

Masses For The Week

Monday - June 8

6:30 George & Doris Held
 9:00 Kristine Benasutti, 5th Anniversary

Tuesday - June 9

6:30 Vincent Murphy
 9:00 Mary & Frank Agrella, Anniversary

Wednesday - June 10

6:30 John Miele
 9:00 Angelo Simone

Thursday - June 11

6:30 John & Annie Dooley
 9:00 Rev. J.J. Ryan & William McCabe

Friday - June 12

6:30 John & Valerie Masino
 9:00 Inez & Louis Serventi

Saturday - June 13

9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 John Connaughton, Anniversary
 7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - June 14

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Erma Eichenlaub
 10:00 Leonard & Gertrude Parine
 11:30 Bennardo & Fina Ricotta
 1:00 Salvatore & Maria Accardi
 5:30 Joseph Hughes, Sr. & Frank Mirabile

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12
 Tues. 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16
 Wed. 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19
 Thurs. Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Matthew 5:20-26
 Fri. Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19
 John 19:31-37
 Sat. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37

Sun. Ezekiel 17:22-24 *"The Lord will raise Israel like a tree on a high mountain. It shall put forth branches, bear fruit and become a majestic cedar."*

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 *Even though we are in the flesh, our intent is to please the Lord. For when our earthly walk of faith is done, everything shall be revealed before Christ.*

Mark 4:26-34 *The reign of God is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds, yet it grows into the biggest shrub of all. By means of parables Jesus taught the people.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: May 30/31, 2015
Regular Collection: \$16,889.20

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

The Bishops' Stewardship Pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them..."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who prioritize their gift of time to include weekly Eucharist.



Charismatic Prayer Group

Graduates, this is for you!

Congratulations! But getting a diploma isn't the end of learning. Successful people keep learning from others, from their mistakes, and from God. He has so much to teach us. Seek out new ways of doing and seeing things. Remember - everyone can teach you!

Our next meeting is Monday, June 8th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Divine Mercy Novena

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

HOP Club Winners

6/1/15 #38	Janet L. Wolfe	\$25
6/2/15 #3	M/M Frank Canepa	\$25
6/3/15 #548	Marie-Elaine Galenskask	\$25
6/4/15 #232	Kathleen Speelman	\$25
6/5/15 #389	Wetherell Family	\$50



Third Banns
Lukasz Plonski & Marilyn Busgit

Second Banns
Patrick Wallin & Monica O'Reilly
Erik Jansen & Kate Friel

First Banns
Scott Sadowski & Lori Ehllich



"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: brownie & cake mixes, icing, oatmeal, pancake mix & syrup, oil, tomato sauce, white rice, macaroni & cheese, chicken soup, vegetable soup, hot chocolate, juice boxes, Jell-O, pudding, mayonnaise, laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo, power towels, tissues and toilet paper.

Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we were able to serve 505 individuals during the month of May from 100 families.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage
 Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM
 Thursday: 2:00PM - 7:00PM
 Phone: (516) 931-7332



Week of June 7 - June 13, 2015

Altar Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of
Kristine Benasutti

Week of June 7 - June 13, 2015

Sanctuary Candle
In Loving Memory of
Robert J. Gardner



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
 Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini
 Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, James Robertson
 Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly
 Matthew Messina, Sharon Shiepk, 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, Rose Kuhn
 Louie Gandolfo

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
Gregory Weaver

*The Pastor's Letter**How Beautiful*

*How beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.*

*How beautiful the feet that walked
the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.*

*How beautiful,
how beautiful,
how beautiful
is the Body of Christ.*

*How beautiful the heart that bled,
that took all my sin and bore it instead.*

*How beautiful the tender eyes
that choose to forgive and never despise.*

*How beautiful,
how beautiful,
how beautiful
is the Body of Christ.*

*And as he laid down his life,
we offer this sacrifice
that we will live just as he died:
willing to pay the price,
willing to pay the price.*

*How beautiful the radiant bride
who waits for her groom with his light in her eyes.*

*How beautiful when humble hearts give
the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.*

*How beautiful,
how beautiful,
how beautiful
is the Body of Christ.*

*How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King.*

*How beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.*

*How beautiful,
how beautiful,
how beautiful
is the Body of Christ.*

Our parish choirs sing many beautiful songs that touch my spirit very much and move me in prayer and worship. Although it is not easy to pick a favorite, I would say I really love the song *How Beautiful*. It was written by Ann Wilson and popularized by the singer Twila Paris. Various members of our talented choirs have sung the song and each person renders a moving rendition. I love the melody very much; it stays with me well after the Mass or service has been completed. Still, why I think so favorably of the song is because the lyrics are so perfect. Everyone who hears a song, just like a person who reads a poem or novel, has his or her own interpretation.

As I think how beautiful is the Body of Christ, four images come to mind. The first is of Jesus who was born in Bethlehem of Mary, raised in Nazareth, and journeyed throughout the land of Israel preaching the good news of his Father in heaven. He drank wine at a wedding, smiled at the children who surrounded him for a blessing, wept tears over the City of Jerusalem, loved to watch the birds in flight and to see the fields of purple flowers arrayed in glory. He was moved with compassion at the sight of suffering people and healed many of them. He grew angry when he saw the poor being mistreated, overturned tables in the temple when he saw religion grow corrupt, raised his hands in forgiveness of sinners who felt no hope, and knelt to wash dusty feet. The night before he died, he took bread and said to the apostles: 'This is my Body' and then he took a cup of wine saying 'This is my Blood'. He told the apostles to celebrate this sacrament in memory of him. Finally, his beautiful body was beaten with whips, crowned with thorns, and pounded with nails. The man of love died an agonizing death forgiving those who were killing him. How beautiful is the Body of Christ.



Three days after his death, this body was raised from the dead by his Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. As we read the various Easter Gospels, the disciples experience the Body of Christ differently than before his death. He has a resurrected Body. As his dear friend, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb to anoint his body with spices, she sees a man she thinks is the gardener, but it is the Risen Jesus. She only recognized him when he says, *Mary*. The disciples do not recognize him on the road to Emmaus; they say they are walking with a stranger and only come to know him in the breaking of the bread at the table. Jesus' body after his death is clearly different than before. It might remind us of the transfigured Body of Mount Tabor when the glory of God shone through Jesus. On Ascension Thursday, the Church recognizes the Risen Christ as he returns to the Father to sit at his right hand. How beautiful is the Body of Christ.

As we celebrate the Eucharist, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine on the altar into the Body and Blood of Jesus. We follow the command of Jesus to do this in memory of him. Every Mass brings us into the mystery of the dying and rising of Jesus. We approach the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Holy Communion. The minister says, *Body of Christ*, to which we respond, *Amen* (I believe). God enters my body in a very real way. Jesus who walked the earth for 33 years, Jesus who now sits at the right hand of the Father, is present in my heart and soul. The Body of Christ is becoming part of me. We have a challenge because we get so used to this unbelievable mystery.

We have been receiving Holy Communion all our lives. The word *communion* means *union with*. At the moment I receive, I am in communion with the divine. There are saints who died for their belief in the Eucharist. There are mystics who went into ecstasy upon receiving the Eucharist. Jesus fed the multitudes with bread. Now he feeds us with the bread of life.

Still it was not enough for Jesus to become food for us; he also chooses to remain with us in the tabernacle under the form of bread and wine. We call this the Real Presence. God is present on earth through the Holy Spirit, in the wonders of nature, in the love among people, in the sacraments; but this is a different kind of presence. St. Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists, says *Jesus chooses to be a prisoner in every tabernacle of the world*. We can pray anywhere and at anytime, but prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament has a very privileged place in Catholic spirituality. When we go into a Church anywhere in the world, and see the red sanctuary lamp lit, we know we are home and in the presence of Almighty God. God comes to us in the Holy Eucharist and remains with us at all times in the Real Presence in the Tabernacle. How beautiful is the Body of Christ.

The last image of the Body of Christ is the people of God who believe in Jesus Christ. We are the Body of Christ. We - saints and sinners, singles and married, widowed and divorced, young and old, clergy and laity, Pope and first communicant - are **all** the living Body of Christ on earth. There is the expression '*we are what we eat*' (I may begin to look like a chocolate donut...no remarks please!) What do we eat: the Body of Christ at Holy Communion. It is for us as individuals, in our relationships with loved ones and strangers, and as a parish to make Jesus alive in the real the world. You will know they are Christians by how they love one another. We know this is not easy. At times we have divisions and resentments among us; then the Body of Christ is being splintered. Before I receive the Eucharist, I am challenged to see those around to whom I offer the Sign of Peace as living members of the Body of Christ. I say *Amen* - I believe Jesus is present in you just as he is in me. James Joyce described the Catholic Church as *here comes everyone*. Edith Stein was a great intellectual Jewish woman who became a Catholic, a nun, and died in the Holocaust. She is a canonized saint. Once going into a Catholic Church, she saw a lady with a shopping bag praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Edith told her friends she wanted to be a part in such a church where ladies with shopping bags stopped by to pray. Bernard Nathanson, a doctor involved in more than 75,000 abortions, over time saw how wrong this was and sought a new way of life. He became Catholic because it was a religion that welcomed sinners in search of the redemption of Jesus Christ.

This Body has been around 2,000 years. We have had moments of glory and moments of darkness but the Holy Spirit is with us always, calling us to be the beautiful Body of Christ. The words of St. Theresa of Avila capture how we are to be the Body of Christ on earth: *Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."*

How beautiful is the Body of Christ - the Body that walked our earth, the Risen Body, the Eucharistic Body of Christ, and we, are the living Body of Christ on earth.

Father Pat, CSSR

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Effective immediately and until Summer Office Hours begin, the rectory will open Monday through Friday from 9AM to 8PM instead of 9AM to 8:30PM. Saturday hours remain the same from 9AM to 7PM.

(see summer office hours below.)

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

From Monday June 22 to Friday September 4, 2015

Weekday Hours: Monday through Friday - 9AM to 3PM

Evening Hours: Monday & Tuesday - 3PM to 7:30PM

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 3PM to 7PM

Saturday Hours: 9AM to 7PM

Closed on Sunday

On behalf of the parish, I want to offer our gratitude to our music director, Elena Scollo, as well as Claire Murphy, Chris McCarthy, Kelly Ryan and Warren Passaro for the Coffee House Night they provided for the parish on May 29th and June 5th. It was a lovely night of music, desserts and community. It was quite evident that much time was devoted to practice since the quality and singing were excellent!



It was also very apparent that much time and effort went into turning St. Alphonsus Hall into a Coffee House ala "The Village." Ed & Sarah Indelicato and the hospitality team worked hard to make all feel welcome and comfortable. Debbie Mekalainas was very helpful in setting up the designs, and Maureen Urbanowski took care at the door. Desserts were provided once again by our St. Clement Bakers. Thank you all very much for coming through once again!

Hearing our singers perform popular songs was a great experience and it made me realize just how talented and blessed we are with our liturgical musicians. They are the best! - Father Pat

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, June 23rd @ 7:00PM in the School Faculty Lounge

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

In Home Pre-Cana Ministry

As the Spring Session of the St. Martin of Tours In-Home Pre-Cana Program concludes, we ask you to pray for the engaged couples:

Melissa Beeker & Nicholas D'Esposito
Melinda Mendez & Anthony Calza
Lisa Waldman & Nick Fazzolare

Meghan Brolly & Ross Vessillo
Megan Hance & Jason Parga
Kristine Majestic & Bryan Murphy
Kristi Shaffer & Daniel Markus

Kaitlyn Henn & Kevin Woods
Lauren Mistretta & Ryan Baumbach
Amanda Sullivan & Joseph Gritser
Emily Rogers & Michael Vidal

We would also like to thank the married couples who volunteered their time to share their marriage with our engaged couples:

Carol & Mike Buffa
Mary & Michael Karban with Marilyn & Ray Walther
Ronny & Tony Ciarniello with Debbie & Frank Mekalainas

If there is any married couple interested in working the In-Home Pre-Cana Program, please call us. We need you in order for this program to continue.

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Thank You, St. Clement Bakers

Joanne Veltri, the coordinator of our St. Clement Bakers, sent the email below to our bakers. I decided to include it in this week's bulletin. I want to add my great appreciation to all the St. Clement Bakers for all you do for the parish. It is said that an army cannot march without being fed and you have not only fed us, but you have done it so graciously. When any parish gathering sees your baked goods, there is always a good feeling since they are so delicious and prepared with such love. I also appreciate that you are making a significant financial donation to the parish. If this ever becomes a hardship for you, I would ask you to let me know. The St. Clement Bakers set a joyful spirit in the parish.

Certainly, your greatest work is reaching out to those who have lost someone. I cannot tell you how often people express to me how touched they are by the gesture of the baked goods given at a time of loss. At such a vulnerable time, such a simple act means so much. Thank you for witnessing so well to both the spiritual as well as corporeal works of mercy as you feed the hungry and comfort those who mourn.

Finally, I must thank Joanne for her dedication to this ministry. It was her idea to begin this program and she has coordinated it so well. She is a joy to work with and is always generous in responding to the needs of the parish. St. Martin's is blessed by Joanne and all of you. - Father Pat

Joanne Veltri's email to the bakers:

Dear Bakers,

Thanks so much for the great job you did for the parish assembly. I know that Father Pat and the attending parishioners were very grateful for all your delicious baked goods.

Congratulations to you all! Tomorrow, June 1st, is the first anniversary of the St. Clement's Bakers Ministry. In that one year we have baked for 125 wakes, the first vows reception for Michael Cunningham, the going away party for Father Shijo, the parish "block party", St. Martin of Tours' 90th anniversary, the St. Patrick's Day party after the 10:00 Mass, the parish assembly, the recent Coffee House Night and various small events throughout the year. THAT'S A LOT OF FLOUR, SUGAR, EGGS, BUTTER, etc!! Thank you, thank you, thank you for your time and cost, but especially for your commitment and sacrifice. You have made this ministry a success and a blessing on our parish. And every time you bake for the bereaving families and pray for them and the deceased, you are a living example of the beatitude, "*comfort the sorrowing*", and you are gaining grace for yourself and your family.

I know in a year's time there can be changes in one's life such as an increase in job responsibilities, family commitments, health issues, etc. If there is anyone who would like to withdraw from our ministry, please let me know...no questions asked. We live in very stressful times, and I don't want this to be an added stress for you. I am sure there are days I call and you have a million other things to do. But, in your goodness, you accept the assignment in spite of it. I also appreciate your honesty when you decline. I respect your honesty should you withdraw.

Also, I would appreciate receiving your summer vacation dates when available. That greatly helps me to know who is available and when. Our parish picnic/block party is going to be on Friday, August 21, 2015. Please mark your calendars for this special event.

All parish ministries are invited to march in the Corpus Christi procession after the 5:30 Mass on Sunday, June 7th. You need not go to that Mass. You can participate in the procession at around 6:15 if you prefer. Please wear your APRON and look for our group. (Details in the church bulletin). Some of you are members of other ministries and might prefer to march with them. That's fine.

Thank you so much for being such a great team. You made this past year a blessed one for me. Just knowing you all is a blessing. Love, peace and joy to you and your loved ones.

Gratefully, Joanne

June 7th: **Corpus Christi Procession will begin** after the 5:30PM Sunday Mass at approximately 6:15PM. There will be an Ice Cream Social to follow in St. Alphonsus Hall. All ministries are encouraged to participate.

You don't have to attend this particular mass but please come and join the procession of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome!

**A note to those who attend the
1: 00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, June 14th**

There may well be a larger crowd at this Mass since I am celebrating my 40th Jubilee as a priest, and so parking may have its challenges.

Also the Mass may be longer than usual. You are most welcome to attend the Mass, but I do not want anyone to feel surprised.

Father Pat

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING: HUMAN TRAFFICKING is a form of modern day slavery. This crime occurs when a TRAFFICKER USES FORCE, FRAUD or COERCION to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor against his/her will.

Sex trafficking has been found in a wide variety of venues within the sex industry, including residential brothels, escort services, fake massage businesses and street prostitution. Labor trafficking has been found in diverse labor settings including domestic work, small businesses, large farms and factories. Traffickers use VIOLENCE, THREATS, BLACKMAIL, FALSE PROMISES, DECEPTION, MANIPULATION and DEBT BONDAGE to trap vulnerable individuals in horrific situations.

According to the FEDERAL TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT (TVPA) severe forms of Human Trafficking are found in the sex industry along with labor. Every year, human traffickers generate billions of dollars in profits by victimizing millions of people in the UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD! Traffickers are estimated to exploit 20.9 MILLION VICTIMS, with an estimated 1.5 MILLION VICTIMS in North America alone. Despite growing awareness about this crime, human trafficking continues to go underreported due to its covert nature, misconceptions about its definition, and a lack of awareness about its indicators. Human trafficking is a market-driven criminal industry that is based on the principles of supply and demand, like drugs and arms trafficking. Left unchecked, human trafficking will continue to flourish in environments where TRAFFICKERS can reap substantial monetary gains with relatively low risk of getting caught or lost profits.

You may remember **Father Philip Tah** who served here at St. Martin's a few years back. He said to give his regards and pass on this message to you.

"Human Trafficking is a human problem and is completely stoppable by concerted human action. Prayers are good, statements of condemnation are great on papers, but are definitely not good enough. God can't wait for us to ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES and start something now! Decent people must expand their moral imagination to recognize that the next victim could be your mother, your daughter, your sister or yourself! Let's Stop This Monstrosity Now!!" - *Fr. Philip Tah*

Father Philip's father passed away on May 16th. He asks for your prayers. Father Philip will be traveling to Nigeria for the funeral to be with his family. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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source: National Human Trafficking Resource Center



There is NO Life Night this Sunday following the 5:30PM Mass. Instead, please join us for the Eucharist Procession immediately following Mass, as we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi as a faith community. There will be an ice cream social following the procession.

Upcoming Events

6/14: Life Night - 7:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room.

6/21: NO Life Night - Happy Father's Day!

6/28: Mass & BBQ honoring our 8th graders & high school seniors - All are welcome!



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

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

6/25: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room - END OF THE YEAR PARTY!

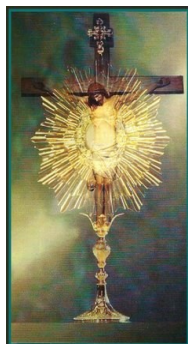
To see our full schedule, please visit SMTBethpage.org!

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.



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.

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

The Church has received the Eucharist from Christ her Lord not as one gift—however precious—among so many others, but as the gift par excellence, for it is the gift of himself, of his person in his sacred humanity, as well as the gift of his saving work. *Saint John Paul II*

The Parish Spiritual Book Club is presently reading the great classic work, ***Story of a Soul***, the autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux. There are many editions, including abridged versions, of this famous book.

I am reading the third edition translated by Father John Clarke, O.C.D. - a highly respected translation. There are some parts of the book that you may find a little challenging, but it is well worth reading.



Our book discussion will be **June 26, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall.** Whether you are a member of the spiritual book club or not, you are welcome to attend the meeting.

- Father Pat, CSSR

Father Pat's Homily - The Most Holy Trinity - May 31, 2015

I have found there are a fair amount of questions for Catholics, and I suppose people of other faiths, that bring forth a very lively discussion. *Do you think priests should be allowed to marry? Do you think women should be allowed to be priests? Should gay people be allowed to be married in the Church? Should the Catholic Church allow divorce and remarriage for its members?* Raise one of these questions at your Fourth of July barbecue and you will have a very lively party. I once heard a man say that women should not be allowed to be priests because they can't keep secrets. I am not sure if it was ketchup or blood that was poured on his head. I responded that men gossip just as much as women! I was the hero of the party and got an extra serving of chicken!



All of these questions are significant and will continued to be debated into the future. However, if you *really* want to liven up a party, ask people their opinion of the Blessed Trinity. After several moments of quiet and blank stares, someone will ask if anyone wants another beer, another will wonder what time is the Mets' game, a third will begin talking about the weather and the topic will be successfully changed.

Today is Trinity Sunday. The Trinity is the central reality of the Christian faith. The Trinity is one God and three distinct persons. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Every week we profess our beliefs when we say the Nicene Creed. In the year 325 the key leaders of the Catholic Church, which was in its infancy, began to see that people were getting confused about what Jesus said regarding the Father and the Holy Spirit. There were also many people who did not understand who Jesus was. Questions like, *How could God be human? How could a person be both human and divine?* Various groups began to develop in the early church with very different thoughts and ideas about the nature of Jesus and the Blessed Trinity. There were moments when it seemed the faith Jesus gave the apostles, the unity the Holy Spirit had out-poured on them on Pentecost, and courage the early disciples had in preaching and dying as martyrs, was splintering into great diversities about what it means to believe in the Christian God. Fierce arguments arose as people were convinced that they held the truth and all others were wrong.

Here is an interesting description of the Christian world of 325: *It's hard to imagine riots in the streets, pamphlet wars and vicious rhetoric spawned by such a question, but that was the nature of things in A.D. 325, when the Roman Emperor Constantine was forced to take action to quell the controversy. That summer, 318 bishops from across the empire were invited to the Turkish town of Nicea, where Constantine had a vacation house, in an attempt to find common ground on what historians now refer to as the Arian Controversy. It was the first ever worldwide gathering of the Church. The meeting lasted a month. When Constantine became the first Christian emperor, one camp lead by the Archbishop Alexander of Alexandria said that Jesus was seen as eternally divine as the Father. Another group named the Arians after their leader Arius the preacher, saw Jesus as a remarkable leader, but inferior to the Father and lacking in absolute divinity. Supporters on both sides scrawled graffiti on town walls in defiance while bishops from across the empire entered into a war of words as the controversy simmered to a head in 324. As Christian leader of the Roman Empire in the 4th century, Constantine's vast territory was populated by a hodgepodge of beliefs and religions.*

In 325, the result of the month-long gathering of Bishops and leaders at Nicea was the Creed that has been professed in the Church for more than 1,500 years. We believe that the Holy Spirit guided these leaders in making clear what had been in a state of confusion. Here are a few key phrases that are part of the creed.

I believe in one God: The first words we profess is saying that we believe in only one God. Then we speak of the Father. We call him *the maker of all things both visible and invisible*.

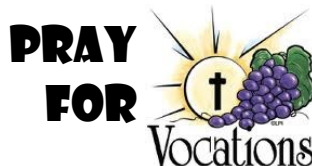
We say, we believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God who was born of the Father before all ages. In other words, Jesus is eternal, without beginning or end because he **is** God. *He is begotten not made.* The word *consubstantial* is not a word we use often. It is a word that says Jesus and the Father share divinity. The creed puts in an interesting detail. *Jesus was crucified by Pontius Pilate.* It is telling us that Jesus, fully divine, lived on earth during a real time under a real Roman leader, and died since he was also human.

Finally, we get to the Holy Spirit: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life who proceeds from the Father and Son, and is adored and glorified with them.* The Holy Spirit is one in unity with the Father and the Son.

I believe we can prove God exists by the very reality of nature and our own thinking. There has to be a first cause. People, places and things begin. I for one cannot believe the entire world and all the planets, stars, suns, moons and galaxies came from nowhere. I know there are people who do not agree with this, but I believe they are wrong. It is my conviction that a person sitting in the remotest island of the Pacific Ocean, who never heard of God, could reason there had to be someone greater than he. Even the most primitive of peoples often recognize some form of the divine.

However, I cannot prove the Blessed Trinity. I cannot prove it or reason to it. I have so far and still admit I do not grasp how God could be three persons and only one God. I believe in Jesus Christ. Jesus revealed to us the Trinity. He spoke of being one with the Father and the promise of sending the Holy Spirit. We can and should seek to study the Trinity but we will never grasp it. I did read an interesting fact the other day. Physicists tell us the smallest subatomic particle, which is the fundamental building block of everything that exists, is called a *quark*. Interesting - *quarks* only come in threes. Perhaps, this is mere coincidence or perhaps a hint of the Trinity.

As you came into Church today, you probably made the Sign of the Cross. *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* I would bet this is probably the first prayer you learned. I always enjoy watching parents and grandparents teach a child how to bless him or herself. We will say the same prayer at the beginning of Mass and as we leave Church. Although we may not understand all the complexities of the Holy Trinity, we accept and believe in what Jesus taught us through his Holy Spirit. The word *creed* means *I believe*. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND - COLLECTION JUNE 6/7, 2015

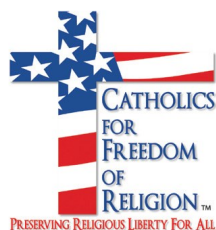
This weekend is the annual collection for the Religious Retirement Fund. Religious Sisters and Brothers who have been involved in education, health care and social ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre need our help. The stipends being earned by young members of Religious Communities are no longer enough to support the needs of the elderly members of their Communities. The number of elderly Religious in assisted living or nursing facilities continues to rise and health care costs are rising too.

For this reason, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the past thirty years, has committed to return to our Religious Communities a portion of our gifts of treasure in appreciation for the many years of service to the people of our Diocese of these dedicated servants of Our Lord.

Please assist the elderly Religious with a once-a-year gift, as generous as your means will allow. These gifts will be distributed among the twenty-nine communities who serve our Diocese.

Your gift may be placed in the mail or dropped in the collection basket. Brochures describing this appeal are available in the church or you may have received one at home.

On behalf of the Religious who serve in parishes and hospitals, thank you for your generosity.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM 2015: FREEDOM TO BEAR WITNESS**Rally for Religious Freedom****June 25, 2015****7:30PM Chaminade High School Auditorium****340 Jackson Avenue, Mineola NY 11501****Introduction and Opening Remarks by Bishop William Murphy****Featuring Student Presentations****Rev. Msgr. James Vlaun, Master of Ceremonies****Keynote Speaker: Professor Robert P. George****Seating is limited, early registration is encouraged.****To register call (516) 766-0161 or (631) 896-8331.**

St. Martin of Tours Summer Bible Camp

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.



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.



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 CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army
 CPT Erika Holownia, US Army
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
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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 after-care; 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 (ACOAs). 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





June 2, 2015 – Saints Marcellinus and Peter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write you on a matter of tremendous urgency and one with which I hope you will help me.

The matter is the Education Tax Credit – a proposal that would encourage individuals and businesses to donate more money to scholarship funds for children who would like to attend Catholic and other private schools. The tax credit also would encourage donations to public schools and nonprofits to increase funding for after-school, music, arts, sports, and classroom projects. A win-win for all children.

The Education Tax Credit is included in a broader Parental Choice in Education Agenda being pushed by Governor Andrew Cuomo and supported by the State Senate. This package of bills also would provide a \$500 tuition tax credit for low-income families.

Unfortunately, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and many members of the Assembly Majority are blocking this critical assistance for our families.

If the Assembly Democrats drop their opposition, the Education Tax Credit will become law. That means millions of dollars in scholarships to help needy children attend Catholic and other private schools. It means fewer Catholic school closures and more jobs for teachers.

For public schools it translates to millions of dollars for important programs such as art, music, libraries and sports, as well as support for teachers.

This is where I am asking for your help! The only way the Assembly Democrats are going to agree to these important measures is if they hear from enough families from around the state.

Please visit www.nyscatholic.org to easily send an email to your local elected representatives urging their support for the Education Tax Credit. This will take just a few minutes of your time.

Thank you in advance for joining in this effort. Our children and our schools are depending on you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Bishop of Rockville Centre

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P.O. Box 2031

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Tuesday, June 23, 2015 @ 8PM

Meeting is every fourth Tuesday at
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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.

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St. Martin's always has a supply of hosts available for anyone who is allergy-sensitive to these types of foods.

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516-746-8250**

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 26: Spiritual 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

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.

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