

Masses For The Week

- Monday - May 18**
6:30 Margaret & William McCabe & Family
9:00 Mother's Day Novena
- Tuesday - May 19**
6:30 Ann Zolnik
9:00 Mother's Day Novena
- Wednesday - May 20**
6:30 Mary O'Neil, Anniversary
9:00 Mother's Day Novena
- Thursday - May 21**
6:30 Joseph Hoolahan
9:00 Mother's Day Novena
- Friday - May 22**
6:30 James Crane
9:00 Paul Fidnarick, Birthday Remembrance
- Saturday - May 23**
9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Anthony DeCeglia
7:00 Ralph Prossimo
- Sunday - May 24 - Pentecost Sunday**
7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Peter Kummer
10:00 Patrick & Mary Foley
11:30 Carmela & John Ricotta
1:00 Mary Griffin
5:30 Barbara McDonough

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
- Tues. Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
- Wed. Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
- Thurs. Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
- Fri. Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
- Sat. Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
- Sun. Acts 2:1-11** *On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of fiery tongues. They began to speak in different tongues "as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7 *The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord.*

John 20:19-23 *Jesus appeared and told the disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you...Receive the Holy Spirit."*



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: May 9/10, 2015
Regular Collection: \$18,115.77

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Jesus is the perfect steward - watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize that although each of us has our own unique gifts to share, our mission is the same - to serve others and help build God's kingdom.

Charismatic Prayer Group

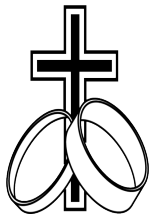
Walk-in clinics are popping up everywhere and many people have been helped by them - maybe even you!

We are a walk-in clinic for your soul! Bring your pain, cuts, bumps & breaks. Jesus is the Great Healer and He is here on Monday nights! Seeking help is the beginning of healing.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 18th at 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club

5/11/15	#331	Jim Moran	\$25
5/12/15	#282	R & W Beckmann	\$25
5/13/15	#78	Ellen Johnson	\$25
5/14/15	#260	Albert & Dolores Filippone	\$25
5/15/15	#135	Bob & Nancy Horan	\$250



Third Banns
Gregory Finlan & Deidre McGovern
Sean Gardner & Victoria Cobian

Second Banns
Joseph Hegmann & Kelly Bourgal



*“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: oatmeal, cereals, white rice, carrots, macaroni & cheese, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, chicken soup, brownie mix, Jell-O, evaporated milk, sugar, laundry soap, shampoo, napkins and baby wipes. Thank you 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

“My peace I leave you. My peace I give you.”

The only way to lasting peace is to Jesus through Mary. Petition them to use us to change hearts of stone into hearts of love, kindness & compassion. But first, look within before reaching out.

“Create a clean heart within me, O Lord.”



Week of May 17 - May 23, 2015

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
 Ann & William J. Csajko*

Week of May 17 - May 23, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

For the Martuge Family



Please pray for the sick of our parish:

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

Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa, Pattie Meegan
 Fran Pignataro, Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini
 Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, James Robertson
 Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly
 Matthew Messina, Sharon Shiecko, 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 Baciuska, 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
 Patty & Tom Turano, Antonia Binetti

Rest in Peace

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

Detective Brian Moore

***Lillian Antonucci, Johanna “Jenny” De Nucci
 Ann Grimaldi***

The Pastor's Letter

I mentioned in a previous letter that our parish has been going through a variety of studies. When I arrived here just about four years ago, I interviewed many people and did a survey of the parish that was available to everyone. From that work came forth a document entitled *Discerning the Future*. That booklet continues to be a tool since it was based on the responses of the parishioners. The booklet led to our Capital Campaign: *Paving the Way for Christ*. Part of the campaign was a series of meetings and discussion led by Lynch Associates to discuss with parishioners their thoughts about the parish and its leadership. Last year Monsignor James McNamara of the Diocese of Rockville Centre made a pastoral visit and met with many of our parish committees to discuss our parish. These were all pretty standard meetings as they go on in all parishes.

This past Thursday, Ascension Thursday, two Redemptorists, Fathers Raymond Collins and James Wallace, came for the official pastoral visit of our parish. Father Ray is well known to you since he was pastor here for six years and led the wonderful work to renovate the Church. Father Wallace was here a couple years ago to give a mission along with Father Kevin O'Neil.

The present structure of the Redemptorists, the religious order that serves in the parish, is to appoint its religious superiors for four year terms. It had been a three year term for many years but a recent General Chapter changed the length of the term from three to four years. The four year term for a superior is renewable for a second term. Notice I am using the word superior and not pastor. I am pastor of the parish, but I am also a religious Superior of the Redemptorist community. A Redemptorist pastor is not bound by term limits in our rule, but a Redemptorist superior can only serve two consecutive terms in a community. Superiors can serve in any one particular community for four or eight years.

The Redemptorist superiors make an official pastoral visit every four years to parish. During that visitation they interview the Redemptorists priests, and hold meetings with the staff, pastoral, and financial councils. These three groups met prior to the official visit to discuss questions that had been sent to them. The visitors want to get a sense of how parish life is going, where the parish is and where it might be heading. The confreres are interviewed about their thoughts and feelings, and if the Redemptorists serving the people well. Obviously, a one day study is not a great deal of time for the visitors to meet with the priests and parish leadership to get an understanding of the parish. This process is being conducted in all the Redemptorist ministries and houses of our province.

So, I will be asked if I would like to continue here at St. Martin's and the leadership of the parish will be asked how they see my leadership and the ministry of the other priests who serve. Fathers Ciya, Jim, and Henry are not term limited. They will be asked how they see themselves best serving as Redemptorists. Certainly, the needs of all the ministries of the Province are part of this discussion. Even though a confrere may be happy where he is, he may be asked to serve in another ministry where the Provincial sees a need. This is part of the vow of obedience Redemptorists take. We go where we are told, but our superiors make every effort to hear our own desire.

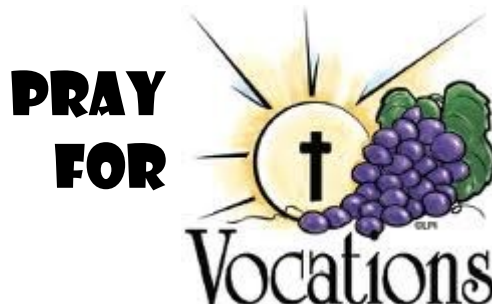
Sometimes, I feel like I just got here. Four years has gone by very quickly for me. I still do not know many names, need my GPS to get to Sweeney's, and do not have the keys to all the doors. I have been very happy here over the past four years. I will tell my superiors that and that I would like to continue here. It is my expectation I will be staying on for another term, but nothing is ever absolute in religious life, and although I do not expect a change, that is in the hands of the Redemptorist leadership. I now know how difficult it is to serve the many pastoral needs we have since I did personnel work for 21 years.

Fathers Henry, Jim, and Ciya will have their own conversations about their futures with the leadership. In my opinion, they are three outstanding Redemptorist priests. They and the leadership of the Province will discern how best to use their gifts. It may be that some of us (or all of us, which I highly doubt) will be given new assignments, or we may all be staying on. Only the Holy Spirit knows for sure.

After Fathers Wallace and Collins complete their visit here (they have had to visit several sites over the last several weeks), they will prepare a report for the Provincial and the leadership team. Our leadership consists of eight men. One is the Major Superior who is the Provincial (somewhat akin to a bishop but not elected for life, but terms just like the rest of us), and two full time assistant members to help him in the task of leading our province. There are also five part time men elected by all of us who are part of the leadership team. They come together about once a month for meetings. Father Collins is pastor of the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Boston and Father Wallace is superior of the community at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch. Father Paul Borowski, our present provincial, served many years at St. Martin's in a part time role as the Life Teen priest.

I would expect we would know about the future of the four priests who serve here sometime in June, but I am not certain when the leadership will be having their meetings to plan the personnel assignments. Living with the unknown is something all of you do regularly in your own lives and careers. It can be anxiety-producing since change is not always easy for any of us. I ask your prayers for our Provincial Leadership, for Fathers Henry, Jim, Ciya and myself, as well as the entire parish that God guide and bless all of us as we seek to discern the will of God.

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*May Crowning of
Our Blessed Mother
Sunday, May 31, 2015
10:00a.m. Mass*

Please join us at our Annual May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother.

All **First Holy Communion children** are invited to participate in the procession wearing their Communion attire.

"You Are Our Honored Guests!"

There will be reserved seating for them and their families.

Following Mass, we will be processing from the Church to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes where we will crown her statue. There will be vases on the bench for the flowers that will be given to the Blessed Mother. Also wind spinners will be put into the ground all around her statue to show joy and happiness.

For any information, please feel free to call
Louise Smith
at 735-1375.

LUKE'S YOUNG ARTIST ACADEMY

Give students grades 1 to 11 the opportunity to discover their talents through different levels of media (pottery, hand building, drawing, painting, water color, acrylic, scratch board and print making). Individual attention can be given to those students who have specific artistic interests.



Morning classes are taught by the very talented George Lucas, a graduate with honors from Hofstra University and runs from **June 30 to July 23 at St. Martin of Tours in the School Building, Bethpage. The fee is \$225 for eight one and one half hour sessions.** All materials and instruction included. For further information and registration, please call (516) 448-4059 or email lukesartacademy@aol.com.

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 or phone 516 -330-3039.

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

Nannys for Grannys...and Grandads too!

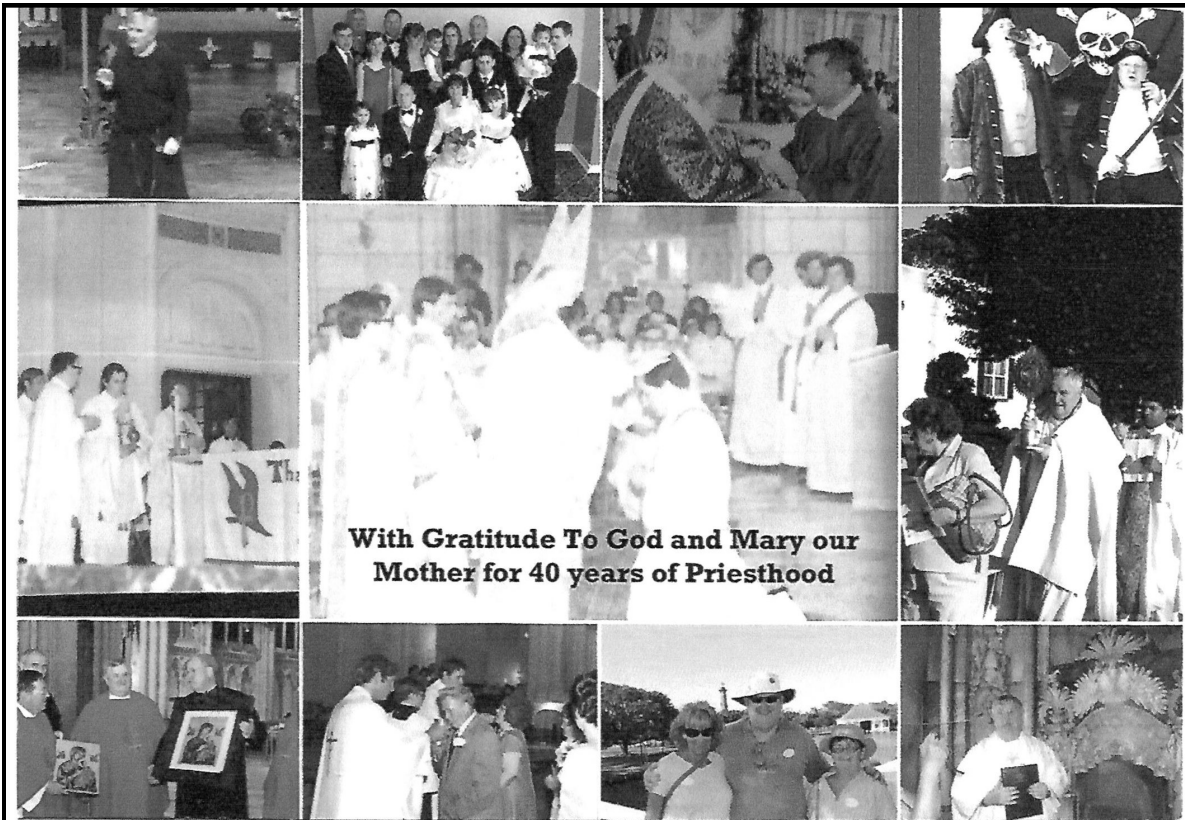
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Source: The Long Island Catholic Magazine



**With Gratitude To God and Mary our
Mother for 40 years of Priesthood**

**Please join me in thanking God and Our Lady of Perpetual Help
for all the blessings and graces He has give me over the past
forty years of priesthood**

June 14th, 2015

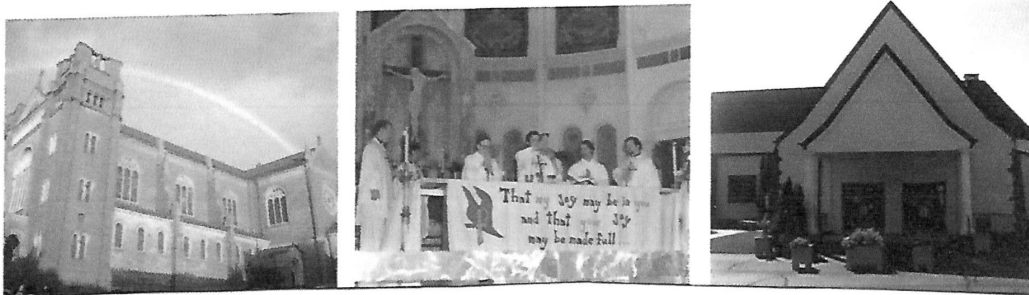
Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Followed by an Informal Luncheon

St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage, New York

The only gift I ask is your presence and your prayers.

All Are Welcome



Response cards will be soon available.

Bishop William Murphy has called for the Diocese of Rockville Centre to “become a burning furnace of prayer for peace.”

In a letter sent to the priests of the diocese, Bishop Murphy said that while “it is easy to get angry and even vengeful” due to the “violence, terrorism, ethnic and religious battles” going on in the world, followers Christ are called to be peacemakers.

“For us disciples of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, there is no choice but to follow His example and become instruments of His peace,” he wrote. “That demands first and foremost that we recognize that ultimately peace is a gift from God Who alone can guarantee true and lasting peace. The sure consequence of that truth is that **we must enroll ourselves into the ranks of men and women who pray daily for peace.**”

“Prayer is God’s weapon of choice that is always at the ready so long as we exercise it. For this reason, I am issuing a call to peace as Bishop of this Diocese, an urgent invitation to one and all, without exception, to accept the responsibility and to commit ourselves to daily prayer for peace.”

In his letter, Bishop Murphy renewed the commitment to dedicate a day at the beginning of each year as World Day of Peace, saying that the Cathedral of Saint Agnes in Rockville Centre will designate either New Year’s Day or January 24, the Feast of Mary, Queen of Peace, to be celebrated as the World Day of Peace every year.

He also specifically called for specific prayers and holy hours and a special collection in August for those who are suffering religious persecution in Syria and Iraq and wherever else it is needed.

“I am authorizing that every parish include in the Prayer of the Faithful at every Sunday Mass the following intention: For peace in our world, an end to violence wherever people are being persecuted, driven from their homes or put to death, that through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace, God’s gift of peace might soon be attained, we pray to the Lord.” the bishop wrote.

Bishop Murphy also asked that every parish organize a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament at least once a month for the intentions of peace and the restoration of peace and harmony everywhere that it is being destroyed.

“While I know that many of the faithful throughout our diocese pray the rosary every day,” the bishop wrote, “for some that is more than they can reasonably do. Still, the rosary to Mary, the Queen of Peace, is one of the most powerful and effective prayers we have. For that reason, I would ask as many of you as can to commit yourself to say the rosary once a week for the gift of peace.”

“You do not have to say the rosary alone,” he added. “Within your parish you may know people who would be willing to do this with you. We can form a rosary chain from parish to parish that will link us to one another across the breadth of our diocese in a fervent rosary of intercession to Mary, the Mother of God, Queen of Peace. Perhaps some may want to add this invocation at the end of each decade: Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.”

Bishop Murphy also included a special prayer for peace written by our beloved Pope Saint John XXIII asking all priests to use this prayer and authorizing its use in meetings and all gatherings of the faithful in the diocese.

"I urge our Catholic schools to say this prayer daily at the morning home room when the Pledge of Allegiance is recited," he said. "It would be a good prayer for CYO and school sports to use at the beginning of games. The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters, the Rosary Societies and the many other volunteer and apostolic groups that meet and work to advance the Kingdom of God might also include this prayer in their gatherings or at the end of a rosary or the beginning or end of trip, a visit or a day."

*Peace Prayer of Pope Saint John XXIII
Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you,'
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. AMEN
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!*

**MESSAGE FROM ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Confirmation certificates and DVDs will be available for pick up on Tuesday, May 19th in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall from 6 - 7PM.

**Second Trimester Honor Roll
School 2014- 2015
Kellenberg Memorial High School**

St. Martin of Tours is happy to acknowledge the following students from our parish who have achieved Honor Roll status. Congratulations and God bless them all!

Elizabeth Allhusen, Vincent Fariello, Nicole Guiquin, Sarah Haley, Jenny-Anne Kennedy, Francis Lisa, Rocco Loscalzo, Vittoria Notaro, Aileen O'Connell, Sarah Pancoast, Brooke Perks, Alexis Poggio, Angela Rizzo and Geena Sullivan.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

A NEW TOTAL HAS BEEN REACHED FOR THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN HELD LAST OCTOBER.

\$176.00 has been collected from bottles still being handed in. THE NEW TOTAL IS \$11,517.35. CONGRATULATIONS SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS! THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

RECENT POLLS SHOW AMERICANS ARE BECOMING MORE PRO-LIFE!

GALLUP POLL conducted May 3-6, 2012 states Americans now tilt PRO-LIFE by a 9% margin, 50% to 41%; the GUTTMACHER INSTITUTE REPORT OF 2015 detailing pro-life legislation; the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POLL on abortion released January, 2015; and the YOUNGOV. SURVEY released April 8, 2015 states 52% believe LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION, 66% believe unborn children are people.

Spring and summer months offer many opportunities to continue the LICL (LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE) VISIBILITY MATTERS CAMPAIGN, spreading the PRO-LIFE MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC. INFORMATION BOOTHS at STREET FAIRS, the PRE-INDEPENDENCE DAY FACE THE TRUTH event held on October 3rd in Manorville, and PRO-LIFE BANNERS to FLY OVER LONG ISLAND BEACHES. As October approaches we will ask for help in PROMOTING and ATTENDING (STAND UP FOR LIFE) on October 4th held in Huntington and in Manorville.

Your help is needed at the WITNESS SITE as they SPREAD THE WORD! Weekly, peaceful prayer vigils at abortion provider sites are opportunities, across Long Island to promote the PRO-LIFE MESSAGE and at times even SAVE THE LIFE OF A CHILD!

ABORTION FUNDING: GOVERNMENT REPORT SHOWS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS IN TAX DOLLARS GOING TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD, Other Abortion Advocates by Randall K. O'Bannon, Phd. NL Dir. of Education & Research, NRTL, NEWS TODAY, March 27, 2015. The tally for 2010 to approximately 2012 More than \$1.5 billion to Planned Parenthood and more than \$120 million to the Population Council. (report from U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).

CHILDREN'S BOOK: "SISTER APPLE, SISTER PIG" promotes abortion. Calls ABORTED BABY a "HAPPY GHOST." A three year old named Lee defends the abortion of his sister in a new children's book by an author with her own "ghost sister." "Sister Apple, Sister Pig" (http://www.e-flux.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/MWB_testFINAL2BKW.pdf?b8c429) by Mary Walling Blackburn focuses on an adult topic - Abortion.

Source: Long Island Coalition for Life - Life News, May 2, 2015

10th Annual Life Center Baby Shower
THIS WEEKEND - 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!



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

- 5/24: NO Life Night - Happy Memorial Day!
5/31: Life Night - 7-8PM in the OLPH Youth Room



Edge meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month in the OLPH Youth Center from 7-8:30pm. All Middle School youth are welcome!

Upcoming Events

- 5/28: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room
6/11: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room

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

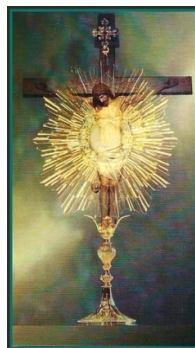
For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Erin Horan-Baudille at SMT_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There is no Adoration hosted by our Youth Ministry during the months of June, July and August.

The next Adoration is Tuesday, September 8th
7:00 PM in the Church.



**Nepal Earthquake: The following was taken from
the Diocese of Rockville Centre Website's Home Page (drvc.org)**

Baltimore, Maryland, April 27, 2015 – Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is launching a major relief effort in response to the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal on Saturday, April 24. A CRS team is on the ground in Kathmandu, the capital city and one of the most affected areas, and our local partner Caritas Nepal has started distributing food and shelter.

The initial targets of CRS aid will be the thousands in need of shelter. Many buildings were destroyed or damaged in the 7.8 magnitude quake, and continuing aftershocks are causing widespread fear of sleeping inside of even intact buildings. Catholic Relief Services has made an initial commitment of \$825,000 to relief efforts in Nepal, a figure that is expected to rise as the needs become clearer. The official death toll is approaching 4,000 – with thousands more injured -- but few outlying villages have been reached and widespread destruction, especially in hillside settlements, is feared.

To Donate by Mail:

Mail checks to
P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, MD 21297-0303
Please write "Nepal Earthquake" on the memo line

To Donate Online: donate.crs.org/Nepal

To Donate by Phone:

Call 877-HelpCRS to make a credit card donation to CRS over the phone.

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The agency alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in



need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality. CRS' relief and development work is accomplished through programs of emergency response, HIV, health, agriculture, education, microfinance and peacebuilding.

For more information, visit www.crs.org or www.crsespanol.org and follow Catholic Relief Services on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) at [@CatholicRelief](#) and [@CRSnews](#), [Google+](#), [Pinterest](#) and [YouTube](#).

Something is brewing...

SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT

**SAINT ALPHONSUS
HALL**

FRIDAY MAY 29TH

and/or

FRIDAY JUNE 5TH

7:30 PM BOTH NIGHTS



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Mother's Day

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

I heard a story about three sons who grew up to be very wealthy. The sons, as is often the case for brothers who had a kind of friendly rivalry, were like the Smothers Brothers, who were always debating who Mom loved the most. So one year as Mother's Day approached, one of the brothers bought his mother a beautiful new house. He was convinced this would outdo anything his brothers could do. Well Mom told her son she was so very grateful for the house, but that the house was too big for her, and she did not want to leave her neighborhood. So the second son decided to buy his mother a Lexus, loaded with every type of gadget. His Mom told her son that she loved the car and thought that color blue was wonderful, but she reminded her son that she had no license and had never driven a car. The second son was very disappointed. The youngest son, trying to learn from the mistakes of his brothers, thought long and hard about what he would buy his mother. He knew that she was a very religious woman who loved to read the Bible. But her eyes were beginning to weaken and so she couldn't always read the Word of God. So the son bought a parrot and spent more than \$250,000.00 to have parrot trained to memorize the Bible and speak it constantly. He had the parrot sent to his mother. On Mother's Day, he called his mom, wished her a happy Mother's Day, and asked how she liked the bird. Oh son, what a great gift. That was one of the best gifts I ever got. I just cooked that chicken and we had a wonderful dinner. *Mothers!*

One of my personal favorite mother story is that when I received my first assignment as a young priest. I was sent to a little town named North East, near Erie, PA to teach high school English to junior seminarians. I was 27, full of vim and vigor. I decided to play in a softball game. I was playing third base; I was David Wright before David Wright was David Wright, and a student slid into my right hand and broke it. So, I had to wear a cast for a month and it was not a great way to begin a teaching career since I could not write. After a few days at the seminary, I called home to let them know how things were going in my new assignment. After a few minutes of conversation, I told my mother that I had broken my hand. There was a pause on the phone and her first words were, Come home. Come home. I said Mom, I am 27 years old and a priest, I can't just come home. She went on to say we could not trust the doctors in Erie. *Mothers!*

Recently, Toya Graham was filmed hitting her sixteen year old son because he was participating in some of the riots in Baltimore. Her actions became a national story and were discussed by pundits on television and in the papers. Some thought she was being abusive to her son. Some wondered why she had six children and no husband. What I saw was a women who loved her son and was doing her best to try to keep him from getting in trouble, or even worse getting killed.

One of the most famous mothers who ever lived was Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She never had a child or adopted one, but so many called her mother because she was the founder of her religious community and because her life was about mothering the poor and the dying.

I have heard conversations where a person is hitting a very rough spot in his or her life. They are desperate. Perhaps, they have gone through a divorce or a period of unemployment. A friend will say to them, What are you going to do? You often hear a response like this: Well, I could always go to my mothers...

A frustrated wife will say to her husband, Pick up that laundry off of the floor. Do you think I am your mother? A frustrated husband might say to his wife, You are getting just like you mother...

There are so many types of love in the world around us: the romantic love of a young couple falling in love, the enduring love of an elderly couple who can sit in silence for hours since and words are not necessary, the love of a soldier who risks his life for his fellow soldiers, the love of a police officer who weeps for his partner who has died, the love of two good friends who have shared deeply in their lives, the love a brother who gives one of his kidneys to his sister, the love of a stranger who risks his life to help someone who has fallen on the subway tracks...There are so many kinds of love that the word is so very hard to define.

Do you remember the beginning of the ABC television show *The Naked City* that was on in the 1960's that began with the words: *There are eight million stories in the naked city. This has been one of them.* There are millions of stories of love but I think most would agree that the most powerful love we know on earth may be that of a mother for her children.

I have a friend who is a very good man. He was a rather traditional Catholic and he called me one day, this was years ago, because the teacher in the Catholic school where his daughter attended the third grade was teaching the Our Father but the words were changed to Our Mother in Heaven. Frankie was hitting the ceiling and threatening to call the Pope. He insisted that God was not our Mother!

Actually, God the Father and the Holy Spirit are both Spirits - they are neither male nor female. Jesus was fully a man and fully divine. In our readings today, we hear that God is love; we are so loved by God that Jesus lays down his life for us. Any love that we experience on earth is a glimpse or a shadow of the love God has for each one of us. Certainly, many of us experience the love of God through the love our mothers. Mothers love unconditionally, forgive rather easily, love each of their children in a unique and special way, and would give up their very lives for the children. I would say that is pretty good reflection of how the Lord loves each one of us: totally, with tender mercy, and without conditions. Each hair of our head is counted. I am not sure if I would have the courage to tell my friend Frank that God loves us with both a mother's and father's love, but I certainly believe that. I do believe that Jesus gave us his mother Mary from the cross as a great gift since her love for us is so powerful and all of us can understand the power of a mother's love. It can be hard to grasp what it means to say God loves us, but we know what it is to be loved by a mother. So, if you want to have a taste of God's love, think of the person or people who have loved you the most in life and you will have a sense of God's love for you.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

Homily from May 10, 2015

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

New York State Citizen Preparedness Corp.

New York National Guard troops, working with experts from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and local emergency management personnel, are holding classes throughout the state.

The program was designed by DHSES and covers a broad range of emergency preparedness topics, like developing a family emergency plan, stocking up on emergency supplies, and registering for NY-Alert, the free statewide emergency alert system. Participants will receive a training certificate and a wallet-sized "Z-Card" with emergency preparedness information.

St. Martin of Tours Parish has been given this opportunity to have a training course presented by Captain Rafael Castillo and Captain Stephen Totter. Please take advantage of this event scheduled as follows:

Saturday, June 27th
9:30AM to approximately 11:00AM
St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

Please contact the rectory at 931-0818 to let us know how many will attend. For more information regarding this program, you can visit www.prepare.ny.gov.



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

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

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

**Call Diana Hart Mirando
(C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979**

***ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS,
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Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE
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Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-4357

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

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 10th 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.



Retrouvaille 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 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.

**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>



**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.

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.

**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**

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.

SAVE THESE DATES

- **May 31st: The May Crowning of the Blessed Mother** will be after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- **June 7th: Corpus Christi Procession will begin** after the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. Ice Cream Social to follow in St. Alphonsus Hall.
- **June 13th: Honor the Clergy Mass** will be celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- **June 14th: Father Pat's 40th anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving** will be at 1:00 p.m. Mass with luncheon to follow. Response cards will be coming soon.
- **Friday, August 21st: Our annual parish picnic** will begin at 6:30p.m. This is a fun event with a great chance to gather as a parish for fun, food and friendship.
- **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.

Registration for St. Martin of Tours Religious Education is now open for the Fall enrollment for grades 1 through 8.

Please notify the religious education office at (516) 822-9768 or email either Pat Ryan at pryan@smtbethpage.org or Laura Leigh Agnese at llagnese@smtbethpage.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 16/17: Life Center Baby Shower - Gathering Area after all 8 masses
- May 18: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM School Cafeteria
- May 19: **NO** Padre Pio Holy Hour in May
- 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
- May 31: Crowning of the Blessed Mother after the 10AM Mass
- 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 13: Honor the Clergy Mass 9AM Mass
- June 14: Father Pat's 40th Jubilee Mass 1PM Reception to follow
- June 19: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 27: Emergency Preparedness Presentation 9:30 - 11:30AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Aug 10-14: Bible Camp
- Aug 21: Annual Parish Picnic 6:30PM school parking lot
- Sept 4-6: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch NJ

The Step By Step Dance Company is holding their annual Memorial Day Recital in the auditorium at St. Martin of Tours on Saturday, May 23rd at 7PM.



Tickets are \$5 OR free with a canned good for the Parish Food Pantry. Tickets may be bought or canned goods may be donated in the lobby of the school on the day of the event.

Come and support the Step By Step Dance Company and have an enjoyable night out!