

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - November 9 - Dedication of Lateran Basilica**

6:30 Tony Hernandez  
9:00 All Souls Novena

**Tuesday - November 10**

6:30 Alice Karekezi  
9:00 All Souls Novena

**Wednesday - November 11 - Feast of St. Martin of Tours**

**NO 6:30** Veteran's Day  
9:00 All Souls Novena

**Thursday - November 12**

6:30 Nancy Waters  
9:00 All Souls Novena

**Friday - November 13**

6:30 Andrew & Theresa Cordiner  
9:00 Rose Provenzano

**Saturday - November 14**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Mary & William Dorsch  
7:00 Madeline T. Stein

**Sunday - November 15**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Rev. James Naughton  
10:00 Leonard Parine  
11:30 Calogero Ricotta  
1:00 John Jankowski  
5:30 Peter Loretta

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
John 2:13-22

Tues. Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10

Wed. Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

Thurs. Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25

Fri. Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

Sat. Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

**Sun. Daniel 12:1-3** "I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: 'At that time...your people shall escape.'"

**Hebrews 10:11-14, 18** "Brothers and sisters: By one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated."

**Mark 13:24-32** The Son of Man will appear from heaven in power and glory. He will "gather his elect from the four winds."

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00**

**Amount Received: Oct 31/Nov 1, 2015**

**Regular Collection: \$17,900.14**

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

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Good stewards give all that is asked and trust God to be faithful to His promises.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give without hesitation - not from their surplus - but from their substance.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**



Today the sky was filled with clouds, but I could see sunlight behind them and in the little breaks between the clouds. It reminded me of how when we feel our lives are just full of clouds, the Son with His light is there. Just look for the breaks in the clouds in your life to see His light!

**Our next meeting is Monday, November 9th 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**

11/2/15 #94	Rosemary Gross	\$25
11/3/15 #120	Esther DiAgostino	\$25
11/4/15 #6	Connie Gutbrod	\$25
11/5/15 #55	Julius Fiorini	\$25
11/6/15 #265	Barbara & Jim Reams	\$50

*Wedding Banns**3rd Michael McCarron & Heather Rose**2nd Michael Rodrigues & Kim Masi**1st John Munnelly & Teresa Velino*

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

This week the Pantry is in need of: cereals, peas, mixed vegetables, corn, carrots, tuna, pasta sauce, tomato paste, chili, canned salmon, black beans, baked beans, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, mayonnaise, oil, coffee, boxed milk, juice, juice boxes, brownie mix, Jell-O, pudding, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and baby wipes.

We would gratefully accept frozen turkeys for Thanksgiving, preferably before 11/21/15. Thank you so much 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 8 - 14, 2015**Altar Bread & Wine**In Loving Memory of  
Colleen McNamara**Week of November 8 - 14, 2015**Sanctuary Candle**In Loving Memory of  
Ann Daly****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, Laura Cronin  
 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, Sal Mascolo  
 Jerome Antonucci, Nicholas Amato, Jean Zarou  
 Poppy Singh, Liz Caraccia, Jesusa Aquino  
 Gerard, Dana, Zachary & Rachel Biggin, Guido Penafiel  
 Barry Monteleone, Dolores Lordahl, Madeline Molnar  
 Charlie Hoffmann, Nadine Lewin Wall, Richard Graziano  
 Jean Mulligan, Carol Posnjak, Geraldine Zeterberg  
 Susan Peters, Stephen Hogan, Edward Boyce  
 Fran & Al Gandolfo, Pat Steiger, Joseph McCroary  
 Sheila & George Neumann

***Rest in Peace******Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”  
Michelina Formichelli, Elizabeth Lafferty***

## *The Pastor's Letter*



*As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross. Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

*Matthew. 27:32; 16:24*

I am sure if your life is anything like mine, you have found yourself pushed into certain situations where you are asked to do something that you do not want to do. However, the person requesting your assistance is persistent and you do not know how to get out of it. And in my experience, very often what I have begun to do reluctantly becomes a graced time, and one in which I am grateful to have shared in.

My sister is a great promoter of mine. She is always lining me up to visit people in the hospital or attend wakes of people I barely have known. Sometimes she tells me whom I have never met to call me and that I will help them with some problem. I sometimes remind her that I have a full time job as a pastor in Bethpage, and that Brooklyn has many far more gifted and talented priests than I. Still I am flattered with the great confidence that she places in me, and as I said, after I made my visit to the hospital or wake, I never regretted it. The Holy Spirit, perhaps through my sister, has a way of getting us to where we are needed.

As Catholics, we are very familiar with the Stations of the Cross - the journey of Christ from his condemnation by Pilate, to the cross, and then to his tomb. Meditating on any one of the stations is most fruitful for prayer and reflection. As our parish was planning our ministry booklet, we developed a couple of new ministries that have not yet begun. One of these new ministries is called The Simeon Ministry. This is a ministry based on the Fifth Station of the Cross. As Our Lord Jesus struggles to carry his cross to Calvary, he falls three times. He has lost a great deal of blood by the terrible scourging he endured as well as the crown of thorns that were pressed into his head. The Roman executioners are afraid that Jesus will die on the way rather than on the cross so they enlist a man who is walking by the place where Christ is carrying his cross. They demand that this man, Simon of Cyrene, help Jesus carry the cross. It would seem obvious that this man does not want to get involved with a seeming criminal who is on the way to be executed. We can assume he is most reluctant to do this service, but the soldiers force him to do so. We can also wonder how did Simon experience this journey with Christ? Was he eventually touched by the goodness and innocence of Jesus? As he looked back on that bitter day, did he eventually have a grateful heart for having had this surprise moment in his life. There is some evidence in the Scriptures that his two sons became Christians.

Our Parish Simeon Ministry is an invitation for parishioners to give us their name as being available to help for a particular one-time situation in our parish. It is not a commitment to a regular ministry but to be open to receiving a call or email asking for a couple of hours of help from time to time. If the person is available that is great. If not, that is also fine and he or she will be asked to help at another time. You might be asked to help set up tables, decorate for a party, clean up after an event and so forth. To be a Simeon is to be sort of like Simon of Cyrene: you will be asked to help to do something specific (we won't ask you to carry a cross!). **The ministry is listed on page 46 of our Ministry Booklet entitled *Walking the Way with Christ*.** I ask you as you consider service to this parish, to consider becoming a Simeon. Who knows - we might eventually get you tee shirts!

**Below is a meditation on the Fifth Station:**

**MEDITATION**

Simon of Cyrene is on his way home, returning from work, when he comes upon the sad procession of those condemned - for him, perhaps, it was a common sight. The soldiers force this rugged man from the country to carry the Cross on his own shoulders. How annoying he must have thought it to be suddenly caught up in the fate of those condemned men! He does what he must do, but reluctantly. Significantly, the Evangelist Mark does not only name him, but also his children, who were evidently known as Christians and as members of that community (cf. *Mk 15:21*). From this chance encounter, faith was born. The Cyrenian, walking beside Jesus and sharing the burden of the Cross, came to see that it was a grace to be able to accompany him to his crucifixion and to help him. The mystery of Jesus, silent and suffering, touched his heart. Jesus, whose divine love alone can redeem all humanity, wants us to share his Cross so that we can complete what is still lacking in his suffering (cf. *Col 1:24*). Whenever we show kindness to the suffering, the persecuted and defenseless, and share in their sufferings, we help to carry that same Cross of Jesus. In this way we obtain salvation, and help contribute to the salvation of the world.

**PRAYER**

Lord, you opened the eyes and heart of Simon of Cyrene, and you gave him, by his share in your Cross, the grace of faith. Help us to aid our neighbors in need, even when this interferes with our own plans and desires. Help us to realize that it is a grace to be able to share the cross of others and, in this way, know that we are walking with you along the way. Help us to appreciate with joy that, when we share in your suffering and the sufferings of this world, we become servants of salvation and are able to help build up your Body, the Church.

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

**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 the Festival Party  
Saturday, November 14th in the SCHOOL AUDITORIUM at 8PM.

**\$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!**

### 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.

**"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."**

**— William Arthur Ward**

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Due to work being done in the school cafeteria, this year the Golden Harvest Festival and Raffle will be in the **school auditorium**.

There are still a number of tickets left, so it's not too late to purchase a raffle ticket! Either go it alone or with someone. Good luck to all!





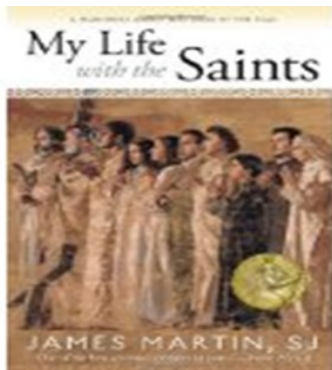
### Parish Men's Group



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 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.

**M**agnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to attend a breakfast on December 5th at The Hofstra Club at 9:45 a.m.

Our speaker is Josephine Cachia, who is currently serving in the Diocese of Brooklyn as a Liaison and Director for the Charismatic Renewal. Josephine was baptized in the Holy Spirit at a Life in the Spirit Seminar, and will be sharing her amazing story of healing from many fears and her evangelization to share the Good News of God's Eternal Love and Mercy.

The cost is \$35 per person. Reservations must be received by November 30th and mailed to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach, NY 11561.

Please direct all inquiries to either Judy Murphy at (917) 453-5750, or Angela Rizzo at (516) 763-1739. Thank you!





There is a Life Night this Sunday, 11/8 from 6:45-8:30pm in the OLPH Youth Room. You don't want to miss this fantastic evening with out special guests, the Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate! Dinner will be served. All High School teens are welcome!

**Upcoming Events:**

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:Lifeteen@Yahoo.com).

Wednesday November 11th  
Veterans Day - Rectory Closed  
Feast of St. Martin of Tours  
There is no 6:30AM Mass  
- only the 9AM.

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!



**BOY SCOUT TROOP 604  
BETHPAGE  
POPCORN SALE  
  
C A N C E L L E D**

## Changing Back to Red Wine

Recently I was approached about the taste of the white wine we had been using at Mass. I was also told that I switched wines to save money. However, the reason we went from red to white wine was solely because the stains of red wine and the Precious Blood are difficult to remove from the altar cloths. We are blessed to have a dedicated crew of parishioners who wash these cloths, and we go through a great deal of them since we give out the Precious Blood of Jesus at all the weekend and daily Masses. Since I would want no one to deny themselves of the Precious Blood due to the taste, I decided to go back to the red wine. Cost had nothing to do with this decision since there is no difference in price.

Before Mass our task is to balance how much wine is needed for consecration so that there is not a great deal of Precious Blood remaining after Communion. There have been times when there has not been enough Precious Blood consecrated to meet the needs of our congregation. I apologize for that, but it is a challenge to know how much wine to place on the altar since there is also the issue of having a significant amount of Precious Blood left over.



Out of our profound respect for the Real Presence of Christ in the Precious Blood, all of It must be consumed either by the clergy, the extraordinary ministers, or others who are willing to help with this responsibility after Mass. We would never choose to - nor are we allowed by Church law - to dispose of the Precious Blood in the ground or in any sink. It **must** be consumed.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR  
Pastor

## 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



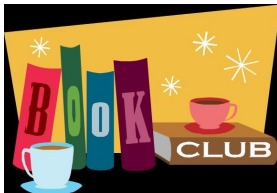
### Supplies for Soldiers - Adopt a Battalion

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!

Dear SMT Book Club Friends,



Our next book by popular demand is *The Shoemaker's Wife* by **Adriana Trigani**. We will meet **on Friday, December 11th at 7:30PM in Saint Alphonsus Hall.**

We look forward to seeing you and any new faces. Our sharing at the last meeting discussed some controversial issues in our novel with realism, insight and heartfelt empathy. Our new book hopefully will also embrace our hearts and our minds. The book does not need to be completed at the time of the meeting.

If there are any concerns or questions please contact Ann Mele  
[ann111647@netscape.net](mailto:ann111647@netscape.net) or call 516-330-3039.

Till then, happy reading!  
 Father Patrick Woods and Ann Mele

## 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  
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

### FROM THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

### DRVC LIFE ISSUES FORUM: FREEDOM TO CARE

*In his recent address in Philadelphia, Pope Francis noted that "VARIOUS FORMS OF MODERN TYRANNY SEEK TO SUPPRESS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, or TRY TO REDUCE IT TO A SUBCULTURE WITHOUT RIGHT TO A VOICE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE." Powerful political and cultural leaders often do not oppose religious freedom outright. Rather, they seek to relegate religion to a private sphere. They claim that religious freedom permits us to worship, but people of faith must shed their religious convictions when they leave the sanctuary and serve the public. This is a severely restrictive understanding of freedom.*

*The false notion of religion as a purely private affair has fueled a spate of threats to Catholic HOSPITALS; FREEDOM TO CARE FOR PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THE MORAL TEACHING OF THE CHURCH. In recent years, several Catholic healthcare entities and medical professionals have been punished by people who seek to require that they PROVIDE ABORTIONS and STERILIZATIONS. The notion seems to be that religion (or for that matter, morality) should not interfere with the practice of medicine. It's fine to have a little chapel and pictures of Jesus and Mary, but an increasingly influential segment of the population argues that Catholic hospitals and healthcare workers are no different from others. Opponents of truly Catholic healthcare demand that our FAITH NOT BE REFLECTED IN HOW WE PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SERVE OTHERS.*

*This argument from people who have never run healthcare entities is rather odd, since the CHURCH INVENTED THE HOSPITAL. While clinics and early medical practices existed in the pre-Christian world, an institution dedicated to medicine and in-patient care developed from monasticism. In the 4th century, St. Basil the Great took the institutionalized system of care that existed within the monastery and combined it with the public work of charity that lay Christians had been doing, and THE HOSPITAL WAS BORN. One great accomplishment of this institution was that persons previously thought to be UNTOUCHABLE, like LEPERS, were given care rather than treated as animals. Illness was destigmatized. Christian hospitals sought in tangible ways to promote human dignity, an effort which has been at the HEART OF THE GOSPEL FROM THE BEGINNING.*

*Pope Francis has said, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM CERTAINLY MEANS THE RIGHT TO WORSHIP GOD, individually and in community, as our consciences dictate. But, RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, BY ITS NATURE TRANSCENDS PLACES OF WORSHIP AND THE PRIVATE SPHERE OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES." The Holy Father has repeatedly REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS NOT MERELY PRIVATE. It is a freedom to serve in public, and indeed, in the healthcare setting, a freedom to care. Faith in the Lord who calls us to service forms the bedrock on which many of the Church's greatest contributions to the world have been built.*

*WE SERVE THE POOR, THE VULNERABLE, AND THE SICK **BECAUSE** OF OUR RELIGION, **NOT** IN SPITE OF IT. WE CANNOT COMPROMISE THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH OUR INSTITUTIONS ARE BASED.*

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**The Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate**

**THIS 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!!

### My Heart Will Go On

Far across the distance and spaces between us  
 You have come to show you, go on.  
 Love can touch us one time and last for a lifetime  
 And never let go till we're gone. Near, far, wherever you are  
 I believe that the heart does go on. Once more you open the door  
 And you're here in my heart And my heart will go on and on  
 You're here, there's nothing I fear And I know that my heart will go on  
 We'll stay forever this way You are safe in my heart  
 And my heart will go on and on.

Released 12/8/97 composed by James Homer; lyrics by Will Jennings; Walter Afanasieff & Simon Franglen, producers.

In the hit movie, *Titanic*, Celine Dion had a great hit song entitled, *My Heart Will Go On*. It was a romantic love song about the loss of young love. You may think I am bit of a nut, but it is the song that I have thought about as I saw my beloved Mets lose to the Kansas City Royals in the World Series. I tell you that 'my heart will go on' so that you do not think your pastor is going off to Tibet to seek inner peace or standing on the ledge of the Brooklyn Bridge!



Thank you all for your kind words of support and your condolences. In spite of how stressful it was watching the games, it was great fun. I also learned a possible lesson that Yankee fans can be very kind to Met fans. I may be saying such a kind thing in my state of grief, but perhaps (and the stress is on the word *perhaps*) I will take a kinder and gentler tone with Yankee fans. As they used to say in Brooklyn when the Dodgers lost - *Wait 'til Next Year!*

**Father Pat's Homily of 11/1/15**

On St. Patrick's Day, especially in the city, one can see a great diversity of people wearing buttons that testify to some concept of the Irish. Certainly there is the ever popular, *Kiss Me I'm Irish* and *Erin Go Bragh* which is Gaelic for *Ireland Forever*. I have also seen *Warning: Irish Temper/Italian Attitude*. I am not sure what to make of that! But one other button that fascinates me which I've seen rather often has some form of green beer on it with the words, *St. Patrick was a Saint. I Ain't*.

Today, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of All Saints Day. Most of us who are a little bit older grew up with saints, and most of our churches were filled with paintings and statues of many saints. It seemed that after Vatican II, newer churches had less saints than the older houses of worship. Some even seemed to disappear such as St. Christopher and St. Philomena. We know that some of our Protestant Brothers and Sisters often say, "You Catholics worship saints!" That certainly has never been true. We worship only God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Still, I am happy to say that I think saints are beginning to be rediscovered and appreciated by today's Catholics. We love our saints and feel like they are our close friends.

Certainly the greatest of all our saints is Mary the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God. Her husband, St. Joseph, is the patron of the Universal Church and also of a peaceful death since the tradition is that he died with Jesus and Mary present with him. There are those who believe if you bury St. Joseph upside down in your yard, he will help you sell your house. You won't find this in our Creed but I know people who claim it worked for them. Our dear friend in heaven, St. Anthony seemed to be in charge of God's "lost and found department!" I know I pray to him when I lose something important which seems to be on a daily basis. Anthony has suggested that if I cleared my desk, I might find many missing items.

It is said that Good Saint Anne will help a lady find a man. She may be more efficient than many of the online dating services! Some people upon hearing of such customs would call them almost bordering on superstition. For me they are really charming traditions that remind us how close the grace of God is in our world.

When we were blessed to have Father Biju helping us one summer, he painted five beautiful saints. We have our good friend St. Anthony whom I already mentioned and St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. We have so many grandparents who are so active in caring for their grandchildren. There is a painting of St. Therese also called the Little Flower, one of the most popular of all Catholic saints. We have the painting of Saint Peregrine, patron of those suffering from cancer, and the very popular patron of impossible cases - St. Jude. I see many Jet fans praying in front of him.

We also have other lovely images - The Holy Family, St. Martin of Tours - our patron, and the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. There are also pictures of St. Monica, patron of those praying for family members to return to the faith, and Redemptorist St. Gerard renowned for those couples seeking to have a child and for a safe delivery. As you leave the Church, you will see St. Michael, patron of soldiers, police officers and first responders battling Satan. Outside in our prayer garden, we have a lovely statue of the great St. Francis of Assisi.

We also added a statue of St. Bernadette to our Lourdes area. We have named one building after St. Alphonsus and another after St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Over by the rectory garage is a large statue (some have wondered if it is me a few pounds ago) of Blessed Francis Seelos a wonderful Redemptorist who lived in the 1850's. As the Book of Revelation says, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. We have saints in our church and grounds just as a family has pictures of loved ones in their homes.



When we pray to a saint, we are honoring God. It is Almighty God who hears and responds to prayers. We can always go right to God with any prayer we have, but many Catholics feel a certain bond with particular saints. We are attracted by their great holiness and their humanity. Both St. Therese of Lisieux and Mother Teresa were great women of faith who, at times, suffered from serious struggles with faith and depression. St. Peter denied Christ three times while St. Thomas doubted that Christ had risen. St. Alphonsus suffered from a serious case of scruples and wondered if he had confessed all his sins. The saints inspire us to be like them, but we also see their faults. They were people of flesh and blood, not statues of plaster or stained glass. I love the story of St. Theresa of Avila who had an accident in which she fell from her carriage into mud, completely ruining her habit. The great Spanish mystic said to God: *If this is how you treat your friends, it is no wonder you have so few.* When St. Pope John the XXIII was asked how many people worked at the Vatican, he said *about half.*

The Church gives us the saints to help us live our Christian lives. They are cheering us on like the crowds at the New York Marathon. All Saints Day is a special day because is a time to think about all the unnamed men and women in heaven who are now saints since they are with God. They may not be officially canonized but we trust that their good lives have brought them home to the Lord. We often say about a person who has died: *she was a saint, or if anybody should get to heaven it is he.* I think of my own parents. Although they had their faults, they loved God, did their best to raise their families and tried to be good neighbors. I often talk to them and pray to them. The same is certainly true for my sister Gerry, a Sister of St Joseph who fits that definition of *if she is not in heaven, then I am in trouble.* There are countless people who have died who have inspired me by how they lived, many of them whose funerals I have celebrated here at St. Martin's. All Saints Day is kind of like honoring the unknown soldiers in Arlington. This is the day to thank God for all his saints. I have no doubt you have countless people in your lives whom you believe are home with the Lord. This is their day!

Finally, the canonized and unknown saints of our personal lives, remind us that our main goal in life is to **be** a saint. That might intimidate us a bit like the button that tells us that *St. Patrick is saint. I ain't.* But the only other option to being a saint after we die is not one that any of us would like. The souls in purgatory are on the list to become saints. The souls in hell have chosen to reject God and by their lives say they want no part of him.

So on this All Saints day, pray to God and all the saints in heaven to help you and me become what God wishes for us: **Saints!**

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- Nov 8: Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart 5:30PM Mass & Life Night to follow.
- Nov 9: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- 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 **AUDITORIUM** 8PM
- Nov 14/15: Baby Bottles Collection after all Masses
- Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM Church (no 6:30AM Mass)
- Dec 4: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Dec 5: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Dec 11: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 18: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 19: Anointing Mass 9AM Church

