

Masses For The Week

Monday - September 7 - LABOR DAY

NO 6:30 AM MASS

9:00 Mario Amato, Anniversary

Tuesday - September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

6:30 Anthony Manfredi

9:00 Sean Meehan

Wednesday - September 9

6:30 Arthur O'Neill

9:00 Florence A. Leach, 4th Anniversary

Thursday - September 10

6:30 Governor Mario Cuomo

9:00 Louis Della Croce

Friday - September 11

6:30 Paul Papendick

9:00 Disaster Victims of the World Trade Center
Brian Hickey & Charles Waters

Saturday - September 12

9:00 MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 Dec'd Members of Casey & Preziosi Families

7:00 Louis Della Croce

Sunday - September 13

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Loretta Sattler

10:00 Bernard Lavin

11:30 Salvatore & Maria Accardi

1:00 Thelma Schulte

5:30 Daniel O'Callaghan

Readings For The Week

Mon. Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11

Tues. Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Wed. Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26

Thurs. Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38

Fri. 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42

Sat. 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

Sun. *Isaiah 50:5-9a* *Isaiah prophesied: I gave my back to those who beat me and my face to buffets and spitting. I was not disgraced, for when the Lord is with me, how can I be ashamed?*

James 2:14-18 *Faith without good works is dead and worth nothing. A person should not claim to be Christian without living like one. In vain do we profess faith without practice.*

Mark 8:27-35 *Jesus taught the disciples that the Son of Man must suffer and die. He went on to say that if they wish to follow him they, too, must deny themselves and take up the cross.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: August 29/30, 2015

Regular Collection: \$16,282.50

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who show Christ's compassion and mercy by supporting and ministering in homeless shelters and soup kitchens.



Charismatic Prayer Group

The start of a new school year is so exciting. Who will you meet? What will you learn? I miss that feeling. But then I realize that I don't need a reason to learn new things or meet new people. You can do it too. Start here on Monday nights. Meet some new people and learn something about God and yourself

Our next meeting is Monday, September 14th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club Winners

8/31/15	#498	John & Maureen Castles	\$25
9/1/15	#593	Carol Asch	\$25
9/2/15	#392	Joseph R. Giugliano	\$25
9/3/15	#157	The Checchia Family	\$25
9/4/15	#487	Jean Davenport	\$50

BONUS WINNERS - LAST WEEK IN AUGUST

#625	The Mitchell Family	\$1,000
#326	Eamon & Mari Fitzgerald	\$1,000
#243	The Eastwood Family	\$500

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



"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 egg noodles, peas, mixed vegetables, carrots, chili, beef stew, tomato paste, pasta sauce, peanut butter, black beans, Chef Boyardee canned pastas, soups, mayonnaise, jams & jellies, Jell-O, pudding, sugar, boxed milk, evaporated milk, dish soap, toilet paper, bar soap, tissues, diapers (size 4 & 6) and baby wipes.

Thank you for your tremendous generosity. It means so much to those in need.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

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



Divine Mercy Novena

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Week of September 6 - 12, 2015



Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Frank Mirabile*

Week of September 6 - 12, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

*In Loving Memory of
the Dearly Departed
German Wings (4U) 9525*



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, 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, Jerry Cox, Patty & Tom Turano
Antonia Binetti, Tom Doty, Louie Gandolfo, Fran Brideau,
Kevin Connors, Jerome Antonucci, Nicholas Amato
Sal Mascolo, Gerard, Dana, Zachary & Rachel Biggin
Jean Zarou, Guido Penafiel, Barry Monteleone
Dolores Lordahl, Madeline Molnar, Liz Carraccia

Rest in Peace

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

**Jane Kelly, Rita Westhoff
Barbara M. Scully, Stephen P. Timoszuk**

The Pastor's Letter

Some of the Irish had a term that they used for the children of Irish parents who were born in America. We were referred to as *Narrowbacks*. I suspect the origin of this term might have to do with a comparison of the hard labor that many of the Irish did when they first came to America compared to the jobs that their sons and daughters had. Although I have a pretty good work ethic, I think my Dad did more hard and laborious work in a year that I have done in a lifetime. I have no doubt that is why he worked so hard so that his children might not have to do the same demanding work that he had to do.

I have been thinking of him as I watch the hard-working men who are working on our parking lot on some of the hottest days of the summer. God bless them. Still, one does not have to dig trenches or pour concrete to be a hard worker. I think of nurses who are on their feet all day caring for the sick, doctors who awake early to visit patients in the hospital and then must go to their offices. Schoolteachers with a classroom full of energetic students can be exhausted the end of the day. Some lawyers I know can work 12-14 hours a day. Even baseball players claim that the dog days of August, after playing well over a hundred games already, is very wearing on them. Some have jobs that are monotonous, while others have work that deals with the public - think of the woman at the desk in the airport when a flight has just been cancelled. There are those who wait on us at restaurants and stores. For some people their bosses can be very demanding and others find certain co-workers very challenging on a day-to-day basis. Some have jobs which people lead to resentment on the part of others - think of those who give parking tickets! Yet however difficult work may be, a time of unemployment can be both financially and emotionally devastating to an individual. I have made the mistake of asking a stay-at-home mom with several children if she works. The look I get says that this priest is really out of touch with reality! Homemakers work very hard.

There are two theologies of work that are found in Bible. The first is that having to work is a punishment for the sin of Adam and Eve. In Genesis 3 we read: *So I am putting a curse on the ground because of what you did. All the days of your life you will have to work hard. It will be painful for you to get food from the ground.* ¹⁸ *You will eat plants from the field, even though the ground produces thorns and prickly weeds.* ¹⁹ *You will have to work hard and sweat a lot to produce the food you eat.* This is certainly a very harsh view of labor as the result of human beings being disobedient to God. I would say that some of us would find that there are times in our lives when we could identify with the feeling that work is drudgery.

Yet, Our Lord Jesus presents work in a very different context. He himself most likely worked as a carpenter under the direction of St. Joseph. Many of his apostles were fishermen. Over and over again, Jesus speaks about building up the kingdom of God. When we hear the term the "kingdom of God," I think we naturally think of heaven. Although that is true, the kingdom of God is also about earth. God invites us to co-create the world with him. He has given us this world, and he calls each one of us to strive to make the world a better place for all people. We do that by how we live and work. When we work in a true spirit of Christ, we are working with him to touch the world with his love. What we do for our work is less important than why we labor. Certainly we work to live, to have bread on our tables, to provide for our children which is a very good reason. But we work to use the talents God has given us to the best of our abilities. I think there is no job I can think of that does not have an impact on others and society at large.

Even in our retirement, we may well find ourselves doing work. I see so many grandparents caring for their grandchildren. Many retired people choose to become more involved in the life of their parish or in some civic matters. I have some seniors who spend a good part of the day taking care of other seniors who are in need. All of these tasks are praising God.

This parable is a story that I think captures the best theology of work:

Once upon a time, there was a traveler who came upon three individuals working with stone. Curious as to what the workers were doing with the stones, the traveler approached the first worker and asked, "What are you doing with these stones?" Grumpily and without hesitation the worker quickly responded, "I am a stonecutter and I am cutting stones." Not satisfied with this answer, the traveler approached the second worker and asked, "What are you doing with these stones?" The second worker paused for a moment, sighed, but smiled a little and then explained, "I am a stonecutter and I am trying to make enough money to support my family."

Having two different answers to the same question, the traveler made his way to the third worker and asked, "What are you doing with these stones?" The third worker stopped what he was doing, bringing his chisel to his side. He looked at the traveler with a beaming smile on his face and declared, "I am a stonecutter and I am building a cathedral."

During this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

Prayer for Labor Day

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR
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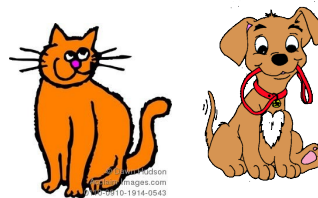
Temporary Housing Requested

A woman teacher called me looking for a room for a few months. She is willing to pay rent.

If you want to speak to her, you can call me here at the rectory and I will give you her number.

- Father Pat

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



Block Party Raffle

Sports Memorabilia

- 1 Hockey Stick signed by New York Ranger Rick Nash
- 1 Basketball signed by New York Knick Carmelo Anthony

GRAND PRIZE

For Six Months, your own parish personal parking spot
with your name on the sign next to the rectory.

From October 9, 2015 until March 11, 2016.

Includes Christmas **and** Ash Wednesday.

*(Think of the possibilities: rent the spot to others, tailgate on the space,
fine anyone who parks in your spot, store goods on the spot. What a prize!)*

**The Sports Memorabilia, a Basket of Cheer, and Grand Prize
will be drawn on the day of the Block Party.**

***Raffle Prices: \$2.00 per ticket, 3 for \$5.00, 7 for \$10.00
Beginning this weekend, August 22 & 23, Raffles are being sold
after all weekend Masses, including at the Block Party.***

Celebrating Paving the Way For Christ

**Let Us Celebrate as a Parish! Sunday, October 4th
The 1:00 p.m. Mass will CELEBRATE the 30th anniversary of
The Ordination of Deacon James Biggin**

**We Will Bless the Newly Paved Parking Lot after the 1:00 p.m.
These Happy Events Will Be Followed by our Parish Block Party with Food and Drink!
Good Weather Forecasted! Television will be available to watch the Mets in the Playoffs!**

VIRTUS TRAINING

Protecting All God's Children

If you wish to volunteer in any capacity in a parish, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that you **first register** for Virtus by logging on to the diocese website at www.drvc.org. **Virtus registration can be found at the lower right of the home page.** If you have any problems with the process, please call the rectory and someone will get back to you with assistance.

**Next Virtus at St. Martin of Tours
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 @ 7:00PM
St. Alphonsus Parish Hall**

You may have read something like this article that follows in the newspaper or heard about it from social media. It might have surprised you since you probably thought that priests could forgive the sin of abortion already. As the article mentions, most priests in the United States do have the permission of the Bishop to forgive the sin of abortion. There are some dioceses in the world that do reserve the sin of abortion to the Bishop or certain priests; only those designated by the Bishop can lift the excommunication. This is not the case in our diocese or in most the United States. Additionally, we Redemptorists, along with many other religious orders, have a general permission that is given to us by the fact that we are a preaching order. I do not want anyone who may have to go confession with the burden of this sin to somehow feel they were not forgiven. Pope Francis is not weakening or changing in any way the teaching of the Catholic Church that abortion is a very serious sin. Since this is a jubilee year on God's mercy, I think Pope Francis wants to do all he can to help people know God's healing mercy. I think the following quotes capture the Pope as an instrument of God's mercy to the sinner.

Father Pat

Pope Francis will give all priests discretion during the Roman Catholic Church's Holy Year to formally forgive women who have had abortions -- the Argentine pontiff's latest move towards a more open and inclusive church. In Church teaching, abortion is such a grave sin that those who procure or perform it incur an automatic excommunication, which can only be lifted by designated church officials. However, from December 8 to November 26, during an extraordinary Holy Year or "Jubilee" on the theme of mercy, all priests will be able to do so if the women repent "with a contrite heart," the Pope said in a letter published by the Vatican on Tuesday. Francis described the "existential and moral ordeal" faced by women who have terminated pregnancies and said he had "met so many women who bear in their heart the scar of this agonizing and painful decision." The Pope's letter did not mention those who perform abortions.

*"This is by no means an attempt to minimize the gravity of this sin, but to widen the possibility of showing mercy," Vatican chief spokesman Father Federico Lombardi told reporters. Deputy Vatican spokesman Father Ciro Benedettini said that "for now" the change would apply only during the Holy Year. Usually only a bishop, missionary or the chief confessor of a diocese can offer absolution for an abortion, Benedettini said, **although bishops in countries such as the United States and Britain have delegated this authority to parish priests.** Boston College theology professor James Bretzke said the Pope was "emphasizing mercy and not retribution ... embracing reconciliation and not excommunication."*

**Diocese of Rockville Centre - Office of Faith Formation
27th Annual Mass for Deceased Children
Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 12:30PM**

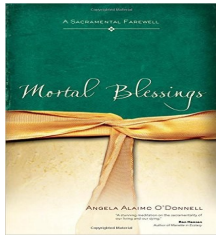
Msgr. William Koenig, Presider

St. Agnes Cathedral - 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre

Come early to inscribe your child's name in the "Book of Families."

Refreshments following Mass in the Parish Center

Contact information: Deacon Darrell Buono, Associate Director Marriage and Family
(516) 678-5800 x 200 dbuono@drvc.org



Spiritual Book Club

The St. Martin of Tours Parish Spiritual Reading Book Club will be discussing *Mortal Blessings* by Angela Alaimo O'Donnell on September 25th

at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall. All are welcome. This is a book that seeks to help us to see how present God is in our daily lives, our symbols and ordinary rituals of living.

ATTENTION:

Family Members Who Are Caring for Sick Older Adults

For more than 29 years, the not-for-profit **EAC Network Senior Respite Program** has been supporting Nassau County Families caring for an older adult by offering them anywhere from two to six hours support each week.

Time to go to church, to the doctor, to do bills, to take a class, or to go out to lunch. We introduce a caring person to visit with their frail loved one on a weekly basis, keeping them safe and engaging them in appropriate activities.

We have companions available waiting to help. Our companions are trained and carefully screened. If you are or know someone care for a family member, or you are interest in visiting an older adult, please call us at (516) 539-0150 ext. 218 or you can email Christine Weber at christine.weber@eacinc.org.

The Senior Respite program is funded by the NYS Office of Aging, the Helen L. Morris Foundation and the Town of North Hempstead's Project Independence.

Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Liturgy

Honoring Couples Married 50 Years or More

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th
Christ the King, Commack

Both Liturgies will begin at 2:30PM.
Couples may register for ONE liturgy

Please fill out a form at the rectory or call 931-0818. The office staff will have it signed by Father Pat and will send it to the Office of Worship.

**Registration for the October 4th
liturgy must be received by Sept. 18th**

**Registration for the November 8th
liturgy must be received by October 23rd**

Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions. There will be reserved seating for the registered couple only. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.

After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish. You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.



HELP OUR PARISH The H.O.P. Club

It is never too late to join the H.O.P. Club. If you are already a member but have not received your renewal letter (mailed out to all 2014/15 members in July), simply send your \$60 membership dues payable to SMT HOP Club to St. Martin of Tours, The HOP Club, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714. We can look up your HOP number for you if you don't have it.

Thank you to our new and renewed members who have joined for the 2015/2016 year. Good luck to all and thank you for supporting our parish.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE PARKING LOT RENOVATION, PLEASE ENTER ST. ALPHONSUS HALL THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR ON SEAMAN AVENUE.

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity "Welcome Back Night!"

The CMRC 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.

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.

Dear SMT Book Club Friends,



The discussion of our last book was filled with a wide range of info, sentiment and insight. Everyone was most engaged. All members made the meeting most enlightening and enjoyable. The same author who wrote "To Kill a Mockingbird" wrote our next book.

The book is "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee. It is our new read. We will meet in St. Alphonsus Hall on Friday, October 23rd at 7:30PM. This book has been reported to raise some controversy so please come and share your robust thoughts.

Please remember that all are welcome - seasoned members and new faces! Your participation is always captivating. Again, the book does not need to be completed to attend the meeting.

Any concerns, please contact Ann Meme at (516) 330-3039 or email ann111647@netscape.net.

Till then, "happy reading!" - Father Pat Wood and Ann Mele

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
7th Annual Walk for the Poor
Saturday, September 19, 2015
11 AM - Bethpage Community Park

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is hosting its 7th Annual Walk for the Poor to raise funds for needy families throughout Long Island. Each parish's conference will keep all donations received by walkers from their conference or parish. The funds will be used in fulfilling the Vincentians' mission - "to help the poor and needy through practical works of charity." For example, donations may be used to help a family who has fallen on hard times and needs financial assistance to pay their rent or utility bills. A person may be struggling to pay for transportation or to repair their car.

How can you help?

Walk with us - the Vincentians from St. Martin of Tours - sponsor a walker - donate

Vincentians from St. Martin's conference will be outside church at all Masses on the weekend of September 12th & 13th to sign up walkers and sponsors - and collect donations to this most worthy cause.

Please pray for the success of the Walk for the Poor.



LIFE LINE SCREENING
ST. ALPHONSUS HALL - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

St. Martin of Tours Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 9/30/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

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

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, 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 Battiatia, 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

LOVE IS OUR MISSION - An Apostolic Journey with Pope Francis: September 22-27, 2015

MASS AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th AT 6:30 pm

Due to increased security procedures, all who will be attending the Mass will be required to be seated 2-3 hours prior to the start of the liturgy. I _____ if chosen to attend Mass celebrated by Pope Francis, commit to attending and preparing spiritually for this graced moment in the life of Catholic Church in the United States of America.

IMPORTANT You must list the name, address, phone number and date of birth for each person for whom you are requesting a ticket. Unless this information is provided, your request will not be included in the lottery.

I request: _____ 1 ticket _____ 2 tickets (Maximum number of 2 tickets per request)

Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parish: _____

Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parish: _____

Please return this form by September 10, 2015

Office of the Bishop-Papal Tickets

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Post Office Box 9023—Rockville Centre, New York 11570

or by email: papalvisit@drvc.org



Baby Bottle Campaign

The Life Center of LI will be holding its Annual **Baby Bottle Campaign on the weekend of October 24 & 25.**

Bottles will be handed out at the end of each mass. We will pick up all bottles during the weekend of November 14 & 15.

Our thanks to Father Pat for the opportunity to help these mothers and their babies each year!



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

After a long cold winter, we welcomed a spring and summer that seemed much too short. The days are getting shorter, and the signs of fall are starting to appear. One of those signs is Respect Life Month in October. Each year, we try to bring about an atmosphere centering of the respect for human life at all stages.

We will make plans for Respect Life Sunday. and update you on Prayer Hours, Stand up for Life at different locations, and our annual **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** on the **weekend of October 24th and 25th for the Life Center of Long Island.**

We look forward to meeting with anyone and answering any questions that you might have. If you would like to join our Respect Life Committee, we are always welcoming new members. We meet monthly. If you are interested in joining, or just to sit in on meetings, please contact:
Diana Hart Mirando: 516 830 5855.

THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE: PROJECT RACHEL, POST ABORTIVE HEALING

Are you or anyone you know suffering from abortion loss? PROJECT RACHEL is the official outreach of the Catholic Church on post abortion healing. PROJECT RACHEL is a network of specially trained, compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy who are prepared to assist those who suffer from abortion loss. By calling the CONFIDENTIAL PHONE LINE, one can begin hope and healing after abortion loss. 1 (888) 456-HOPE or www.hopeafterabortion.org

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For more information or to register: Contact: Sisters of Life at 866 575 0075 toll free. or www.hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org or Theresa Bonapartis 877 586 4621 toll free or www.Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

DRVC BACK TO BASICS RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY TRAINING On line - no fee - register with www.dtellis@DRVC.org

Fall 2015 Level 11 starts 10/1/15. The Respect Life Office invites ALL parish members who would like to know more about Respect Life issues and become involved in Respect Life Ministry.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM FOR RELIGION offers a pamphlet for teens **FREE TO SPEAK**. Visit www.effor.org Religious Freedom must be maintained to protect conscience rights of all health care providers.

Life Center of Long Island Annual Dinner Dance:

Thursday October 1st 6 to 11 pm.

The Riviera at Massapequa

200 E. Shore Rd., Massapequa 11758

Contact: Gloria Shreiber at (516) 798 9100



In 1866, Pope Pius the IX entrusted the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorist Order. For the last 150 years, it has been a very special aspect of our order to spread devotion to the Blessed Mother, especially under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. I think we have been doing this well since I would say this icon is one of the most popular in the world. The original image is in the Church of St. Alphonsus in Rome. As you know, we have a lovely icon in our prayer area. To mark this great Jubilee Year of our receiving the icon, here are two events that you might consider.

- a) there will be pilgrimage this June run by the Redemptorist Order to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rome. (June 20th- 30th). There is further information in the bulletin about this trip and flyers in the rectory office.
- b) there will a pilgrimage to Washington D.C. on Sept 17, 2016. I do hope our parish might be able to fill a bus to this pilgrimage.

Pope Francis Grants a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year

As part of the celebrations for the Jubilee Year of the 150th anniversary of the Redemptorists receiving the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, the Holy Father Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence. The indulgence is available to all who make a pilgrimage, between the 27th June 2015 and 27th June 2016, to the Church of St. Alphonsus in Rome or in any Redemptorist church anywhere in the world to venerate the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

The usual conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence apply i.e. the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. The visit should conclude with the recitation of the Our Father, the Creed and prayers to Our Blessed Mother. Those who because of sickness, old age or some other grave reason are not able to make a pilgrimage may also obtain the plenary indulgence. They do this by associating themselves spiritually with the jubilee celebrations and pilgrimages in a spirit of sorrow for their sins and with the intention of fulfilling the usual conditions. In doing this they should seek the mercy of God, offering their sufferings before a small icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. **If you cannot go to Rome, you can receive this plenary indulgence here at St. Martin's by fulfilling the conditions listed and praying before the icon in our prayer area.**

Father Pat

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UPCOMING EVENTS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - LIFE TEEN KICK OFF. All high school teens are welcome to come and check us out. The Life Teen Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 5:30 PM followed by our weekly meeting!



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 - EDGE KICK OFF. All Middle School aged children in grades 6, 7 & 8 are welcome to come to see what we're all about. We meet every other week from 7 - 8:30PM in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Youth Center located in the school building. This program is a wonderful way for young adolescence to grow in their faith and make lasting friendships.



Now is a great time to consider joining our team! If you want to know more about getting involved in SMT's dynamic and lively Youth Ministry Programs, please contact Erin! Remember, *all* are welcome to the 5:30 PM Life Teen Sunday Mass. We come together to adore, to honor and to give thanks to our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. 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.

On 58th Street in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, the block where my family has had a home for more than seventy years, there was a funeral home named Cosgroves. It had been there all my life, but it closed about a year ago. There were several parking spots in the front that had no parking signs since they were held in reserve for the funeral home. Parking on my street is at a premium since there are no garages. I have often driven around in the neighborhood for more than an hour searching for a place to leave my car. There is a prayer to a nun named Lu Lu Kacey whose sisters were great at find parking spaces. The prayer goes like this: *Lu Lu Kacey if you please, find for me a space, and I promise to call you Mother Boniface.* Sometimes, it works, but there are other times when Lu Lu is asleep.

Anyway, I parked in front of the closed funeral home. There had not been a funeral in more than a year.



The place was boarded up and there was a dumpster in front of the building. The next morning I found two tickets on my car, both \$65.00 each. I was outraged since the purpose of the no parking signs was for a funeral home that was no longer active. I took pictures with cell phone and prepared a letter explaining my case in great detail as to why I should not be fined. A month later I was informed by the City of New York that I owed them \$130.00 because the sign said no parking. Sometimes rules and laws can drive one crazy.

Jesus was not against rules and laws. As a Jewish man, he had a devout love and respect for the Ten Commandments that were given to Moses on Mount Sinai. When he cured someone of an illness or disease, Jesus told the person to go and see the Jewish priest and follow the rituals to be restored to the community. At the same time, Jesus had an ongoing battle with some of the Pharisees and Jewish leaders about the countless laws and rules they imposed on the people. There was great hypocrisy in many cases since the leaders find many loopholes to avoid following these laws. One might be reminded of the so-called religious police in some radical Islamic areas who will beat a man for not having a proper beard or a woman whose head is not completely covered. Some of us might be old enough to remember high school girls having their skirts measured with a ruler as they came into school to make sure they were the proper length or when the Church refused to bury a person who had committed suicide.

Laws are important for maintaining the good order of a society; laws help us function in a proper way with one another. Tragically, we witness and read about terrible crimes that people commit against one another. We saw a terrible incident on television the other day. It seems whenever such violent crimes occur, there is a call for stricter gun control. I am not comfortable with guns, but I believe our issues with crime and violence as a nation lie far deeper than in making stricter gun laws. It does not get much clearer than: Thou Shalt Not Kill, Thou Shalt Not Steal, Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness Against Your Neighbor, Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery. Can we imagine how different our world would be, if people decided to keep these basic laws of God? I am not sure if we need more gun laws, but I am absolutely convinced human beings cannot live in peace and harmony without valuing the laws given to us by Almighty God.

The laws Jesus challenged were far closer to traditions, customs, and minor dietary regulations. Somehow, in the minds of many of the Jewish leaders at the time of Christ, they were being enforced with such rigor the people were suffering and felt themselves very disconnected from God. The laws being promoted were not about good order and loving God, but simply about the power and pride of the leadership who demanded the rules be kept at all cost. In our Gospel today, we heard: He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

Many of us remember there was a serious Church law not to eat meat on Friday. We were taught it was a mortal sin to eat a hot dog at Yankee stadium on a Friday. In my mind the bigger sin was being at Yankee Stadium. The purpose of this law was not to help us avoid meat, nor to help fish markets. It was to do penance on the day, Friday that our Lord had died. It was a way to honor God and seek to show our love of him by making a small sacrifice. So, you could have lobster and caviar on a Friday, with a large shrimp cocktail, but you were keeping the law since they were not meat. Now, our Church leaders decided this law had cease to serve its purpose since it really did not help many people get closer to God. What is forgotten is that at the time this law was lifted, Catholics were strongly encouraged to find a personal sacrifice they would make to God out of love on a Friday. The Church law became: instead of abstaining from meat, Catholics may perform an act of penance of their choosing. I must confess I am not good at keeping this regulation.

The Third Commandment is Keep Holy the Sabbath. The Catholic faith community sees attendance at Mass on Sunday as a way of keeping holy the Sabbath and requires a Catholic to attend weekly Mass. What is the purpose of this law? It is a call to remind us God is God and we are creatures. It is a call to enter into the death and Resurrection of Jesus. Over and over again, Jesus told us we need to eat his body and drink his blood to be his disciples. The commandment seeks to bring us together in community since we need each other and go to God with one another. For some of us the law gets us to Mass when we might more easily turn over in bed, or go out for a nice leisurely brunch. It is a gentle nudge to respond to the love of God, and we all need such nudges from time to time. Still, we all know we go to Mass on Sunday not because we have to or are required to, but because we love God with our minds and hearts. Jesus seeks to be in our hearts and souls. He does not want to force or demand love, he seeks to throw open his arms and invite us into his loving embrace. He welcomes us to his table of plenty.

EXPLORING THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Father Jim McCabe, CSsR

Beginning Monday, September 14th 7:15 - 8:15PM St. Alphonsus Hall

Father Jim McCabe, CSsR will conduct sessions for two - three years on the Book of Genesis which contains fifty chapters. Each session will explore two chapters. Some of topics for discussion will be questions like: Why are there two creation accounts? Why are people so old in the Book of Genesis? Why are there two flood accounts? Other topics will be explored as well. Questions will be taken at the end of each session. All sessions are on Monday with the exception of Tuesday, November 24. Father Jim has prepared the following schedule:

September 14	Chapters One & Two
September 21	Chapters Three & Four
September 28	NO SESSION
October 5	Chapters Five & Six
October 12	Chapters Seven & Eight
October 19	Chapters Nine & Ten
October 26	Chapters Eleven & Twelve
November 2	NO SESSION
November 9	Chapters Thirteen & Fourteen
November 16	Chapters Fifteen & Sixteen
November 24	Chapters Seventeen & Eighteen (Tuesday Evening)

REDEMPTORIST JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join the Redemptorists on a jubilee pilgrimage to Italy June 20-30, 2016. This 11-day journey, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and led by Fr. Paul Borowski, provincial superior, and Fr. Philip Dabney, Marian scholar, will take us to Rome, Assisi and the Amalfi Coast. Only \$3,769 per person from New York and \$3,869 from Boston or Washington, DC, which includes \$630 in taxes/airline surcharges.

For a brochure and more information, contact the Redemptorists – Perpetual Help Center. Tel: 410-990-1680 or toll-free: 877-876-7662. Email: pilgrimage@redemptorists.net; Web: www.redemptorists.net/pilgrimage. Space is limited so reserve by Dec. 31st with a \$400 per person deposit and completed registration form.

**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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 7: LABOR DAY - No 6:30 AM Mass; Rectory Office Closed
- Sept 8: Youth Ministry Adoration Holy Hour 7PM Church
- Sept 8: Christian Mothers Welcome Back Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 14: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Sept 16: VIRTUS training 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 19: Society of St. Vincent de Paul 7th Annual Walk 11AM Bethpage Park
- Sept 20: Fr. Henry's Mass of Thanksgiving 1PM Church with Reception to Follow
- Sept 25: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 27: Catechetical Sunday 10AM Church with Reception to Follow in Cafeteria
- Sept 27: Blessing of the Animals 2:15PM (due to Parish Picnic on Oct. 4th)
- Sept 27: Life Teen Ministry Kickoff 5:30PM Mass with Life Night to follow
- Sept 30: Life Line Screening begins at 9AM St. Alphonsus Hall
Pre-registration required. Call Life Line Screening at 1-866-579-5069
- Oct 2: First Friday 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Oct 3: First Saturday 8:30AM Church
- Oct 4: Deacon Jim Biggin's 30th Anniversary Mass 1PM Church
- Oct 4: PARISH PICNIC 2PM School Parking Lot
- Oct 8: Edge Ministry Kickoff 7PM Perpetual Help Youth Center
- Oct 23: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 24/25: Baby Bottle Campaign

