Center, will be speaking on this important subject. Dr. Honkanan will be available to answer any of your questions.

There will also be a representative from a local funeral home and another from St. Charles Cemetery. A short film will be shown on NOW, AND AT THE END OF LIFE. Healthcare proxy forms will be available along with pamphlets and flyers with information.

Please come and bring someone who you would like to represent you and your wishes at the end of life. Also welcome are those who might have the responsibility for someone coming to life's end. People from other parishes or anyone interested are most welcome!

St. Martin of Tours celebrates
Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month!!

Please join us for a mass dedicated to the individuals,
families and friends of people with Autism/Special Needs.

This Sunday, April 26th at 3pm

**St. Martin of Tours Church
Celebrant, Pastor Patrick Woods**

The mass has been planned by a sibling of a child with Autism to celebrate Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month. It has been adapted to make it a more sensory friendly experience for children and adults.

The following hints may help to make this a good experience for you and your loved ones:

- Duration will be approximately 30 minutes.
- Soft music will be played throughout the mass to minimize transitions and reduce stress.
- Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharist Ministers will be familiar with Autism.
- Chairs will be set up in the gathering area for families who are more comfortable and/or unable to move into the main area of the church.
- St. Martin's will provide a small token for anxious children to fidget with.
- Please feel free to bring items that will help your loved one have a positive experience.
- Social Story will be available to assist in preparing your loved one for the mass. You can find the social story on the St. Martin's Facebook Page, Piece By Piece Bethpage Facebook Page or you can email Kathryn Clyne at piecebypiecebethpage@gmail.com for more information.



St. Martin of Tours Youth Ministry will be holding its annual Mother's Day Carnation sale after ALL weekend Masses on May 9th and May 10th. If you would like to volunteer to sell flowers after any of the Masses, please contact Erin. We thank you in advance for your support and generosity!



There is a Life Night this Sunday following the 5:30PM Mass in the OLPH Youth Room. All high school teens are welcome. Dinner will be served.

Upcoming Events

5/3: Life Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room

5/9 & 10: Youth Ministry's Carnation Sale after ALL weekend Masses - NO Life Night



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

Upcoming Events

5/9 & 10: Youth Ministry's Carnation Sale after ALL weekend Masses

5/14: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room

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.

*Congratulations to Dan & Erin Baudille on the birth of their son
and Hannah's new brother!*

*Luke Daniel was born on Thursday, April 16, 2015 weighing at 8 lbs. 12 oz,
and 20 1/2". Erin is the Youth Ministry Coordinator for our parish.*

God bless this family with good health and happiness!





*Do you want to build a snowman?
 Oh, wait! Winter is really over!
 So...do you want to build a ministry?
 How about the Gardening Ministry?*

What they **are** looking to build is new members.
 No experience necessary!

Their next meeting is Saturday, May 23, 2015 in St. Alphonsus Hall at 10 AM.

They meet once a month for about two hours on Saturday mornings.
 Refreshments are served. (always a good thing!)

If you have any questions, contact Debbie Mekalainas at platnum117@aol.com

Fulton Sheen on the Meaning of the Mass

Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen is one of the most beloved and popular speakers of the modern age. His cause for canonization is being studied by the Vatican. A parishioner highly recommended the following YouTube on the Meaning of the Mass; it is a half-hour long and very spiritually enriching.

You can get this YouTube by going to the internet and typing in Venerable Bishop Sheen the Meaning of the Mass or typing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=sr_57fD6Ado

The video is 29 min - Feb 10, 2013 - Uploaded by Sensus Fidelium. It is one of his best retreats, preached before a live audience in a church toward the end of his life.

Save the Date!

SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT

**SAINT ALPHONSUS
HALL**

FRIDAY MAY 29TH

and/or

FRIDAY JUNE 5TH

7:30 PM BOTH NIGHTS



**PRESENTED BY SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS MUSIC MINISTRY
MELLOW MUSIC FROM THE SIXTIES to PRESENT
IN A RELAXED COFFEE HOUSE SETTING
FEATURING SELECT VOCALISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS**



**WE ARE OFFERING TWO NIGHTS. SPACE IS LIMITED.
MORE INFO TO COME IN FUTURE BULLETINS!**

Widows and Widowers, Divorced & Single Catholics of Long Island
 39th Year - Nassau County Chapter Number 1, P.O. Box 2131

New Member Orientation/Non-Denominational
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 @ 8PM

Meeting is every fourth Tuesday at
 St. Frances de Chantal School
 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh

Please bring proof of single status to join - refreshments after meeting
 Call Barbara McCaffrey at (516) 798-2858 for more information.

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!

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Please come on May 1st at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation for all the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Please come on May 2nd at 8:30AM which will consist of the Rosary of Reparation, a reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All are welcome!

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.**

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 Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE
 Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services

Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-4357

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE
 1-800-4-Child or 1-800-422-4453

**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**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 26: Mass for Autism Awareness 3:00PM Church
- Apr 27: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 28: VIRTUS training 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 1: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- May 2: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- May 4: Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour 1PM Church
- May 5: Christian Mothers 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 9/10: Youth Ministry's Mothers Day Carnation Sale
- May 16: Parish Assembly Mass at 9AM; Assembly in School Auditorium to follow
- May 16/17: Life Center Baby Shower - Gathering Area after all 8 masses
- May 23: Gardening Committee Meeting 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 24: ADULT CONFIRMATION (Mass time to be determined)
- May 29: SMT Coffee House Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 5: SMT Coffee House Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 6: Respect Life Ministry's End of Life Seminar 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 7: Corpus Christi Procession after 5:30PM Mass
- June 14: Father Pat's 40th Jubilee Mass 1PM Reception to follow
- Sept 4-6: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch NJ

Recently, it has been reported in the news that ISIS has the names and addresses of 100 servicemen and women and encouraged terrorists to seek to murder them and their family members. This is obviously horrifying news.

When we publish military names for prayer, we will no longer include where they are serving. Certainly, we want to keep the names of our sons and daughters and family members in prayer, but I also do not want anyone uncomfortable with their names being in the bulletin.

If you wish to have the name of your family member removed from either the prayer list in the bulletin or on the frame in the gathering area that has their pictures because of these threats, I will do so at your request.

Certainly, even if a name is removed, we will continue to pray for the person and his or her safety since we pray for all those in the military at our Masses. If you wish to speak to me about this, you are most welcome. I would welcome military families to let me know how they feel about this concern. I hate to allow terrorists to control our lives in any way, but I do not want to put anyone at risk.

What a sad reality we live in today where even a prayer list might be a source of danger. - Father Pat

PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY



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
 L CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC
 L CPL James Kruper, USMC
 PFC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
 1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
 SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
 PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
 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, US Navy
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
 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, US Navy

Serving God by Serving Others

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This weekend we will have a speaker from the Diocese of Rockville Centre speaking on behalf of the annual Catholic Ministry Appeal. The Diocese has encouraged us to promote the campaign in our parish since we have not met the goal set by the diocese for several years. We are asked to raise in the area of \$100,000.00, and we tend to donate between \$35,000.00 to \$50,000.00. There is no pressure placed on me, but rather gentle reminders. I simply ask you to do the best you can do.

I know first hand that you are most generous in support of your parish and Church. Our ongoing Capital Campaign is a great testimony to the great love and support you offer to the parish. When I called for small increase (my two dollar campaign) in the collection, again you responded in a wonderful way. I know that many of you have made generous pledges to our parish capital campaign. I also know you continue to support well the weekly collections. Donating to another good need is not easy for many of you.

I am fully conscious that many of you are living on fixed incomes, while others have significant expenses for your children's educations. I am grateful for all the time, talent and treasure that you give to the parish. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal donations do wonderful work for many people who are in significant need. I do know that you are very conscious that we belong to a worldwide church with many needs and that we have a great commitment to our own diocese's needs. If you can make a donation, I am sure your gift will do work in building up the kingdom of God. Here is a brief description of the work of the Ministries Appeal:

When you contribute to the Catholic Ministries Appeal your support helps form our priests, deacons and lay leaders; train our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders; help our young people grow in faith and prepare for reception of the Sacraments. You also help support the programs and services that provide care and comfort to so many through Catholic Charities and Parish Outreach programs. As Catholics, we are called to share our faith, love and gratitude for all we have been given. Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal we can accomplish this together as a diocesan family, touching lives, uplifting the human spirit and delivering vital ministries where they are most needed.

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**.

You can also go to the Diocese home page at **drvc.org**, look for "Virtus" 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 Training Session at St. Martin of Tours
Tuesday, April 28th @ 7:00PM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

SACRED HEART ACADEMY
47 Cathedral Avenue, Hempstead NY 11550

Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course

August 24-28, 2015

September 12, and October 17, 2015

Cost: \$200 which includes all materials. Two sessions are available.

For information and applications, please call (516) 483-7383 ext. 249

**In addition, Sacred Heart Academy is offering a PSAT review course
for any student entering his or her Junior year in September 2015.**

Sacred Heart Academy PSAT Review Course

August 17-21, 2015

September 12 and September 26, 2015

Cost: \$200 which includes all materials. Students must bring their own calculators.

Two sessions are available. For information and applications, please call (516) 483-7383 ext. 249

Second Collection May 2nd & 3rd to Support Catholic School Education

The second collection next weekend will benefit the elementary schools of the Diocese and the thousands of children whose lives are enriched by these schools every day.

Our schools provide a strong, quality Catholic education with high academic standards and where our faith is learned and lived. They are places where our Roman Catholic Faith is passed onto the next generation and provide our Diocese with a high profile expression of our common mission to evangelize. Everyone who passes by our buildings or who sees one of our children in uniform has to say to themselves that the Roman Catholic Faith is alive and relevant.

Your continued support for our elementary schools and for the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, the charity here on Long Island that provides tuition assistance to deserving families, who desire a Catholic school education for their children, is critical to the schools' success. Please be as generous as possible in next week's special collection.



The value of **learning**. The learning of **values**.



Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Faith Formation

CATHOLIC GRAND PARENTING - AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

- *What do grandparents do to pass on faith in the family?*
- *What are some of the new challenges that families face that affect grandparents?*
- *How has being a grandparent today changed from the way you remember your grandparents?*

PRESENTERS: JOHN & ARLENE VOSILLA

John and Arlene are grandparents of four children. They are active parishioners of St. Raphael’s Parish in East Meadow. Arlene, now retired, served as Director of Religious Education and is currently a Trustee of the Parish. John retired after 31 years with Grumman and Northrop Grumman working in public affairs. John is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at St. Raphael’s. Together they coordinate the RCIA program in their parish.

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2015
Time: 7:00 - 8:30PM
Cost: \$10 per person
Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip
 Parish Center

For further information please contact Kathy Logan at the Diocese at (516) 678-5800 ext. 236 Register online at www.drvc-faith.org

Register online at www.drvc-faith.org or forward the completed registration form below along with a check payable to “Office of Faith Formation.” Mail to Debbie Coyne, Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre NY 11571

Name _____ Parish _____

Address _____ Town _____

Phone _____ email _____

Fee Amount at \$10 per person _____

The Institute for Study of Religion at Saint Joseph's College is sponsoring the following event which might be of interest to you.

- **Presentation entitled "Dorothy Day: Peacemaker for Our Times"**
- **Thursday, April 30th at 7:30PM**
- The Institute for the Study of Religion at St. Joseph's College
- Speaker: Martha Hennessy, granddaughter of Ms. Day, famous social justice advocate and founder of the Catholic Worker movement.
- Location: The McGann Conference Center in the O'Connor Building of the College, Exit 52 of Sunrise Highway.

The event is free and open to the public. No RSVP is required but questions can be addressed to Professor Paul Ginnetty at (631) 687-2681.

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH - 11:30AM TO 2:00PM

Call (516) 433-7040 or email the principal at jharrigan@olmshicks.org

To arrange a tour of

**Our Lady of Mercy School
520 South Oyster Bay Road
Hicksville NY 11801**

Many programs are offered including half day nursery; full day & half day pre-K; Full day Kindergarten; grades 1 - 8; before and after school care

OLM also offers many Enrichment Programs some of which are Altar Servers; Lectors (grades 7 & 8); Glee Club, Spanish (grades 6 - 8) CYO Sports Programs and much more.

OLM is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools and they offer family tuition rates and welcome children of every race, religion, ethnic and cultural background.

**Boy Scout Patrick Harten
BSA Troop 604**

Blood Drive

**Sunday, May 17, 2015
9am - 3pm**

**American Legion Hall
10 Washington Street
Bethpage NY 11714**

Patrick is running this blood drive campaign for his Life Scout Project.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Patrick.

**pharten@optonline.net
or call (516) 932-3722**

**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>

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.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th.

Mother's Day cards and envelopes can be found in the gathering area of the church as well as in the rectory office.



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 Human Resources
JOB POSTINGS**

SECRETARY

Summary of Position: Experienced secretary to work 35 hours a week, with strong organizational, communication (written and verbal), secretarial and clerical skills to provide services for the Western Vicariate.

Position Requirements: High school graduate, business school graduate preferred. Comfortable with using Outlook, Word (typing 40+ wpm), Excel and Publisher. Ability to work collaboratively in communication with other diocesan agencies on major office projects. A background in parish ministries is helpful.

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER

The Diocese of Rockville Centre seeks a professional, full-charge bookkeeper to work with select parishes within Nassau County. Position requires an experienced bookkeeper who has the knowledge of computerized accounting systems, bank reconciliations and account analyses. Proficiency in Excel and Word required.

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER

The Diocese of Rockville Centre seeks a professional, full-charge bookkeeper to work with select parishes within Suffolk County. Position requires an experienced bookkeeper who has the knowledge of computerized accounting systems, bank reconciliations and account analyses. Proficiency in Excel and Word required.

How to Apply:

Send resume and salary requirements to:

**Office of Human Resources
Diocese of Rockville Centre
PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre NY 11571-9023
Fax: (516) 678-9566
Email: HR@DRVC.org**

Thursday, May 14th is the **Ascension of the Lord**, a holy day of obligation. The rectory office will be closed in observance. The schedule of masses are as follows:

Wednesday evening, May 13th @ 7PM
Mass of the Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 14th @ 6:30 & 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM
Mass of the Ascension of the Lord



"The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you." – Pope Francis

Youth Mission to the Philippines

Any high school student, who will be in their junior year during the 2015-16 school year, is invited to apply to be a part of a new mission project, developing hydroponics, aquaponics and other community oriented projects.

- We will meet on Tuesday nights (7-9pm) during the academic year, and plan out the projects that will be undertaken in July 2016.
- There is no experience needed, just an openness to learn and teach.
- There are no fees, because part of this project is to find ways to fund the project itself.
- There are no limitations on how you can use the gifts and talents God has given you in helping our brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you are interested, please send a letter to:

Lamb Shall Lead International, 55 East Jamaica Ave., Valley Stream, NY 11580.
Include a brief reason why you want to participate, along with your name, address, phone number, email address and school.