

Masses For The Week

Monday - July 20

6:30 Walter Boshko
9:00 Juanita Vazquez Arias

Tuesday - July 21

6:30 Christopher Pilero
9:00 Rudolph Grzan

Wednesday - July 22

6:30 John Bondra, Jr.
9:00 Edna Noberini

Thursday - July 23

6:30 Christopher Pilero
9:00 William James & William Joseph Ryan

Friday - July 24

6:30 Ruth Makarius
9:00 Louis Della Croce

Saturday - July 25

9:00 MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS
5:00 Eugene Kruckel
7:00 Lucille Figueroa & Marion DeAmara

Sunday - July 26

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Grace A. Schneberger
10:00 Gerald Meehan
11:30 Erma Eichenlaub
1:00 Doris & Alfred Urbanski
5:30 Robert Herman

Readings For The Week

Mon. Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42
Tues. Exodus 14:21-15:1; Matthew 12:46-50
Wed. Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thurs. Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matt 13:10-17
Fri. Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23
Sat. 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:10-28
Sun. 2 Kings 4:42-44 *Elisha was brought twenty barley loaves which he set before a crowd of one hundred. All ate, and there was plenty left over.*

Ephesians 4:1-6 *Paul called the Ephesians to a life of humility, patience and gentleness. He said, "Preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit."*

John 6:1-15 *Many people pressed around Jesus. Seeing they were hungry, he took bread and fish, blessed them, and gave them out. When all had eaten, the fragments filled twelve baskets.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: July 11/12, 2015
Regular Collection: \$16,030.13

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



In today's gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who find true joy in placing the needs of others before their own desires - an act of good stewardship.

Charismatic Prayer Group

What Is It???

Kids want to have it, but are often out of it. No one wants to lose it. We look to the one who can take it in an emergency. Give up? It's control! Sometimes the more you try to control someone or something, the less control you have. Controlling kids is like holding onto a wet bar of soap. Squeeze too hard, and it slips out! Only God can control perfectly! How wonderful!

Our next meeting is Monday, July 20th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club Winners

7/13/15	#435	Denise Battaglia	\$25
7/14/15	#10	M/M E. Jaworowski	\$25
7/15/15	#288	James & Marie McMahan	\$25
7/16/15	#340	Rev. Henry Sattler, CSsR	\$25
7/17/15	#573	M/M Sal Auletta	\$250

Divine Mercy Novena

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



Saint Maria Faustina



Second Banns

Frank Ametrella & Stephanie Spataro

First Banns

Matthew Bosko & Michele DiDomenico



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

The Pantry is in need of oatmeal, Rice-a-Roni, peas, carrots, jarred pasta sauce, tomato paste, peanut butter, vegetable soup, chicken soup, mayonnaise, oil, coffee, brownie mix, cake mix, boxed milk, evaporated milk, pudding, Jell-O, sugar, toilet paper, tissues, laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap, tooth paste.

If anyone’s garden is providing an abundance of fruits or vegetables, we will gladly accept them. Thanks so much to all of you for your contributions to the Food Pantry. It is much appreciated!

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

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



Week of July 19 - July 25, 2015

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
 John Spedale*

Week of July 19 - July 25, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

*In Loving Memory of
 Thomas Dowd*



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, 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, Nicholas Amato

Rest in Peace

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

Nicola Macri, Philip Castiglione

The Pastor's Letter

I like to listen to *Sports Talk* on radio station WFAN. It is a place to hear great moaning and groaning from Jets and Mets fans. There are times when the hosts go on vacation and there is a guest host. Oftentimes, the guest host is more interesting than the regular host! Since I am on vacation for a couple of weeks, I asked two parishioners to serve as guest writers for the bulletin so you could hear from the people in the pews. I do this cautiously as I recall the famous story of Wally Pipp. Pipp was a first baseman for the Yankees in 1925. Legend has it that he showed up at the ballpark with a headache and asked for the day off. A kid named Lou Gehrig filled in for him and then played the next 2,130 games in a row. That may happen to me.

This week Ann Hughes is our guest writer. You may know her *as the lady who decorates the church.* Ann does a fabulous ministry in making sure that our church has a beautiful environment, especially as we celebrate various feast days and liturgical seasons of the year. Ann is a key member of the RCIA team preparing candidates as they enter our faith community on Holy Saturday. Presently she is the chair of the future planning committee. Welcome Ann!

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

Come on in...

Wishing Father Pat a restful and fulfilling vacation and thanking him for the opportunity to share with you. A parishioner from a Queens parish has a weekly column that he writes called, "***A View from the Pew***" which I love. Sitting in a pew with fellow parishioners, especially when coming a bit earlier than the Mass begins, gives one a chance to look around and see some faces that one knows and some new faces. It gives one a chance to watch people who can only see one another weekly light up as they greet a friend or see someone who hasn't been able to come to Mass due to illness or lack of a ride for some time. It's a Jesus mini-moment when His heart and the heart of his brother or sister beat together as parishioners become one in friendship and concern.



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Coming/going to Church sometimes seems to be something we Catholics do as something we are *supposed* to do rather than something that lifts our hearts and souls and, at Eucharist, feeds our very being and reason to exist. In one of his columns, Deacon Greg Kandra, refers to the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine's* statement that people attending church every week can add two to three years to their life. "*Regular exercising - which does not include all the sitting, standing, kneeling we do during Mass, can add up to five years to your life. Cholesterol lowering drugs can add up to two and one half to three and one half years to your life.*" Deacon Greg concludes that church is cheaper and despite some who might disagree - a lot easier to handle. For those who exercise and take cholesterol medication, you must be on your way to longevity beyond.

Why bring this up? What do we miss by not attending Mass other than a longer life and why? I work a great deal in the quiet church in the ministries that I am involved with and those moments are precious interludes of closeness with God. The sounds of the creaking of wood and the whispers of wind blowing along with the sound of people praying is like being in God's living room without the daily noise of life. The pews may not be as comfortable as a sofa, but they make you sit up straight and take notice.

At certain times of the day, the light focused on the Tabernacle is like being part of Christ's Light. It makes you think of His sacrifice as the Hosts recline within this beautiful home. The stain glass windows flash different colors as the light changes and makes you think of the stories that the windows tell. If the font is flowing, it is like visiting a steady waterfall in the forest. Best of all, being in church alone or on Saturday or Sunday at Mass, gives you a chance to have a conversation with God. The homilies give you thought to bring out of the Mass as we are sent forth upon its completion. We come to worship with the gift of hope given to us so generously by Jesus Christ.

We seek solace in the hope of relieving physical, mental, and emotional pain for ourselves or others. We petition the Lord for his mercy as we deal with the woes of living. We are relieved, if only for a little while, from the wounds of the world that we live in and feel refreshed and lifted up from the burdens of life. We feel joy at the sight of a baby - such a nice way to begin humans - being baptized. We celebrate Sacraments, and we are moved by the generosity of this church. We share in the sadness of one who goes home to God but also in the elation of a soul who has completed a journey on earth and starts a new one in the warm and caring hand of God. We feel the power of the Holy Spirit in our church and in our community as we share in the lives of others. We feel the blessings of our priests and the words that they share with us.

The sad part of writing this is that you who read it *come* to church. The hope is that you might take an extra bulletin and share it with someone who doesn't. The hope is that you might say an extra prayer for all those who don't know what they are missing. Be *happy* in your extended years from coming to church regularly but give *thanks* by being a disciple and share this healthful finding. But most of all, *invite* someone to come with you to church and feel the love, the compassion, the power of a loving Trinity that will make you feel better because we are so important and loved by Jesus Christ!

Live longer! Live Happier! Come to Church!

Ann Hughes



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Saturday, August 15th. The holyday obligation is suspended in the United States when the solemnity falls on Saturday or Monday. Therefore, there is **no vigil mass on Friday, August 14th.**

However, in reverence to Mary, the 9:00AM Mass on August 15th will be celebrated with readings and music in her honor. Again, you are not obliged to attend this Mass. St. Martin of Tours just wants to give parishioners and visitors to our parish the opportunity to honor the Mother of God on her glorious Assumption.



O most sweet Lady and our Mother, by the merits of thy happy death obtain for us holy perseverance in the divine friendship that we may finally quit this life in God's grace; and unite with the blessed spirits in praising thee and singing thy glories as thou deservest. Amen.

- Excerpt from a prayer given in St. Alphonsus Liguori's classic work,
The Glories of Mary

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.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CYO TRACK 2015 FALL REGISTRATION Boys and Girls - Kindergarten through 8th Grade

The Fall Program runs from mid September through October. Track meets are held outdoors on weekends at fields throughout Nassau and Suffolk. No experience required. All athletes competing in meets will receive medals and/or ribbons. If you enroll in the Fall Program, you will automatically be enrolled in the Spring Program which starts in April.

**Register your child by contacting Gynni Farrell at ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

SAINT PADRE PIO HOLY HOUR

Please join us on **Tuesday, July 21st at 7PM** in the Eucharistic Chapel for the St. Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated. All are most welcome!

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POSSIBLE SITES

St. Peter the Apostle, Amagansett Tuesday 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	St. Anthony, Oceanside Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
St. Anne, Brentwood Thursday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Riverhead Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Parish, E Northport Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Holy Family, Hicksville Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. Patrick, Huntington Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville Thursday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
St. Bernard Parish, Levittown Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	St. Margaret of Scotland, Selden Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please note:

There is a minimum site requirement of twelve or more participants for a class to be offered for each site. *For more information visit www.drvc-faith.org*

HELP OUR PARISH - H.O.P. Club

The HOP Club is a fundraiser that is used to support the operating expenses of the parish. New members are always welcome to join the HOP Club. The dues are \$60 per year beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year. A number is assigned to each member (this number is not the same as your envelope number), and every week there is a drawing. If your number is chosen, a check will be mailed to your home address and your name will be published in our bulletin. You can win as many times as your number is drawn during the fiscal year.

Prizes are awarded as follows:

Monday - Thursday	\$25.00
Friday	\$50.00
Third Friday of Every Month	\$250.00
Feast of St. Martin, November 11	Two \$500 prizes
One week before Christmas	One \$500 prize
Last week of August	Two \$1,000 prizes & One \$500 prize

New members please fill out this form and send it to St. Martin of Tours Rectory, HOP Club, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714 along with your check or money order for \$60.

Current members should be receiving their renewal forms in the mail around the first week of August. *Thank you for your support! It is very much appreciated!*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Attention All Marriage Encounter Couples!

Come Join Us for a Day of Enrichment Saturday, August 29, 2015
The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
258 Eastport-Manor Rd, Manorville, NY 11949

The theme of this year's enrichment is *"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage."* Video presentations feature international marriage expert Mark Gungor. His humorous style is effective and memorable. No matter how long you have been encountered, this video event promises to be enjoyable.

The day begins at 8:30 AM, with continental breakfast; the first presentation starts promptly at 9AM. The day concludes with the Celebration of Mass about 4PM.

Please bring your own picnic lunch and something for the sharing table.

Be sure to bring your dialogue books for the 10+10's.

We look forward to seeing you no matter how long ago you made your weekend.

For further information or to RSVP please call Bob & Jean Payne 631-886-2256

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.

Please continue to pray for peace and if you are able, to support this special collection to assist for our brothers and sisters in Christ.





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

Join us ***THIS Sunday*** as we honor our core Teams and Worship Band Members! We will be hosting a BBQ following the 5:30PM Mass in the school parking lot. All are welcome!! Hotdogs, burgers, and water will be provided. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert for our "share table."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

8/2: Mass and BBQ send-off for our Steubenville NYC & Camp Veritas participants! All are welcome to join us!

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

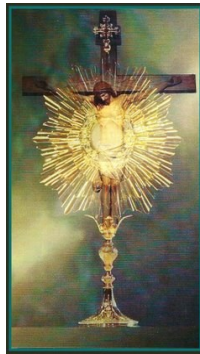
8/16-22: CAMP VERITAS!!! Please lift all of SMT's Campers and Counselors up in prayer as they dive into a week full of faith and fun!



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.

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
 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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

PAIN CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT (HR 36) FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The House passed the PAIN CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT HR 36 on 5/13 by a vote of 242 - 184. It bans most abortions after 20 weeks gestation. A vote had been set for 1/22/15, but was withdrawn due to questions about the bill's rape and incest provisions. HR 36 now says that to obtain a post 20 week abortion the following conditions apply:

- . A woman must be given a consent form, stating the abortion must be done in the way "most likely to allow the child to survive," unless this would cause the woman's death, or permanent impairment of a major physical body function (Not psychological/emotional).
- . If the pregnancy resulted from rape of an adult woman, and at least 48 hours before the abortion, she must either have rape counseling, or be treated medically for the rape, or rape-related injury. (The counseling can't be at an abortion providing facility, hospitals excepted).
- . If a minor is pregnant due to rape, the minor must have reported the rape/incest to law enforcement or a government child abuse agency.
- . The "Born Alive" act applies. If the abortion victim could live outside the womb, a neonatal doctor must be present, treating the child like they're expected to live.
- . Post 20 - week abortions and (unplanned) live births must be reported to the National Center for Health Statistics.
- . The woman or parent can sue doctors who break the law.
- . "Unborn Child" is define as a homo sapien , beginning at fertilization until its live birth.

For more information, see <http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/brittany-m-hughes/rape-exception-abortion-must-provide-best-opportunity-unborn-child>.

On 6/4 NRLC reported: The PAIN CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT in the U.S. SENATE will be introduced the week f 6/8/15. This bill would extend general protection to unborn children nationwide beginning at 20 weeks fetal age, based on congressional recognition that by this point in development, if not earlier, the unborn child is capable of experiencing pain. To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. *source: Life News July/August LICL*

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

A new and dangerous ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL, THE PATIENT SELF-DETERMINATION ACT S.584 has been introduced on 6/4/15 S.5814 was referred to the Senate Health Committee. TITLE OF THE BILL: An act to amend the public health law, in relation to patient self-determination at end of life. **PURPOSE OF THE BILL** is to provide that a physician who prescribes incompliance with the provisions of the article medication to a terminally ill patient to be self-administered for the purpose of hastening the patient's death will not be subject to civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary action.

REVERSING A LOWER COURT'S RULING, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals has deemed by a 2 to 1 margin, that CHOOSE LIFE license plates are PATENTLY OFFENSIVE. **VOTER REGISTRATION IS IMPERATIVE:** If you want your voice to be heard. Please contact your state and federal representatives about your views on these important issues. *source: Life News July/August 2015 LICL*

Church of St. Martin of Tours Blood Drive



Wednesday, August 19
2:30pm-8:30pm
38 Seaman Ave.
St. Alphonsus Hall

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

Thank you for caring!

Eligibility Criteria:

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

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

 **New York** Blood Center

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

Genny Mitchell @ (516) 931-0818

*Parish Block Party
Friday, August 21, 2015*

DONATIONS

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.

VOLUNTEERING

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



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!**

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

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St. Mary's Auditorium
 118 W. Main Street, East Islip 11730

Special Concert Fundraiser
 Featuring Christian singer Kathy Troccoli
 Wednesday, September 23 at 7PM
 St. Mary's Parish Auditorium

Reserved seating: \$30 thru 9/22
 Day of (if still available) \$35

General seating: \$25
 Day of (if still available) \$30

For more information
 please call Barbara J. Grace
 (631) 581-4266 x107

Tickets are available online at
www.itickets.com/events/341575.html

PRAY FOR



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 20: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- July 21: Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- 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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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New Member Orientation/Non-Denominational

Tuesday, July 28, 2015 @ 8PM

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

Please bring proof of single status to join - refreshments after meeting

Call Carol at (516) 794-4933 or Barbara at (516) 798-2858 for more information.

Annulments: Seeking Peace of Mind and Heart

I have often found that non-Catholics, and even practicing Catholics, are confused about annulments granted to a couple that were married. They wonder if the Catholic Church is somehow entering into a kind of divorce process without admitting it. I have heard cynics say that annulments are a form of Catholic divorce. They wonder how can a person get an annulment after twenty or thirty years of marriage.

I certainly appreciate the questions about annulments. It is not an easy process to explain. However, an annulment is not a divorce. Generally, the person who seeks an annulment has already divorced civilly. Oftentimes, people who seek an annulment want to marry in the Catholic Church, but cannot because the Church still recognizes the first marriage even though the civil authorities have granted a divorce. The Catholic Church takes the marriage vows very seriously as a binding commitment for life based on the words of Jesus that *what God has joined together, no one should divide*.

However, the Catholic Church also recognizes that some couples who married in good faith, were not capable of entering in a such a binding relationship. At the very moment they were marrying, there were factors in place that would inevitably lead to the break-down of the relationship. The factors might include psychological, spiritual, emotional or physical issues that were present in one or both of the partners, which would eventually lead to the marriage breaking up. To put it simply, the couple who were marrying was not able to make a true sacramental marital commitment to one another.

The Church wants to help couples that find themselves divorced. Many are hurting. Others hope to eventually enter into another marital relationship. The annulment process is a pastoral tool the Church uses to help some couples to make peace with their broken marriage or to give them the freedom to marry again. When one seeks an annulment from the Church, he or she is seeking to show, as best as one possibly can, that the marriage was never truly a sacramental marriage because of certain factors that prevented the couple from entering into a marriage that met the norms of our faith. It helps if both partners from the failed relationship co-operate in the annulment procedures, but this is not absolutely necessary. The one person seeking an annulment is led through a careful examination of his or her relationship with priests and other professionals to see if there are grounds for annulment.

What about the children who were born of a couple that is granted an annulment? This can be a difficult question for the children to hear. Legally and morally, both the state and the church recognize the children as legitimately born, entitled to every privilege that any child born to a married couple is entitled to as a son or daughter.

The Church is doing its best to make the annulment process as uncomplicated as possible while still protecting the integrity of the marriage bond. Each diocese is a little different but an annulment would generally take between six months to a little more than a year to obtain if there are grounds for an annulment.

What of the complaints against annulment that was often heard was that only the rich and well-connected could get them. I think that is not true. However, there has been in the past a considerable cost to getting an annulment. The money was used to pay for staff, experts, and so forth. Some critics were cynical about the cost of annulments, but I do think that was an unfair attack. At the same time, the Church tried not to turn anyone away who could not afford the fees but still sought an annulment.

Recently, we just received the following notice from Bishop William Murphy:

After discussing the matter with the Vicars and with Monsignor James Pereda, our Judicial Vicar, I have decided to eliminate all fees (except for a \$100 registration fee) for those individuals seeking a declaration of nullity. The purpose of the registration fee is simply to show some level of commitment to pursuing the case before the Tribunal staff expends a significant amount of work on it.

At present, the fee of \$1,100 only partially covers the cost of maintaining a professional office of canon lawyers and support staff, and other expenses involved in processing the cases. The rest of the cost is subsidized by the generosity of the people of the Diocese. While the fee has always been waived for those who could not afford it, the very existence of a fee discouraged others from applying. By taking this step, and by planning appropriately for the Tribunal budget for the coming year and beyond, I hope and pray that those who have been unable or unwilling to seek a declaration of nullity will now be more willing to do so.

I was very moved by this decision of Bishop Murphy since it shows his pastoral desire to help people in a very genuine pastoral situation. The cost of seeking an annulment has changed from \$1,100.00 to \$100.00. This certainly is helpful to anyone that find themselves in need of an annulment so they can have peace of mind and/or be free to marry in the church if they have entered into a civil marriage.

If you have any questions about the annulment process or your own situation in terms of an annulment, you are welcome to speak to any of the priests or deacons here at St. Martin's. God bless you and we thank Bishop Murphy for this very compassionate decision.

Father Patrick Woods CSSR



Annual Redemptorist Spirituality Retreat Weekend

September 4 – 6, 2015

San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch New Jersey

Call for reservations (732) 222-2731

Cost: \$200.00 per person

Father John McGowan CSSR and Father Patrick Woods CSSR will be leading the annual Redemptorist Spirituality Weekend at San Alfonso Retreat House. This relaxing retreat is for Redemptorist Lay Missionaries, Associates, Family and Friends of Redemptorists, Staff and Parishioners in our Parishes and anyone who wishes to deepen their understanding of Redemptorist Spirituality.

The weekend begins with supper on Friday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. and concludes with lunch at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. For reservations call San Alfonso Retreat House during business hours Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bring Your Bible and your Bathing Suit!



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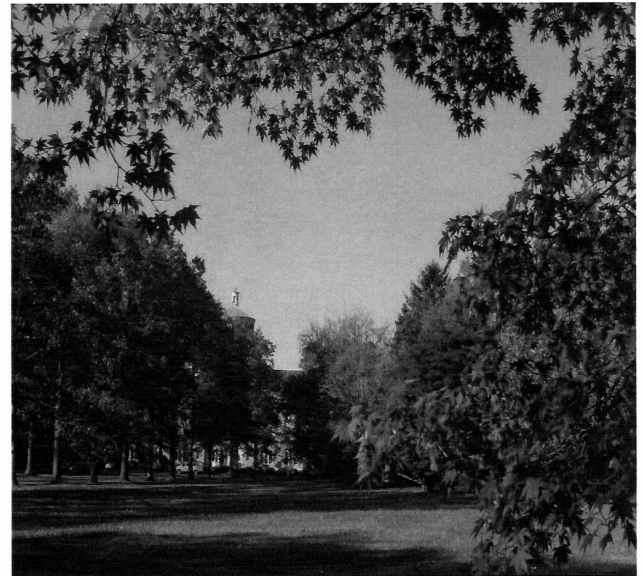
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Tuesday afternoon 1:30 –4:00pm

John Paul II and Sexual Ethics

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**Call 631-423-0483 ext. 147 or email
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