

Due to the Redemptorists Convocation, there is no 6:30AM Mass on Wednesday and Thursday, November 4th & 5th. The 9AM Mass will be celebrated by clergy from another parish on those days.

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - November 2 - All Souls**

6:30 Michael Smith  
9:00 All Souls Novena

**Tuesday - November 3**

6:30 David Fowler  
9:00 All Souls Novena

**Wednesday - November 4**

**NO 6:30** Ronnie Lawlor - mass intention moved to Saturday, November 14th at 9AM  
9:00 All Souls Novena

**Thursday - November 5**

**NO 6:30** Mary & Frank Cagna - mass intention moved to Saturday, November 28th at 9AM  
9:00 All Souls Novena

**Friday - November 6**

6:30 Larry Luizzi  
9:00 All Souls Novena

**Saturday - November 7**

9:00 MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
5:00 Julia & Robert Pellnitz  
7:00 Michael Zura

**Sunday - November 8**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Robert Evans  
10:00 Dominic Corapi & Dominic Chimienti  
11:30 John M. O'Donnell  
1:00 Colleen McNamara  
5:30 Rosemary & Joseph Ogno

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40  
Tues. Romans 12:5-16; Luke 14:15-24  
Wed. Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33  
Thurs. Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10  
Fri. Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8  
Sat. Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15  
**Sun. 1 Kings 17:10-16** *Elijah the prophet arrived at the city gate and met a poor widow gathering sticks. He asked for water and a bite to eat. She made a little cake from her flour and gave it to him.*

**Hebrews 9:24-28** *Christ, the high priest standing before God, was "offered once to take away the sins of many." He will appear again "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him."*

**Mark 12:38-44** *Jesus saw a poor widow go up to put all she had into the collection box: a few cents. She put in more than all the others, for she gave from her need while they from their surplus.*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Amount Budgeted:** \$17,500.00  
**Amount Received:** October 24/25, 2015  
**Regular Collection:** \$16,664.53

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

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



Today's Psalm makes clear that we and everything we **think** we own actually belong to God instead: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We are *stewards*, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize that all good gifts come from God, to be used in service to our neighbor.

Charismatic Prayer Group

**Who Are YOU?**

Are you a parent, child, sibling, friend, boss or employee? You're probably at least two or three, but with each role, your actions and reactions change. Are you the best "you" you can be? Did you know you can be Jesus to someone? Someone you know or will come in contact with needs help, or a kind word, a helping hand or be shown the way. If the idea comes from God, it can't fail!

**Our next meeting is Monday, November 2nd 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 10**

*Wedding Banns*



3rd Brendan Corey & Stephanie Pagluca  
 Jason Parga & Megan Hance  
 Cemil Yildiz & Angela Macbutt  
 2nd Michael McCarron & Heather Rose  
 1st Michael Rodriguez & Kim Masi



**“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 cereals, oatmeal, peas, mixed vegetables, corn, carrots, pasta sauce, tomato paste, tuna, baked beans, peanut butter, Chef Boyardee canned pastas, mayonnaise, ketchup, oil, coffee, Jell-O, pudding, bar soap, diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6) and baby wipes.

Thank you for your tremendous generosity!

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

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

*Week of November 1 - 7, 2015*



*Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of  
 Anthony & Margaret Simone, Sr.*

*Week of November 1 - 7, 2015  
 Sanctuary Candle*

*In Loving Memory of  
 John & Louise Pellicano*



***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 Baciуска, 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, 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, Geraldine Zeterberg, Susan Peters  
 Stephen Hogan, Edward Boyce, Fran & Al Gandolfo  
 Pat Steiger, Joseph McCroary

***Rest in Peace***

***Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”  
 Janet E. Weidmann, Jerome Giuliano***

## *The Pastor's Letter*

Last weekend was a busy one at our Sunday Masses! Within our liturgies, we included a presentation by Jerry and Diana Mirando on the annual Baby Bottle campaign to assist those who are expecting a child when finances and other factors are leading them to consider an abortion. Diana, in her very fine talk, mentioned that this is the tenth year of our Parish Pro-Life Ministry forming and serving the cause of promoting all life from conception to natural death. They have been most faithful to this ministry and Father Henry Sattler was a great mentor to the group over the course of those years.

As Diana and Jerry were speaking, I could not help but think of all the horrible stories that have come out about some of the Planned Parenthood clinics. What you do by the Baby Bottle campaign and what our Parish Pro-Life Committee has been doing over the years is such a positive action to such horrible news. I often think that two of the ways our parish puts the Gospel into action is by our Pro-Life work, and by our Food Pantry and Parish Outreach Center. I would also mention the compassionate work done by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In these ministries we are seeking to defend life and to help people who are in need of assistance with food and shelter. Jesus told us, *What you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me.* So God bless our parish as it supports these ministries with time, talent and treasure!



At first I was concerned that blessing and presenting the ministry books on the same weekend as the Baby Bottle presentation might be confusing to the people. Yet, someone suggested to me that it was a perfect combination because we both inviting people to ministry as well presenting a very vibrant example of ministry.

I believe the theme, ***Walking the Way with Christ***, is an important time in the life of our parish. As I stressed in my preaching on this topic, this is not a program seeking help for the clergy. Our focus is to invite and challenge all of us to deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus. A key way to do that is by seeking to share our time, our talent and our treasure with others.

Certainly our first consideration of time, talent and treasure is with our families. Still we are also called to be involved in our local communities and parishes. I hope that St. Martin's Parish is part of your family life and that you see being part of its life as very important to you. Remember, we are not on a cruise ship but a crew skull-rowing.

So during the coming weeks, I invite you to read the ministry book, ***Walking the Way with Christ***. Read it prayerfully. I invite you to invoke the Holy Spirit as you read it, and to seek the grace to know what God might be asking of you. I am fully aware that some of you have serious limitations of health, family and work obligations that may make it difficult to make a commitment to a ministry. However, I think our parish ministries have such a diversity allowing room for everyone in the parish.

In the next couple of weeks, we are going to have what we are calling witness talks during Mass. We are asking various parishioners to offer a few words - not so much on their particular ministry - but on *why* they choose to do a ministry in service to the parish and the Lord.

Just as we prayed so well during the *Paving the Way for Christ Campaign*, I ask us to turn to the Holy Spirit asking Him to bless our parish during this time of ***Walking the Way with Christ***.

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

#### Thought for the Week

We are all on the path to sainthood.  
Pray to the Heroes of Heaven who are at  
your side to guide and protect you!

#### **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 [www.virtus.com](http://www.virtus.com)**.

Look for "registration" at the left column and follow the instructions. If you do not have access to the internet, please pick up a packet at the rectory office. Complete it and bring it with you to the Virtus training session.

**Next Virtus at St. Martin of Tours**  
**Monday, November 23rd @ 7:30PM**  
**in the School Faculty Lounge**



## 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**  
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!**

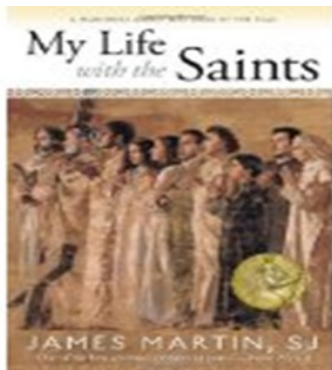
### Parish Men's Group



A couple of men have approached me about having a men's group in the parish. The main focus of this group would be to gather, perhaps monthly or every two weeks, to pray, to discuss a scripture reading and to reflect on what this scripture might mean to their daily lives. There would be no other activities, no dues and no meetings other than these prayer sessions. You can come and go as you please. We have not set a time when this group might meet since we would try to find a mutually agreeable time. The meetings would be about 45 minutes long. If you might have some interest in such a group, please email me at [woodscsr@aol.com](mailto:woodscsr@aol.com)

- Father Pat

### My Life with the Saints Paperback – by Father James Martin S.J.



I had originally suggested our next book for our spiritual book club would be **Mercy by Cardinal Kaspar**. Although this is a highly recommended book, I have found it rather heavy to read, and I wonder if other members would have a similar experience. **So, I am suggesting we read *My Life with the Saints* by Father James Martin. November is a good time to reflect on the saints and we will discuss this book during Advent. Our group had previously read Martin's book named *Jesus* and liked it very much.**

*It is one thing to read the lives of the saints, quite another to read about somebody who lives with the saints, who thinks about, researches, and calls upon certain saints regularly. Such a person is, today, a rarity. Such a person is GE-exec-turned-Jesuit Martin, associate editor of the Catholic weekly America, who details his introduction to and relationship with more than a dozen of his favorite haloed heroes in this book. They include Jude, patron saint of lost causes, whom Martin refers to as "the saint of the sock drawer" because that's where, when a young man, Martin kept a statuette of Jude; Ignatius Loyola, who inspired Martin to look for God in his daily life; and St. Joseph, whose quiet service to Christ motivates Martin. With wit and candor, Martin brings those and his other seemingly distant role models down to earth, citing instances from their biographies and, with deepest effectiveness, revealing his personal connection to each and how each has assisted his life.*

**We will meet at 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**in St. Alphonsus Hall.**

**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:

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.*



**Life Teen:** There is a Life Night this Sunday, 11/1 from 6:45-8:30pm in the OLPH Youth Room. Dinner will be served. All High School teens are welcome!

**Upcoming Events:**

11/8- Life Night 6:45-8:30pm – You don't want to miss this fantastic evening with out special guests, the Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate!

11/15- Long Island Adventure Park Trip – Contact the Office of Youth Ministry for more info!

11/20 - DRVC Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Ignatius Church 7PM



**Edge:** Our next Edge Night will be held on Thursday, 11/12 in the OLPH Youth Room – it is our Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Family Dinner. Families are encouraged to attend. Please bring a side dish or dessert, enough to share.

**Upcoming Events:**

12/10- Edge Night 7-8:30pm

For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Erin Horan-Baudille at [SMT\\_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com](mailto:SMT_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com).

**From Father Jim McCabe, CSsR**

I want to thank you all for your prayers and wishes of love for the passing of my mother.

Peace,  
Fr. Jim McCabe

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The next Adoration hosted by the Youth Ministry is Tuesday, November 10.  
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!



**First Friday Devotions**

Please come on **November 6th at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel** in reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**November 7th First Saturday Devotions CANCELLED**

Due to the Mass of Remembrance, we have decided to cancel the First Saturday Devotions this month.



**Celebration of All Saints Day**

Children are invited to dress as a saint for the 10:00AM Mass this Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be cake, juice, coffee and tea after the Mass. Let us celebrate the saints of our Church!



**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

**HOP Club Winners**

10/26/15	#489	Alice DeBrino	\$25
10/27/15	#226	Richard & Evelyn Velting	\$25
10/28/15	#131	Nelida Rios	\$25
10/29/15	#608	Barbara Kelly	\$25
10/30/15	#185	Kara Zuaro	\$50

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd.  
Please don't forget to vote!**

This election is for local town boards, councils, supervisors, legislators and judges along with Nassau County District Attorney. If you have any questions regarding your voting status or poll location, please contact

**NASSAU BOARD OF ELECTIONS: 516 571-2411**

**SUFFOLK BOARD OF ELECTIONS: 631 852-4500**



### 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)

November 19, December 17, January 21

February 4, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16



**B**ishop Murphy presented the Saint Agnes Medal of Service to lay men and women in the diocese during a prayer service at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre on Sunday, October 25.

Now in its eighth year, Bishop Murphy announced the creation of the Saint Agnes Medal during a January 21, 2007 Mass opening the Golden Jubilee (50 year anniversary) of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Pastors from 133 parishes are asked to nominate lay people who unselfishly donate their time and talent to their parishes.

“Honorees are lay people whose love of the Church has been shown through the devotion to the Holy Father, to our diocese and to their parish,” said Bishop Murphy. “They are the unsung heroes in our midst who build up our parish communities by extraordinary service in parish ministry, parish administration or some significant volunteer role.”

This year it was our pleasure to nominate parishioner, ***Karen Sullivan***, for the St. Agnes Medal for her years of service in Religious Education, as coordinator for our Baptism Program as well as many other ministries of the parish.

*Congratulations, Karen!*

### 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. Drop off at the Rectory. 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!



### Bethpage Women's Auxiliary

#### Remember Our Veterans

We will be handing out poppies after the 10:00 and 11:30AM Masses on Sunday, November 8th in the Gathering Area of the Church

Free will offering is appreciated.

## 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.

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 Mirando  
(C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

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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

### WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BULLYING

FOR HELP: [www.pacer.org/bullying/resources/info.facts.asp](http://www.pacer.org/bullying/resources/info.facts.asp). CONTACT: [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov)

#### WHAT IS BULLYING?

Many people might think this behavior is easy to define. Their first image of bullying might be a physically intimidating child beating up a smaller classmate. While that might still be considered bullying today, parents need to know that bullying can be much more complex and varied than the stereotype. For example, harmful bullying can also occur quietly and covertly, or through gossip or the Internet, and can cause significant emotional damage.

#### TYPES OF BULLYING

- **VERBAL:** Is the most common and easiest to inflict on other children - teasing, name calling, making threats, intimidating, making demeaning jokes about someone's differences, slander, spreading rumors.
- **PHYSICAL:** Visible Behavior - hitting, kicking, pushing, taking or damaging property, forced or unwelcomed contact.
- **SEXUAL:** Most difficult for child and parents to discuss. Even though the subject may be uncomfortable to talk about, children need to know acceptable boundaries and appropriate behavior in social relationships.
- **CYBER:** The Internet has become the new BATHROOM WALL. A place where children can post mean and inappropriate comments about their peers. The rise of the Internet and other technology has led to a new, very serious form of bullying - CYBER BULLYING. Cyber bullying is when the Internet, cell phones, or other devices are used to send or post text messages intended to HURT OR EMBARRASS another person.

#### RESULTS OF BULLYING MAY TAKE THE FORM OF:

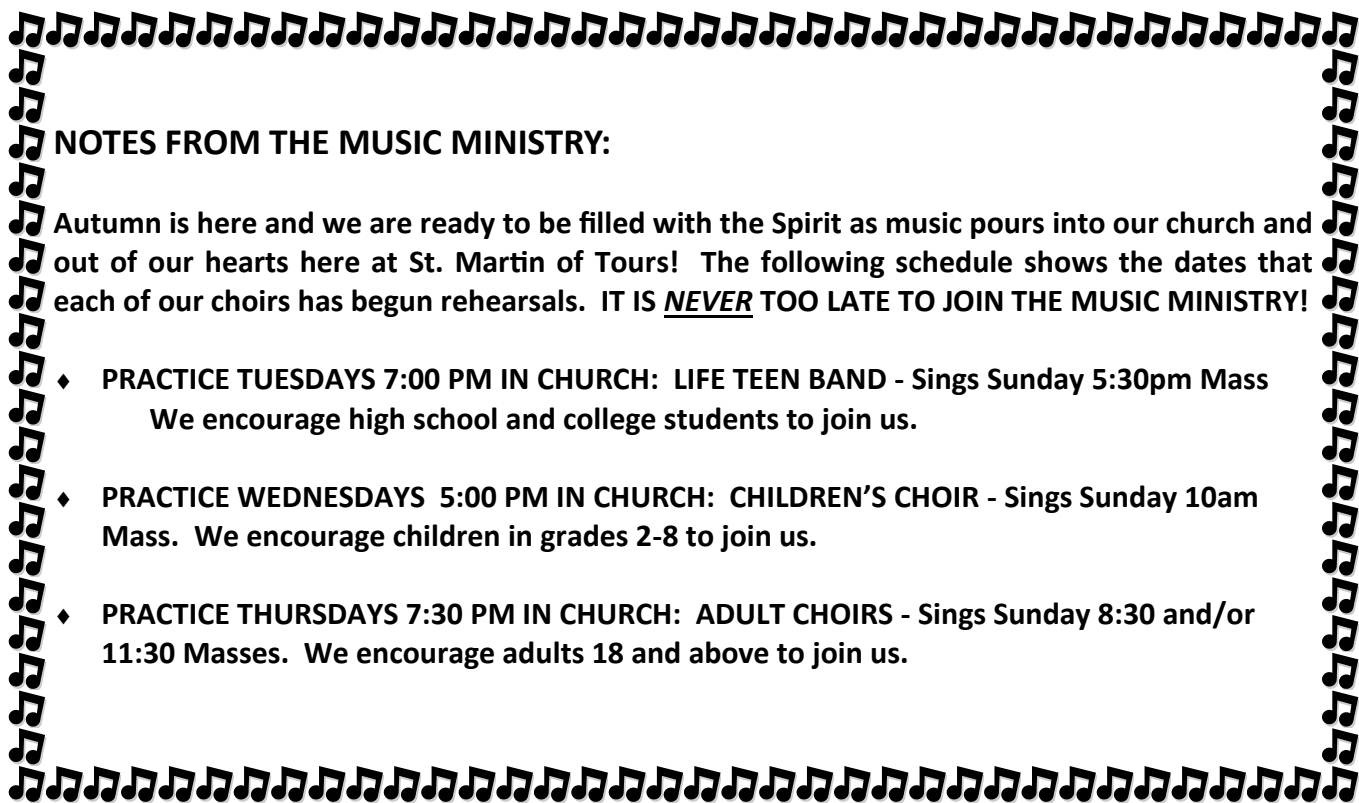
- School Avoidance and Higher Absenteeism
- Decrease in grades, Inability to concentrate, loss of interest, increase in drop out rates
- Can lead to physical and mental health problems.

It is important that you teach your child to support the target. Nearly 60% of bullying situations end when a peer intervenes.

#### FEDERAL LAWS

Although no Federal law directly addresses bullying, in some cases, bullying overlaps with discriminatory harassment, when it is based on race, national origin, color, sex, age, disability, or religion. When bullying and harassment overlap, Federally funded schools (including colleges and universities) have an **obligation** to resolve the harassment. When the situation is not adequately resolved, the U.S. Department of Education - Office for Civil Rights and U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division may be able to help.

Most importantly, ***be aware of a child's change in behavior about school and social events.*** Keep an open conversation about school and friends. Once you suspect that your child may be a target of bullying, meet with teachers or coaches to discuss the situation. ***Be aware of Internet sites. Make your child feel comfortable talking to you*** about problems they may be having. This will be the first and most important step in addressing this serious, and growing problem.



**NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY:**

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.

A group of parishioners from St. Martin of Tours will be heading to the movies!

**Woodlawn**

Farmingdale Stadium 10 Theater located on Route 110  
This Sunday, November 1st  
12:50PM

Here’s a link to view the film’s trailer:  
<http://youtu.be/0xb8fhck0ks>

It is so great to have a movie that highlights Christian values come to a theater near us...  
Let's show Hollywood that we want to see more movies like this!!!



**Mass of Remembrance - Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 9AM**

**F**or all those whose loved ones were buried from St. Martin of Tours Church between November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015. Letters have been mailed from Father Pat and the Liturgy Committee inviting family and friends of the deceased to come to the **Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 9AM.**

The Mass honors those who have gone home to God and to bring into community all who mourn their loss. Those who have attended in the past have found the experience a great comfort. After Mass, the invitation is extended to have some refreshments in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please be sure to respond, even if you are not able to come. God bless and be with you every day!

*Father Pat and the Liturgy Committee*



**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***



If you were disappointed that you did not win the six-month parking spot, have hope! The winner of the parking space said that she did not need it, and graciously donated it back welcoming us to use it in any way we choose.



So...I have decided to raffle it off at the Golden Harvest Festival. Parking space chances will **only** be sold at the Festival, Saturday, November 14th at 8PM for \$2.00 per chance. Your odds of winning the space now increase dramatically!

What another great incentive to buy a Golden Harvest ticket!!



I am looking for **Greg Pancoast**. You are the winner of the Mets-Cubs Playoff Contest. You picked the Mets to win in four and that there would a combined total of 24 runs scored. Six contestants picked Mets to win in 4 , but Greg was the closest in the first tiebreaker. The actual number of runs scored was 29.

We did not have to use the second tiebreaker about how many total hits would there in all the games. Winning prize if \$55.00 and the donation to the parish was also \$55.00. Thanks to all made a donation!

Give me a call at 931-0818 or email: [woodscsr@aol.com](mailto:woodscsr@aol.com)

Father Pat

### Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour

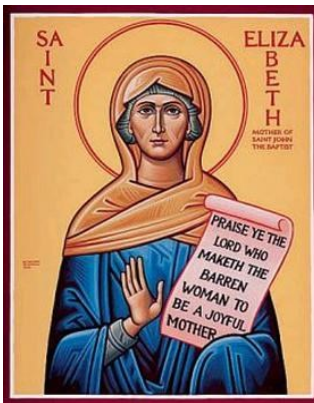
Monday, November 2nd at 1PM in the Church in reparation for the wounds to His Holy Face. All will be blessed with St. Joseph's oil.



Many thanks to the Arthur F. White Funeral Home who made a very generous donation in memory of Deacon Jim Biggin to defray the cost of printing the St. Martin of Tours Ministry Book entitled, ***Walking the Way with Christ***.

Thank you to Nancy White for her kindness to our parish and her deep respect and affection for Deacon Jim.

**Father Pat**



### Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

The feast of St. Elizabeth, mother of St. John the Baptist, is on **Thursday, November 5th**. We will celebrate as a group at the 9AM Mass. Special indulgences and graces to all who attend. Reserved seating in front of the pulpit.

### Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

General meeting, **Tuesday November 10th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**. This is our Thanksgiving feast! We will provide the turkey, but please be sure to bring the side dish you chose for our sharing table. If you did not pick out a dish, please call Laurel Rasmussen at 681-4211 to find out what sides are needed.

We are making up a Thanksgiving basket for a family in need so please bring a non-perishable item for the basket.



Lastly, if you have not paid your dues for this year, please see Janet Dion at the meeting or mail to Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity, c/o St. Martin of Tours Rectory, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714. Please make your check payable to CMRC for \$10.00.

**From the Gospel of Mark 10:46-52**

**As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.**

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Our parish book club just finished reading and discussing Harper Lee's novel, *Go Set a Watchman*. The title is taken from the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah*: Meanwhile, the Lord said to me, "Put a watchman on the city wall. Let him shout out what he sees." As you know, Harper Lee is the author of one of the great American classics you may have read as a school assignment, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. For almost half a century it was thought this novel was the only one Harper Lee wrote. However, it turns out she had written the novel *Go Set a Watchman* as a young woman before *To Kill a Mockingbird* was ever published. It was only in the last year Ms. Lee allowed this book to be published.

The book has many of the same characters that would later appear in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The narrator in the book is Scout, the daughter of the hero, Atticus Finch, in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In the story Atticus is truly a noble and good man, who as a southern lawyer in the 1930's, defends a Black man in a very unjust case. By every standard he is Scout's hero, especially in light of the fact her mother is dead. However, in her first book, *To Set a Watchman*, Scout is an adult woman who is slowly learning that her father, although a very good man, is not perfect. She is ready to reject her hero when she finds out Atticus **does** have prejudice against Blacks. She had been blinded by her heroic image of her father and now is challenged to love him as a real man of flesh and blood, with his great qualities and his faults.

In today's Gospel, we hear a story about a blind man who has been reduced to lying by the side of the road as a beggar. He has heard of the Miracle Worker, Jesus. When Jesus walks by, Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus in a loud voice for help, *Son of David, have pity on me!* He is shouting so loudly that the people are telling him to be quiet. But he cries out all the louder. So Jesus asks him what he wants. The blind man replies with great vigor, *I want to see!* Jesus restores his sight and tells him his faith has saved him.

There are always two ways to view this Gospel. The first is to read it as an account of an event in the life of Jesus. We know Jesus to be a man of great compassion and as one who heals. So it is a moving story of the love of our Lord Jesus for a poor blind beggar. I love the question Jesus asks of Bartimaeus, *What do you want?* We certainly understand that the blind man would ask for sight. Still, I find this to be a good question to ask ourselves, *What do I want?* On the surface, I might say I want the Mets to win the World Series. I might say I hope we find an oil well on our church property. I am sure some might want to win the lottery.

Yet, I am sure if we seriously consider this question, we would ask for good health, for the good health of loved ones, for deeper faith for ourselves and our children. We would ask for peace in a violent world or for freedom from terrorists. You might ask for a deeper love in your marriage, or to meet the right person with whom to share your life. Knowing our desires, at the deepest levels of our hearts, reveals what is important to us in life, and in the core of our heart's yearnings, we are most able to hear and discern the voice of God.

So I invite you to spend some time with that question of Jesus. *What do you want?* Listening to the desires in the core of our being is a way to hear God speaking to us. Yet, whenever there is a story of blindness in the Gospels, there is also a level beneath the surface. Accounts of blindness and healing in the Gospel are also narratives that remind us we are all blind in some areas of our lives. Scout in *Go Set a Watchman* is blinded by her hero worship of her father and struggles to love him as a real father and man. We say *love is blind*. There is truth to that. Romantic love moves a man or a woman to make an amazing promise: I will love you forever. However, as the days and years go on, and as the romantic love lessens in light of bills, children, housework and work, we may begin to have our eyes opened to a new reality and see our spouse with their faults and failures. It is not long before a bride or groom learns his partner is not perfect. Then, comes the time to truly love the person as he or she *is* since our blindness has been removed.

How often were we blind to what our parents said and did as they raised us. Even though we love our parents, we think we know more than they. They are "old fashioned" and "out of touch" with the realities of our world. Then, twenty or thirty years later as we grow older and perhaps raising our own families, we begin to understand them. The blindness of our youth may lessen through the passing of the years.

Perhaps we struggle most with a kind of internal blindness. It is easy for us to overlook our blindness in how we speak about others and how we judge them. It is so easy to become blinded by our own needs and wants we fail to see those of the people around us, perhaps even our closest family members and friends. The power of the pronoun *I* often blinds us to those other pronouns *you* and *us*. I know it is true for me in the case of some of the most important people in my life, I truly only came to appreciate them after they had died.

We can even become blind to Jesus Christ. The blind beggar is attentive and even though he cannot see he knows Jesus is nearby. He calls out to him from his poverty and need. However secure we are financially, we are all beggars. We are dependent on God for each breathe and every moment. We live and move and have our being in God. We are fish swimming in the ocean of God's love. But, it is easy to miss this reality. We can get so caught up in the daily rush of life and activities, that we become blind to the wonder and mystery of God. Pause for a moment and ponder: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is coming into my heart and yours today at Holy Communion. How quickly that moment passes as we think about the rest of the day. We have to get on with the day; we have met our obligation to worship. We need God and we are often blind to this truth in our life.

After healing Bartimaeus, Jesus told him, "*Go your way; your faith has saved you.*" The blind man knows Jesus is the source of all life and healing. We pray for sight today. We pray for vision that we can see with our hearts that Jesus is our Lord and God.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2AM - Clocks go *BACK* one hour
- Nov 1: All Saints Children's Celebration after 10AM Mass St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 1: Knights of Columbus Membership Drive and Charitable & Benevolent Association Chance Books Sunday Masses Only
- Nov 2: Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour 1PM Church
- Nov 2: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Nov 6: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Nov 7: First Saturday Devotions CANCELLED
- Nov 7: Mass of Remembrance 9AM Church
- Nov 8: Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart 5:30PM Mass & Life Night to follow.
- Nov 10: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM Church
- 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)
- Dec 18: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 19: Anointing Mass 9AM Church



When I ask at Mass: “How many of you want to be a saint” very few hands go up. When I ask: “How many of you want to go to heaven” all hands go up. Either we don’t think we are worthy to be saints or we think it is ambitious to aspire to be a saint. Actually we all want to be saints because saints are the citizens of heaven and, therefore, if you want to go to heaven, you want to be a saint.

When we think of saints we think of people who are proclaimed saints by the Church and canonized in a big ceremony in St. Peter’s. But we also know people in our own lives who are saints. Perhaps a grandparent or parent, an aunt or uncle, a neighbor, a co-worker. We all know people who have lived a virtuous life. They weren’t perfect but they were filled with love. We admired them and remain grateful to them after they have died. So you don’t have to be perfect to be a saint. You have to be faithful to be a saint: faithful to using the gifts God gave you, faithful to living the Gospel way of Jesus Christ, faithful to the truth, honest and humble.

Admittedly this is a tall order but it is lived out over the course of a lifetime. The key to being a saint is to recognize that we need a Savior and we do not save ourselves. Indeed there is a God and I am not God. I am His creature, created out of love and sustained in existence each day by God’s love. The key to being a saint is to recognize one’s dependence upon God. Our self-sufficiency and tendency to individualism are obstacles to becoming a saint because it becomes all about me. It is not all about me; it is about us and our journeying together through this life to life on high with Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of love.

The other obstacle to becoming a saint that is prevalent today is the tendency to think that this life is all there is. It is not. This life is but a preparation for eternal life with God. If we expect this life to meet all our needs, we will be disappointed. If we expect other people to take our loneliness away, we will smother the relationship. Saint Augustine said it well long ago: “You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

Do you want to be a saint? Then love passionately, compassionately and yet, with a gentle grasp on life. Do you want to get to heaven? Then embrace life and let go of life. Love deeply but freely. And trust in the promise of Jesus to live with Him forever.

Rev. James M. McNamara  
Columnist, Long Island Catholic Magazine

PS: I look forward to seeing you in heaven because I hope to get there myself!

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