

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - January 11**

6:30  
9:00 Edward Naughton

**Tuesday - January 12**

6:30 James Rosentel  
9:00 Richard Godek

**Wednesday - January 13**

6:30 Aldo & Rita Sussi  
9:00 Robert McCarron

**Thursday - January 14**

6:30  
9:00 Michelle DiStefano

**Friday - January 15**

6:30  
9:00 Martin Barry

**Saturday - January 16**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Bernie Lavin  
7:00 Karen-Ann Adkins

**Sunday - January 17**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Vincent Mangiamele  
10:00 Anthony Guglielmo  
11:30 Michael Dezervos  
1:00 Phillip Seils  
5:30 William Davis

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20  
Tues. 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28  
Wed. 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39  
Thurs. 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45  
Fri. 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12  
Sat. 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17  
**Sun. *Isaiah 62:1-5*** *As a young man marries a virgin, so the Lord will marry Israel. No longer will she be called "Forsaken," for she is now the precious one of God and will be called "My Delight."*

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11** *There is one Spirit from whom come many gifts. Each person is given a different gift to use for the common good. We are all united in the one Spirit through our individual gifts.*

**John 2:1-11** *Jesus and his mother were invited to a wedding feast at Cana. There he performed the first of his great signs, changing water into wine. Thus he revealed his glory to all.*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

Collection Updates

12/25/15: \$55,271.93 Christmas  
12/27/15: \$14,772.00 Weekly  
1/1/16: \$6,589.16 Solemnity of Mary

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00  
Amount Received 1/3/16: \$17,598.68

**Thank you for your great generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who answer their baptismal call to **believe with joy** by placing their gifts and resources, their very selves, at God's service not only in the Church but in the world!

Charismatic Prayer Group

**The Best Present**

He was sent by God, then Mary wrapped Him. But did you receive Him into your heart? It's more than coming to church and saying the prayers. You have to take Jesus home with you; bring Him to school and work. Need to know how?

**Our next meeting is Monday, January 11th (weather permitting) at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

H.O.P. Club Winners

1/4/16 #645 Maria E. Horner \$25  
1/5/16 #217 Adrienne Dane \$25  
1/6/16 #543 M/M James Devine \$25  
1/7/16 #583 Linda & Ed Segretto \$25  
1/8/16 #232 Kathleen Speelman \$50



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

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



*Wedding Banns*  
 3rd: Ross Vessillo &  
 Meghan Brolly



**"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: rice, oatmeal, cereals, chili, beef stew, pasta sauce, Rice-A-Roni, lentils, brownie mix, icing, evaporated milk, juice boxes, Jell-O, pudding, diapers (size 5), toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap and napkins.

Thank you for all you do! Because of your help, we were able to serve 526 people from 90 individual families during the month of December. We are so grateful for your tremendous generosity to those in need.

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

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

*Altar Bread & Wine*  
 Week of January 10 - 16, 2016



*In Loving Memory of  
 Harold Kuhn &  
 Deceased Members of the Kuhn Family*

*Sanctuary Candle*  
 Week of January 10 - 16, 2016



*In Loving Memory of  
 Michele DiStefano*

***Rest in Peace***

***Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."***

**George Lucent, Rachela Butera, Debra Pero  
 Salvatore P. Raucci, Krystyna Ferszt  
 Charlotte Scarangella**

**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 & Victor 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 Baciaska, 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, Tom Doty, Linda Malone, Laura Cronin  
 Lynn Calo, Christine Chiarappa, Michael Kott, Jr.  
 Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller, Susan Carroll-Goyan  
 Carol Episcopio, Donna Rusch, Samantha McNeil  
 Patty & Tom Turano, Antonia Binetti, Layla Barr  
 Fran Brideau, Kevin Connors, Sal Mascolo  
 Jerome Antonucci, Nicholas Amato, Poppy Singh  
 Jesusa Aquino, Joseph McCroary, Guido Penafiel  
 Barry Monteleone, Dolores Lordahl, Charlie Hoffmann  
 Nadine Lewin Wall, Richard Graziano Jean Mulligan  
 Carol Posnjak, Geraldine Zeterberg, Susan Peters  
 Stephen Hogan, Edward Boyce, Fran & Al Gandolfo  
 Fr. Edmund Faliskie, CSSR, Elinor Gabbola  
 Sheila Neumann, John (Jack) Phelps, Terrence Lynam  
 Joseph Abruzzo, Taylor, Michael Kott, Jr.  
 Angelo Pennestri, Ann Lazzara, Lee Berkowitz  
 Danielle McCarthy, Charles Drew, Kevin Connors  
 Fran Connors, Joseph Kostyak, Lorie Penafiel  
 Margie Castles, Johnny D., Anthony Morello

## *The Pastor's Letter*

*Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got.*

*Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot.*

*Wouldn't you like to get away?*

*Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name,*

*And they're always glad you came.*

*You wanna be where you can see, our troubles are all the same*

*You wanna be where everybody knows your name.*

*You wanna go where people know, people are all the same,*

*You wanna go where everybody knows your name.*

©Where Everybody Knows Your Name Written by Gary Portnoy & Judy Hart Angelo, Released 1982



You may recognize these words. No, they are not from the Bible or a famous saint. These are the words to the theme song from the television show *Cheers* that was popular in the 1980's. The song is about a bar and how the regulars came to form a kind of community as they hung out at *Cheers*. I've heard some speakers who have suggested that the lyrics suggest what a good parish community might feel like to its members. While we do not go to St. Martin's to get away from everything, we do carry our joy and sorrows with us into Mass and seek the presence of God in the Word, the Eucharist, and in one another.

I thought of this song when I came back to St. Martin's the other day after my Christmas break with my family. Certainly I enjoyed my time with my family, ate very well, got to play with the new toys of my great nephew, and slept long hours. I visited the Rockefeller Christmas Tree, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and attended the show *Finding Neverland* which I enjoyed very much. I had visits with some dear friends. It was a good week, but I must say that I was happy to be coming back home to St. Martin's. Here is a place where everybody knows my name, our troubles are all the same, and I am always glad to see you come to the parish. It is home to me, and I missed it while I was away.

On behalf of Fathers Jim and Ciya, I want to thank you for the many kind expressions of Christmas joy that you brought to us over the days of Christmas and New Year's. Over and over again, we were wished a most Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year by those who came to Mass. Many of you thanked us for being priests who serve in the parish. We received many beautiful cards and emails with very kind words and promises of prayers and Masses. You graced us with many gifts of lovingly prepared baked goods, books, decorations, gift cards. Money, books, wine, and bottles of Irish holy water. (Better known as Jamison).

We are most grateful for these kind words and gifts that you showered us with over the holidays. I know the three of us feel so very loved and appreciated by this wonderful community that has blessed us with so much kindness. Thank you so much for your faith, and for allowing us to share in the joys and sorrows of your lives. If our parish was *Cheers*, I'd like to think I was playing the role of the good looking bartender, Sam, but I suspect I would more likely be cast as Norm, the chubby fellow greeted with shouts of welcome as he enters the tavern and orders his beer. Thank you and may this New Year bring each of you and our entire parish, many blessings and joys as we seek to *Walk with Jesus*.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR [woodscsr@aol.com](mailto:woodscsr@aol.com)

Website: [smtbethpage.org](http://smtbethpage.org)

When I celebrate baptisms here in the parish, I stress to the parents that their beautiful baby has been loved by Almighty God from the moment he or she was conceived. That baby has always been a child of God. The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism marks that this baby will be raised in the love of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This baby, besides having his or her natural family, now has an extended family of more than 1 billion Catholic cousins. As we celebrate the baptism of an infant, the parents and godparents stand up and say that they "...will do all that we can to make sure that this child grows up knowing the love of God, seeking to follow the Lord's path." At baptism the babies usually wear a lovely white gown. This is a sign that they are putting on Christ Jesus. The babies are anointed with the oil of holy Chrism which is the most sacred oil of the Catholic Church. This oil will be later used for their Confirmation. Kings, priests and prophets were anointed with oil in the Old Testament. We anoint our children as kings, prophets and priests.

What happens next? Have we passed on the faith to our child by simply having him or her baptized? Certainly not. Baptism is the beginning of his or her life as a Christian. It is now for the parents and the rest of the family to bring their child home and teach, far more by example than by words, how to be a follower of Jesus. If the baby grows up in a family that lives their faith, he or she will likely sink his or her own roots in the Catholic faith.

I was thinking that being a baptized Catholic in the United States today is not much of a challenge. Six of the Supreme Court justices are baptized Catholics as is the Vice-President of our country. Yet, there are many places today in the world, where one can be killed if he or she does not renounce their Catholic faith in the name of Allah. Every time we make the sign of the cross we make a commitment to be followers of Jesus in our daily lives. We are called to put on the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives.

Father Pat, CSSR



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 FROM 10:30-1 PM



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- Preparation for the Sacraments
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- Mentoring and Tutoring Programs

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WEDNESDAYS  
OPEN HOUSE  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

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**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



# Happy New Year!

2016 is going to be a fabulous year for SMT Youth Ministry!  
We are looking forward to serving you and hope to see you at some  
of our upcoming events!

~ Erin and the Core Teams

## STEUBENVILLE NYC+

June 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
St. John's University

Open to all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teens

Dynamic Speakers, Engaging Liturgies,  
Energetic Praise & Worship Music, &  
Much, much more!



\$50 deposit DUE January 10<sup>th</sup>

Total cost: \$300 per teen

(less if you volunteer for our fundraisers)

For More info: [www.lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-NYC](http://www.lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-NYC)



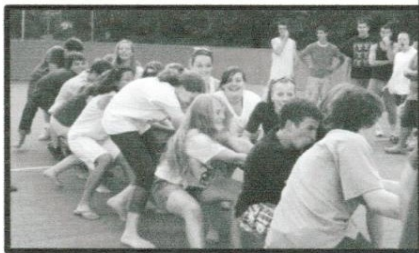
### Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed!

Open to HS students ONLY!

January 30<sup>th</sup> – Harlem, NY

Contact the Office of Youth Ministry for more information!

### CAMP VERITAS



Join **St. Martin of Tours Youth Ministry** for a week long Catholic Summer Camp for 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### August 14-20<sup>th</sup> at Camp Lakota

Located in the foothills of the Catskills

**Cost: \$370** includes housing & all meals

**Registration Opens January 1<sup>st</sup>**

(\$400 is registration is after March 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Activities include:** daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, go-karting, swimming, lake activities, bonfires, pool parties, talent show, and much, much more!

Spiritual staff includes Catholic Priests, CFR friars, and Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese of New York.

**Camp Veritas is SELLING OUT!**  
Don't wait to register!

Please contact The Office of Youth Ministry **before** enrolling your child!  
SMT\_LifeTeen@Yahoo.com

### Edge

Edge Nights take place from 7-8:30pm in the OLPH Youth Room

- 1/14: Edge Night
- 1/28: Edge Night
- 2/11: Edge Night
- 2/25: Edge Night
- 2/27: Edge's Day of Retreat- More info coming soon!!!

### Life Teen

Life Nights take place from 6:45-8:30pm in the OLPH Youth Room – Dinner is served.

- 1/10: Life Night
- 1/12: Adoration 7-8pm
- 1/15: Holy Hour for Vocations
- 1/17: NO Life Night
- 1/24: Life Night
- 1/30: Soup Kitchen
- 1/31: Life Night
- 2/7: Life Night
- 2/9: Adoration 7-8pm



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(516) 870-5669  
www.SMTBethpage.org





## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

### DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE INFO

WE ALL ARE GOD'S CHILDREN MADE IN HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS, AND THAT WHEREVER LIFE WAS THREATENED - VIOLENCE, POVERTY, HUNGER, DISCRIMINATION, ABORTION - GOD'S PEOPLE DEFEND IT!

We are often led to believe that ROE V. WADE merely LEGALIZED ABORTION in the first three months of pregnancy. The trouble is that the Roe Court actually said ABORTION MUST BE ALLOWED FOR ANY REASON IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS AS WELL. It then said LAWS AGAINST ABORTION MUST HAVE A BROAD HEALTH EXCEPTION EVEN IN THE FINAL TRIMESTER, but only described its breadth in the little known companion case DOE V. BOLTON, decided the same day. In Doe, the Court announced that health, for the purposes of LATE TERM ABORTION LAW, would be synonymous with the mother's physical, emotional, psychological, familial...well being, in other words, every reason a pregnant woman could give for seeking an abortion in the first place.

**IF YOU NEED INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE**, PLEASE CONTACT RESPECT LIFE OFFICE, DRVC, DIANA TELLIS: (516) 678-5800 X 626. dtellis@drvc.org.

**THE BIRTH OF EVERY CHILD CHANGES THE WORLD:  
LET EVERY CHILD BE BORN FOR A BETTER WORLD!**

### **LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE INFORMATION ON THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON:**

PLAN NOW TO MARCH AND TO VISIT YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES. INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TRANSPORTION FROM NASSAU AND SUFFOLK MAY CALL LICL at (631) 243-1435 (from 10am to 7pm) TO LOCATE NEAREST BUS.

THERE ARE SO MANY EVENTS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN JANUARY 21 AND JANUARY 22 IN WASHINGTON. PLEASE GO TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE WEBSITE AT: [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org) FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

**ATTENTION:** January 24th 1:30 - 3pm ANNUAL ROE V. WADE MEMORIAL FACE THE TRUTH IN FRONT OF NUMC, 2201 HEMPSTEAD TPKE. ROUTE 24 EAST MEADOW, NY 11554. RAIN OR SHINE. LICL (631) 243-1435 email: [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org)

***St. Martin of Tours will be having a Eucharistic Prayer Hour for Life on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 3PM in the Church for those who cannot make the trip to Washington. A March for Life poster will be in the Gathering Area for more information.***



**SAVE THE DATE**

Bishop Murphy is happy to announce that there will be a  
**Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**  
Washington, D.C.

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

More information will be coming soon. Please watch your bulletin and diocesan website.

**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

**The Rectory will be  
closed on  
Monday, January 18th in  
observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s  
birthday.**

**Prayer to End Abortion**

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,  
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.  
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,  
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death  
by the Resurrection of Your Son.  
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.  
Today I commit myself - Never to be silent, Never to be passive,  
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.  
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,  
And never to stop defending life  
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,  
And our nation once again becomes A nation with liberty and justice  
Not just for some, but for all.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Priestsforlife.org

I like this picture of the sleeping Holy Family. After the long trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the stress of having nowhere to stay, giving birth, and entertaining visiting shepherds and Magi, there is no doubt that Mary and Joseph needed a rest as much as the newborn Jesus. I suppose many of us may feel the same way after all the rush of the Christmas season.



I do want to thank all those who contributed so much to creating a most prayerful spirit of prayer and wonder as we celebrated the great feast of Christmas. It is always dangerous to thank people by name since there is no doubt that I will leave out many who deserve praise. Still, I must thank Ann Hughes and her team for the beautiful decorations in the Church - they truly helped us to Come and Adore.

I would say the same for Elena Scollo and all who are part of our music ministries. One of my favorite highlights of Christmas is to sit in Church before the Midnight Mass and listen to the Christmas concert that Elena directs. I love the children's Christmas pageant that is led by Cookie Fietz and her team of assistants. They are so good at sorting out angels, shepherds and kings! Many thanks also to Kate Mayerhofer for coordinating the mailing of Christmas cards to our military at the request of their families.

We have a very dedicated staff here at St. Martin's who serve our parish with dedication all year long, but the Christmas season brings on more work, and they do it so well and graciously that I want our parish to know how blessed we are by those who work here. It is clear to me that it is a labor of love. I would say the same for Fathers Ciya and Jim and Deacon Tom.

I thank all who assisted in *all* our ministries during the Christmas season. The Knights of Columbus, with the great assistance of Vinny Romano, are so helpful in offering our parish an additional place for worship on Christmas Eve. My priest friends are amazed to hear we have six Masses on Christmas Eve!

Finally, I thank all the parishioners for their participation in the liturgies of the Christmas liturgical season, for your very generous support of the Giving Tree. I was informed by the coordinator, Kathy Devine, that this was the most generous response we had to this invitation to help others. I also appreciate the support of the Christmas flower envelopes and the Christmas collections. Thank you to all!

**And so, as Tiny Tim said, "A Merry Christmas to us all! And God bless us, every one!"**

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

The Administration and Faculty of **Saint Dominic High School** are very proud of the students from our parish who have exhibited academic excellence for the first quarter marking period. Our parish also extends congratulations to each one of the following students:

Lauren Kennedy, Alexa Schultz, Kyle Saugy, Thomas Foley, Marta Wilhelmi Corona, Christopher Shea, Nicole Shea, Ryan Shea, Kaitlyn Kennedy, Jillian Mayr, Talia Maccarino, Kristin Veltry, Kayla Donohue, Gianna Maccarino, Gabriella Saldana, Taylor Schultz and Sophia Venezia.

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**VIRTUS TRAINING****Protecting All God's Children**

If you wish to volunteer in any capacity in a parish, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that you **first register** for Virtus by logging on to the diocese website at **[www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org)**. **Virtus registration can be found at the lower right of the home page.** If you have any problems with the process, please call the rectory at 931-0818 and someone will get back to you with assistance.

**Next Virtus at St. Martin of Tours****Wednesday, January 20, 2016****7:00PM - 10PM****St. Alphonsus Parish Hall****DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**

A Defensive Driving Course is being offered at St. Martin of Tours on **Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 8:30AM to 3PM in St. Alphonsus Hall** - \$45 per person.

**Registration is required.** Please contact is Martin Z. Hirschfield at 631-360-9720 Monday - Friday from 9:00 -4:00. 15 people minimum enrollment/40 people max.

### Separation & Divorce Support Group

A ten week program for those separated or going through the process of separation or divorce. The program is designed to help men and women find encouragement as they explore and experience the emotions and issues associated with separation and divorce.

**Date:** Friday, January 22, 2016

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Place:** St. William of the Abbot Church  
2000 Jackson Ave, Seaford NY 11783

**Cost:** \$20 for 10 week session

**For information:** Rosemarie Cavallaro (516) 528-0665  
Carol Milito (516) 432-2241  
Email: [beginningtoday2014@gmail.com](mailto:beginningtoday2014@gmail.com)

**Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille**

**January 22-24th, 2016**

**1-800-470-2230**

***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, January 22th 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.

**Please call or go on the web to make a reservation!**

***Weekends get filled up very quickly***

**1-800-470-2230 website [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)**



# Worldwide Marriage Encounter



**Married Couples!**

*Are you looking for the perfect Valentine's Gift?*

*A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend*

*Just might be what you are looking for.*

*The original and still the best communication weekend  
for married couples.*

*The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for*

**February 12-14, 2016**

**at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore, NY.**

**Space is limited. For more information about the weekends or to apply,  
call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at <http://www.wwme.org>.**



## Men's Prayer Group

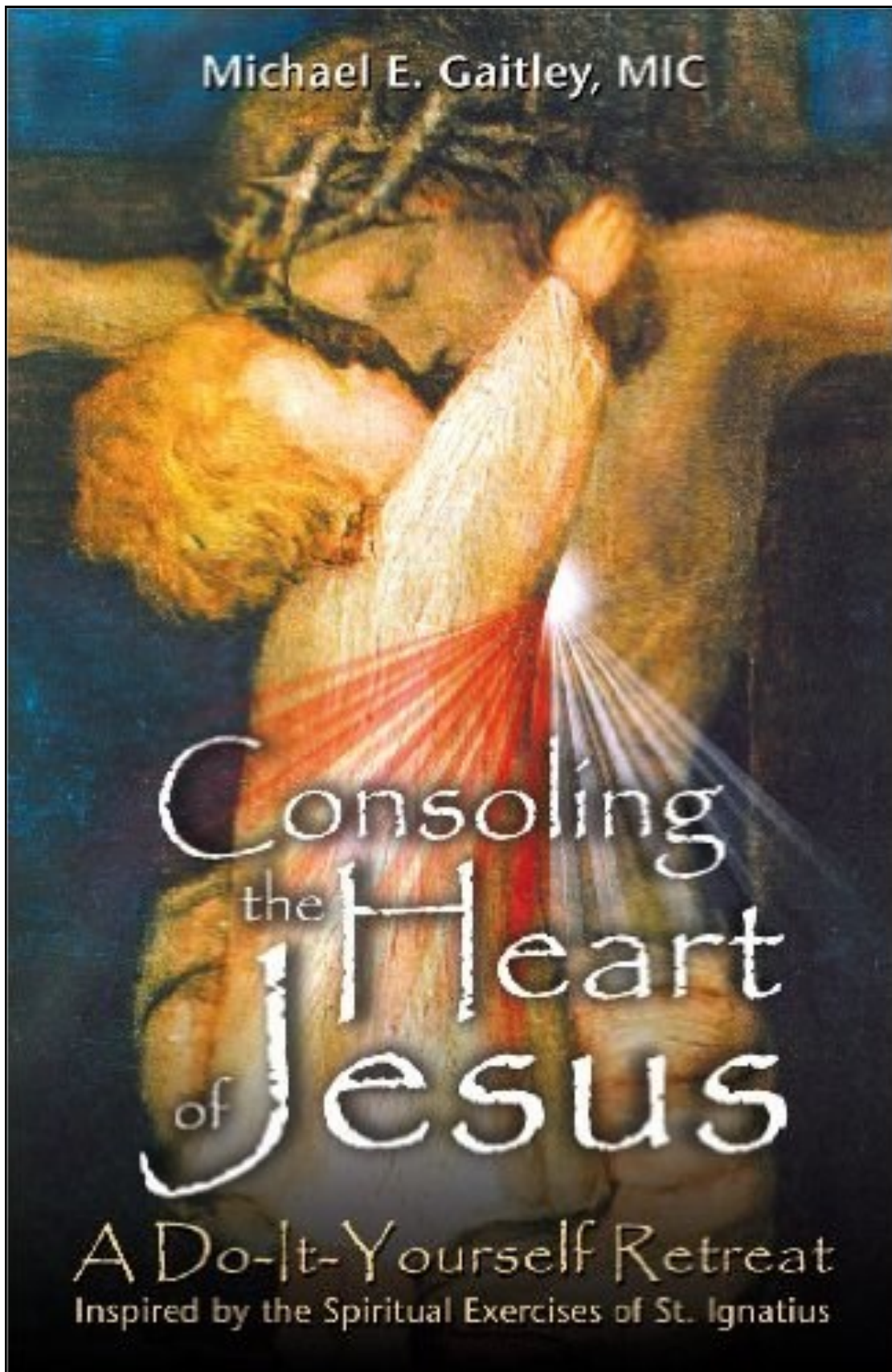
**Wednesday, January 20th at 7:30PM  
Eucharistic Chapel**

## **St. Martin of Tours Hosting LIFE LINE SCREENING**

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the **Life Line Screening that will be on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Hall, first appointment begins at 9AM.** Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation.

**In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**



## Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat 2016

SMT parishioner, Rita Verow, lead a retreat last year called “33 Days of Morning Glory” that was very much enjoyed by those who attended. Prompted by Pope Francis’ Year of Mercy, Rita has the blessing of Father Pat to offer this second retreat. The details are:

Where: St. Alphonsus Hall  
(with the exception of February 5th. Location to be determined)

When: Every Friday beginning January 29th to April 8th  
(with the exception of Good Friday, March 25th)

Cost: \$25.00 to cover retreat materials

For those who participated in “33 Days of Morning Glory” the format will be the same only it will be 10 weeks instead of 6 weeks. A DVD by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, will be shown each week as well as reading the book, “Consoling the Heart of Jesus.” It will be followed by sharing and fellowship on the past week’s readings.

This retreat promises to be spiritually inspiring as we delve into the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His Merciful Love, especially during this special Jubilee Year of Mercy.

If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 931-0818. Please think and pray about joining this retreat.



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**2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY**  
**(516) 746-8250**

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

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**(631) 858-0380 OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

**1425A New York Avenue, Huntington Station**  
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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](http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html). Follow the  
links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your dona-  
tion request.**

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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>

**Young Families 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)  
January 21, February 4, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16

Dear SMT Book Club Friends,

We wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the joy of the Infant Birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Our next book is *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Clifford Larsen. Our meeting is on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.**

All are welcome. New faces are always a pleasure to meet and seasoned members are an added joy. Please remember that the book does not need to be completed to attend the meeting. All sharing is appreciated and enjoyed.

Till then, happy reading!  
Father Patrick Woods

## *A Tree That Truly Gives*

A group of Vincentians gathered shortly before Christmas to distribute the gift cards from the wonderful, generous parishioners of St. Martin of Tours. The 395 gift cards were divided among 279 individuals and 116 families, including 98 children.

The meeting went something like this:

*Do they have a lot of medical expenses? ...a CVS gift card.  
She needs food. Does she drive?...Stop & Shop card.  
How many kids?...Kohls, movie cards, King Kullen.  
She asked for gas money last week...gas card, Stop & Shop.  
They need clothing and food...Target.  
Four young kids...Target, McDonald's, King Kullen.*



Each person or family on the Christmas list had been visited by the Vincentians or were known to the people involved with Parish Outreach. Thoughtful consideration was given to everyone on the list. The parishioners and some friends of St. Martin of Tours donated over \$10,770 (\$3,710 **more than** last year) in gift cards. Be assured that the Christmas spirit you brought to these individuals and families enriched their Christmas celebrations and, by extension – yours, the gift-givers!

May God bless you for your big-hearted response to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Giving Tree.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 11: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Jan 12: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM Church
- Jan 18: Rectory office is closed in observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.
- Jan 19: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Church
- Jan 20: VIRTUS training 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 20: Men's Prayer Group 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jan 21: Young Families Ministry 6:30PM OLPH Youth Center
- Jan 22: Respect Life Eucharistic Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Beginning January 29th: *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 30: Defensive Driving Course 8:30AM - 3PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 1: Holy Face of Jesus Devotions 1PM Church
- Feb 5: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Feb 5: SMT Book Club 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 6: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Feb 10: Ash Wednesday
- Mar 10: Life Line Screening

