

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - May 4**

6:30 Lucy Speelman, 2nd Anniversary  
 9:00 Geremia & Azzolina Zerbini

**Tuesday - May 5**

6:30 Nicoletta Mattariello  
 9:00 Rose & Arthur Cordone, Anniversary

**Wednesday - May 6**

6:30 Deacon Gene Capobianco  
 9:00 In Thanksgiving

**Thursday - May 7**

6:30 John, Mary, Walter & Ken George  
 9:00 Sonia & Wallace Kankas

**Friday - May 8**

6:30 Margaret Zuk  
 9:00 Bob Coveney, Anniversary

**Saturday - May 9**

9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
 5:00 Nancy Steiniger  
 7:00 William J. Csajko

**Sunday - May 10**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Frank J. Schneberger  
 10:00 Joe Vassallo  
 11:30 Mary O'Neil  
 1:00 Phyllis Molloy & Jean Pulgrano  
 5:30 Rosemary & Joe Ogno & Friends

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26  
 Tues. Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a  
 Wed. Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8  
 Thurs. Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11  
 Fri. Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17  
 Sat. Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21  
**Sun. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48** *Peter entered the house of Cornelius and proclaimed the good news to his household. They listened and believed, so Peter had them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**1 John 4:7-10** John wrote, "Let us love one another, because love is of God." The person without love knows nothing of God because God is love.

**John 15:9-17** Jesus told his disciples, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." There is no greater love than this: "to lay down one's life for one's friends."



**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 25/26, 2015  
**Regular Collection:** \$17,244.59

**Thank you for your great generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

In today's gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who share their gift of hospitality with others, especially through ministries such as greeters, ushers and/or welcoming committees.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

***Surrender!***

Sounds bad, I know! Give Up? Give in? Back down? Admit defeat? **NO WAY!**

**But** not when you surrender to God. He has a plan for each of us. Surrender to it and know true happiness!

**Our next meeting is Monday, May 4th at 7:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

**HOP Club**

4/27/15	#48	Ida Bosi	\$25
4/28/15	#637	Cheryl & John Sullivan	\$25
4/29/15	#105	Kathleen Matykievicz	\$25
4/30/15	#250	Steve & Carole Kaiser	\$25
5/1/15	#36	Margaret Ruggiero	\$50



*Second Banns*

*Joseph Ferrigno & Elizabeth Liguori*

*Daniel Reano & Nicole Sullivan*

*First Banns*

*Gregory Finlan & Deidre McGovern*

*Sean Gardner & Victoria Cobian*



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

This week the Pantry is in need of cereals (regular & sweet), white rice, canned & boxed potatoes, mixed vegetables, carrots, pasta sauce, tomato paste, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, chicken soup, vegetable soup, ketchup, mayonnaise, oil, coffee, jam or jelly, brownie mix, juice boxes, toilet paper, tissues, wipes and paper towels.

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



*Week of May 3 - May 9, 2015*

*Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of  
Frances & Teofil Szmytkowski*

*Week of May 3 - May 9, 2015*

*Sanctuary Candle*

*In Loving Memory of  
Salvatore & Salvatrise  
Gambino & Family*



**Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

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

Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa, Pattie Meegan  
Fran Pignataro, Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini  
Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, James Robertson  
Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly  
Matthew Messina, Sharon Shiepkow, 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, Edward Brown  
Ceil Hollander, Ann Mirto, Vicki Perri, Daniel Costa, Nikki  
Eleanor Behrik, Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss  
Bob Baciуска, Lorraine Dennon, Deacon Jim Biggin  
Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder, Thomas Napoli  
Joan Spira, Gerald Campbell, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall  
Joe Bauer, Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg  
James Fanning, Antoinette Diana  
Little Sonny D'Ambrosio, Joann Sescila, Elsa Ryan  
Sarah Messina, Michael Arato, William Martuge  
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, Carol Episcopio  
Cathy Rusch, Robert Armento, Samantha McNeil

**Rest in Peace**

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

***Yolanda Chiarappa, A. Yvonne Caruso  
Eileen Aloise, Patricia A. Brandt, Robert C. Hill  
Joan M. Foti, John P. Hederman  
Dorothy N. Grahn***

## *The Pastor's Letter*

**On this day in 2013, two bombs went off near the finish line of the Boston Marathon killing three spectators and wounding more than 260 other people in attendance. Four days later after an intense manhunt that shut down the Boston area, police captured one of the bombing suspects, 19-year-old Dzhohkar Tsarnaev. His older brother and fellow suspect, 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev, died following a shootout with law enforcement earlier that same day.**

I am sure we remember this horrible day. For those who lost loved ones, for those who lost limbs, for those whose lives were shattered by the attack, their pain and grief will be with them for the rest of their lives. This past week, after Dzhohkar Tsarnaev was convicted of first degree murder. The penalty phase of the trial was conducted and the prosecutor has asked for the death penalty for this convicted terrorist who caused so much pain to so many.

There was a very disturbing picture of him in the media the other day, making an obscene gesture to those who could see him. It would seem he does not have an ounce of regret for what he did on that terrible day. If there was ever a candidate for the death penalty, it is him. Should he be executed?

This quote is from St. Pope John Paul II:

*Today, in fact, as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for effectively preventing crime, by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm — without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself — the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity "are very rare, if not practically non-existent."* (John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, 56)

Although the Pope does not categorically rule out the death penalty, he does argue the moral reasons for using it are so rare, they are practically nonexistent. Our present Holy Father, Pope Francis gives an even stricter opinion:

*Pope Francis called for abolition of the death penalty as well as life imprisonment, and denounced what he called a "penal populism" that promises to solve society's problems by punishing crime instead of pursuing social justice. "It is impossible to imagine that states today cannot make use of another means than capital punishment to defend peoples' lives from an unjust aggressor," the Pope said Oct. 23 in a meeting with representatives of the International Association of Penal Law.*

I have always had mixed feelings about the death penalty. I think if I lost a family member to a murderer I would want him executed. Such passion is understandable, but I question if it should be the law of the land. There are arguments pro and con heard about the effects of the death penalty. From what I have read it does not seem to be a deterrent that stops others from committing murder. Sometimes people argue that the state should not have to pay the cost of housing a murderer for forty or fifty years. Ironically, it seems a proven fact that it costs more tax money to condemn and execute a person because of the many legal appeals needed.

We do know wealthier people convicted of capital offenses statistically do not get executed at the same rate as the poor and minorities. I am also troubled that there have been a fair amount of cases where it has been proven by DNA that innocent people were on death row. At the same time, a convicted murderer with a life sentence may choose to kill a fellow prisoner or guard. Some people who have done the most evil deeds occasionally do find meaning in their life; some even turn to God. This does not mean they should be paroled. Justice, as well as mercy, is a virtue.

I am not a bleeding heart who wants violent criminals back in our society. I do understand why people support the death penalty. We have a right to protect ourselves from crime. The movie *Dead Man Walking* about Sister Helen Prejean had a great impact on me. She is a Sister of St. Joseph in Louisiana who, by a variety of circumstances, becomes the chaplain to a man on death row. His crime of murdering two young people was terrible, and he is executed by the State of Louisiana.

The part that stayed with me the most from this film was how the guards had to participate in the process of the execution. They had to take him from his cell, strap him down on the gurney and prepare him for the lethal injection. I would presume they volunteered for this duty but I am not certain. Still, I was left asking myself if it is fair for us to ask people to execute people in our name. We know medical people participate in the administering of the lethal drugs.

I find myself in agreement with St. Pope John Paul II. Although not ready to say executions are wrong in every case, I wish we would end the death penalty in our nation. As for Pope Francis' statement on abolishing the death penalty, I am not as sure of that. No doubt he is far more merciful and wiser than I.

I was at a Redemptorist meeting about ten years ago and the leader of the meeting asked the members to agree to send a letter to the governor asking him to abolish the death penalty in the state. Most of the confreres voted in approval of the proposal. However, a couple of confreres passionately disagreed with it. They were strong in their support of the death penalty. I tell this little story since I know how emotional and complicated this topic can be for many of us.

On the cross, we hear Jesus say, *Father, forgive them for they know not what they do*. That prayer is very hard to say, especially when we see innocent people killed by the evil deeds of others. May God bless all victims of violent crimes and acts of terrorism. May God bless those in society who must make decisions of justice and punishment. May God bless those who work to guard and protect us from violent criminals. May God bless those who are on death row.

Father Patrick Woods CSSR  
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**SAVE THESE DATES**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>: 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 7<sup>th</sup>: Corpus Christi Procession** after the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass

**June 14<sup>th</sup>: Father Pat's 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

This year Deacon James A. Biggin is marking 30 years as a Deacon for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Deacon Jim was ordained on May 4, 1985.



We wish him and his wife Carmela many blessings and good health in service to Our Lord in the Parish of St. Martin of Tours!

**Widows and Widowers, Divorced & Single Catholics of Long Island**

39th Year - Nassau County Chapter Number 1, P.O. Box 2031

**New Member Orientation/Non-Denominational**

**Tuesday, May 26, 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 Carol at (516) 794-4933 or Barbara at (516) 798-2858 for more information.

**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.

Dear SMT Book Club Friends,

It was wonderful to share with familiar and new faces at our last meeting. Popular vote chose **A Spool of Blue Thread**, the complete title, **by Anne Tyler** as our next book. Thanks so very much for your timely consideration for our new read. **Our meeting will be on a Friday, June 19, at 7:30PM in Saint Alphonsus Hall.** The book does not need to be completed to attend the meeting.

Your participation makes our meetings heartfelt, informative and fun. At each meeting, we gather as a community of believers in Christ. We discover support and insight about our opinions and concerns regarding what we read and experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ann Mele at [ann111647@netscape.net](mailto:ann111647@netscape.net) or phone 516 -330-3039.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Youth Ministry Adoration  
 Tuesday, May 12th 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

### PRAYING FOR AMERICA

Each day as we turn on the television or listen to the news, we are made aware of the unsettling events that are challenging us here in our country. So much is changing in America, and we must listen to and follow these events so that we can make up our own minds as to how we feel, and also learn to understand why these changes are coming about.

Baltimore, Maryland, among other cities and states, are protesting police abuse. We must take the time to sit and listen to the grievances that have propelled these incidents to the state of violence they are in now. We must understand what is happening before we can make change. We must be careful to know all the facts before we try to fully understand, and make those changes. We must follow Peaceful Protest.

Since September 11th, we are in a constant threat of terrorism. We worry about the Boston Marathon happening again, somewhere near to us.

We worry about freedom of religion being threatened, and Christians being threatened and executed throughout the world. We are divided about Gay Marriage and Abortion Rights.

Standing up for our rights is so important. But first we must know what we can and should do to make those rights known. And so, we should listen and know what is confronting America. Once we make up our minds as to how we feel, we should use every means to have our values recognized. We should write, email, or call our legislators about our concerns. That can make the difference. We, together, can make the difference.

But, as we try to make that difference in our country and in our lives, we must remember that our Lord is here beside us. He is listening. We must lift all of this up to Him, to ask for His guidance. We must follow his lead and always ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" As we pray our rosary, may we ask our Mother Mary to help us along our way.

**AND SO WE PRAY:** Chosen Patroness of our land, look graciously upon our dear homeland and rouse it to a moral revival and a genuine renewal of prayer, penance and deep solid faith. Guard our homes, our churches and schools, our entire land and all therein from harm and destruction.



Preserve the integrity of this nation founded on Christian principles and dedicated to your Immaculate Conception by protecting it from all enemies, within and without. Through you, Mother, we pray God our Father, through whom all authority is rightly administered, all laws are enacted and judgments decreed, to assist with His Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President, Congress and all public officials of these United States. May He grant them strength and guidance that their administration may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness and the establishment of an international order in which the Spirit of Christ shall rule within the hearts of men and nations.

Diana Hart Miranda

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Life Center Baby Shower  
Weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

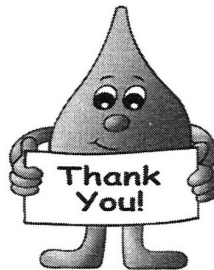
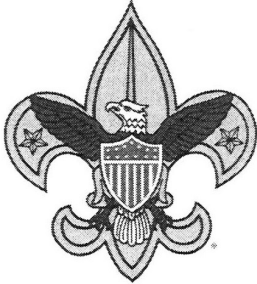
Please come and bring someone who you would like to represent you and your wishes at the end of life. Also welcome are those who might have the responsibility for someone coming to life's end. People from other parishes or anyone interested are most welcome!



# Boy Scout Patrick Harten

BSA Troop 604

## Blood Drive



Sunday, May 17th, 2015

9am - 3pm

American Legion Hall  
10 Washington Street  
Bethpage, NY 11714

Your donation will help to save up to **THREE** lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

Thank you for caring!

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bring ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:

Patrick Harten @ [pharten@optonline.net](mailto:pharten@optonline.net) or (516)932-3722

 **New York** Blood Center

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

- 5/9 & 10: Youth Ministry's Carnation Sale after ALL weekend Masses - NO Life Night
- 5/12: Youth Ministry Adoration in the Church 7 - 8PM
- 5/17: Life Night from 7 - 8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room



Edge meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:SMT_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com).

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



### YOUTH MINISTRY CARNATION SALE

**Remember Mom on Mothers Day!**



The SMT Youth Ministry will be set up in the Gathering Area of the Church during ***all*** weekend masses, May 9th and 10th for our annual Mothers Day Carnation Sale.

#### Sale Price

**1 for \$2.00**

**3 for \$5.00**



*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 [platum117@aol.com](mailto:platum117@aol.com)

*St. Martin of Tours Celebrates First Holy Communion  
 Saturday, May 2nd and May 9th*

May God bless all the children of our parish in a special way who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 2nd and those children who will be making their first Holy Communion on Saturday, May 9th.



This is always a very special moment for the children, their families and the entire parish. The innocence and reverence of the children as they approach the altar and receive the Body of Christ is inspiring to all of us. Their witness invites us to reflect on what a precious gift Jesus has given us in the Eucharist.

I will not be here on May 2nd as I will be in Brooklyn giving my great-nephew, Sean, his First Holy Communion. God bless them all! - Father Pat

**Something is brewing...**  
**SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT**

**SAINT ALPHONSUS  
HALL**

**FRIDAY MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**and/or**

**FRIDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**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 and instrumentalists.

**PLEASE SEND RESERVATION REQUEST TO**  
**ladymusicsmt@aol.com**

**SUGGESTED DONATION - \$5 AT THE DOOR**



**WE ARE OFFERING TWO NIGHTS.**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED. OPEN SEATING.**

## Save the Dates

As we have done the last two summers, we will have a week of summer Bible camp for children between the ages of 5-13 during week of **August 10<sup>th</sup> through 14th**. There is a session in the morning for the younger children (ages 5-8) that goes from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and a session for the older children (ages 9-13) in the evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



The camp is combination of Bible study, arts and crafts, music and fun. The children have enjoyed the camp very much. The cost is \$25.00 for one child and \$15.00 for each additional child from the same family. More information and the announcement times for registration will be forthcoming.

On behalf of our parish, I want to thank Mr. John Gatto, who spoke on behalf of the Diocese of Rockville Centre as a volunteer for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. John spoke at all eight of our Masses with great energy and conviction. The Diocese gives each parish a goal to meet in terms of the Catholic Ministry Appeal. Our parish does not meet our goal. I can't say there is any serious pressure from the Diocese about this, but they do encourage me take steps to promote the campaign. Since John has been here before, I knew that he would be well-received since his sincerity shines through his message.

I know that we go to Mass to be fed with the Word of God and the Eucharist. Even though John was a fine speaker, it is hard to hear talks on money since so many of you are already pressed economically by the needs of your family, especially providing for the education of your children, the care and maintenance of your homes, and concerns about planning for the future. Many of you are seniors living on a fixed income.

I am also very aware and grateful that many of you, at significant sacrifice, are providing for the Paving the Way for Christ parish capital campaign. Also you continue to be supportive of the ordinary operating budget of the parish by your generosity in the weekly collection. A hallmark of St. Martin of Tours Parish is generosity.

I do believe John outlined well the fine work that is done through the ministries appeal. Many of you made donations at the door as you left church and some of you took the envelopes home. If you can make a pledge to the Catholic Ministry Appeal, I believe that is money that will go to a good cause. Still, you can only do as much as you are able and I want no one to feel that they are not doing their share before God if you support what you can. Thank you for your great generosity. - Father Pat

### **CHECK OUT THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE TOO!**

Our website [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org) has a video on the home page that gives testimony to the work of the Catholic Ministries Appeal both from people who help and from people who are being helped.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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 13: Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord 7PM Mass Church
- May 14: The Ascension of the Lord 6:30, 9AM; Noon & 7PM Masses Church
- May 14: Rectory Office Closed in observance of the Ascension of the Lord
- 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
- June 19: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 4-6: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch NJ

**R**ecently, 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

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAS**

**Court Queen of Angels, no. 869**

**IS HOSTING**

**Monday Movie Nights - *Catholicism***

**at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish**

*Catholicism* is a breathtaking film series narrated by Fr. Robert Barron. In each stand-alone episode, Fr. Barron leads us through the inspiring story of our Catholic faith through art, history and travel.

**When: May 11, May 18, June 1, June 8, and June 15**

**Where: Science Room**—SE corner of the school building. St. Ignatius Loyola School is on East Nicholai Street, Hicksville (behind the church). The school is handicapped accessible.

**Time: 7:30 pm** Each film runs for about 1 hour.

**Cost: Free!**

Critically acclaimed as, ***“The most important media project in the history of the Catholic Church in America”***, this film series is 10 episodes long and will continue in the fall. For more information please contact Noreen at 516-932-0391 or [crayne5@aol.com](mailto:crayne5@aol.com).

You will not be disappointed...you will be inspired!

**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**

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

**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!

**R**etrouvaille helps couples through all types of difficult times in their marriage. The next weekend begins on Friday, May 29th. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or go on their website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) to register for the weekend or to speak directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

This may be the most enlightening and blessed weekend of your marriage.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> to Support Catholic School Education**

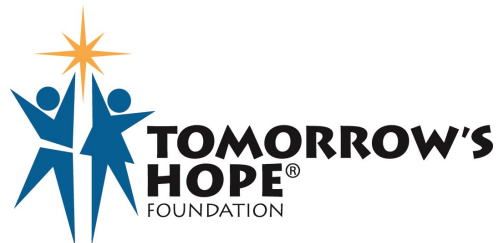
The second collection this weekend will benefit the elementary schools of the Diocese and the thousands of children whose lives are enriched by these schools every day.

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 this 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](http://www.drvc-faith.org)**

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Register online at [www.drvc-faith.org](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_



**Chemical Dependence Services** Much is at stake for those struggling to break the cycle of chemical dependence. Catholic Charities supports people struggling to reclaim their lives through all stages of the recovery process. All Catholic Charities chemical dependence services are Tobacco Free in accordance with NYS OASAS regulation Part 856.

**Talbot House Chemical Dependence Crisis Center** Talbot House is a 24-hour voluntary chemical dependence crisis center licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to provide short-term medically monitored inpatient withdrawal services to adult men and women who are in crisis. This facility provides nourishing meals, counseling, limited transportation, support groups, and referrals.

**Outpatient Clinics** Outpatient clinics help people in recovery maintain sobriety and live independently and productively. Services include individual and group counseling; groups for early sobriety; DWI/mandated and aftercare; educational programs; crisis intervention; psychiatric services; medical evaluations; and referrals. The program also serves spouses, adolescents, significant others, co-dependents, and adult children of alcoholics (ACOA). Our clinics provide counseling services in Spanish.

**Eligibility and Fees** Programs serve people 18 years of age and older. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.

### **Locations & Hours**

#### **Catholic Charities Outpatient Clinic**

155 Indian Head Road, Commack, NY 11725

*Telephone: 631-543-6200*

*Fax: 631-543-6203*

*Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.*

*Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

#### **Catholic Charities Outpatient Clinic at Hampton Bays**

P.O. Box 758, Hampton Bays, NY 11946

*Telephone: 631-723-3362*

*Fax: 631-723-3365*

*Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

*Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

#### **Catholic Charities Talbot House**

30-C Carlough Road, Bohemia, NY 11716

*Telephone: 631-589-4144*

*Fax: 631-589-3281*

*24 hours, 7 days*

**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>

**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.

The following students from our parish received honor roll certificates for their Third Quarter Grades at **St. Anthony's High School.**

- Victoria Bock
- Benjamin Bock
- Gregory Gentile
- Vincent Giuliano
- Matthew Musetich
- Serena Pergola
- Andrea Romano
- Christopher Vaglica

**Our Lady of Mercy Academy** is proud to announce that our parishioner Mollie Carney, received academic excellence for the Third Quarter marking period receiving Principal's List Honors.

Congratulations & God bless all these students for continued success!

**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.



**Volunteers Needed:**

**Catholic Charities in Hicksville** is seeking volunteers to assist with our Central Information & Referral Phone Line. Volunteers will answer calls and secure specific information for a return call from the Parish Social Ministry Program.

We seek calm and compassionate people with good computer skills. Training will be provided. If you are interested and available for this opportunity, please contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer & Intern Coordinator at (516) 733-7044. Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated.

**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**

**T**hursday, 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.