

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - October 12 - Columbus Day**

**NO 6:30 MASS**  
9:00 Paul Daly

**Tuesday - October 13**

6:30 Isabel Paladino  
9:00 Dolores Felro

**Wednesday - October 14**

6:30 Deacon James Biggin  
9:00 Filomena & Stephen DeCario

**Thursday - October 15**

6:30 John J. Wolfe  
9:00 Lance & Ina Lomot

**Friday - October 16**

6:30 Robert DeBobs  
9:00 The Regan Family, Living & Deceased

**Saturday - October 17**

9:00 MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS  
5:00 Herman Ostermeier  
7:00 Madeline T. Stein

**Sunday - October 18**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Father Paul Gozaloff  
10:00 Barbara Bardak  
11:30 Frank Giugliano, Jr.  
1:00 Lucinda Castellanos  
5:30 Arthur J. Bretton, Jr.

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32  
Tues. Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41  
Wed. Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46  
Thurs. Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54  
Fri. Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7  
Sat. Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12

**Sun. *Isaiah 53:10-11*** *If the servant of the Lord "gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life."*

**Hebrews 4:14-16** *Brothers and sisters: "Let us confidently approach the throne of grace."*

**Mark 10:35-45** *Jesus replied to James and John, "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00**  
**Amount Received: October 3/4, 2015**  
**Regular Collection: \$17,209.57**  
*Thank you for your great generosity!*

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus? We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who keep attachments of any sort from distracting them from their spiritual work.

**From Father Jim McCabe, CSsR**

My mother, Vivian McCabe, died on Monday night, October 5th. As per my parents' wishes, there is no Funeral Mass or service.

Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers!

Charismatic Prayer Group

**Contact**

Think about how keeping in touch with someone has changed over the past couple of hundred years. From getting a letter months after it was written to getting a text seconds after it was sent! God's messaging system hasn't changed! He knows what's in our hearts and minds before we do!

**Our next meeting is Monday, October 19th 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 winners on page 8

*Wedding Banns**3rd: Nick Fazzolare & Lisa Waldman**Pasko Skarica & Mallory Baker**2nd: Michael Murphy & Sarah Brancaccio*

**“Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me.”**

This week, the Pantry could use: sweet cereal, oatmeal, canned potatoes, peas, mixed vegetables, carrots, chili, beef stew, tomato paste, peanut butter, Chef Boyardee canned pastas, lentils, soups, coffee, mayonnaise, oil, ketchup, brownies, cake mix, icing, pudding, Jell-O, sugar, dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap, tissues, toilet paper, diapers (size 3) and baby wipes.

Due to your extreme generosity, we were able to serve 452 people from 95 individual families during the month of September. Thank you for all you do.

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

*Week of October 11 - 17, 2015**Altar Bread & Wine**In Loving Memory of  
Bernie Lavin**Week of October 11 - 17, 2015**Sanctuary Candle**In Loving Memory of  
Antoinette Vicedomini****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  
Louise Smith, Joseph Vareed, Anna M. Bosco, Baby Daniel,  
Janet Medina, Kevin Henson Marie Newman, The Mascia  
Family, Edward Brown, Ceil Hollander  
Ann Mirto, Vicki Perri, Daniel Costa, Nikki Eleanor Behrik,  
Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss, Bob Baciuska  
Lorraine Dennan, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder  
Thomas Napoli, Justine & Nicole Scudder, Joan Spira  
Gerald Campbell, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall, Joe Bauer  
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, Poppy Singh  
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  
Joanne Pascarella

***Rest in Peace******Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”*****Anthony Tita, Harry R. Smith****Antonina Cossman**

## *The Pastor's Letter*

One of my favorite all time movies is *Glory*, starring Denzel Washington, Morgan Freeman and Matthew Broderick. It is based on a true story of when Massachusetts formed an African-American regiment to fight in the Civil War. The officers of this regiment were all white and Matthew Broderick played the role of Robert Gould Shaw, the first commanding colonel of these soldiers. There was fierce prejudice against this brigade on all sides. The Northern soldiers ridiculed them and the South said any captured soldiers would be made slaves or executed. The 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment goes on to distinguish itself in battle. Many volunteered for an almost suicide mission to assault the Confederate Fort Wagner in South Carolina. A scene that has stayed with me is when the 54<sup>th</sup> is lined up and ready to go into battle. Colonel Shaw addresses them in this way: *If this banner (the American Flag), should fall from this soldier's arms in battle, who will come forward to carry it forward?* All the soldiers shout that they are ready to do so.

I thought of that scene with the recent deaths of two great men of our parish - Harry Smith and Jim Biggin. Both were men who carried the banner of faith and family daily in their lives. Both were devoted husbands and great fathers. Each of them in their own way lived the Catholic life with great conviction. When I came to St. Martin's, I researched the various ministries of the parish, and it seemed almost all of them had been blessed at one time or another by either Jim or Harry and their wives, Carmela and Louise. I do know there have been countless other men and women like them who have also carried the banner of faith for St. Martin of Tours Parish.

Since I have been here, we have lost so many outstanding men. May they rest in God's peace. I know their wives, their families, and their many friends miss them so very much and continue to mourn them deeply. Their lives and goodness are woven into the very fabric of our faith community, and we all know we are standing on the shoulders of good and holy men who prayed and worshipped in the very pews that we do today.

Who will pick up the banner of faith they carried and carry it forward? My friend, Father McGowan, often says the best way we can honor the dead and remember them is by doing what they did when they were alive. If your Mom was a generous and loving person, then when you are generous and loving, she becomes very much alive in your actions. I think of some of my cousins who took up ushering at the same Mass their father did when he was alive.

All of us have different gifts and talents. We are unique, and while I am not inviting you to be Jim Biggin or Harry Smith, I am suggesting that we can imitate their great commitment to family life and service to our parish community. Maybe *you* are the one to pick up the banner and carry it forward.

God rest you, dear Harry and dear Jim.

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

***Next Sunday, October 18 is World Mission Sunday***

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, calls every Catholic to celebrate at the Eucharist, our vocation to be missionaries and to help the Missions. As Catholics around the world, here at home and in the Missions, gathered at the Eucharistic table, let us pray for the Church's worldwide mission and offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. **Thank you** for your generosity!

***October the Month of the Rosary***

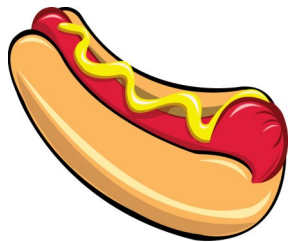
*Knute Rockne, former director of athletics and head football coach of the University of Notre Dame, was killed at the height of his career in an airplane crash, March 31, 1931. As a football coach, this "maker of men" as he was called, never had his equal. Born and raised a member of the Lutheran faith, Rockne converted to Catholicism on November 20, 1925. by Father Vincent Mooney baptized Rockne privately the day before a tough contest against Northwestern. Mooney finished the ceremony by giving Knute a rosary, one the coach would carry with him to his final day.*

*Shortly after takeoff, the plane flew into a storm, became covered with ice and fell into a wheat field. On board this fateful day were 5 passengers and 3 crew members. All on board were killed in the airplane crash in Bazaar, Kansas, on Tuesday, March 31, 1931. A watch on the wrist on one of the victims had stopped at 10:45. One of the passengers held a rosary in his hand. All the bodies were taken to the coroner's office at Cottonwood Falls some thirty miles away for preliminary investigation and identification. It was conducted by the Chase County coroner, Dr. Jacob Hinden and his assistant. "My God!" said the assistant when looking at some papers in his trembling fingers. "It looks like this man is Knute Rockne." It was the victim who held the rosary in his hand. Knute Rockne was dead at the age of 43.*

I am what is called a subway alumnus, having never attended Notre Dame as a student (but I did visit a few times). *Notre Dame*, which is French for *Our Lady and Fighting Irish* was more than enough reason to make me a ND fan for life. I must say I have been shocked that I have met a parishioner or two who are heretics: they actually root against Our Lady's team. Please pray for their conversion!

October is the month of the Rosary, one of the greatest prayers we have as Catholics. The rosary has been a strong tradition of the Catholic Church for more than 1,000 years, and countless graces have been showered upon the world through this powerful prayer. Our Lady in her appearances at Fatima, asked us to say the rosary. It is a very Biblical prayer based on words from Sacred Scripture. It is also a wonderful way to ponder the great mysteries of the Catholic faith since we have twenty mysteries of the Holy Rosary. It is an easy prayer to say and it takes only fifteen or twenty minutes to pray. We can recite it on the way to work or before we fall asleep. Today there are many apps on cell phones and computers that can help with the recitation of the rosary. If you have not said the rosary in a long time, perhaps you can begin by saying a single decade a day.

**During the month of October, we will say one decade of the rosary five minutes before each of our Sunday Masses. I believe this will be a beautiful way to prepare to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.**



**New & Improved Date!!  
Block Party Sunday  
October 18, 2015  
Following the 1:00PM Mass**

**If the weather is not good, we are having this party  
in the auditorium and cafeteria!**

**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 18, 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***

***Raffles are being sold after all weekend Masses  
including at the Block Party.***

**EXPLORING THE BOOK OF GENESIS**

**Father Jim McCabe, CSsR**

**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 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.***



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.

**Upcoming Events:**

- October 18: Life Night 7-8:30pm in the OLPH Youth Center
- October 20: The Culture Project at 7PM open to all High School Students
- October 25: The Culture Project at 7PM open to all parishioners



Edge meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month in the OLPH Youth Center from 7-8:30pm.

**Upcoming Events:**

- October 22: Edge Night 7-8:30pm
- November 12: Edge's Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Family Dinner

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.

**Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity (CMRC)**

*Friday October 16th is the feast day of Saint Gerard Majella. We will be celebrating as a group at the 9AM Mass.*

*Many graces and indulgences bestowed on you for attending. Special reserved seating will be available in front of the pulpit.*

*Hope to see you there!*

**HOP Club Winners**

10/5/15	#343	Ann Schmidt	\$25
10/6/15	#415	Joan Granville	\$25
10/7/15	#278	Margaret Franko	\$25
10/8/15	#368	Daniel & Laura Esposito	\$25
10/9/15	#323	Joe & Jane Brooks	\$50

**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!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The next Adoration hosted by the Youth Ministry is Tuesday, October 13th.  
 7:00 PM in the Church.  
 Everyone is 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 Oct 23 Nov 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.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 604  
BETHPAGE  
POPCORN SALE  
November 21 & 22, 2015**



Please stop by after Mass and support Bethpage Troop 604 Boy Scouts by purchasing some popcorn. We are also accepting donations to send popcorn to our Military troops overseas. Thank you for your support! - Troop 604

**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**

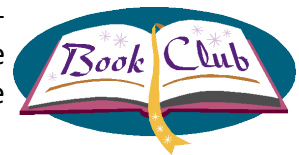
**Mail to:** Driver Ed  
PO Box 314  
Dept. V  
Lake Grove, NY 11755

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).

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



**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

**Employment Opportunity**

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Office, Bethpage** is seeking a receptionist/administrative assistant. This position is being advertised as part-time (afternoons until 5PM necessary) but has the potential to turn into a full-time position. The foremost responsibility of this position is maintaining confidentiality in support of our mission of helping people. Strong communication skills are required. A basic knowledge of Microsoft Office application, specifically Microsoft Word and Excel is necessary. Bilingual (English/Spanish) is desirable. The Society offers a salary commensurate with experience.

**Please email resume to: [CBudinoff@svdpli.org](mailto:CBudinoff@svdpli.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](mailto: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

## 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	mints
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!

**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.

### 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**

## 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.



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.



We will be have a membership drive in the Gathering Space on Sunday, November 1st. Please come by to see one of our Knights for answers to any questions on our Council.

Also our Charitable and Benevolent Association will be selling chance books after all Masses on the first. We look forward to seeing you!

**CRAFT FAIR** – St. Anthony's H.S. located at 275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington, NY will be hosting their annual Christmas Craft Fair on **NOVEMBER 7th, 10 am till 4 pm.**

Featuring over 100 unique vendors, there will be something for everyone! For directions call 631-271-2020 (#7).

**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.

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## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Slightly over one-fourth of women (aged 15 and up) in the United States have undergone an abortion. Women, and all those involved in the decision to abort, must believe, or try to believe, that there was no human life present in the womb. To admit this is to admit complicity in the killing of an innocent human being. Condemning abortion would mean condemning themselves or the wife, daughter, sister or friend whom they love. And so society refuses to recognize the incontrovertible facts about human life before birth.

Many people close to a women in a crisis pregnancy don't feel comfortable with the decision to abort, but they don't know what to say. They want to be supportive and non-judgmental, so they say something like, 'You're really in a bad situation and I'll support whatever you decide.' The helpful response, the right response should be, 'Don't have an abortion. I will not abandon you. Together we will find a way for you to have your baby.'

The Catholic Church has long recognized abortion's impact on women and their families. While law and society often pit the interests of a mother against those of her unborn child, the Church recognizes that their best interests are joined. What is best for the child is also best for the mother.

Project Rachel began over fifteen years ago as an outreach of the Catholic Church to women, men and families who have been affected by abortion. The Church is a place of healing. It speaks the truth about abortion to men and women contemplating this action. 'Don't do it! It is wrong and it will hurt you and the baby,' but it also speaks the full truth: 'If you have had an abortion, God's mercy is great enough to forgive that, too.' Jesus offers forgiveness and healing. He offers the hope and promise of resurrection and reunion with the child who is waiting for his parents in heaven.

People who call Project Rachel are offered referrals to professional counselors or to priests specially trained for spiritual guidance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But basically everyone in the Church is a part of Project Rachel. Everyone is a part of the healing ministry of Christ. You may know someone whom you think has had an abortion. You never accuse or confront. A simple word that will touch their hearts and release them from fear and isolation can begin the healing process.

To contact a local Project Rachel Ministry by phone, call the nationwide toll-free number 888-456-HOPE (4673) during regular business hours (Eastern Time Zone). [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com)

**Source: [uscgb.org/prolife](http://uscgb.org/prolife)**

**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

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.

**Reminder!**

The Rectory Office is closed on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day. Also there is no 6:30AM Mass. Thank you!





# 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)**

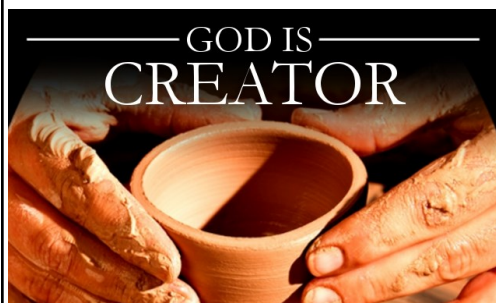
**As well as in the Rectory Office during the following week!**

**Father Pat's Homily from October 4, 2015**

There is an old joke, one you have probably heard some version of, that goes like this: a man is out for a walk and he stumbles over a rock. The rock rolls over and out pops a genie. The genie says, *Oh thank you so much, sir. I have been trapped under this rock for 500 years and you are the man who finally liberated me. Because you have been so helpful to me, I will grant you any one wish you have.* The man thinks for a while and says, *Well, I have always wanted to go to Hawaii. That will be my wish: to visit Hawaii.* The genie says, *That is so easy! I will buy you first class airline tickets and you will be on your way.* The man says, *Oh no! I am terribly afraid to fly!* The genie thinks for a minute and says, *Okay there are cruise ships out of Los Angeles that go to the Hawaiian Islands. I will get you tickets on one of those ships.* The man responds that he gets seasick and refused to travel by boat.

The frustrated genie says, *Sir, how am I going to get you there if you won't fly or take a ship!* Our man tells the genie he likes to drive. He suggests the genie build a highway that goes from Los Angeles to Honolulu. The genie is stunned! *I can do almost anything but a 5,000 mile highway over the depths of the ocean is an engineering feat beyond the capabilities of even me! You will have to ask for another wish.* The disappointed fellow says, *Okay, my wife always tells me I don't understand her. Can you help me to understand women?* The genie quickly responds, *Do you want the highway to be two or four lanes?*

In our first reading today, we hear what may be one of the most life changing sentences in the entire



Bible: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him. When he brought her to the man, the man said: 'This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called *woman*, for out of *her man* this one has been taken.' That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh." The Bible is giving us the origin of marriage. It is the plan of God that man and woman shall cling to each other and the two shall become one flesh. In one of the beautiful prayers said in the Catholic

marriage ceremony, marriage is described as one of the only blessings not lost by original sin after man falls.

First a word about the story of Adam and Eve. Our Church teaches us that we can either take this story literally, exactly as we read it, or we can read it as a narrative story, given and inspired by the Holy Spirit to explain the plan of God for his creatures. Whether we take it literally or a teaching story, the fundamental truth revealed to us in this Word is God is the source of all creation. Everything created, whether you believe in evolution or creationism, the world as we know it and human beings as we are, come from God. The only thing about our world that God is not the source of is sin and evil.

I have never been married which is certainly a blessing to some woman in this world. There are times when I have envied married couples for the life and companionship they share, for their gift of having children and grandchildren, for the love they have for one another. Yet, there are other times, when I think how hard it must be to be married. What a challenge to love the same person, day in and day out, for forty, fifty, sixty years.



As a priest, over the course of my forty years, I have heard many stories about marriages that have grown stale, cold, harsh, silent, bitter and tragic and sometimes even violent. I am well aware marriage is a great and wonderful gift from God. I am also aware it is not easy *to have and to hold, from this day forward, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, until death to us part*. As much joy and happiness as our children bring us, sometimes there is great pain and sorrow in families as they struggle to love one another.

love these words from the American writer Thornton Wilder: *I didn't marry you because you were perfect. I didn't even marry you because I loved you. I married you because you gave me a promise. That promise made up for your faults. And the promise I gave you made up for mine. Two imperfect people got married and it was the promise that made the marriage. And when our children were growing up, it wasn't a house that protected them; and it wasn't our love that protected them--it was that promise."*

God bless you who have made that promise to God and to each other. May it continue to sustain you on your married journey. I suspect the most important quality needed in a marriage is the grace of healing and forgiveness. The healing and forgiveness is not just about big matters, but more about the day-to-day struggles to let go of hurts, disagreements and misunderstandings and seek to make the other as important as you are.

Recently, you might have read that our Holy Father has sought to make the annulment process more available to Catholics. As a church, we know that some people at the time they married, were truly not able to enter into a sacramental marriage. There have been times when I have encouraged a married person to separate from the other because the relationship was so destructive. Divorce done for serious reasons is not a sin; it is the remarriage that the Church does not accept since we still recognize the bond of marriage until it is annulled. A married person is called to do everything he or she can to sustain their marriage, but God is also a God of mercy who recognizes our struggles.

Because of what we read today in our readings, the Catholic Church only accepts marriage as between a man and woman. We are not against homosexuals. They are our brothers and sisters and as much the children of God as are we. Sexual intimacy in a marriage is a sacrament. In the theology of our Church, a sacrament is a sacred encounter with God's love. When a married couple expresses their love in sexual union, a married man and woman are not only loving each other, but encountering God in that love. Such love, which is so powerful and sacred, is the gift God gives to married couples to support and sustain them in their relationship. I think our culture today has done much to cheapen and devalue the power of true sexual married love.

There are single people, by choice or by circumstances, widows and widowers, celibate priests and religious, who are also sexual beings. They may not enter into sexual unions but they are people, who desire, and rightly so, affection, friendship, love and community. I have heard the fair complaint that many sermons and programs seemed geared to people who are married and not single.

Whatever your vocation is - single, married, or widowed - today's readings remind us we are God's creatures, made for love and sharing life. Many of us are called to be married, and some of us are not. Relationships - be they marriage, family or friendships - are a great gift from God for the journey of life. It is in such relationships that we most usually face the joys and challenges of being a follower of Jesus.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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 18: Parish Block Party Picnic after the 1PM Mass
- 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 21/22 Boy Scout Troop 604 Popcorn Sale after all Masses
- Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM Church (no 6:30AM Mass)

