

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - October 5**

6:30 John Poster  
9:00 Florence A. Leach

**Tuesday - October 6**

6:30 Eugenie & James Jones  
9:00 Gerald Meehan

**Wednesday - October 7**

6:30 Deacon Jim Biggin  
9:00 Deceased Members of the Serventi Family

**Thursday - October 8**

6:30 John Moquin  
9:00 Frank & Joseph Serventi

**Friday - October 9**

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita  
9:00 Comnesso, Spaluzzi & Fazio Families

**Saturday - October 10**

9:00 MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS  
5:00 John Flaherty, Leo Salvayon & Mary Connaughton  
7:00 Caprio & Curcio Families

**Sunday - October 11**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Helen & Henry Ruff  
10:00 Thomas Cilmi, Anniversary  
11:30 Emiliano L. DeGuzman  
1:00 Margaret Simone  
5:30 Giacomo Bologna

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37  
Tues. Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42  
Wed. Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4  
Thurs. Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13  
Fri. Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26  
Sat. Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28  
**Sun. Wisdom 7:7-11** *"I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her...and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her."*

**Hebrews 4:12-13** *The word of God is "sharper than any two-edged sword," discerning "reflections and thoughts of the heart."*

**Mark 10:17-30** *Jesus told a young man, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and...follow me."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Amount Budgeted:** \$17,500.00  
**Amount Received:** September 26/27, 2015  
**Regular Collection:** \$16,183.41  
*Thank you for your great generosity!*

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good stewards knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who celebrate and enjoy the gift of family through service to our Family Life and Activities Ministries.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Darkness doesn't exist on its own. Darkness is the absence of light. We have timers, motion sensors, night lights and clappers! We try to avoid the dark because the light feels safer. So if you are in the dark, remember that Jesus is the Light of the World!

**Our next meeting is Monday, October 5th at 7:30 PM in the Church.** Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



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

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**HOP Club Winners**

9/28/15	#588	Josephine Ryan	\$25
9/29/15	#438	Richard & Evelyn Velting	\$25
9/30/15	#189	Tom Heltz	\$25
10/1/15	#193	Tom & Kristine Robertson	\$25
10/2/15	#138	Alma Dougherty	\$50

*Wedding Banns*

3rd: Nico DePaul & Bruna Marietto

Michael Messineo & Audra Schmidt



2nd: Nick Fazzolare & Lisa Waldman

Pasko Skarica & Mallory Baker

1st: Michael Murphy & Sarah Brancaccio



*“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 peas, corn, mixed vegetables, carrots, oatmeal, pasta sauce, tomato paste, chili, beef stew, tuna, black beans, soups, mayonnaise, oil, cake mix, sugar, flour, salt, juice boxes, toilet paper, tissues, dish soap and bar soap.

We are so grateful for your tremendous support. Our clients are truly grateful.

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

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

*Week of October 4 - 10, 2015*



*Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of  
 Gloria Waller*

*Week of October 4 - 10, 2015*

*Sanctuary Candle*

*In Loving Memory of  
 Anne Burford*



***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, Pat Cannata  
 Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell  
 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 Baciуска, Lorraine Dennon  
 Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder, Thomas Napoli  
 Justine & Nicole Scudder, Joan Spira, Gerald Campbell  
 Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall, Joe Bauer, Peters Family  
 Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Charles Boyce  
 Antoinette Diana, Elsa Ryan, Sarah Messina, William Boyce  
 Little Sonny D'Ambrosio, Joann Sescila, Albert La Rocca  
 Michael Arato, Deacon Jose Roa, Elizabeth Ryan  
 Ken Mannion, Linda Malone, Lynn Calo, Tom Doty  
 Christine Chiarappa, Michael Kott, Jr., Connie Burgess  
 Dolores Miller, Susan Carroll-Goyan, Carol Episcopio  
 Cathy Rusch, Samantha McNeil, Patty & Tom Turano  
 Antonia Binetti, Layla Barr, Louie Gandolfo, Fran Brideau  
 Kevin Connors, Diane Braun, Jerome Antonucci  
 Nicholas Amato, Sal Mascolo, Jean Zarou  
 Gerard, Dana, Zachary & Rachel Biggin, Guido Penafiel  
 Barry Monteleone, Dolores Lordahl, Madeline Molnar  
 Liz Caraccia, Charlie Hoffmann, Nadine Lewin Wall  
 Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan, Jesusa Aquino  
 Carol Posnjak, Jim Fanning, Geraldine Zeterberg

***Rest in Peace***

***Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”***  
**Dora Hernandez, Loretta V. Manning**  
**Concetta Morlando, Josephine Ryan**

## *The Pastor's Letter*

Over the past week or so, several people have gone out the way to compliment me on the newly paved parking lot. I am never one to turn down praise so I graciously thanked them and say we all did a great job. In terms of the quality of the parking lot, I am not an expert on engineering and paving, but I do believe every effort was made to have the work done as well as possible. I am a believer in the old adage, *Buy cheap, buy twice*, so we tried to get quality people and materials and not cut any corners. The same would be true for the school brick work, the school roof, and renovated parish outreach center.

What I want to stress is that this was a parish project, and all that has been accomplished to date on our *Paving the Way For Christ Building Campaign*, has been done by the dedicated and committed efforts of all the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Parish. This project began with both the members of the Parish Council and the Financial Council recommending that we address the property needs of the parish.

The recommendations led to the *Paving the Way For Christ* fundraising campaign. I shall never forget the meeting when more than 120 people showed up to volunteer on the campaign. 880 families and individuals donated and made pledges to the campaign. You might remember that our fundraising committee said we could probably reach a goal of 1.2 million dollars. The generosity of the parishioners allowed the parish to raise 1.7 million dollars. I am delighted to say that people have continued to be most faithful to the pledges they made. We continue to the present day to receive new additional donations to the fund. I am happy to say there is no diocesan tax on any of these donations.

As the money has been raised, the next step was to begin to address the property concerns. A fine group of men and women volunteered to serve as an advisory board (a Building Committee) to me as we began to seek to outline whom we would hire for the work. They have been most helpful as has the advice from the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

We have finished four major projects: a) the school brick work b) the school roof c) the renovation of the pantry d) the paving of the parking lot. We have used some funds to address some of the doors of the church with more work to be done on them. Two major projects still remain: the lighting of the church and addressing the school auditorium as a place where some sporting activity can occur. We are also committed to having a memorial where we can list all who have been so much part of this effort. I am confident that we will have the funds to do meet these goals. After we pay our bills for the paving, I will give an up-to-date financial report of where we are with our capital campaign funds. I also know that there are parishioners who were not able to donate any money to the campaign. You supported the campaign by your prayers and encouragement and I appreciate what you have done for the parish.

My purpose in writing this letter is to congratulate all the parishioners for what you have done and what you will continue to do. So, if you want to compliment me that is fine (perhaps with Mets tickets to the World Series), but I want all to know what has been is a total parish project. God bless you all for you love of God and your parish.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR  
woodscsr@aol.com  
Website: [smtbethpage.org](http://smtbethpage.org)

**Roni Menrath**

I received this email from Roni Menrath's grandson, Ryan. Roni was a wonderful parishioner here at St. Martin's. She was a deeply spiritual woman who led our Parish Gardening Committee. I invite you to consider supporting this fine cause. - Father Pat

*I'm reaching out to each of you to let you know that for the second year running I will be championing **Team Roni** in the Lustgarten Foundation's Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk in honor of my grandmother, Roni Menrath. Last year we walked near my home in Albany, however, this year we've decided to register for the Long Island walk at Jones Beach, Field 5 on October 11th at 9:00AM. This is the flagship walk that the Lustgarten Foundation puts on, and is closest to Roni's home in Bethpage.*

*As I'm sure you know, two years ago my grandmother succumbed to the most fatal form of cancer in the world. Coping with her loss has been a personal challenge for everyone in my family. Research has shown that pancreatic cancer kills 96% of those afflicted within five years of diagnosis. I'm writing to each of you because I'd like your support on behalf of my grandmother and all of the other pancreatic cancer patients, survivors, friends, and family members who have borne witness to sadness and suffering caused by a disease that is not well understood. I'm seeking both monetary donations for cancer research as well as walkers for **Team Roni** in this year's walk at Jones Beach.*

*I've set up a website for donations at the address below. Please look over the page as well as the "Event Information" and see if it is something you would be interested in supporting or participating in. You can join the team as a walker by clicking "Join Team" or donate by clicking "Donate Now" on the purple icons located near the upper right of the page. Webpage: <http://2015LongIslandWalk.kintera.org/teamroni>*

**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](http://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 at 931-0818 and someone will get back to you with assistance.

**Next Virtus at St. Martin of Tours**  
**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**  
**7:00PM - 10PM**  
**St. Alphonsus Parish Hall**

**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:

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 150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pilgrimage@redemptorists.net)

Web: [www.redemptorists.net/pilgrimage](http://www.redemptorists.net/pilgrimage)

**Space is limited so reserve by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** with a \$400 per person deposit and completed registration form.

***LI/Metro Retrouvaille***  
***You Can Help Heal Your Marriage***

*Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.*

*This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, November 13th, 2015 at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington.***

***Please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.***



**This Sunday, October 4th - There is a Life Night after the 5:30PM Mass.**  
All high school teens are welcome. Dinner will be served!

**UPCOMING EVENT:**

There is no Life Night on Sunday, October 11th due to the Columbus Day weekend! However, please come and worship with us at the 5:30PM Mass.



**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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next Adoration hosted by the  
Youth Ministry is Tuesday, October 13th.  
7:00 PM in the Church.  
Everyone is welcome!

***The Bereavement Sessions*** scheduled for October - December will be postponed until further notice.

Please call the rectory at 931-0818 for a list of other parishes that offer bereavement sessions if you would like to attend sooner. Thank you!

**Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity (CMRC)**

The General Meeting will be held on ***Tuesday, October 6th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall*** (use front door on Seaman Avenue). Yearly dues are only \$10. You can see Janet Dion to submit your dues. (Cash or checks accepted payable to CMRC). Anyone wishing to join, please contact Janet at 433-9340.

**The Evening's Events:**

**Investiture of new members**

**Special Guest Speaker - Sheila Regan**

**Sheila will be showing a presentation on Medjugorje.**

***As always, refreshments will be served! Everyone Welcome!!***

**Diocese of Rockville Centre  
Golden Wedding Liturgy  
Honoring Couples Married 50 Years or More**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th  
Christ the King, Commack**

**The Liturgy will begin at 2:30PM.  
Couples must register by October 23  
for the November 8th 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.

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.

**Defensive Driving Course**

St. Alphonsus Hall  
38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714  
Saturday, October 31, 2015  
from 8:30AM - 3PM  
Cost: \$45 per person

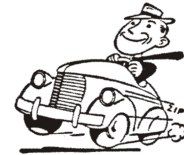
**To Register:**

Write to reserve seat(s) and mail \$45 per person. Please include your name and telephone number.

**Write check payable to Martin Hirschfield**

**Mail to:** Driver Ed  
PO Box 314  
Dept. V  
Lake Grove, NY 11755

For more info, please call (631) 360-9720



**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 Mele at (516) 330-3039 or email [ann111647@netscape.net](mailto:ann111647@netscape.net).



**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

**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)  
October 29, November 19, December 17, January 21  
February 4, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16

**The Kellenberg Memorial High School Family  
Cordially invites you to attend the  
Conference Celebrating the Catholic Family  
Saturday, October 24, 2015**

Starting at 9AM and concluding after mass at 4PM  
Featuring speakers Dr. Larry Feingold, Mr. Benedict Nguyen  
Dr. Timothy Herrman and Prof. Douglas Bushman  
Your \$15 registration includes a light breakfast and lunch.  
Register today at [www.kellenberg.ort/familyconference](http://www.kellenberg.ort/familyconference)  
or call the Ark at 516-292-0200 x 342

*I will be away from Sunday to Thursday giving a retreat to a group of priests at San Alfonso Retreat House in New Jersey. I ask your prayers as I conduct this retreat. Father Pat*



## 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!

### Supplies for Soldiers - Adopt a Battalion

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4987 Bethpage NY is sponsoring a collection of hygiene items, snacks and recreational items from now until November 11th, Veterans Day. We can use:

Aspirin	socks	gum
Travel size shampoo	sunscreen	hard candy
Razors	toothbrushes	mint
Dental floss	toothpaste	nuts
Deodorant	moist wipes	peanut butter
Feminine hygiene	beef jerky	protein bars
Foot powder	chocolate	tea bags
Hair bands	coffee singles	trail mix
Moisturizer	cookies	envelopes
Mouth wash	crackers	note cards
Chap stick	Crystal Light	pens/pencils
Non-aerosol shaving cream	dried fruit	stationery
Sudoku/crossword	granola bars	Ziploc bags
Puzzle books	small toys	

Thank you for anything you can do. God bless our Troops and our Veterans!

### Family Fest 2015

You are invited to join Catholic families from across Long Island for a day of faith and fun for the whole family. A free Catholic family festival to promote a culture of vocations across Long Island. Inspiring talks for all ages, Eucharistic Adoration, games and crafts and Mass.

**October 10, 2015 from 1PM to 5PM**

**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 W. Neck Road, Huntington NY**

**Pre-Registration Required. Call or register online!**

**516-678-5800 ext. 214**

**[www.drvcfamilyfest.org](http://www.drvcfamilyfest.org)**

## 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

**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 caring for a family member, or you are interested 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.

**Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour**

Please join us on Monday, **October 5th at 1PM in the Church** in reparation for the wounds to His Holy Face. All will be blessed with St. Raphael oil. Everyone is welcome to pray with us!

**AmazonSmile Foundation Benefits our local Catholic Charities**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Rockville Center, is now a registered charity with AmazonSmile which is a website operated by Amazon that allows customers to enjoy the same wide selection of shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that now when you shop on AmazonSmile (**smile.amazon.com**), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases back to Catholic Charities.

Please make sure when you first visit the AmazonSmile site, you select **Catholic Charities Diocese of Rockville Centre** as the charitable organization you wish to support when prompted and then you may begin to shop.

0.5% might seem small but the amount adds up fast when many Amazon shoppers designate Catholic Charities as the charity to benefit.

go to <http://smile.amazon.com> for answers to all your questions and to register. **Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities!**

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

Call Diana Hart Miranda (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**

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY****OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH/RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015**

**UPDATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015: USA TODAY: WASHINGTON** - Republicans are launching a new strategy to try to defund Planned Parenthood now that it's clear that Congress will vote to keep the government open without addressing the issue. The House is also expected to consider the creation of a Select Committee to investigate allegations that the nation's largest abortion provider discussed selling tissue and organs from aborted fetuses for profit. Planned Parenthood denies the allegations. Planned Parenthood receives about 500 million a year from the federal government. excerpts from USA Today.

President of Planned Parenthood, Cecile Richards testified Tuesday, Sept. 29 about services provided by Planned Parenthood before the House Oversight Committee. Bishop Murphy: (This is a result of Planned Parenthood videos negotiating baby body parts for money is an atrocity and a crime!). Please continue to demand your local, state and federal representatives stand up for your thoughts on this important issue. To view these videos go to Life News.com (Shock Video Catches Another Top Parenthood Doctor Selling Body Parts of Aborted Babies).

**THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE: DRVC. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT, INC.**

Ask Congress to fix the limitations in federal law that threaten our religious liberty. Current federal law only partially protects conscience rights in health care. The Health Care Conscience Rights Act. (S.1919/ H.R. 940) will correct existing deficiencies. Tell Congress that government must not force Americans to violate their religious and moral beliefs about respect for life when they provide health services or provide or purchase health coverage. With these modifications to current law, the promise of the FOUNDERS, that Americans would NOT BE FORCED BY THEIR GOVERNMENT TO VIOLATE THEIR DEEPEST CONVICTIONS OF CONSCIENCE, will at last be fulfilled in the modern health care system.

**PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW** to urge your Senator to co-sponsor and support the **HEALTH CARE CONSCIENCE RIGHTS ACT (S.1919)** introduced in August by Senator James Lankford (R-OK) with 14 co-sponsors. At the same time, the House should be urged to support the identical House bill, (H.R. 940) and enact its policy into must-pass legislation. Please take action.

**Please include the H.R.3504 - BORN ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT.** Protecting babies born alive after abortion passed by the House. Promise to be vetoed by President Obama if passed by House and Senate.

Please keep informed about legislation being brought before Congress on this important issue concerning tax payer funding for abortion along with bills for the protection of the most vulnerable among us. The unborn cannot speak for themselves. We must be their voices. We must step into the shoes of Jesus and lead the way, as Pope Francis tells us.

**Please join the Respect Life Ministry on Wednesday, October 21st from 3-4PM in the Church. There will be Adoration and the Rosary for Life will be prayed.**

If you are not able to attend, we ask that you take a few minutes to think of and pray for the respect of each and every life from conception to natural death.

**THE SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS YOUTH MINISTRY is teaming up with  
THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL for some wonderful community outreach!**

**I**n order to help the Sisters serve their clients, we will be hosting a **Hat & Glove Drive** right here at SMT. We will be accepting new or used winter hats & gloves at every SMT Youth Ministry Event from now until October 9<sup>th</sup>. **Here's what you can do to maximize the number of warm items we can pass on...Ask your friends, family, and neighbors if they have any clean old & usable hats & gloves that they can donate. Collect them & bring them with you to any Youth Ministry event or at the rectory office!**

In January, Life Teen will be serving at the Soup Kitchen the Sisters run. More information about that coming soon! For more information or to find out how you can do more, contact the Youth Ministry Office! For more information on the CFR Sisters can be found at: [www.franciscansisterscfr.com](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com)

**The Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate**

**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> Life Teen welcomes the Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate to the 5:30pm Mass and to our Life Night.**

**T**he Sisters will tell us about their mission and the needs of those they serve. Currently, their clients in the U.S. are in need of clothing. We will be collecting new and used clothing (all sizes) at all of our Youth Ministry Events from now through November 8. They are also in need of stationery: paper, envelopes, pens & pencils. For more information about the Sisters visit: [www.msomi.org](http://www.msomi.org)

Today, with more than 400 Sisters actively serving in Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and the United States - the Missionary Sisters continue to hold closely to the belief that it is the duty of all Christians to reach out on behalf of those who cannot care for themselves. ***"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress."*** (James 1:27) ~ MSoMI website

**Pilgrimage/Retreat at Our Lady of the Island Shrine - October 10, 2015**

**Please arrive at 9:30AM at the Shrine**

Includes Rosary Walk, Mass, Lunch at the Cafe, or you can bring your own, if you wish.

A Talk on The Blessed Mother by Fr. Hugh Gillespie

Stations of the Cross

Enrollment of the Brown Scapular will be an option.

This is a highly indulgenced sacramental, endorsed by many popes, saints and most importantly, by our Blessed Mother herself.

A car convoy will meet at 8:00AM at St. Martin's - departing by 8:15AM

This originally was going to be for all the participants who did the 33days to Morning Glory Retreat, but we would love for anyone to join us in the parish, who would like to experience this beautiful shrine, and deepen their prayer life, and draw closer to Jesus through Mary. If you need to call the shrine for directions, the phone number is: 1(631) 325-0661. A donation of \$10.00 to the shrine, would be most appreciated.



# The Golden Harvest Festival & Raffle

Raffle limited to only five hundred tickets at \$100 each  
 ...fifty cash prizes for excellent odds of one in ten!

**WHEN:** Drawing will be held at a Festival Party  
 Saturday evening in the School Cafeteria at 8PM on November 14th.

**\$100 per chance - go it alone or share a ticket with others!**

### LIST OF PRIZES

First Prize	\$5,000
2 Prizes	\$2,000
3 Prizes	\$ 500
4 Prizes	\$ 200
20 Prizes	\$ 150
20 Prizes	\$ 125



**50 Prizes!...only 500 tickets!...and a Party, too!**



**Tickets ON SALE**  
 Beginning October 10th and 11th  
 in the Gathering Area  
**BEFORE *and* AFTER ALL MASSES**  
**(including the 5:30PM on Sunday)**

**As well as in the Rectory Office during the following week!**

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY: We hope everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable summer, but Autumn is here and we are ready to be filled with the Spirit as music pours into our church and out of our hearts here at St. Martin of Tours! The following schedule shows the dates that each of our choirs has begun rehearsals. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY!

- ◆ PRACTICE TUESDAYS 7:00 PM IN CHURCH: LIFE TEEN BAND - Sings Sunday 5:30pm Mass  
We encourage high school and college students to join us.
- ◆ PRACTICE WEDNESDAYS 5:00 PM IN CHURCH: CHILDREN’S CHOIR - Sings Sunday 10am Mass  
We encourage children in grades 2-8 to join us.
- ◆ PRACTICE THURSDAYS 7:30 PM IN CHURCH: ADULT CHOIRS - Sings Sunday 8:30 and/or 11:30 Masses. We encourage adults 18 and above to join us.

I was thrilled to be at St. Patrick’s Cathedral to pray Evening Prayer with the Holy Father, Pope Francis and a very crowded, enthusiastic, faith-filled congregation. I have been at events for St. John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict, and now one with Pope Francis. I am a bit surprised how moved I was at all three services since they tend to be long, a bit difficult to hear, and difficult to attend because of security. But just a quick glimpse of the Pope at any of these events set off an emotional experience in me. I am so proud to be a Catholic and touched to see the Vicar of Christ.

Two things, among many that struck me at the prayer service was the Pope looked exhausted after his long day with the United States Congress, air flights and motorcades. Yet, the moment he started touching the hands of people and being among the people, he suddenly seemed to be full of energy and life. Being with his flock refreshes him. The highlight of his homily that evening for me was the Holy Father went out of his way to praise the religious Sisters of America, past and present. As you might know, the Vatican, about ten years ago, began an investigation into the American nuns. Many of them found this offensive and disheartening. I think he sought to bring healing to these wonderful women by his words. The entire Congregation gave the Sisters a standing ovation.

As I have gotten older, I have become more politically conservative. From my early days in the seminary of marching in support of civil rights and boycotting grapes in support of Cesar Chavez, I am in a different place in my life today. I am older, but I am not sure if I am wiser. I do know labels such as conservative and liberal really fail to describe a person’s views on life. Still, I do find myself listening to conservative political radio commentators, watching Fox News, and reading what I would call conservative websites. And, I do find myself in agreement with many things I hear.

I was extremely disappointed in how the media, in particular the people I listened to, covered the Holy Father in his trip to the United States. It seemed to me they did not like the message the Pope had, and thought he might be too liberal, and that the Democratic Party might benefit from his message. I even heard one ridicule his use of a small car and do a sophomoric imitation of the Pope struggling to speak English. Both the liberal and the conservative media tended to cover the Papal Visit as if he was coming to endorse either Donald Trump or Hilary Clinton.



**I**t seemed to me they could only see and listen to the Holy Father through the lens of their own political views. I have always found that the media - with some exceptions - does a poor job in covering religious events (and usually focusing on negative news) and that was certainly how I felt about their coverage of the Pope. The Pope is the Vicar of Christ seeking to bring people to Christ. He is not a politician seeking to win voters.

**Back to the conservative media:** It is my suspicion they were upset with the pope for some of the following reasons: He was too kind to President Obama. He did not speak enough about abortion or gay marriage. They do not want him to speak about the poor; they do not want him to speak about immigration. They did not want him to speak about climate change; they fear what he has to say about capitalism and his life style threatens them. This is my judgment. I could be wrong but it is my opinion. Let me say something about each issue.

**Kindness to President Obama:** I do not know if Pope Francis likes President Obama or not. I would certainly expect the President of the United States to greet the Holy Father cordially and I would expect the Pope to treat the President of the United States with respect because of the office he holds. I think Pope Francis is a naturally warm and kind man and it flows from him. Certainly, we all know there are issues with which the Pope would stand in total disagreement with the President. It would also be my belief that the best time to surface such points is in the private conversations they had. I was proud to be a Catholic and an American as I saw the Holy Father welcomed with such dignity.

**Is the Pope soft on abortion:** Here are some recent statements from Pope Francis on abortion: Curiously," he said, these countries with very strict laws regarding the protection of minors, who even punish fathers or mothers who spank their children, "have laws allowing them to kill their children before they are born." Francis has been an open critic of modern abortion policies, calling abortion "a sin against the Creator," and denounced the fiction that "supporting abortion somehow helps women." Last Christmas, he compared babies killed in the womb to King Herod's massacre of the innocents in his efforts to hunt down the Christ child to murder. Pope Francis underscored the contradictions of modern societies that have tight regulations regarding child welfare and yet allow babies to be killed in the womb.

**The Pope talks too much about the poor:** One out of every ten sentences in the four Gospels is about the poor. In the case of the Gospel of Luke, one out of every six sentences refers to the poor. Would we say Jesus spoke too much about the poor?

Jesus described the last judgment this way: *Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous\* will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.*

**Too much talk on immigration:** Immigration is one of the most difficult challenges facing the American people today. Our American Bishops in their written documents do not expect us to have open borders and unlimited immigration. I have no simple answer on who is right about what to do in terms of immigration. I do sense that breaking up families and deporting eleven million people may cause more harm to people than good. The Pope's family emigrated from Italy to Argentina; most of us are the descendants of immigrants. What to do about illegal immigrants is a haunting question. As we read earlier, *Jesus said to us: I was a stranger and you welcomed me.* The Pope stabs at my conscience when he speaks on this issue.

**Climate Change:** I struggle with this question. The Pope's recent Encyclical to care for the earth makes sense to all people. We are all against pollution and anything that is harmful to the environment. We know the earth and our very lives are all gifts from God. I know scientists debate whether climate change is real or not. Politics certainly enters into what should be scientific debates. The Pope is not infallible when it comes to making scientific statements. Still, I believe he is calling us to ponder and act on caring for the world around us.

**Capitalism:** Several months ago, Pope Francis spoke against unbridled capitalism that left the poor in desperate situations. Because of his statements, some pundits in the United States and other countries wondered if the Pope is a socialist. After receiving criticism for what he said, Our Holy Father promised to further study the question. When he spoke to the Congress on his recent visit, he had a different view that praised our way of capitalism but called us to use it for the good of the poor. We have done a great deal of that in our county through social security, food stamps, Medicare and Medicaid and other social programs. Americans do not want to see people starve to death or be homeless. I believe the Holy Father is not against people making money based on their abilities and skills. What he does say, as did Our Lord Jesus, that we cannot forget those who are in serious need.

**A threat to certain lifestyles:** Many celebrities and Hollywood stars would agree with many things the Pope says, especially those about climate change and the poor. Yet, many of these celebrities live in mansions and own private jets, several luxury cars, and spend millions on clothes. The Pope deliberately chooses to live a simple lifestyle (as much as a pope can). I think his small Fiat irritated some commentators because they like to ride in big limos. The Pope did not condemn them for that; he simply chose a different path. We all know lots of people talk the talk but we also have a sense that Pope Francis walks the walk.

Perhaps, I am being too hard on the conservative media. I do know the issues that the Holy Father spoke of are very important to him and consistent with the message of Jesus and the Church through the centuries. Actually, the core message of the Pope was to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ for all people, especially sinners and those on the margins of society. Pope Francis has been called *The People's Pope*. I like that name but I think I would call him *The Mercy Pope* since he is so vigorous in his proclamation of the mercy of God for all of us and in our call to be merciful and charitable to one another. That is a message that is very challenging to embrace since it calls us to die to ourselves for the sake of others. When we do this, it brings abundant life. That is the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct 5: Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour 1PM Church
- Oct 5: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Oct 8: Edge Ministry Kickoff 7PM OLPH Youth Center
- Oct 10/11: Golden Harvest Ticket Sale Begins - after all weekend Masses
- Oct 12: Columbus Day - No 6:30AM Mass - Rectory Closed
- Oct 13: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM Church
- Oct 20: Culture Project - *Sexual Integrity* for High School Teens Only  
7PM OLPH Youth Center
- Oct 21: Respect Life Adoration and Rosary for Life Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Oct 23: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 24/25: Baby Bottle Campaign - Pick up bottles after all Masses
- Oct 25: Culture Project - *Human Dignity* for all parishioners 7PM OLPH Youth Center
- Nov 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2AM - Clocks go *BACK* one hour
- Nov 1: Knights of Columbus Membership Drive and  
Charitable & Benevolent Association Chance Books Sunday Masses Only
- Nov 11: Veterans Day - Rectory Office Closed
- Nov 11: Feast of St. Martin of Tours 9AM Mass Church (no 6:30AM Mass)
- Nov 14: Golden Harvest Festival and Raffle 8PM Cafeteria
- Nov 14/15: Baby Bottles Collection after all Masses
- Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM Church (no 6:30AM Mass)

