

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - November 23**

6:30 Eugene Gorman  
9:00 Christopher Profita

**Tuesday - November 24**

6:30 John & Nicoletta Mattariello  
9:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo

**Wednesday - November 25**

6:30 Rose Maggi  
9:00 Deceased Members of the Drew Family

**Thursday - November 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY**

**NO 6:30**

9:00 People of the Parish

**Friday - November 27**

**NO 6:30**

9:00 Frances Scaturro

**Saturday - November 28**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Ray Pelus  
7:00 William J. Csajko

**Sunday - November 29**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Linda Nobile O'Brien  
10:00 Joann Shell  
11:30 Doris & John Maggi  
1:00 Cecelia Isnardi  
5:30 Daniel Lannon

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4  
Tues. Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11  
Wed. Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17; 23-28; Luke 21:12-19  
Thurs. Daniel 6:12-18; Luke 21:20-28  
Fri. Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33  
Sat. Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

**Sun. *Jeremiah 33:14-16*** *The time is coming when the Lord's promise to Israel will be fulfilled. An offspring of David will come and bring justice for all nations of the world.*

**1 *Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*** *Paul prayed to the Lord for the Christians of Thessalonica that their love for one another would overflow and that their hearts might be blameless and holy before God.*

***Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*** *There will be great signs in the heavens and great distress on the earth when the Son of Man comes in glory. Therefore, "be vigilant at all times...to stand before the Son of Man."*



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

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00**  
**Amount Received: Nov 14/15, 2015**  
**Regular Collection: \$16,902.77**

**Thank you for your great generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who actively choose service to our neighbor by holding a door, being patient on the line or on the road and offering a smile to a stranger.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

What if life had pause and rewind buttons?! How often have you said or done something you wish you hadn't? While we can't rewind, pausing just takes practice and control. Do the pauses right, and you might forget all about the rewind! Jesus knew the power of the pause and so can you.


**Our next meeting is Monday, November 23rd at 7:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

**HOP Club Winners**

11/16/15	#213	Mildred Saloy	\$25
11/17/15	#509	Mary Cavaciuti	\$25
11/18/15	#28	James J. Wilson	\$25
11/19/15	#78	Ellen Johnson	\$25
11/20/15	#156	Maria Lanzarone	\$50

*Wedding Banns*

*3rd John Munnelly & Teresa Volino*


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

It is with a heavy heart that members of the Parish Outreach/Food Pantry community say goodbye to our friend and volunteer, Lou Familio, who passed away on Sunday, November 15th. Lou is remembered with a smile as we recall how he was always quick to tell each and every one of us how beautiful we looked every day. Lou was so generous with his time, always willing to help with emptying the red wagon or a food bank delivery. Lou was such a wonderful gift to us! He will be sorely missed! May God bless and hold him in the palm of His hand.

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This week, the Pantry could use: cereals, rice, chili, pasta sauce, baked beans, black beans, salad dressings, oil, juice boxes, coffee, laundry soap, shampoo, tissues and toilet paper. Thank you all for your great 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 22 - 28, 2015*

***Altar Bread & Wine***  
*In Loving Memory of*  
***Kristine Benasutti***

*Week of November 22- 28, 2015*

***Sanctuary Candle***  
*In Loving Memory of*  
***Ann Gorman***



**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 Battiatia, 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, 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 Messin, William Boyce  
 Little Sonny D’Ambrosio, Joann Sescila, Albert La Rocca  
 Michael Arato, 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, Poppy Singh, Liz Caraccia, Jesusa Aquino  
 Joseph McCroary, 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, Fr. Edmund Faliskie, CSSR  
 Sheila & George Neumann, John (Jack) Phelps  
 Terrence Lynam, Joseph Abruzzo

***Rest in Peace***  
***Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”***  
**Stephen Spataro, Joseph Nash**  
**Louis Familio, Dorothy Panzarella**

## *The Pastor's Letter*

Baseball fans know well the name of an obscure player named Wally Pipp. Pipp played first base for the New York Yankees. On June 2, 1925, Wally called Yankee manager, Miller Higgins, and said he had a headache. The manager told him to take the day off. He decided to play a rookie named Lou Gehrig. Lou Gehrig went on to play the next 2,130 games at first base!

I was reminded of that famous story as I listened over the course of the last three weeks to various parishioners from a variety of parish ministries. They gave witness talks at the end of Mass about why they chose to be involved in serving the parish community. The talks were excellent because they truly witnessed to how the Holy Spirit touched their lives to want to be involved in the parish. The talks were so good that I might be the next Wally Pipp and be replaced by these spirit-filled men and women and our two young altar servers who also spoke about their ministry. I thank them for sharing their time and talent with all of us.

This weekend we are moving into our next phase of ***Walking the Way with Christ*** program. We will have ministry sign-up sheets available for all parishioners in the pews with a brief explanation that will be given after communion. I certainly understand that there are many good reasons why a person might not feel he or she can accept another responsibility in their lives. When we had the *Paving the Way for Christ Capital Campaign*, I stressed that it was a no-guilt campaign. If a person or family did not have the financial resources to help, that reality in no way diminished their commitment to the parish and their life of faith.

**Walking the Way with Christ**



I will say that same thing about our Ministry Campaign. If you feel that you are not able to assist in any capacity in the parish for whatever reason, I respect that choice. However, since we have such a variety of ministries available, including praying for the sick or other needs as well as just offering your time for a couple of hours a year, I do ask you to please not simply dismiss the

idea of being part of parish ministry. I am strongly encouraging this program not only because we need people to help in our mission, but more importantly, (as we heard over and over again in the witness talks by our fellow parishioners), that serving in a ministry was a blessing for that person. In the very act of giving, they received.

I am asking you over the course of the next couple of weeks to carefully study the sheet you have been given. You have already received the description of the many ministries in the booklet, *Walking the Way with Christ*. The sign-up sheet also gives you the opportunity to talk to the pastor or a particular person serving in a ministry should you want further assistance. This is not just a form seeking information. This is a key spiritual moment in the life of our parish. After you have prayed over and completed your ministry sheet, I would ask you to place it in the special basket near the altar.

Even if you are not ready to commit to a ministry, the survey gives you the opportunity to ask for more information about it. This act of placing the form in the basket is a symbol of you giving a gift to God who has gifted each of us with so much in our lives. Your generous gift of your time and talent is a great gift to God and to our parish.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

woodscssr@aol.com Website: smtbethpage.org

*I am happy to announce this invitation to all our veterans. - Father Pat*

Dear Veteran,

We, the Butehorn Brothers Post 4987 of Bethpage, wish to extend an invitation to you in recognition of your continued service to our country. We would be very pleased if you would consider joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars. As a member, the V.F.W. card provides you the opportunity to visit any post in the world. You will not only be welcomed by Post 4987, but by any post you wish to visit. Post 4987 will pay your dues as long as you are on duty. In addition, you will receive a V.F.W. magazine once a month.

We are grateful to Father Pat for the opportunity to reach out to you. Please understand your privacy will not be compromised due to this letter. We would like to thank you for your continued service and hope you will consider this invitation. Please contact us directly via email at [VFW4987@gmail.com](mailto:VFW4987@gmail.com)

Yours in Christ,  
Commander George Hudak, VFW Post 4987



Boy Scout Troop 604 Bethpage will be holding their **Annual Christmas Wreath sale at all Masses (or until sold out) the weekend of November 28th and 29th at a cost of \$20.**

**As an aside**, this year if you would like to purchase grave blankets, please call Nancy at (516) 749-2430 and leave her a message for your order. Each blanket is \$20. Please note that they will not be sold at the Masses.

Thank you for supporting our Boy Scouts!



**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.

November 24

Chapters Seventeen &amp; Eighteen (Tuesday Evening)



11/22: Life Teen's Pot-Luck Thanksgiving Dinner after the 5:30 Mass in St. Alphonsus Hall. All teens welcome!

**Upcoming Events:**

11/29 - No Life Night

12/6 - Life Night after the 5:30PM Mass in OLPH Youth Center

There is **NO Adoration on Tuesday, December 8th** as it is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please see the parish "Upcoming Events" on Page 18 for the Mass schedule.

**Upcoming Events:**

12/10- Edge Christmas Party 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).

**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.**

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

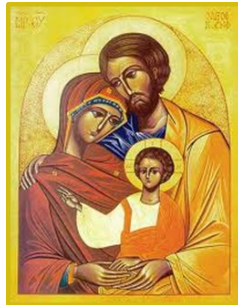


### Young Family Ministry - Leading Families Closer to Christ

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)

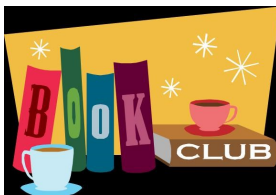
#### The schedule is as follows:

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



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  
 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN  
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army



**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY****CATHOLIC HOME CARE**

Catholic Home Care (CHC is a member of Catholic Health Services) was founded by the Congregation of the Infant Jesus in 1905, is a non-profit, non-denominational home care agency certified by the Joint Commission. Catholic Home Care services more than 2,100 patients in their residences through the acute care agency and over 200 long term patients each day. The Home Care Team consists of more than 550 dedicated professionals, para-professionals, and support staff to ensure that patients continue to have their home care needs met 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Catholic Home Care has been ranked within the Home Care Elite best of the top 25% of HOME CARE AGENCIES in the country. The Home Care Elite is the compilation of the most successful home care providers in the U.S. To receive this honor, home care agencies are ranked nationally in the following categories: quality of care, quality improvement, patient experience, process measures and financial performance. The agency also made the TOP 500 IN THE COUNTRY.

On a personal note: I had been hospitalized three times over the last three months. After swallowing a doxycycline capsule that dissolved in my throat, I have been plagued with respiratory problems ever since. It aspirated into my lungs and caused me to be rushed to the emergency room four times and hospital stays for two days at a time. One of the problems was that I had mucus plugs that sat atop my windpipe and caused suffocation. I have to compliment St. Joseph Hospital for their quick response as I was rushed there unable to breathe.

Catholic Home Care visited me and set me up with a nebulizer, and also a suction machine that I still have with me when I leave the house. Healing from this episode will take months. I cannot stress the dedication and caring that this agency provided. A nurse came to my house every other day, sat and counseled me. They called, and had me call them with any concerns that came along.

These nurses have incredible PEOPLE SKILLS, patience and understanding, making any illness just a little bit easier to get through. Actually, my dog CLANCY chewed my Yankauer for my suction machine, and in one phone call, they had one waiting for me. But then again, CLANCY is another story!

We must be aware of the services of the Catholic Church. We must also be vigilant as many are threatened with maybe having to provide services that are against our faith. Keep updated on Religious Freedom. We would never want to lose the care and dedication that Catholic services of all kinds provide us.

Admission nurses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For contact information call: 631 465-6830 or 516 486-1421, or if you are having a hospital stay, and may need additional help at home, ask to speak to a Catholic Home Care representative.

Diana Hart Mirando

**I wrote this homily on Thursday, November 12, 2015. Little did I know that the next day there would be a terrorist attack on the City of Paris that caused death and injury to so many people.**

*Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. Mark 13:24-32*

I remember when I was planning to go the Holy Land a couple of years ago, my family and friends were concerned about my safety and suggested that I not go on this trip. My response would be, "it is as dangerous to be on the subway in New York City as it is walking in Jerusalem." I believe that. We know that New York City is a place that terrorists see as a favored target. The subway system is certainly vulnerable to an attack since there is no way every passenger could be screened. I was lucky enough to see the Mets play the Cubs in a recent playoff game and all the fans had to be patted down to try to prevent a suicide bomber. We also know that there are some violent criminals in the City, as there are through most of the world, who strike people randomly and without any reason. Still I love to go into New York and I do not think often about terrorism. If I did, I suppose we could become paralyzed with fear and truly stop living.

Watching the news and reading the newspapers can be depressing. The incredibly brutal acts of ISIS, the violence in some of our cities, the increasing levels of racial tension in our nation, along with the steady reality of endless wars can make us switch the station to the *Honeymooners* or *Seinfeld* to find some relief. Although we do our best to avoid those people who spend their lives handing out leaflets in Times Square telling us that the world is about to end, I think in our my minds we do have our doubts about where our world is heading. Democrats and Republicans both promise that their goal is to leave the country better for our grandchildren, but their actions do not give many of us encouragement that that will be the case.

The words of Jesus spoken more than 2,000 years ago make perfect sense today: *In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.* As the Church year comes to an end and before we begin a new year with Advent, we are presented with readings from our Holy Scriptures that speak about the end of the world. In the tradition of the Church there were what we always called the four last things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. Even though we do not like to think that each one of us will face death at a time and hour we do not know, we do our best to deny this reality. I sometimes say as I hear others do, something like this: *If I die, I want this song played at my funeral.* I get a kick at the word *if*, since it seems to suggest that I may be the only person in the world, other than our Lord and the Blessed Mother, whose eventual death is in doubt.

In our first reading from the prophet Isaiah we are presented with the imagery of the great Archangel Michael coming face to face with evil and seeking to overcome by him the power of God. *At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape.*

Even though we think even less about the end of the world than we do about our own personal end, it is a teaching of Jesus that there will come a time when the world as we know it will cease to be. Considering the amount of nuclear weapons that exist on the world, I would think that if they were ever used by nations against nations, then the end time our Lord speaks about would be upon us. I must confess I have confused feelings about all the dangers cited in those who speak about global warming, but I do believe humanity does have the capacity to wreck the world as we know it. I remember living near Lake Erie in the 1960's and almost all the fish in the lake seemed to be dying. Thank God, that destruction has been turned around and lake is doing much better.

So how are you and I to live with the reality of evil and the possibility of the world ending? Jesus was often asked when the world would end. His response was always that only his Father in Heaven knew. Simply put, all the world is in the hands of God as are each one of us. So, we live in trust that we are in the hands of God. It is good, although not particularly pleasant, to occasionally meditate on our own deaths. I remember being on retreat and we were invited to write our own obituaries. That was a rather sobering exercise but one that made you think about your life and how you wanted to live it. I often say that I want to live to see the Jets win the Super Bowl. I may live to be 200!

I think the real challenge for many of us is to truly live in the present. We often think about the past and the future, but the present is the only time we have. If there is some situation in your life that needs to be addressed, now is the only time you have to do it. The great psychologist Carl Jung described neurosis as a refusal to live in the present. I remember hearing a sermon about the sacrament of the present moment. Each moment we have from God is precious and to be lived well.

Certainly, praying and crying out to the Lord for peace in the world and an end to evil is something we should do. Every time we pray the Our Father we pray that God will deliver us from evil. We almost always have a petition for peace in our Sunday prayer of the faithful. Yet, in terms of action steps, there is little that you and I can do about ISIS and other powerful evil realities in the world.

It is also true that each one of us has our own personal challenges and battles with sin and turning from the path God invites us to. We might speak badly about our neighbor, deliberately hurt the feelings of others, refuse to forgive, be overly critical, speak against people different from us, become addicted to internet pornography, and become comfortable with what we call "little" lies. Each of us has our encounters with evil, certainly not the level of terrorism but still hurtful to others and ourselves. We come to Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation seeking to be delivered from the sins.

None of us know when the world will end nor when our lives will be completed. When I visit a family in the funeral home and ask about the deceased, they will often tell me, he or she loved God and the church, was a good spouse and good parent. That to me is a pretty good resume. People talk about a *bucket list* of things that they want to do before they die. I would prefer the term *A Grace List*. For me, a grace is all the things that God may still be calling me to do and live before I go home to Him. What we do know is that God calls each of us to leave the world in a better state before we leave it.

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

Call Diana Hart Mirando (C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

**ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS****PROJECT RACHEL****WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM****Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE****Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services****Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357****NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE****1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453****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****Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity****An Old Fashioned Christmas**

Our General Meeting and Christmas Party is **Tuesday, December 1st at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.**



We ask that you bring cookies, cake, finger food, cheese & crackers, etc. for our sharing table. We will be celebrating Jesus' birthday with a birthday cake! All women are welcome to celebrate with us and bring a friend!

Please bring a NEW \$10 wrapped gift in one package only for the Grab Bag. When you sign in, you will receive a number. When your number is called, pick a gift to keep. Raffles are 4 for \$5 and the 50/50 is \$1.00 per ticket.

**DUES:**

Please see Janet if you haven't paid your dues (\$10 per year). If you prefer, you can mail a check payable to Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity, St. Martin of Tours, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714. Our goal is to have all dues paid by the first of the new year so that we can prepare a new list of members.

**A Blessed Christmas to All!**

Begin Thanksgiving Day with the Celebration of Mass

Thursday, November 26th  
9:00 A.M.

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.  
His love endures forever!" - Psalm 136



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tuesday, December 8th

**Vigil Mass**  
**Monday, December 7th at 7PM**

**Tuesday, December 8th**  
**6:30 & 9:00 AM**  
**12 Noon & 7:00 PM**

The Rectory Office is closed on December 8th.

*Life Teen's Christmas Tree Sale*

We will be selling Christmas trees again this year at St. Martin's parking lot. Come and pick out a beautiful tree either on **Friday, December 11th from 4:00—7:00 PM** or on **Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. All trees are \$35.00.

The proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry of St. Martin's.



## *Thanksgiving Day*

Abraham Lincoln, our 16<sup>th</sup> president, is celebrated for a great many achievements. The savior of our union, Lincoln guided our nation through the resolution of the Civil War. His leadership helped bring an end to slavery and peace to our war-torn nation. In addition to these historical achievements, few know that Lincoln also helped turn Thanksgiving into a nationally observed holiday.

*I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.*

- from Abraham Lincoln's *Proclamation of Thanksgiving*, October 3, 1863

### ***A Thanksgiving Day Prayer***

*Our Father in Heaven,  
We give thanks for the pleasure  
of gathering together for this occasion.  
We give thanks for this food prepared by loving hands.  
We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all  
and all other blessings. As we partake of this food,  
We pray for health and strength  
to carry on and try to live as You would have us.  
This we ask in the name of Christ,  
to our Heavenly Father.*

### ***From the Mass of Thanksgiving Day***

"Once you chose a people and gave them a destiny and, when you brought them out of bondage to freedom, they carried with them the promise that all people would be blessed and all could be free. It happened to our fathers and mothers, who came to this land as if out of a desert into a place of promise and hope. It happens to us still, in our time, As you lead all people through your Church to the blessed vision of peace."

**We will Celebrate Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. on November 26th.**



### St. Martin of Tours Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 16, 2015  
2:30pm - 8:30pm  
St. Alphonsus Hall  
38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage

Your donation will help to save up to **THREE** lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! Thank you for caring!

#### Eligibility Criteria:

Bring ID with signature or photo.

Minimum weight 110 lbs.

Age 16 – 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)

Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids

No tattoos for past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call  
1-800-688-0900.

### Second Collection: November 21 - 22

**FROM THE DIOCESE:** This weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development which includes Home Missions (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed.

For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.



### Children or Grandchildren in the Military

We are very proud of all the men and women in our parish who are serving our nation and each one of us in the United States Military. The parish would like to send a Christmas card with a St. Michael's medal and a small token gift such as a phone card or a small financial gift.

Like last year, we would ask that you give us the name of a son or daughter, or grandson or granddaughter serving in the military. There is no cost to you.

Please call Genny at 931-0818 by December 7<sup>th</sup> the latest or email me at [woodscsr@aol.com](mailto:woodscsr@aol.com). God bless these young men and women! - Father Pat

## Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa

On Sunday December 13th from 9:30AM to 12 Noon our Council will host its **Annual Breakfast with Santa**, aka "The Children's Christmas Party."

We will have a delicious **HOT BREAKFAST** followed by **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CRAFT ACTIVITIES** for the children. And of course there will be a special visit from **SANTA** himself!

**NOTE** - Please bring a wrapped gift for your child (\$15-\$20 range) with your child's name printed clearly on it so Santa will know which child gets which gift.

### ADVANCED RESERVATION REQUIRED

The cost is \$8.00 for each person 3 years and older.  
Payment can be cash or check payable to:  
Rev. Michael Hartigan K of C Council #5033

Call Deputy Grand Knight  
Joe Interrante at (516) 378-0733  
Let him know the number of guests at your table.





**St. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:**  
**2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY**  
**(516) 746-8250**

**(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)**  
**OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY**  
**(631) 858-0380 OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

**1425A New York Avenue, Huntington Station**  
**(631) 385-1226 OPEN MON-SAT 9-5**

**To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other  
 donated materials for pick-up, please call (516)  
 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk).**

**You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.**

**The Catholic Counseling Center**  
**12 Ryder Court, Dix Hills NY 11746**

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of George A. Giuliani, PhD, Director/Psychologist, is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese.

Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling **Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503.**

You may visit his website at  
<http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 23: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 23: Virtus Training 7:30PM School Faculty Lounge
- Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM Church (no 6:30AM Mass)
- Nov 27: No 6:30AM Mass; 9AM only
- Dec 1: Christian Mothers General Meeting & Christmas Party 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 4: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Dec 5: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
  
- Dec 7: Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception 7PM Church
- Dec 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 6:30; 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM Church
  
- Dec 11: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 11 & 12: Youth Ministry Christmas Tree Sale
- Dec 18: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 19: Anointing Mass 9AM Church

