

Masses For The Week

Monday - September 14

6:30 Albert Krummenacker
 9:00 Evelyn & Joe Garahan

Tuesday - September 15

6:30 John & Nicoletta Mattariello
 9:00 Agnes & Allie Astarita

Wednesday - September 16

6:30 George & Doris Held
 9:00 Elaine & George Fryer

Thursday - September 17

6:30 Kathleen O'Brien Pigott
 9:00 George Spencer

Friday - September 18

6:30 Kathleen Smith
 9:00 Peter A. Perniciaro

Saturday - September 19

9:00 MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS
 5:00 Don Cavanagh
 7:00 John Lynch

Sunday - September 20

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Joseph G. Lange, Jr.
 10:00 Angelo Librizzi
 11:30 Stephen Marano, 37th Birthday Remembrance
 1:00 James Gerard Walsh
 5:30 Mary Faderl

Readings For The Week

Mon. Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11
 John 3:13-17
 Tues. 1 Timothy 3:1-13; John 19:25-27
 Wed. 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35
 Thurs. 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50
 Fri. 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3
 Sat. 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15
Sun. *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20* The wicked plotted to condemn the just one to death saying, "Let us condemn him to a shameful death."

James 3:16-4:3 Wars and conflicts arise because of envy; "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

Mark 9:30-37 Jesus said, "The Son of Man is to be handed over...if anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the...servant of all."

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: September 5/6, 2015
Regular Collection: \$14,668.15
Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into actions. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who put their faith into action by using their gifts freely in support of our parish ministries and community activities.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Have you ever listened to yourself complaining? Try this - Bad day at work - pray for the unemployed. Spouse annoying you - pray for those who have lost theirs. Bad hair day - pray for those who have lost theirs to chemo. Kids driving you nuts - pray for those who can't have kids. The list goes on, but you get the idea. Take the focus off of you, and pray for others.

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

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| 9/7/15 | #79 | Mary R. Cohan | \$25 |
| 9/8/15 | #440 | Erin Molloy | \$25 |
| 9/9/15 | #461 | Helen T. Brennan | \$25 |
| 9/10/15 | #247 | Laurel Rasmussen | \$25 |
| 9/11/15 | #286 | Geraldine Raab | \$50 |



"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



Week of September 13 - 18, 2015

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
 Edward Rasmussen*

Week of September 13 - 18, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

*In Loving Memory of
 Angelina & Thomas Cilmi*



Rest in Peace

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

**Deacon James A. Biggin
 Patriciann Caccavale, Angela M. Levin
 Vincent DeSario**

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
 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, Elsa Ryan
 Little Sonny D'Ambrosio, Joann Sescila, 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 Caraccia, Loretta Manning
 Charlie Hoffmann



Divine Mercy Novena

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Pastor's Letter

Our parish has suffered a great loss in the death of Deacon James Biggin. As pastor at St. Martin's, I first came to know Deacon Jim as the leader of the Religious Education program and the coordinator of marriages for the parish. These were two very important ministries (among the many he did) of the parish and he did them so very well. We had many meetings and discussions about these two ministries and I came to know him as a man who loved the Church and his parish, and a person who ministered in a most human and compassionate way.

He and his wife Carmela were often here at the rectory. Jim would come check the marriage intakes and Carmela served as the coordinator of our Mass books and intentions. As most of you know, her ministry is a very important one since so many of us want to have Masses said on particular days for our deceased loved ones. While Carmela was working, Jim would pop into my office and we would chat about many different things: we both bore the cross of being Mets and Jets fans; I loved his police stories; Jim was very well read in theology and pastoral work and we often discussed our faith and beliefs; he shared both humorous and heart-breaking stories about his family life; we talked politics.

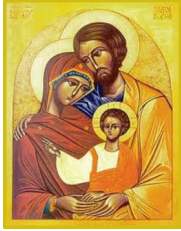
Since Jim has been a deacon in the parish for thirty years, I drew upon his wisdom for insights about our parish and our parishioners' spiritual needs. I liked to tease Jim and these spontaneous chats were full of laughter and fun. Over time, I began to speak to Jim about some of my struggles and personal challenges as pastor and priest. Naturally, people want to tell the pastor their problems and concerns in living the Christian life. They are not ready, nor should they be, to hear the pastor speak of his issues and frustrations. I was able to do that with Jim and know what I said would be respected and kept confidential. He always listened well and gave me good advice. In many ways, he was a pastor to the pastor.

A few days before Jim died, I went to the hospital to say the prayers for the dying over Jim. The Catholic prayers for the dying are very powerful as Scripture passages about life, death and resurrection are quoted, and as the prayers call down the Lord God, His Blessed Mother, and all the angels and saints to bring home the dying person to the kingdom of God. Carmela was there with other family members. I could barely make it through these prayers as my eyes filled with tears and my voice choked up. I was full of sadness. I had only known Jim four years. I can only imagine the grief of Carmela who shared life with him for 54 years of marriage and his dear children and grandchildren.

After these prayers, I said my last goodbye to Jim. I rarely have told another man that I loved him. I experienced that bond with Jim. What began as a professional pastor-to-deacon relationship had grown to deep and loving friendship. I am so very grateful to God for that gift, but I shall miss my friend and those informal discussions very much. God rest you in his loving arms, dear Jim.

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

Young Family Ministry - Leading families closer to Christ



Parents meet once a month to chat while the kids play. A meal is provided; it's that simple. We'd love to have you and your family join us. You do not have to be a parishioner of SMT to attend. To RSVP or for more info, contact Erin at: SMT_LifeTeen@Yahoo.com

The schedule is as follows:

Thursdays 6:30 - 8PM in the OLPH Youth Center (School Building)
September 17, October 29, November 19, December 17, January 21
February 4, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16

2015 Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis/Provided by The Long Island Carriers of EWTN

Extensive coverage will be aired for all the interesting and inspiring events on EWTN Cablevision Channel 135/ Channel 1097 Spanish; Direct TV Channel 370; Dish Network Channel 261; Verizon Channel 285/Channel 1741 Spanish. The schedule was taken from the web site of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - www.usccb.org

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - WASHINGTON D.C.

4:00 p.m. Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - WASHINGTON D.C.

9:15 a.m. Welcome ceremony. Meet President Obama at the White House

11:30 a.m. Midday Prayer with U.S. Bishops, St. Matthew's Cathedral

4:15 p.m. Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - WASHINGTON D.C.; NY CITY

9:20 a.m. Address Joint Session of the United States Congress

11:15 a.m. Visit to St. Patrick in the City Catholic Charities

6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick Cathedral

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 - NEW YORK CITY

8:30 a.m. Visit to the UN and Address to the UN General Assembly

11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial, World Trade Center

4:00 p.m. Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem

6:00 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - PHILADELPHIA

9:30 a.m. Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia

10:30 a.m. Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

4:45 p.m. Visit to Independence Mall

7:30 p.m. Visit to the Festival of Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - PHILADELPHIA

9:15 a.m. Meeting with Bishops at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

11:00 a.m. Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility

4:00 p.m. Mass for the Conclusion of the World Meeting of Families

7:00 p.m. Visit with organizers and volunteers of the World Meeting of Families

8:00 p.m. Departure for Rome

Block Party Raffle
Sunday, October 4, 2015
Following the 1:00PM Mass

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
We Will Bless the Newly Paved Parking Lot after the 1:00 p.m. Mass
Our Parish Block Party will follow with Food and Drink!

Good Weather Forecasted! Television will be available to watch the Mets in the Playoffs!

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



Catholic Boy Scout Retreat
September 25-27, 2015
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington

Visit www.ccos-drvc
for all forms and updates.



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.

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

Diocese of Rockville Centre - Office of Faith Formation

27th Annual Mass for Deceased Children

Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 12:30PM

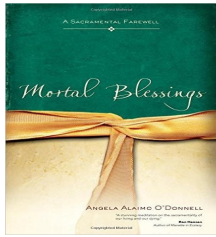
Msgr. William Koenig, Presider

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 September 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.

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

Members please gather at the **9AM Mass on Tuesday, September 15th** which is the **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**. Reserved seating will be provided.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

The next Adoration, Tuesday, October 13th.
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 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

This Sunday, September 13th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we are going to have a blessing of the newly renovated and named parish outreach center. All parishioners are welcome to attend. There will be an open house at the pantry from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We also want to honor those who serve so faithfully in our parish outreach center. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

This is an ideal time to see the renovations that have been done in the center. You can see how your food donations reach those in need. The work done was part of our capital campaign. I am always so moved by the generosity of the parishioners to the pantry as you bring food and other needed goods week after week. You are truly living the Gospel: I was hungry and you fed me. I also want to express the deepest appreciation the coordinator of the food pantry, Rosemary Scarangella and her great team of co-workers.

It was my feeling that Mother Teresa was such an inspiration to all the world by her commitment to caring for the poor, the sick, and dying. I am sure we can call on her to inspire and guide each one of us in seeking to follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.



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

MAGGIE'S STORY: LIVING LIKE DAD. The following is a story put out by the USCCB. Maggie Karmer was diagnosed with terminal illness at the age of 50 but did not give up hope. She embraced a NEW NORMAL, cherishing each moment of life given to her. The following are excerpts from her story:

"I was nervous and uncomfortable as I drove to the hospice facility to visit my Dad. Just a few weeks prior, he had suffered a severe fall that damaged his spinal cord and left him unable to move from his neck down. It took my family and me quite a while to accept that my dad was a person with quadriplegia. It took Dad even longer. My formerly healthy and active father would no longer be doing much of anything for himself. His health was quickly failing due to his age and the stress the accident imposed on his system, and I realized we were entering a new phase of Dad's existence: the end of his life.

Watching anyone suffer, especially a loved one is one of the hardest human experiences. Physical and emotional pain seem into us and affect us profoundly. As time progressed, his condition deteriorated bringing dementia, and later, the end stages leading to his death. Looking back, I'm convinced that walking through those moments with Dad made both of us different and better people. God loved us enough to allow those moments, even and especially moments of suffering, in order to teach us lessons which helped us to grow spiritually and emotionally. Dad left a legacy. He taught me how to live and die with faith and with dignity marked by patience and grace. Dad taught me that Jesus was walking along with him through "the valley of the shadow of death" (Psalm 23:4). Christ's journey to the Cross left him alone, in pain, and by all appearances abandoned by his Father in heaven.

I needed to know that message because my own life today is filled with chemo treatments, fatigue, and a gradual loss of physical function. I've been diagnosed with aggressive glioblastoma brain cancer. This is a terminal diagnosis and I'm only 51 with 3 kids and a busy husband. It pains me to watch them struggle to care for me daily. I cry out to God every night with the same questions my father did. But I am certain my God hears my cries, which are sometimes angry, sometimes frustrated, and sometimes exhausted. I know this because Jesus also cried out to his Father in pain and showed me that God can handle our questions, or fears, and our uncertainties.

The current debate about legalizing physician-assisted suicide isn't about me or any other individual; it's about all of us together - as a society and as a community of faith. We are meant to be interdependent, to serve each other in humility, and walk together in suffering. Assisted suicide also involves more than just the patient. It includes doctors, pharmacists, witnesses, and the state, which we trust to protect and safeguard the most vulnerable: people with disabilities, the elderly, people with mental illnesses, and others. Assisted suicide may sound like it provides choices for individuals; but instead, it's taking choices away from people by radically weakening the promise of care and support at the end of life for terminally ill patients like me.

To this day, my doctor won't give me a timeline for my survival because we know medical opinions can be, and have been, wrong. Many patients have lived full and active lives for years after receiving a 6 month prognosis. Sadly, opinions about projected timelines can lead people to give up on treatment and miss out on years of life. I have decided to take part in a new clinical trial for my cancer, hoping to find a cure - if not for me, then for others who will follow me. I hope for the gift of healing from God, but I trust in his love for me and his plan for my life, however long or short that may be.

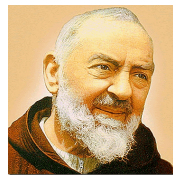
This is very personal for me. My brain cancer - or what I can or can't do - doesn't define me as a person. But it does give me the opportunity to witness to the fact that every human life has incredible dignity, whether we are infirm or able. And all the while, my family and friends can daily learn the valuable lessons of caring for me in my last days with real compassion and respect. Through their loving care, they affirm what I also know - that my life is, always has been, and will always be worth living.

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Please join us on Tuesday September 15th at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel for the St. Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated.

Please check out www.saveprosthetics.org on the web. It is a petition regarding Medicare's attempt to limit adult access to prosthetics. According to the Amputee Coalition, Medicare is trying to eliminate certain billing codes resulting in no reimbursements by providers. Consequently, eventually anyone can be denied any type of medical services including our veterans who gave limbs to protect our Nation. More on the state of the Affordable Health Care Act can be heard on You Tube in a talk by John Hassert, M.D.

I want to speak to you this morning about scapegoats. The primary definition of a scapegoat is: *person or group made to bear the blame for them or to suffer in their place*. Have you ever heard of Steve Bartman? Steve Bartman is a rather ordinary looking fellow who went to see his beloved Chicago Cubs play a baseball game on October 13, 2003. If the Cubs won this game they would go to the World Series. To make this even more interesting, the Chicago Cubs had not been in a world series since 1908. Now, that is a long time. This is what happened to all but ruin the life of this baseball fan:

The Cubs were ahead, 3-0, in the eighth inning, five outs from their first World Series appearance in 58 years, when Bartman reached for and deflected a foul ball that left fielder Moises Alou had leapt for and appeared ready to catch. The Marlins went on to score eight runs in the inning, win the game and then win the series the next night.

Because of this incident, Bartman became a hated figure in Chicago, and received death threats and had to go in hiding. The Cub fans, and remember the word fan is taken from the word fanatic, blamed this man for all the failures this baseball team had over the course of a hundred years. They failed to point out that the Cubs went on to give up eight runs after Bartman tried to catch the foul ball. Bartman was not pitching or fielding when those eight runs were given up. Additionally, if the Cubs had won the game the next day, they still would have been in the World Series. But, scapegoating seems to be part of human nature. It is almost a reflexive action.

On a more serious note, I think of the issues our nation has with violence and tragic mass shootings. As soon as one of these horrible events occurs, there is great cry for more gun control. Now, I am not a gun owner; I do not like guns; and I think it should be very hard to get a gun. Still, the far deeper issue is a moral and spiritual crisis for our entire nation. It is too easy to just see guns as the key problem. Why as a nation are we so violent? Why do people kill one another? Getting at the deeper causes of our society's struggles is most challenging and difficult to do. It is far easier to blame the guns and stop there.

People scapegoat their parents (it's their fault I am the way I am), their bosses (he or she is totally unfair to me), their families (my family never appreciates me and all I do for them), the bishop or the pastor (I don't go to Church because the priest is boring) their teachers (the test was too hard) and so on. Now, a lot of scapegoating is just ordinary complaining that many of us do. When something goes wrong, most of us want to find someone to blame and make sure nobody blames me.

Soon the High Holy Days of our Jewish Brothers and Sisters will be celebrated. We Christians often complain the Jewish people always get good weather, perhaps because they are the Chosen People. Still, we are happy if we get off from work or do not have to deal with alternate side of the street parking rules during the high holy days.

Rosh Hashanah is the beginning of the Jewish New Year. Ten days later comes the Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. These ten days are a special spiritual time for the Jewish people. But the most solemn day is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. If a Jew were to go synagogue on only one day of the year, it would be Yom Kippur. The closest comparison I would make is to our Ash Wednesday. On the Day of Atonement a Jew seeks forgiveness from God for his or her sins.

Now the roots of this day are in the Old Testament and it is where we actually get the term scapegoat. In the book of Leviticus, we read that the Jewish people would get two goats that were as perfect as they could be. The High Priest would slaughter one of the goats as an offering to God for the forgiveness of the sins of the people. The blood would be sprinkled on what is called the mercy seat, which is the top of the Ark of the Covenant which contains that which is most sacred to the Jewish people, the two stone tablets of the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses.

What is done with the second goat is where our term scapegoat comes from. The high priest and people would gather around this goat and whisper their sins at the goat. Then the animal would be driven out into the wilderness. We can see what the Jewish people sought to do in this ancient ritual: they were seeking to place their sins on the goat and remove them from themselves.

Father McGowan and I have given more than a hundred retreats and mission together. We both agree the talk we give that has the most impact on people is our talk on guilt. So many people carry the terrible burden of guilt with them and never seem to let it go. Sometimes the guilt is for something that was done in the past, and other times the guilt is really for something that was not a sin but we still blame ourselves. Guilt can be good if it moves us to seek the mercy and love of God. Guilt can be very crippling and destructive if we refuse to let it go into the mercy of God. Guilt can become a form of self-punishment or even self-hatred.

There are people who refuse to let go of their past sins and let God take them away. There are people who feel guilt because of the sins of their youth. There are people who feel guilt because they might be divorced, or because their children do not go to Church, or because they committed the sin of an abortion or adultery, or they were not with a loved one when they died, or they spoke harsh words to an elderly parent they were caring for, or they were in an accident and someone got hurt. The litany of guilt goes on and on. I remember once hearing a priest say: Guilt is saying how bad I am that I sinned, while Contrition is saying how great God is that he forgives us our sins when we repent and turn to him.

In our Catholic faith, we do not have a mercy seat or a scapegoat to whom we can whisper our sins. Far greater than the mercy seat on top of the Ark of the Covenant is this altar, where bread and wine will become the body and blood of Jesus. We are not saved by the blood of goats or sheep, but by the dying of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. This Eucharist and every Mass is the one moment of God continuing to reconcile us by his death on the cross. We will soon hear these words at this Eucharist: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

We do not have a goat in our faith to whisper the sins and guilt we wish to be free from in our lives. We have a lamb, the Lamb of God who comes to take away the sins of the world. Give all the burdens, sins, destructive guilt to Jesus the Lamb of God who seeks to set us free. Boldly says the words shortly before you receive Jesus:

Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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**A Celebration of Thanksgiving
for Ten Years of Priestly Ministry
to the People of St. Martin of Tours Parish**

**Father Henry Sattler, CSSR
Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. Mass**

Reception to Emmaus Hall (School Cafeteria) to follow. All are welcome to the Mass and reception. If you cannot make the Mass, you are most welcome to come to the reception.

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:

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| 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) |

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 14: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Sept 15: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- 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 22 - 27: Pope Francis' Apostolic Journey to the United States
- Sept 25: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 27: Catechetical Sunday 10AM Church/Reception to follow in St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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
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- Oct 2: First Friday 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Oct 3: First Saturday 8:30AM 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

