

Masses For The Week

Monday - July 13

6:30 Teresa M. Holt
9:00 Bud Pehrsson

Tuesday - July 14

6:30 Scala & Saulino Families
9:00 Rose Provenzano

Wednesday - July 15

6:30 Andrew Miracolo
9:00 Gloria Cano

Thursday - July 16

6:30 Vincent Murphy
9:00 Mary & Thomas LaGanga

Friday - July 17

6:30 Catherine Arnould
9:00 William McCabe & Family

Saturday - July 18

9:00 MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS
5:00 Bernard Lavin
7:00 Gloria Waller

Sunday - July 19

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Edward Naughton
10:00 Joseph Trudden
11:30 Arcangela Tursi, Anniversary
1:00 Glenn Hughes
5:30 Michael Sawyer & Gail Fisher

Readings For The Week

Mon. Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tues. Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24
Wed. Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27
Thurs. Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30
Fri. Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8
Sat. Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21
Sun. *Jeremiah 23:1-6* *The Lord was angry and promised to punish the shepherds who misled and scattered the flock. The Lord God would gather the flock and appoint new shepherds to care for it.*

Ephesians 2:13-18 *In Christ, we are reconciled and united with each other and with God. Christ Jesus came to announce the good news. Through him we come in one Spirit to the Father.*

Mark 6:30-34 *The disciples returned from work and went with Jesus to a quiet place to rest. Crowds followed. Jesus took pity on them, "for they were like sheep without a shepherd."*



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: July 4/5, 2015
Regular Collection: \$16,004.15
Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Today's readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the 12 disciples. St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. To **whom** have **I** been sent? For **what** have **I** been chosen?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who develop their talents to the fullest and serve our community in ministries ranging from computers to religious education, from Outreach to parish choir, from prayer groups to youth groups, and so on!

Charismatic Prayer Group

This is being written on the 4th of July - Independence Day! Kids can't wait to have it. Countries fight for it, but 100% independence is not possible. We are all dependent on someone - most especially we are dependent on God! So enjoy your independence and cherish your dependence!

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

See Bible Camp registration form on page 15!


HOP Club Winners

7/6/15	#304	Kathleen A. Schamberger	\$25
7/7/15	#621	John Crofton	\$25
7/8/15	#210	Elodia Rich	\$25
7/9/15	#647	Ronny & Tony Ciarniello	\$25
7/10/15	#163	M/M Richard Baker	\$50



Third Banns
Matt Puma & Jacque Zeitler
Kevin Woods & Kaitlyn Henn

First Banns
Frank Ametrella & Stephanie Spataro



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

This week, the Pantry is low on peas, carrots, pasta sauce, tuna, salmon, peanut butter, jams or jellies, chicken soup, vegetable soup, boxed milk, brownie mix, coffee, mayonnaise, oil, sugar, jello, pudding, cake mix, evaporated milk, laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels and diapers (size 5).

Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we were able to serve 535 people from 103 individual families during the month of June. We and they are so grateful!

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




Week of July 12 - July 18, 2015

Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Rose & Jack DiCarlo

Week of July 12 - July 18, 2015

Sanctuary Candle
In Loving Memory of
Michael Alloggio



Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Reminder: please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list. Thank you.

Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa, Pattie Meegan
 Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini
 Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, James Robertson
 Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly
 Matthew Messina, Sharon Shiepkov, Christopher Gratton
 John Mitchell, Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson
 Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov
 Patricia Marrone, Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil
 Catherine 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, 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, Brendan Donahue
 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, Fran Brideau, Kevin Connors
 Jerome Antonucci, Tom Doty

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

Wayne Francis Durr
Felicita Hernandez

The Pastor's Letter

(Homily from July 4th weekend)

I consider it a great blessing to be an American. I suppose almost everybody considers their country to be special. I certainly see our nation as blessed by God with all its natural resources, its prosperity, its history of liberty and freedom, and most especially its people who have blended together from all over the world to form a nation. We face challenges as a nation with immigration because so many people want to come into this land of opportunity.

As you know, I love history and I like to think the hand of God helped shaped our nation. I think of August 1776 in Brooklyn when the British Army had George Washington's Continental Army trapped in Brooklyn Heights. If Washington's Army was captured, the Revolutionary War would have been over before it began. General Washington decided to cross over to Manhattan, right around where the present Brooklyn Bridge is located. His army was blessed with fishermen from Massachusetts who understood tides and currents, but the British were so close that Washington was deeply worried that his men might be seen and captured at their most vulnerable moments on the water. However, a great fog came over Brooklyn and it allowed George Washington to escape over to Manhattan in small rowboats. Was the fog a mere coincidence or the providence of God?

I think of a raging battle that had just ended on July 4, 1863, a little more than 150 years ago in a small Pennsylvania town named Gettysburg. During that fierce three-day battle, there were countless moments when the Union Army was close to being broken and defeated. Yet, the victory was won and the Union preserved. Coincidence or the grace of God?

I remember speaking to a friend of mine who was a priest from Belgium. He had lived through the Nazi occupation of his country. He was moved to tears as he spoke about the rows upon rows of crosses in the American cemetery. He said, *they were such young boys! They gave their lives to free us from Hitler. I love America!*

God has been good to our nation, and we seek to respond to any natural disaster in any part of the world. We send food and supplies to those who are hungry and in need. We try to defend the oppressed. We have our national programs to care for the elderly, the poor, and those in great need.

Yet, we know we are not a perfect nation. We have our flaws and sins. Even though we have made great progress, we still struggle with the haunting remnants of slavery and how to deal with issues that sometimes seem to divide us as a people by color. As a nation of immigrants, we are challenged by so many new immigrants who want to cross our borders without being documented. The right to life of babies in the womb is not protected by our laws. Violence is a mainstay of our movies and video games that sometimes overflows to real terror in our streets, and in terrible outbursts of multiple murders.

On this Fourth of July, I am worried as an American. I do not seek to point fingers at any one person or political party. My major concern is that the right of a person to hold beliefs based on religious principles and values is slowly being eroded in our nation.

Let me start with the most difficult topic to address: same sex marriage. If one is opposed to same sex marriage, he or she is told they are a bigot and a homophobe, that he or she is seeking to deny people of their fundamental rights. The Supreme Court has spoken and affirmed the right to same sex marriage. As an American citizen, leaving aside my religious beliefs, I believe the decision was wrong and should have been left to each state to decide. I do not think nine Supreme Court Justices should define what marriage is.

I believe gay people and gay couples should be given every civil right that any American has. I also believe marriage has been defined by thousands of years of history and was given to human beings by God for the procreation of children and to express committed love between a husband and wife. To believe that, in my mind, is not being anti-gay; it is simply based on history and conviction. I know not everybody believes that. I do not intend to spend my time and energy trying to debate those who disagree with me. The Court has spoken and gay marriage is now legal in all 50 states.

It is a sin to degrade people due to their sexuality, their color, their ethnic background or their age. No Christian should ever belittle a person because of their sexual orientation, their race, creed or color. As Christians, we seek to treat all people with love. At the same time, I think it is also equally wrong to harshly criticize people and even threaten their livelihoods for their deeply held religious convictions. I fear that is a growing trend in our nation.

My concern is not to try to stop same sex marriages. My fear is the law of our land may eventually try to have people act against their values by forcing them to cooperate in a ceremony they do not accept due to their spiritual convictions. This has already been happening. A recent article in the *New York Times* asked the question, "Is it time to challenge religious institutions and their tax exemption status?" If the churches lose their tax exemptions, it would cause almost irrevocable damage to the practice of religion in America. I am convinced some secularists are so against religion that their goal is to destroy it. I am not blaming gay people for this, but rather there is a hardcore group of people, who, for whatever reason, hate religion.

This hostile attitude is so very far from the principles of those who founded our nation in 1776. The founders of our nation were so committed to protecting religious freedom they made it the first amendment of our Constitution: *Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.*

A prominent political figure in referring to abortion rights said this: *Deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed.* This political figure is demanding that one change his or her religious beliefs to accept abortion. Governor Cuomo said: *Extreme conservatives who are right-to-life, pro-assault—weapon, anti-gay...have no place in the State of New York.* I am not an extreme conservative, I am not anti-gay, nor do I want an assault weapons, but I **am** for the right to life from conception to natural death, and I am not leaving the state in to which I was born and raised.

What is beginning to happen in our nation is well beyond whether we can put a Christmas tree in the town square or sing *Silent Night* at the school Christmas pageant. Christians and other religious groups are beginning to be told since your values may be out of line with American culture, you need to change them or give them up. We feel very safe at St. Martin's celebrating our faith so freely. Such a freedom might be taken for granted since it has always been there.

This homily may too political for you. I have not mentioned our Lord Jesus until now. Forming and following one's conscience is what Christ calls us to do. God reveals himself in the Scriptures, in the Church, and in our hearts. We listen to our conscience to decide how to do what we believe God asks of us.

I love this quote from Abraham Lincoln and I will end this homily with it. When Lincoln was asked if God was on the side of the Union in the Civil War - *Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on **God's** side, for God is always right.* God bless America!

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR
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I thought that as a way of recognizing Father Henry's great service to the parish, I would invite parishioners to write a few sentences or a short paragraph on how Father Henry touched your life.

You might write about a funeral he conducted for your family, a wedding, a time shared at a youth gathering, a visit he made to your home or the hospital or a sermon he gave. It would be my hope to put them all in an issue of the bulletin to honor him and something I think would touch him.

So, email me woodscsr@aol.com or drop off a note to Genny at the office. Please have them in by Saturday, August 15th.

Father Pat

At some of the Masses last weekend, I told the story of one of my memories of the Fourth of July. My Dad was a very hard working man, who I believe might have had two weeks of vacation after working many years at Grand Central Terminal. We sometimes went away to the Catskills for a week but most often it was Rockaway and Coney Island on day trips. I think Dad spent most of the summer working on projects around the house on a long "Honey Do" list from Mom. But every year on the Fourth of July he would say, "*It is the Fourth of July! The summer is over!*" My sisters and I would yell that the summer was just beginning. Now that I am at the age when he was saying that, I truly do begin to understand how fast the summer passes.

If we are lucky enough to have a vacation, and blessed enough to have good health to travel from home, and can afford it, it is blessing to have a time of recreation. At first glance, the word recreation might sound like a word that kindergarten children would use right before the milk and cookies and nap time. But, I prefer the word recreation over vacation. I may be stretching it a bit, but I find recreation a more spiritual term than vacation.

I went to an interesting website entitled *Online Etymology Dictionary*. This nifty site outlines the history of a word and from whence it has come down to modern times from the past.

vacation (n.)

late 14c., "freedom from obligations, leisure, release" (from some activity or occupation), from Old French vacacion "vacancy, vacant position" (14c.) and directly from Latin vacationem (nominative vacatio) "leisure, freedom, exemption, a being free from duty, immunity earned by service," noun of state from past participle stem of vacare "be empty, free, or at leisure" (see vain).

recreation (n.)

late 14c., "refreshment or curing of a person, refreshment by eating," from Old French recreacion (13c.), from Latin recreationem (nominativerecreatio) "recovery from illness," noun of action from past participle stem of recreare "to refresh, restore, make anew, revive, invigorate," from re-"again" (see re-) + creare (see create). Meaning "refresh oneself by some amusement" is first recorded c. 1400.

As you can see from reading the two different words, they certainly have some similarities. Freedom from obligations would be appealing to many of us, as well as a being free from duty, immunity earned by service. It seems to be the root of the word vacation is vacancy, vacant position. Although *vacation* is a fine word, literally it seems to me more about leaving something rather than moving toward something. *Recreation* has a different shade of meaning. I like the focus on *refreshment, make anew, revive, invigorate, to create*. Recreation seems to be a more active words than vacation.

You may think I'm getting too picky over words but I think I am speaking more about a mindset than the meaning of a word. People love their leisure, especially a vacation of a week or two. There is a great need in modern society to slow down and to rest. But I hope, when on a vacation, we are also about refreshing and recreating ourselves. How do you do that?

Well, first of all, we would all do very well to put down our cell phones and iPads. We all say we just want some peace and quiet; well then recreation is about finding the time to slow down and be quiet. We could read a book that we have longed to read and have not had the time. It can be a beach novel or a more serious book that allows us to think a little more deeply about life. We might go for a hike through a scenic area or bike ride at a leisurely pace (I have no other speed). Meals with family and friends can be savored and enjoyed rather than rushed. We might sit at night and recover the lost skill of conversation.

Recreation is more about being than doing. Perhaps if you don't mind getting up a bit early, you might make daily Mass part of your recreation or a five or ten minute period of prayer. I like to look at the word recreation as re-creation. I hope that I come back from vacation a little bit different, refreshed and ready to live with energy and enthusiasm. I would caution you not to try to do much on your vacation. I know I have sometimes said after a vacation, that I need a vacation after my vacation! Try once a day to quote the psalm: *Be still and know that I am God.* Perhaps consider putting a note on the refrigerator of wherever you are on vacation: *Make time for quiet moments as God whispers and the world is loud.*

I have always liked song *Morning Has Broken* sung by Cat Stephens and written by Eleanor Farjeon. Once the world was new and fresh, being created by our loving God. But the song writer tells us that every day is a time to enter into God's recreation of the new day.

Morning Has Broken

*Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for the springing fresh from the word.
Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's re-creation of the new day.*

Speaking of vacations and recreation, I will be taking vacation from July 10th to July 26th. Fathers Henry, Jim and Ciya will be here and any pastoral needs can be brought to them. God bless you and I will pray for you on my re-creation!

Father Pat, CSSR

**Special Collection for Persecuted Christians
Weekend of August 1 & 2, 2015**

The number of persecuted Christians in the world has topped a staggering 100 million according to a recent report from Open Doors USA, an organization that assists persecuted Christians. Paying homage recently to the courage of the Apostles and that of the first Christian community, Pope Francis referenced the “atrocious, inhuman and incomprehensible persecutions, sadly present in many parts of the world today, often under the silent gaze of all.”

Bishop Murphy urges us to reach out and protect these victims who are suffering and who are so often the targets of violence and murder, along with other ethnic and religious minorities. To that end, a special collection will be taken up in our parish the weekend of August 1-2, 2015 to assist those who are suffering religious persecution in Syria and Iraq and wherever needed.

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1-800-4-Child or 1-800-422-4453**



Life Teen will resume holding Life Nights in September. Check back here for more info coming soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

7/19: BBQ honoring our Core Teams and the Worship Bank - all are welcome to join us following the 5:30PM Mass in the school parking lot. Hotdogs, burgers, and water will be provided. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert for our "share table."

8/7-9: Steubenville NYC Youth Conference!!! Please pray for all those who are participating in this incredible conference. Come, Holy Spirit!

8/16-22: CAMP VERITAS!!! Please lift all of SMT's Campers and Counselors up in prayer as they dive into a week full of faith and fun!




Edge will resume meetings in the fall. Have a safe & fun filled summer!

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.

St. Martin of Tours will be hosting a **Blood Drive** on  **Wednesday, August 19, 2015**. As always the New York Blood Center is looking for a successful event for our donors and the patients who are counting on your generous support.

More information to follow as the event draws near.

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
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
 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
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 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
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 SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
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 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
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**Diocesan Pilgrimage Day
To World Meeting of Families**
Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Location: Philadelphia

Cost: \$20 (to reserve your spot on the Coach bus. Payment must accompany registration, each person must register separately.)

Pick up Locations:

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre
Time: 6:15 a.m.(promptly) - 9:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's Parish, Dix Hills

Time: 5:00 a.m.(promptly) - 9:00 p.m.

Upon Arrival: *There is a \$95 registration fee for adults to attend the World Meeting of Families. Children (ages 6-17) will pay a \$25 registration fee. Registration will take place upon arrival at the Convention Center. There is no online registration for admittance to the Convention Center.

For more information please click here:
www.worldmeeting2015.org

For more information please contact
Kathleen Logan-516 678-5800 Ext 236

Itinerary

- 8:00 a.m.** Registration at Convention Center
- 8:30 a.m.** Mass
- 10:30 a.m.** Keynote: Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.
The Light of the Family in a Dark World
- 11:45 a.m.** Breakout Sessions*
- 1:00 p.m.** Independent Lunch/ Exhibits
- 3:00 p.m.** Keynote: Professor Helen Alvaré,
Creating the Future: The Fertility of Christian Love
- 4:15 p.m.** Breakout Sessions*
- 5:30 p.m.** Departure

**You will have the option of attending two breakout sessions.*

For a listing of topics and speakers please click on the following link:
<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Preliminary-Agenda-reg-announcement.pdf>

Register online at www.drvc-faith.org for bus transportation only, 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 _____ Parish Town _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Coach Bus Registration Fee \$ _____

Select (1) Pick up Location: St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre _____ Or St. Matthew's Parish, Dix Hills _____

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

CELEBRATING AMERICA ALL YEAR LONG FIREWORKS! PICNICS! PARADES! BACKYARD BARBEQUES! BEACH DAYS! PARKS AND WEEKEND GET-AWAYS to name a few of the many ways we celebrated our INDEPENDENCE last weekend. It certainly is a time of PRIDE IN OUR COUNTRY, a TIME TO WAVE THE AMERICAN FLAG, to celebrate all those WHO SPILLED THEIR BLOOD TO MAKE AMERICA FREE! GOD BLESS THEM! We celebrated our patriots who fulfilled the dream that we would be ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL! And what a country we are! We are the LAND OF THE FREE, and definitely THE HOME OF THE BRAVE!

But as we celebrated these freedoms, we were alerted that there are those that were planning to attack us. Terrorism has become commonplace around the world, and as we were attacked on 9/11, we hold our breath that another may take place. We watch in horror as we see beheadings and killing of those who are simply practicing their faith. Freedom of Religion is being attacked! We must be vigilant that it remains strong as part of our Constitution!

We are facing many issues here in America. Racism, Religious Freedom, Income Equality, Global Warming and Illegal Immigration are leading news each day. We, as Americans, are divided on many of them. Those on the Right, those on the Left, Liberals, Conservatives, CNN, MSNBC or FOX NEWS are reporting on these issues from very different viewpoints. Many of us are confused and upset over what we see, what we hear, and how we should act! And don't forget Political Correctness!

We see the American Flag being once more dishonored as it was during Vietnam. It is being walked upon, burned and considered a symbol of injustice to some. But that is who we are! Imagine! The ability to take the flag of one's country and disgrace it. The flag that so many died holding it with honor. Look at us, we are FREE to say anything we want, guaranteed freedom of speech. We can PROTEST EVERYTHING! We are truly a country that can express how we feel, stand up for what we feel is unjust, and finalize it with the ABILITY TO VOTE!

So, as the 4th has come and gone, keep remembering what is RIGHT WITH AMERICA! Share that with your children and grandchildren. Keep flying that flag, remember our vets who continue to keep these rights for us. When you looked up at all those fireworks, remember they are symbolic of THE ROCKETS RED GLARE, THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR. Remember the dream of those that signed the Declaration of Independence so long ago. We are that dream! WE ARE AMERICA! Remember these rights and watch carefully as we prepare for a new president and change of administration. Listen to the candidates. Make sure to take time to learn the facts. Your vote is your right to freedom. Use it!

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free...it expects what never was and never will be!"
Thomas Jefferson

"While Americans presume that the Constitution guarantees their right, in practice our rights survive or disappear based on how firmly we defend them." Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, Philadelphia

"Freedom is a gift and a personal responsibility. It is a challenge held out to each generation and it must constantly be won over for the sake of good." Pope Francis

Parish Block Party
Friday, August 21, 2015

If anyone would like to donate a gift card, gift certificate, baseball tickets (even Yankee ones), Jet tickets (number one prize) and so forth that would be great since they would be used for the raffle that we hold at the party, along with the 50/50. As you know, we do not charge for admission to the block party so we like to bring in some funding to help defray the cost. We do this by selling raffle tickets a few weeks before. This year we decided that donated gift baskets, although very generous, were not always practical. So instead, we are looking for any kind of gift cards/gift certificates or tickets you might have.



More information about the picnic will be coming in future bulletins. If anyone would like to volunteer at the event, that would be most helpful. For any questions about donations or volunteering, please contact me at woodscsr@aol.com or call 931-0818 ext. 17.

Father Pat

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

Summer Bible Camp
St. Martin of Tours - Bethpage
August 10th – 14th

Morning Session: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For children 5 years to age 8 years

Evening Session: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For children 9 years to 13 years

\$25.00 for one child; \$40.00 for two children
\$50.00 for three or more children in a family

Last summer we had 35 children. The program was very well received by both the children and their parents. There were arts & crafts, games, videos, prayer, Bible time and snacks. A Bible Camp tee shirt is also given to the children. The kids really seemed to enjoy the time spent with one another. We have two sessions in order to reach out to two different age groups that attend.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Number of Children _____ Ages of the Children _____

Name of each child _____

Email Address:

Phone Number: (Home) _____

(Cell – if preferred) _____

Tee shirt sizes. How many for each size?

_____ child small _____ child medium _____ child large _____ child XL

_____ adult small _____ adult medium _____ adult large

If you are interested, please return this to the Parish Rectory Office
no later than Monday, July 20th. We are looking forward to another successful year!

“For every time
there is
a season and
for every
season there is
a purpose.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Father Patrick Woods - the “**season**” is now to celebrate the “**time**” of 40 precious years as a Redemptorist priest. Your worship of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and your love of His Mother, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, inspires greater faith for many parishioners. Your vocation shows that Christ has made you His vessel on earth. Your life reflects the fruits of the Holy Spirit as you bring light and hope to countless others through your priesthood. **Your commitment to Jesus validates how precious your time here is!**

You, Father Pat, are a vibrant example of the faithful servant that Jesus models for us as he washes the feet of His friends, the apostles. You have served God’s people faithfully again and again, as you consecrate bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. **How Beautiful!**

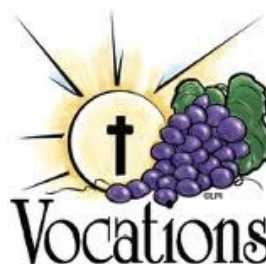
As a faithful servant and apostle of Jesus, you remember His people. When you celebrate Mass you welcome and encourage us to cherish our Catholic faith. You are here for us when we are in confession, and when we are receiving Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony or the Sacrament of the Sick. You are always there with us as we enjoy our weddings, anniversaries or birthdays. When we are sick, down, or in sorrow you comfort and reverence our losses especially of our loved ones. When the needy knock at your door, you never send them away. **Why - you even know most of our parishioners by name as you greet them after every Mass! What a treasure you are to us, Father Pat!**

Your generous spirit, your wit, and your zest and enthusiasm for life have been a true blessing to all who know you. We at Saint Martin of Tours have been enlightened and made more holy by your presence, prayers, good works, example and wonder! We are experiencing Christ’s love through your liturgies, your sermons, your support for our ministries and the joyful gatherings that you have promoted. **You take the time to deeply serve, know and love us. THANK YOU! We shout voices of gratitude to God for you, Father Pat!**

Yes “time” is precious and so are you. I believe that your time as a priest validates that the **SON shines through you.** The Holy Spirit lights your path with His fruits of mercy, generosity, discernment, perseverance, patience and joy - just to name a few!

Thus, this humble prose reflects much gratitude for you, Father Pat. Moreover, it also supports this 40th **season to celebrate your sacred priesthood and God’s gift of precious “time” to serve Him.** We at Saint Martin of Tours Parish possess **deep appreciation for you, Father Pat, priest and pastor, spiritual advisor and friend.** - *Anonymous*

PRAY FOR



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 13: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Aug 3: Holy Face of Jesus Devotions 1PM Church
- Aug 7: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Aug 8: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Aug 10-14: Bible Camp
- Aug 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year - Regular weekend mass schedule
- Aug 19: SMT Blood Drive St. Alphonsus Hall
- Aug 21: Annual Parish Picnic 6:30PM school parking lot
- Aug 22: SMT Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 4-6: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch NJ

Dear SMT Book Club Friends,

We hope this summer is a most pleasant one. We anticipate that you are ready for an eventful summer read. Our new book by popular choice is ***Dead Wake, the Last Crossing of the Lusitania*** by Erik Larson. **The meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 22, 2015.** Please remember all are most welcome. The book does not need to be completed by the date of our meeting. Your heartfelt sharing makes the meeting so insightful, enjoyable and informative. So please rest and relax this summer with a quality read from our book club.

We look forward to meeting with you. If there any questions please contact Ann Mele ann111647@netscape.net or phone # 516- 330-3039.

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

Our neighboring parish of St. James is having their annual Summer Carnival* from Tuesday, July 21 to Saturday July 25. Daily Hours: 7PM to 11PM; Friday and Saturday hours 6PM to 11PM.

There will be rides, food, raffles, 50/50, nightly entertainment and every day Pay One Price for rides. St. James is located at 80 Hicksville Road, Seaford. For more information, their number is 731-3710.

*Weather permitting - subject to change without notice.

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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.

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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**

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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

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