

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - August 10**

6:30 Frances E. Pignataro  
9:00 Maria Puppo

**Tuesday - August 11**

6:30 Muriel Campanella  
9:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo

**Wednesday - August 12**

6:30 Mary & Martin Laraia  
9:00 Clorie & Arthur Marchionini

**Thursday - August 13**

6:30 John Poster  
9:00 John Dettori

**Friday - August 14**

6:30 Kevin March  
9:00 Patrick Curtin

**Saturday - August 15**

**9:00 AM Mass ASSUMPTION OF MARY**  
MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 Mark & Margaret Ridge  
7:00 John Baierlein

**Sunday - August 16**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Clinton Pigott  
10:00 James Boglioli  
11:30 Jean & Frank Portelli  
1:00 Gerald Meehan  
5:30 Alfonse, Vincent & Michael Maggio

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26  
Tues. Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wed. Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20  
Thurs. Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matt 18:21-19:1  
Fri. Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12  
Sat. Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10b  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56  
**Sun. Proverbs 9:1-6** *Wisdom built her house and prepared a banquet. The invitation was sent to "come, eat of my food and drink." When we forsake foolishness in our lives, we grow in understanding.*

**Ephesians 5:15-20** *Paul counseled the Ephesians to keep careful watch over their conduct. In this way they could overcome their ignorance and discern the will of God.*

**John 6:51-58** *Jesus assured his followers that he is the living bread come down from heaven. All who partake of this banquet will be raised up on the last day.*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00**

**Amount Received: August 1/2, 2015**

**Regular Collection: \$17,261.74**

***Thank you for your great generosity!***

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah - food, water, rest and encouragement - were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize that God has given all of us special gifts and that those gifts are to be used in service to build God's Kingdom.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

**Insurance**

We need it, but know it is used in case of an emergency. Having faith and living your life for the glory of God is like your own spiritual insurance policy, yet it is not used in an emergency, rather as reward for a life time of service to God. Plus there are no co-pays, deductibles or maximums! The benefits are priceless, and Jesus has already paid the premium!

**Our next meeting is Monday, August 10th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

**HOP Club Winners**

8/3/15	#401	Caroline Cesareo	\$25
8/4/15	#421	Joan Redka	\$25
8/5/15	#49	Jack Raha	\$25
8/6/15	#607	Joseph & Santa Cambria	\$25
8/7/15	#291	Ed & Sarah Indelicato	\$50



*Third Banns*

*Michael Vidal & Emily Rogers  
Nick Castero & Lindsay Gregory*

*Second Banns*

*Michael Murphy & Michele Lutz*

*First Banns*

*Joseph Gritser & Amanda Sullivan*



*“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, canned and boxed potatoes, peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, chili, beef stew, tuna fish, tomato paste, pasta sauce, peanut butter, vegetable soup, chicken soup, ketchup, mustard, oil, sugar, chocolate cake mix, brownie mix, evaporated milk, jams and jellies, Jell-O, pudding, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, baby wipes, shampoo and toothpaste.

If anyone’s garden is providing an abundance of fruits or vegetables, we will gladly accept them. Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we were able to serve 535 individuals from 100 individual families during the month of July!

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

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

**Rest in Peace**

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

***Giuseppina Lipari, Robert “Woody” MacCulloch  
Annette Musilli***

*Week of August 9 - August 15, 2015*

*Sanctuary Candle  
In Loving Memory of  
Bernie Lavin*



***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 Shiepko  
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 Baciaska, Lorraine Dennan  
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, 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, Samantha McNeil, Rose Kuhn  
Patty & Tom Turano, Antonia Binetti, Tom Doty  
Louie Gandolfo, Fran Brideau, Kevin Connors,  
Jerome Antonucci, Nicholas Amato  
Gerard, Dana, Zachary & Rachel Biggin

*Week of August 9 - August 15, 2015*



*Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of  
Edward Rasmussen*

## *The Pastor's Letter*

I think it was Johnny Carson who said never try to compete with kids or animals when you are doing a talk show. Well, I might be taking that risk now. What has dominated the news cycle for the last week has been the death of Cecil the Lion who was killed by an American dentist named Walter Palmer, a recreational game hunter. *The New York Times* wrote, "The 13-year-old lion was a star attraction at the Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe, out of which the hunters lured him with a carcass, and he wore a collar by which scientists at the University of Oxford had been tracking him since 2008. It was wrong and, according to the Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force, illegal to kill Cecil. Doctor Palmer, who reportedly paid more than \$50,000 for the hunt, said he relied on local guides and did not know it was an illegal hunt."

I was saddened by the death of Cecil. I have always loved lions and found them to be such beautiful creatures that God created. Perhaps some of my love comes from the movies, *The Lion King* and *The Wizard of Oz*. I have a little statue of the Cowardly Lion in my office. I really have never thought much about big game hunting and those who do it. I know many are horrified by this practice while others claim it is necessary to thin the herd for conservation reasons. Maybe this terrible incident will become a moment when people can reconsider the question of hunting wild animals.

What has surprised me is the overwhelming media coverage this killing has generated. It has been front page news in the papers for several days. I have read that this story is being covered all over the world. Although I certainly understand that people are justifiably angry at Doctor Palmer, I am also surprised at the rage and threats of violence that have been directed at him. If Palmer broke the law, he should be punished. However, there is no excuse for people wishing to kill him or harm his family.

Why this great outburst over the death of Cecil? I think the first thing that comes to my mind is that he had a name. That sounds simple, but if the papers were writing about a lion being killed, I do not think it would have near the power of saying "Cecil" was murdered. Also Cecil was an innocent creature of God who posed no threat to the hunters if he had been left alone. I like most animals, but I do understand that there are many people who have a profound love for the animals God has created and someone like myself can learn from them.

Still at the same time this tragic story about Cecil was dominating the newspapers, there were serious reports about Planned Parenthood casually talking about selling the body parts of eight and nine month old babies who had been aborted. Several videos have emerged from undercover reporters that are horrifying as clinic doctors discuss so casually about harvesting organs from late term abortions. The videos are very difficult to watch. The media has been quick to downplay these videos and say that they are doctored. It strikes me that the films do not lie no matter how much they may or may not have been edited. But a great part of the media is pro-abortion and has no tolerance for anything that threatens their position. However, a very strong pro-abortion leader and a great supporter of Planned Parenthood, Hilary Clinton recently said she was disturbed by undercover videos of Planned Parenthood officials discussing the sale of fetal tissue. "I have seen pictures from them and obviously find them disturbing," Clinton told The New Hampshire Union Leader.

I understand what a divisive issue abortion is in our nation. I also have spoken with many women who had abortions, perhaps when they were young or under enormous pressure. Having an abortion is wrong, but God's mercy is powerful so when I write or speak about abortion I want those who have had abortions never to feel outside the love and mercy of God. I am not condemning you.

What troubles me is the abortion industry that masks itself as being so favorable to women. No mention is ever made of what a baby in the womb experiences in a late term abortion. I was surprised to read that even a country as liberal as France does not allow abortion after 20 weeks. Kirstin Powers states, "*The United States is only one of four countries (China, North Korea and Canada) in the entire world which allows abortions to be performed so late, and for any reason.*" You read that right. We are one of four out of 196 countries in this world that permit abortion after twenty weeks of gestation. This industry does not speak about their profits. Even more troubling is that Planned Parenthood is subsidized by the Federal Government with our tax dollars.

So my question is why are we not as disturbed about what some units of Planned Parenthood are doing as we are with Cecil the Lion? Certainly the late term aborted babies are as innocent as Cecil. Granted, they are unnamed and hidden away from us because the dark practices of late term abortion and the sale of infant body parts. If they came to light, it would outrage most Americans and would threaten practices that are supported by much of the media and do harm to pro-abortion politicians. I Googled Planned Parenthood and the *New York Times*, and all their recent articles of the paper were saying that these undercover videos were doctored and that the problem lies with radical conservatives out to restrict abortion.

I am glad that Cecil's tragic death received media coverage. I only wish our media would have given equal, if not **more** coverage, to another horror that is occurring in our nation: the calloused practices of many Planned Parenthood clinics.

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

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](mailto:woodscsr@aol.com) or drop off a note to Genny at the office. Please have them in by Saturday, August 15th. - Father Pat, CSSR

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.



**HELP OUR PARISH - H.O.P. Club  
NEW MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**

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.

**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 **PAYABLE TO ST. MARTIN OF TOURS HOP CLUB** for \$60.

If our current members have not received their renewal, please call the rectory at 931-0818.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_



*Saint Maria  
Faustina*

**Divine Mercy Novena**

**Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Eucharistic Chapel**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

There is no Adoration hosted by our Youth Ministry during the summer months.

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

So they said to him,  
 “Sir, give us this  
 bread always.”  
 Jesus said to them,  
 “I am  
 the bread of life;  
 whoever comes to  
 me will never  
 hunger, and whoever  
 believes in me will  
 never thirst.”

I had a wonderful two weeks of vacation with my family in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. On the way down, which is more than a nine hour drive, I listened to an audio book on the *Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. He is a wonderful writer, and I found that the Wright Brothers were two very fascinating men. So, since our rental house was only a half hour or so from Kitty Hawk, the scene of the Wright Brothers’ first flight, I suggested to the family that we go and visit this historical site. It turned out to be a terrific day. The museum guide gave a great talk, the weather was perfect, and we climbed up the rather large hill where the Wright Brothers practiced their gliding.

Since I was on a roll, the family suggested I pick a nice place for lunch and, using a trusty *app* on my cell phone, I came up with the *Black Pelican*, a restaurant that overlooked the ocean. This was when I faced a great crisis on vacation. I could not make up my mind what appetizer I wanted. The menu spoke of fried green tomatoes, a jumbo lump crabmeat cocktail, stuffed Jalapeno peppers, baked crab brie, fried coconut shrimp, Gulf Stream tuna bites, and Buffalo fried shrimp. Each one sounded better than the other. I might get away with ordering two appetizers, but the main courses were also equally delightful. I suggested to the kids that they order some of my favorites since I knew they would not eat them, but they were more interested in coloring the paper menus and ordering hot dogs. I knew my family would share their choices but still, I was left with the powerful dilemma - what did I *really* want to eat.

I tell that story because today’s Gospel, along with the Gospels for the next several Sundays, has Jesus speaking about the Bread of Life. In today’s Gospel, a great crowd of people is following him because he has fed them with five loaves and two fish. They believe this is the man who will feed them. They are correct in that assumption, but the food he offers for hunger is of a different nature. Jesus tells the crowd: *Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.* Certainly, I think we would say that Jesus is telling us about the Holy Eucharist that we receive at Mass. This is a very correct understanding of this text, but I also think Our Lord is asking us to look even deeper into our hungers and desires to see what they may teach us about the yearnings of the soul.

Very often, we go to lunch or dinner and say, “*I am starving. I could eat a horse!*” After that meal we may say, “*I never want to look at food again!*” After a big lunch, we tell ourselves that is enough - “*I am stuffed!*” Still, we know that in the evening, we will get the munchies. Food is not just about the body. It is also about the mind. Even if we are not hungry, the Golden Arches at McDonald’s might convince us that we are. At the supermarket, there is always candy at the cash registers in hopes that in spite of a grocery cart full of food, we will reach for a *Baby Ruth* or a *Snickers Bar*. Even if you ate breakfast before this Mass, this homily may make you hungry. When we walk in a bakery, our eyes look about at all the delights and convince us we are hungry. Some of us eat when we are happy, or when we are sad, or when we are nervous or bored. It is hard for me to watch a movie without popcorn, or attend a ballgame without a hot dog. I believe that dieticians call these things which set off an appetite even when not hungry, *triggers*. I am an expert on food because I have lost and found hundreds of pounds over the years. Jesus makes a simple statement about food. “*You will eat and be hungry again. I am the only food that satisfies true hunger.*”

Hunger is a most primary biological need just as is water. We cannot live without food and drink. We need shelter from the cold and the heat to protect us. We need sleep and rest to restore our bodies. But we have other needs. We want to love and be loved. We long to share our lives with other people. We do not want to be alone. We marry, have children, make friends, and join groups out of the fundamental need for relationships. So many people are in Internet chat rooms seeking some kind of bond and connection. We use expressions such as *"he is starving for attention"* or *"she is such a demanding, needy person."* At some level we are hungry for recognition, affection, and success. If you come to me and tell me that you were in another parish and the priest gave the greatest sermon you ever heard, I will say, *"That's great! I would love to hear him."* But my inner voice might say, *"What about me?"* People who brag and boast are really hungry and starving for something. People who are angry and hostile and push others away are hungry for love. People who say, *"Leave me alone; I do not need anyone!"* really do need someone.

When we suffer illness and death in life, we are confused and battered. We ask the most fundamental question of all. *"What is the meaning of life?"* *"Why am I alive and here on this earth?"* *"What is the point of it all?"* These are questions of the spirit, of the soul. We try to avoid feeling the burning hunger that they cause so we try not to think about them often. But the funeral a family member, a tragedy in the paper, a biopsy at the doctors, makes us pause and wonder.

There are many hungers. Some we meet by food and drink. Others we meet by love and friendships. Still, however wonderful our marriage is, however much joy our children bring us, however much success we have in life, those hungers of the heart are not fully satisfied except by being in a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus tells the hungry crowd and each of us, *"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."* Jesus is speaking about the Eucharist of course, but he is also referring to himself, to the Word of God, to our faith community, and to our Church. Only in Jesus will we find our hungers met. One of the great saints of the Catholic Church, St. Augustine, in the fifth century after a life of wild living and searching, finally finds Jesus in his life. This is what he wrote:

*"Late have I loved you, beauty so old and so new: late have I loved you. And see, you were within and I was in the external world and sought you there, and in my unlovely state I plunged into those lovely created things which you made. You were with me, and I was not with you. The lovely things kept me far from you, though if they did not have their existence in you, they had no existence at all. You called and cried out loud and shattered my deafness. You were radiant and resplendent, you put to flight my blindness. You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath and now pant after you. I tasted you, and I feel but hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am set on fire to attain the peace which is yours."*

**Our Lady of Mercy is hosting an American Girl Fashion Show - Styles of Yesterday & Today**

**Saturday, October 17th at 1PM and 6PM**

**Sunday, October 18th at 2PM**

Our Lady of Mercy School, 520 So. Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville

Tickets: \$30 (\$20 is tax-deductible)

To purchase tickets, go to [www.americangirlfashionshows.com](http://www.americangirlfashionshows.com)

*Recommended for children 6 and up*

# Liturgical Ministry Training

**1. TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session "A" is required of **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session "B" **in addition** to Session "A". **Session "A" must be attended prior to Session "B".**

**TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING:** the pastor must send a letter to Bishop Murphy requesting the training for each person attending. **Do not use the tear-off below.** **This letter must mention the date and place of the training session the person will attend.**

**2. TRAINING FOR LECTORS: PLEASE USE THE TEAR-OFF BELOW.**

**TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:**

**In Nassau: EM "A" Session and Lectors  
ENGLISH AND SPANISH  
October 17, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM  
Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale**

**In Suffolk: EM "A" Session and Lectors  
ENGLISH AND SPANISH  
October 3, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM  
McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead**

**"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers  
October 24, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM  
Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale**

**"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers  
November 7, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM  
McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead**

**EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at St. Elizabeth, Melville**

Session "A" - Wednesday, October 14, 2015; 7:00—10 PM  
Session "B" - Wednesday, November 4, 2015; 7:00—10 PM

**WORKSHOP FEES:**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: \$30 per person  
Lectors: \$20 per person

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR LECTOR TRAINING ONLY**

Mail this registration to the Office of Worship, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023,  
e-mail to [worship@drvc.org](mailto:worship@drvc.org), or fax to 516-764-3316.

I wish to register for Lector Training

- Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale (Saturday, October 17, 2015)
- McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead (Saturday, October 3, 2015)
- St. Elizabeth, Melville (Wednesday, October 14, 2015)

Name ..... Phone .....

Parish ..... Town .....



## 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  
 SPC 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  
 SSG George Howard, US Army  
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD VIDEOS: [www.usccb.org/.../15-117c](http://www.usccb.org/.../15-117c)  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Washington - Cardinal Sean O'Malley OFM Cap. Archbishop of Boston and Chairman of the USCCB responded July 29 to recent videos showing leaders from Planned Parenthood discussing the provision of fetal organs, tissues and body parts from their abortion clinics. Full text of Cardinal O'Malley's statement follows: Pope Francis has called abortion the product of a "widespread mentality of profit, the throwaway culture, which today has enslaved the hearts and minds of so many."

The recent news stories concerning Planned Parenthood direct our attention to two larger issues involving many institutions in our society. The first is abortion itself, a direct attack on human life in its most vulnerable condition. The second is the now standard practice of obtaining fetal organs and tissue through abortion. Both actions fail to respect the humanity and dignity of human life. This fact should be the center of attention in the present public controversy .

If the Planned Parenthood news coverage has caused anyone to experience revived trauma from their own involvement in abortion, be assured that any and all persons will be welcomed with compassion and assistance through the Church's POST-ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY, PROJECT RACHEL. If you or someone you know would like confidential non judgmental help, please visit [www.projectrachel.com](http://www.projectrachel.com)

**[www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com) Catholic News Agency. Washington D.C. July 29 2015**

Hundreds of women along with scores of men, gathered in front of the U.S. Capitol to protest what they see as betrayal of the nation's women at the hands of Planned Parenthood. "There are women being betrayed and profited off of when they're in a crisis situation, when we should be giving them help," said Social Media Coordinator for Life Matters Journal - Anti-violence and Consistent Ethic-Of-Life Magazine. "I think this is offensive, to me as a feminist," she told CNA. The Washington D.C. rally was one of the more than 60 demonstrations held across the country in protest of Planned Parenthood and its taxpayer funding. The demonstrations followed videos of Planned Parenthood officials discussing the procuring of body parts of babies in exchange for money.

Planned Parenthood has defended its actions in the videos, saying that it is not making significant or illegal profits from the process and that it receives appropriate consent from mothers. From 2013 - 2014 Planned Parenthood received over \$528 MILLION in grants from the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. The organization also reported a PROFIT of \$127 MILLION for the same time period. Excerpts from CNA.

A Bill to revoke taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood failed to secure the 60 votes needed to invoke cloture. The Senate voted 53 - 46 failing to get enough votes to defund the organization on August 3rd. Had the cloture veto been approved and the bill passed, and should the House pass its own Bill to defund Planned Parenthood, President Barack Obama said he would veto the measure. (12 states have launched investigations and members of Congress have launched an investigation as well. ) Excerpts from Life News [www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com)

## 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

The annual parish picnic that was originally scheduled for Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> will be rescheduled for a later date still to be determined. At long last, we are nearing the paving of our parking lots, which as you know, was a key aspect of our capital campaign. Depending on when the contract is signed, the work may begin before August 21<sup>st</sup>.

I did not want to put any delay on the paving project since we have been waiting so long to get this done, and we need to have it completed before the religious education program begins in October. I have been told it will take about three weeks, but one never knows with issues of weather and surprises that sometimes occur. I will let you know the exact specifics of the paving plans when we have them since they will affect parking which I know will be problematic for many of us.

I am very hopeful that we can have a blessing of the parking lot (brief since we want to get to the hot dogs and the baked goods of our Clement Bakers) as part of the Block Party. You have all waited a long time and have been most generous in support of our parish campaign that began with our Capital Campaign of *Paving the Way for Christ*.  
Father Pat, CSSR



***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](mailto:ann111647@netscape.net) or phone # 516- 330-3039. Till then, happy reading!

Father Patrick Woods & Ann Mele

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!**



**Prayer and Fun in the Sun**

*The weekend combines periods of prayer, quiet,  
and time for fun and relaxation.*

## 2015 National 54 Day Rosary Novena

### Primary Intention: "For Family and Marriage"

- Including for Peace, Sanctity of Human Life & Religious Freedom

Join hundreds of thousands of people of all ages in prayer across America

**Launch August 15, 2015 Feast of the Assumption**

**Closing October 7, 2015 Feast of the Holy Rosary**

**Why:** A Message of Hope in response to the spiritual crisis in our culture and nation and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops call to prayer.

**What:** Pray the rosary for 54 straight days for the Novena Intentions  
27 days in *petition* from August 15 through September 10, 2015  
27 days in *thanksgiving* from September 11 through October 7, 2015

**Where:** At home individually or with families  
or in a parish community or other groups

For more information go to: [info@rosaryea.org](mailto:info@rosaryea.org)

Or call: 414-570-4289

## 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](mailto:ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

**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**

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**  
 Call Diana Hart Mirando  
 (C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979


**ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS**  
**PROJECT RACHEL**  
**WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM**  
 Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies  
 Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE  
 Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services  
 Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-4357

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

**St. Martin of Tours Men's Bowling League**

New season starts Labor Day week. New bowlers and teams welcome. This is a 3-man league at Syosset Lanes. 8:30 PM Thursday nights.

Call Jim Moran at (516) 931-8903 for more information.



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

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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](http://SMTBethpage.org)!**

For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Erin Horan-Baudille at [SMT\\_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com](mailto:SMT_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com). The Youth Ministry Office Phone: (516) 870-5669.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Aug 10: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Aug 10-14: Bible Camp
- Aug 15: 9AM MASS - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
NOT a holyday of obligation
- Aug 19: SMT Blood Drive St. Alphonsus Hall
- Aug 22: SMT Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 4-6: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch NJ
- PARISH BLOCK PARTY PICNIC POSTPONED

**St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam.** The fee is \$275 payable to St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. The address is 1170 Montauk Highway, W. Islip 11795. For more information please visit [www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net](http://www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net) or call (631) 587-8000 ext. 117.

The five 2 1/2 hour sessions are as follows:

**Four Saturday Classes from 8AM - 10:30AM**  
**September 26, October 3, October 17 and October 24**  
**One Wednesday Class, October 28th from 6PM - 8:30PM**

Features include small class size; 12.5 hours taught by experience SJB Math and English teachers; Test-taking strategies; sample test administered and grades; review all areas covered on the exam; all materials included in the fee.

**St. Dominic High School**  
**2015 Catholic High School Entrance**  
**Exam Prep Course**

September 12, 19, and October 3, 10, and 24  
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Course Fee \$250

Contact Mrs. Stutzmann at (516) 922-4888 ext. 5241



**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



**The Catholic Counseling Center  
12 Ryder Court, Dix Hills NY 11746**

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of George A. Giuliani, PhD, Director/Psychologist, is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese.

Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling **Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503.**

You may visit his website at  
<http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>



**GLUTEN, PEANUT & DAIRY FREE HOSTS**

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

Please seek out the sacristan **before mass** so that the priest is prepared to include it for consecration. Please be sure to follow this procedure every time you attend mass.

**To donate furniture:  
St. Vincent de Paul  
516-746-8250**

**POPE FRANCIS HOSPITALITY  
CENTER LOCATED AT**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
2160 Jericho Turnpike  
Garden City Park NY  
(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)**

**Every Saturday 9AM to 1PM**

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

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

**New Member Orientation/Non-Denominational**

**Tuesday, August 25, 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.