

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - August 17**

6:30 John Speelman, Birthday Remembrance  
 9:00 Marie Hunter

**Tuesday - August 18**

6:30 Cathleen Galtafiore  
 9:00 Arturo Zerbini

**Wednesday - August 19**

6:30 Joseph Luparello  
 9:00 Mary Terrell

**Thursday - August 20**

6:30 Gerri & Marty Laraia, 55th Wedding Anniv'y  
 9:00 Patricia Tullo

**Friday - August 21**

6:30 Nancy Steiniger  
 9:00 Mario Amato & Carmella Guzzi

**Saturday - August 22**

9:00 MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS  
 5:00 Terri Marie Minett, Anniversary  
 7:00 John Baierlein

**Sunday - August 23**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 John Spedale  
 10:00 Joe Vassallo  
 11:30 Edwin Rusch  
 1:00 Mary & James Boglioli  
 5:30 Russell Peterson

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22  
 Tues. Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30  
 Wed. Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16  
 Thurs. Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14  
 Fri. Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matt 22:34-40  
 Sat. Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matt 23:1-12

**Sun. *Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b* Joshua told the Israelites they were to decide whom they would serve: The Amorite gods or the Lord who brought them out of Egypt. They agreed to "serve the Lord, for he is our God."**

***Ephesians 5:21-32*** Paul likened the love of a husband and wife to the love Christ has for the church. As Christ loves the church, so should husbands and wives love each other.

***John 6:60-69*** Jesus' disciples were puzzled by his words. Jesus reminded them, "It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail." Simon Peter responded, "You have the words of eternal life."

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00**  
**Amount Received: August 8/9, 2015**  
**Regular Collection: \$17,063.73**

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

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that, blessed by the Lord, the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who thank God by sharing the Good News through sacramental preparation ministries such as Pre-Cana, Baptismal Preparation, First Penance, Confirmation Catechesis and R.C.I.A.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

**VEERING OFF**

I often get the shopping cart that wants to go off to the side no matter how hard I try to keep it going straight. I think life is like that sometimes. We can help you fix that - your life is not the cart! Bring us the problems that are causing you to veer off to the side. There is no problem that God can't handle!

**Our next meeting is Monday, August 16th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

**HOP Club Winners**

8/10/15	#379	Marion DeZervos	\$25
8/11/15	#279	Donna Conn	\$25
8/12/15	#129	M/M Howard O'Keefe	\$25
8/13/15	#264	Carmela & Michael Mondiello	\$25
8/14/15	#657	Dawn Lando	\$50



*Third Banns*

*Michael Murphy & Michele Lutz*

*Second Banns*

*Joseph Gritser & Amanda Sullivan*

*First Banns*

*Michael Delgatto & Shannon Haley*

*Gary Blanchard & Jennifer De Crescenzo*

***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  
 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, Sal Mascolo  
 Gerard, Dana, Zachary & Rachel Biggin



***“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 Rice-a-Roni, canned and boxed potatoes, peas, mixed vegetables, carrots, chili, beef stew tuna, pasta sauce, peanut butter, hearty soups, lentils, ketchup, oil, jams or jellies, pudding, Jell-O, laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, tissues, toilet paper, diapers size 6, and baby wipes.

If anyone’s garden is providing an abundance of fruits or vegetables, we will gladly accept them.

***One of our clients is in need of a TV. If you have one that you would like to donate, please call us.***  
 Thank you for all you do to help our brothers and sisters in need!

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

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

*Week of August 16 - August 22, 2015*

*Sanctuary Candle  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Bessie & Frank Curcio*



*Week of August 16 - August 22, 2015*

*Altar Bread & Wine  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Michael & Lucienne Walsh*



## *The Pastor's Letter*

Years ago, there was a popular movie called *A League of Their Own*. This movie starring Tom Hanks and Geena Davis told the account of a women's professional baseball league developed during World War II since so many men who played professional ball were in the military. Tom Hanks played the part of Jimmy Dugan, who had been a star baseball player earlier in his life but was now a bitter alcoholic. Some say his role was based on Jimmy Foxx who had been a great baseball player in the 1930's. Dugan initially finds coaching women baseball players intolerable. He eventually grows to respect the young women. There is a famous scene where Dugan yells at one of his players for making a mistake. The player immediately breaks down in tears, and Dugan utters the words, *There is no crying in baseball!*

A week or so ago, this cliché was put to the test. Wilmer Flores was playing shortstop for the Mets when word began to circle via the internet that he had been traded from the Mets to Milwaukee. So on live television, you could see Flores crying while at his position on the field since he did not want to leave the team he had grown up with as a player. The fans began to cheer for him because they could understand what he was feeling. Through a variety of strange circumstances that could only happen to the Mets, the trade was cancelled at the very last moment. Flores' tears have made him a hero among the fans, and this glory was enhanced when he hit a game winning homerun a few days later. Who would have thought crying in a baseball game could win you such acclaim. I may try it sometime after a sermon at Mass and see how it works!

I thought about that story when I read today's second reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. St. Paul writes: *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.* St. Paul is telling us that to be a follower of Christ we must deal with our negative emotions of anger, fury, and bitterness toward others. Although all of us as human beings deal with our emotions constantly, it is not easy to define what an emotion is. One definition I found states: "An emotion is a complex psychological state that involves three distinct components: a *subjective experience*, a *physiological response*, and behavioral or *expressive response*." Putting this definition in simpler language I would say an emotion is a combination of a physical and mental response to an experience that often leads us to act in a particular way.

Let me give an example of how I think emotions work. I am out driving. No doubt I am already in some kind of feeling state. I may be happy because I am on the way to a nice dinner. I may be anxious because I am late for an important meeting. I may be sad because I heard some sad news while listening to the radio. Then, I try to move into the passing lane, and just as I do, a car speeds up and cuts me off. When this happens I feel something immediately and the emotion is almost always anger. My blood pressure rises and my chest tightens. I do not have to think about this and say I think I will be angry. It happens instantly. My hands are tight on the steering wheel. I think bad thoughts about the other driver. Both my mind and body are in an active state. Now comes the key moment: what do I do. I can try to chase the car in a form of road rage. I can give the other driver a negative gesture (no need to explain), I can let lose a string of vocabulary that I might not use in Church. Or I can calm down. Tell myself that the incident is over and why let it upset me. I can choose to begin to let the negative emotion go. I cannot control the emotion but I can control what I do with it and how I behave.

I often hear people say, Father I have a temper. I can't help it when I get mad. I know what they mean, but I do not completely accept this. Granted, habits are hard to break, and exploding in anger at other people can become a habit, but as a rational human being, I do have the ability to begin to change the negative behavior that follows the emotion.

People often confess anger as sin. I almost always say to them anger is not a sin; rather the sin is what you choose to do with the feeling. If someone in my family says something that hurts me, I may well feel anger inside. That is not a sin since the feeling arose without any choice. Now, what do I do with that feeling? Does it lead me to scream at the other person? Does it lead me to give the person the silent treatment for a week? Does it lead me to speak to others about what happened so as to hurt the person's reputation? Those may well be sinful behaviors. Or, perhaps, after I calm down, I choose to enter into a healthy discussion with the person about what was said. I know at times in my life I have made the mistake of saying something, sending an email, or writing a letter when I was angry and later regretted it.

Being fully human as well as divine, Jesus had emotions. He wept in sadness at the death of his friend Lazarus. He was so afraid of dying he sweated blood in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was angry at the corruption of the Sacred Temple in Jerusalem and he chose to use that anger to overturn the tables of the moneychangers. That was a justifiably response.

St. Paul tells us: All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. This is no easy task and there are times in the Letters of St. Paul we see flashes of anger. However, the most basic step to take when we are angry is most often not to act quickly, but to take a step back and to seek to understand why we are so upset. That can prevent a lot of hurt and pain for others and ourselves.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR  
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### Last Call!

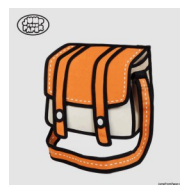
If anyone would like to write something about Father Henry, please email either Father Pat at woodscsr@aol.com or Genny at gamit1946@hotmail.com.

Or stop by the rectory. Please have your notes in by Monday, August 24th.

### BRING YOUR SCHOOL BAGS OR BACK PACKS

**There will be a blessing of all school children at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday August 30th!**

**Bring your new school bags or back packs to Mass. There's no better way to begin the new school year!**



**NEW DATE FOR THE PARISH PICNIC**

**It has been decided that the Parish Picnic will be  
Sunday, October 4th after the 1PM Mass.**

**Please note:**

**The Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, September 27th at 2:15.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Divine Mercy Novena**

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

***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

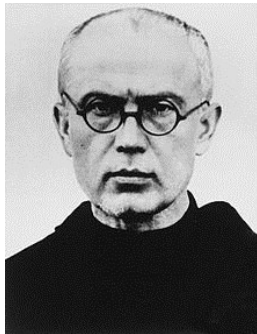
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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.

One of the most moving days of my life was my visit to the Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland. Seeing the glasses, the shoes, the clothes of those hundreds of thousands of people who were executed made them become very real and alive. To be at this site was to truly see how evil can take root in the hearts of people and lead them to do horrible things. The priest who was our guide took us to the place where Father Maximilian Kolbe died. Here grace and goodness came face to face with horrific wickedness. The following account, taken from the website **AmericanCatholic.org** bears out that greater love than this no one has than to lay down his life for another. Father Kolbe's feast day is August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Father Pat



**August 14**

**St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1894-1941)**

*"I don't know what's going to become of you!"* How many parents have said that? Maximilian Mary Kolbe's reaction was, *"I prayed very hard to Our Lady to tell me what would happen to me. She appeared, holding in her hands two crowns, one white, one red. She asked if I would like to have them—one was for purity, the other for martyrdom. I said, 'I choose both.'* She smiled and disappeared." After that he was not the same.

He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in Lviv (then Poland, now Ukraine), near his birthplace, and at 16 became a novice. Though he later achieved doctorates in philosophy and theology, he was deeply interested in science, even drawing plans for rocket ships. Ordained at 24, he saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded Knight of the Immaculata, a religious magazine under Mary's protection to preach the Good News to all nations. For the work of publication he established a "City of the Immaculata"—Niepokalanow—which housed 700 of his Franciscan brothers. He later founded one in Nagasaki, Japan. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939 the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. Niepokalanow was severely bombed. Kolbe and his friars were arrested, then released in less than three months, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. In 1941 he was arrested again. The Nazis' purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, in Auschwitz three months later, after terrible beatings and humiliations.

A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. "This one. That one." As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line. "I would like to take that man's place. He has a wife and children." "Who are you?" "A priest." No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant, dumbfounded, perhaps with a fleeting thought of history, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Father Kolbe to go with the nine. In the "block of death" they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. But there was no screaming—the prisoners sang. By the eve of the Assumption four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. He was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.

**Comment:** Father Kolbe's death was not a sudden, last-minute act of heroism. His whole life had been a preparation. His holiness was a limitless, passionate desire to convert the whole world to God. And his beloved Immaculata was his inspiration.

**Quote:** "Courage, my sons. Don't you see that we are leaving on a mission? They pay our fare in the bargain. What a piece of good luck! The thing to do now is to pray well in order to win as many souls as possible. Let us, then, tell the Blessed Virgin that we are content, and that she can do with us anything she wishes" (Maximilian Mary Kolbe, when first arrested).

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Simply visit [www.licatholic.org](http://www.licatholic.org), scroll to the bottom of the page for the E-Newsletter sign up and enter your e-mail address. That's all there is to it. Questions? Contact the Office of Communications, 516-678-5800, ext. 633.

### **Deacon Jim Biggin**

This year Deacon Jim celebrated his 30th anniversary in the Diaconate. Please join him, his wife Carmela, and his family and friends at the 1:00PM Mass on Sunday, October 4th.

The Parish of St. Martin of Tours wishes Deacon Jim many healthy and blessed years ahead serving Our Lord and the people of God!

### **Celebrating Father Henry**

There will be a Mass to thank Father Henry for his ten years of ministry at St. Martin of Tours. **Please join him on Sunday, September 20th at the 1PM Mass.**

There will be a reception in St. Alphonsus Hall to follow.

# 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

## 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

**Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour**

Please join us on Tuesday, August 18th at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel for the Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour. His relics will be venerated.

**RCIA...NEWS FOR 2015-2016 JOURNEY IN FAITH**

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or R.C.I.A.** is for those who are thinking about joining the Catholic Faith or who have not received all sacraments and wish to be in full communion with our Church. Our process usually begins late September.

For further information, please call Ann Hughes at 516 433-6972 or the rectory office at 516 931-0818.

***PLEASE NOTE:***

***If you have already called, please call again to speak to Ann Hughes at her number.***

**We are here for you!**

**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**

## Confusion Among Catholics

The Assumption of the Blessed Mother into Heaven, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is usually a holy day of obligation. This year since it falls on a Saturday, it is not a holy day. I believe some Catholics are confused by this: how can a feast day be a holy day one year where we are bound to go to Mass and not a holy day the next year? I would say that confusion is certainly understandable.

It reminds me of something that occasionally happens in our area. If St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday in Lent when meat is not allowed, the New York Archdiocese gives a dispensation from the abstinence since St. Patrick is the patron of the Archdiocese. However, very often the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses do not give this permission to eat meat. I have often mused that if I were on the Brooklyn Bridge walking from Manhattan toward Brooklyn on a St. Patrick's Day Friday in Lent, at what point must I put down my corned beef sandwich! When the Church changed the long held no meat on Friday obligation shortly after Vatican II, some wondered what would happen to all those Catholics who were in hell for eating meat on Friday. Although I have profound respect for our Church and its teachings, it can get a bit bewildering at times.

Is it a Holy Day or not?



The Church in the United States removes the obligation for attending Mass on the Feast of the Assumption if it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, as it does for certain other holy days - January 1, which is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of All Saints. The obligation to worship on the other holy days, the Immaculate Conception and Christmas are always holy days of obligation, no matter what day they fall on. The Ascension is also a holy day but since it falls on a Thursday, it is not affected by the weekend.

The reason the Church has done this is because of the shortage of priests. On a weekend, a priest may well say a regular Saturday morning Mass, a funeral Mass, a wedding Mass, and two or three Sunday Masses. Now saying Mass is not exhausting but saying multiple Masses is a challenge for a priest since the Church never wants her priests to begin to take the Mass for granted or to see it as work rather than a profound prayer. If we added extra Masses on Saturday or Monday, it could lead to the multiplication of the priest saying Masses. Again - because Christmas is such a major feast of our faith, there is no change for this day nor for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother since Mary is the patron of the United States. They are always holy days of obligation.

Still, the importance the Feast Days that have their obligation waived if they fall on Saturday or Monday, is not lessened. The liturgy on these days should be festively celebrated and Catholics should seek to attend the celebrations. I must confess that most often Friday is a regular day for me in terms of my spiritual life. However, when the Church dropped the abstinence-from-meat law, Catholics were told they should find some act of personal penance to practice in its place. This says to me that I sometimes need law to help me practice my faith.

## **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.*

**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:**  
 8/16-22: 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.

**Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity  
(CMRC)**

We will gather together at the **9AM Mass on Saturday August 22nd** for the *Feast of the Queenship of Mary*. Seating for the CMRC will be reserved.



**Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity  
(CMRC)**

**“Welcome Back Night!”**

**The General Meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30PM** to celebrate our Blessed Mother’s birthday followed by our Welcome Back Gift Swap. Please bring a “new” wrapped gift worth \$10. Refreshments will be served.

Any woman wishing to see what we are all about are most welcome to come and join in the festivities.

*If you would like to become a member*, please speak to Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408 or Janet Dion at 433-9340. Christian Mothers dues are still \$10 per year.

**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  
(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.

***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

**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*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Aug 17: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Aug 18: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Aug 19: SMT Blood Drive St. begins at 2:30PM Alphonsus Hall
- Aug 22: SMT Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Aug 30: Blessing of School Children & New Back Packs 10AM Mass Church
- Sept 4: First Friday 7PM Church
- Sept 5: First Saturday 8:30AM Church
- Sept 4-6: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch NJ
- Sept 8: Youth Ministry Adoration Holy Hour 7PM Church
- Sept 8: Christian Mothers Welcome Back Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 20: Fr. Henry's Mass of Thanksgiving 1PM Church with Reception to Follow
- Sept 27: Blessing of the Animals 2:15PM (due to Parish Picnic on Oct. 4th)
- Sept 30: Life Line Screening begins at 9AM St. Alphonsus Hall  
*Pre-registration required. Call Life Line Screening at 1-866-579-5069*
- Oct 4: Deacon Jim Biggin's 30th Anniversary Mass 1PM Church
- Oct 4: PARISH PICNIC 2PM School Parking Lot