

Masses For The Week

Monday - January 25

6:30 Noreen Fleming
9:00 Mary O'Neil

Tuesday - January 26

6:30 Elizabeth Spiezio
9:00 Steve Kalman

Wednesday - January 27

6:30 Catherine & George Ruff
9:00 Steve Hartman

Thursday - January 28

6:30 Patricia McGlynn
9:00 For the Souls in Purgatory

Friday - January 29

6:30 Vernon Sattler
9:00 Elizabeth Rooney

Saturday - January 30

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Louis Ruggiero, Anniversary
7:00 Michael & Josephine Caprio

Sunday - January 31

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Madeline Pellicano
10:00 Alfred & Frederic Sussi
11:30 Sam Malerba
1:00 Kevin Rusch
5:30 Stella Agnese, Anniversary

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 22:3-6 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18
Tues. 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:31-35
Wed. 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20
Thurs. 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25
Fri. 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 4-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34
Sat. 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41

Sun. Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you...They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you."*

1 Corinthians 12:31- 13:13 or 13:4-13 *"Love is patient, love is kind...Love never fails." In the end there are three things - faith, hope and love - "but the greatest of these is love."*

Luke 4:21-30 *God sent Elijah to no other widow than the widow of Zarephath near Sidon. Elisha cured no other leper than Naaman the Syrian. The crowd grew angry. "But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17, 500.00
Amount Received 1/17/16: \$15,688.32

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



The US Bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members - the personal responsibility of each of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who invite a new family in town to supper, actively celebrating a corporal work of mercy as they provide welcome to a stranger.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Was 2015 all you had hoped for? Did you have some "should-a, could-a, would-a" moments? It's amazing how smart we are when looking back. Of course when we know the outcome, it's easy to say what we "should-a, could-a, would-a" have done. Only God knows the results of our actions. So why not talk more with Him!?

Our next meeting is Monday, January 25th (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

1/18/16 #482 John Carroll \$25
1/19/16 #514 John & Connie Lynam \$25
1/20/16 #234 M/M Edward Pecinka \$25
1/21/16 #135 Bob & Nancy Horan \$25
1/22/16 #72 Rosemarie Guigliano \$50



Divine Mercy Novena
Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.
in the Eucharistic Chapel
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Wedding Banns
None at this time.



"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, beef stew, chili, pasta sauce, Rice-A-Roni, black beans, tomato paste, mayonnaise, brownie mix, icing, evaporated milk, hot chocolate, pudding, Jell-O, juice boxes, dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, baby wipes and diapers (size 6).

As always, we are very grateful 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

Altar Bread & Wine

Week of January 24 - 30, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
Phillip Seils*



Sanctuary Candle

Week of January 24 - 30, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
Louise Schooley*



Rest in Peace

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

Joan McDonnell, William J. Berry

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 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 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, 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, 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, Johnny D., Anthony Morello

The Pastor's Letter

The first presidential primary elections will soon be held in Iowa and New Hampshire. Although I would admit to being a political news junkie, I would say that there is no candidate of either major party that has yet to capture my mind or heart. I do hope that will change for me over the course of this year. Commentators will often speak about the different areas that a candidate needs to address: foreign affairs - including how to protect the nation from terrorism - economic issues, immigration, education, crime, health care, and social issues. Social issues often refer to gay marriage, abortion, and gun control laws.

Every one of these topics is incredibly complex and impossible to reduce to a clear statement in a 30 second sound bit or shouting over another candidate in a debate. I believe most of us try to be informed voters who are likely to vote for the candidate whose ideas and thoughts are closest to our own principles. We do know that we will never find a candidate who matches our all our beliefs. Quite honestly, many people tend to vote for candidates who they believe will be good for us personally. If a candidate speaks a great deal about the elderly and what he or she will do to help them, then an elderly person might well be attracted to such a candidate. If a political figure promises free college tuition, then a young person might support a platform. It is hard to vote for the best interests of the nation, over the natural tendency to vote for the one who will help me.

I think it is also fair to say that we sometimes vote for reasons that are not based on the policies of the candidates. We may say to ourselves: I don't like the way he looks, I can't stand her voice, he looks like a big phony to me and so forth. On the other hand, I like him because he is Irish or Italian or whatever nationality we are. Perhaps because he is a Catholic (who may or may not have seen the inside of a church in years), she is a woman and we need a woman in the White House, or he speaks Spanish and there are many Spanish speaking people in our country.

Another key factor is the media. I am firmly convinced that it is very difficult to get unbiased news on the political candidates. Liberal reporters and networks work to make their candidate look good and to make their opponents look bad. I believe the same is true for conservative reporters and stations. Sometimes I think it is all but impossible to get objective information.

Some people say they are single issue voters. They have one issue that is vital to them and they will vote for the candidate who best represents their position. I am very concerned about a candidate's stand on the right to life from conception to natural death. Still, I want a candidate who will also work for peace while protecting us, be just and fair to immigrants, and assist the working class people, the elderly, and the poor. I would say these are all core values of Jesus and the Catholic faith. Will I find a candidate who will meet them to the best of my expectations is a question that I have yet to answer. Our faith does call for us to be informed voters and to vote our consciences.

It is hard work to be a good citizen. We know how incredibly blessed we are to live in the United States. We know we have our difficulties and challenges, but I thank God daily for our country. In a world filled with dictators, how fortunate we are to live in a nation where we can talk freely about our beliefs and have the right to choose our leaders. Our political leaders need and deserve our prayers.

St. Paul says in his First Letter to Timothy:

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

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Pope Francis gives encouragement to the young around the world!

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Don't fall for hate and fearmongering from others; make new friends instead and always help and show concern for others, Pope Francis told the world's teens. "Be brave and go against the tide, be friends of Jesus, who is the prince of peace," he said in a written message for the Jubilee of Mercy for Young People, scheduled to be celebrated in Rome and dioceses around the world April 23-25.



In his written message, released by the Vatican January 14, the pope said the Year of Mercy is open to everyone so they may experience "a time of grace, peace, conversion and joy."

"God invites everyone, he said, because "there are no walls or distances which can prevent the father's mercy from reaching and embracing us." While three days in April have been set aside for those between 13 and 16 years of age, every day of the jubilee year marks "a chance for us to grow in holiness." It is also a time to realize "that life together as brothers and sisters is like a great party, perhaps the most beautiful party we can imagine, the endless party that Jesus has taught us to celebrate by his Spirit."

However, the pope said, "I cannot forget those of you who are living in situations of war, extreme poverty, daily troubles and loneliness. Don't ever lose hope! The Lord has a great dream which, with your help, he wants to come true." Other young people around the world have not forgotten about those who are less fortunate and they "are working for peace and justice for everyone everywhere," he said. "Don't be taken in by the messages of hatred or terror all around us. Instead, make new friends. Give of your time and always show concern for those who ask your help," he said.

Pope Francis reminded young people that preparing for a pilgrimage or jubilee celebration didn't just mean getting backpacks and banners ready, "but your hearts and minds as well." He urged them to grow closer to Jesus and draw nourishment from the sacraments. Becoming more merciful during the Year of Mercy means not only growing "in a love which is courageous, generous and real," it is means greater spiritual growth, too.

"You are preparing to be Christians capable of making courageous decisions in order to build daily, even through little things, a world of peace," he said.

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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
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 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
 PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
 PFC William Corrigan, USMC
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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 24th – 26th
St. John's University

Open to all 9th-12th Grade Teens

Dynamic Speakers, Engaging Liturgies,
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\$50 deposit DUE January 10th

Total cost: \$300 per teen

(less if you volunteer for our fundraisers)

For More info: www.lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-NYC



Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed!

Open to HS students ONLY!

January 30th – 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 6th- 12th graders.

August 14-20th at Camp Lakota

Located in the foothills of the Catskills

Cost: \$370 includes housing & all meals

Registration Opens January 1st

(\$400 is registration is after March 31st)

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



SMT Youth Ministry Office
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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Marching for life: 43 years after Roe V. Wade with the result being over 53 million abortions in the United States.

January 2016 has arrived once more and with it the **MARCH FOR LIFE in WASHINGTON D.C.** This past Friday, buses would have arrived in Washington from all over this amazing country of ours. Inside those buses are people that took a day off from work, put aside dates and obligations, or made the day a strong direction for our youth. Many of us took that ride with our little children, and prayed that the next generation would take up the cause. We prayed that our buses would be filled with teenagers from all over our country, trying to inform and save the life of the innocent child in the womb. And so, our prayers were answered!

Today those of us that are too old to walk, have indeed been replaced with the youth of America. By the thousands they come. They sing, they carry signs and many give testimony of having had an abortion. They welcome those that are undecided, afraid and unaware of the CHOICES that they have. It's a long day, a long walk and usually bitterly cold, but they still come.

St. Martin of Tours had a Eucharistic Prayer Hour for Life on the day of the march. So we pray. If we cannot make that trip, if we are too old or our legs will no longer climb that hill, we ask our Lord to hear our prayers.

LITANY FOR LIFE

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

God of all creation, Lord, have mercy.

Christ, through whom all things were made, Lord, have mercy.

Spirit of life and truth, Lord have mercy.

We follow with "Lord, have mercy," after the following:

On each child just conceived. For their safety and health. For nine months of growth. That an angel may protect them. For peace and for hope. On all new fathers. On fathers who are alone. On fathers unemployed. On fathers addicted. On fathers who are abusive. On young fathers who are afraid. On fathers who've run away.

On all new mothers. On mothers who are alone. On mothers unemployed. On mothers addicted. On mothers who are abusive. On young mothers who are afraid. On mothers who are in pain. On those who defend life. On those who pray for the unborn child. On all who work to change unjust laws. On all who love the Gospel of Life. On congressmen who work for life. On our President. On the members of the House. On the members of the Senate. On all too little to vote or persuade.

On all who work for life. On doctors of life and truth. On residents who love the little child. On doctors who gaze on life's mysteries. On surgeons who heal the unborn child. On all who defend the child in the womb. On nurses who love little babies. On nursing students. On those who first hear the heartbeat. On those who first feel the kick. On nurses who cradle the newborn. On nurses who foster the unborn.

On all who protect defenseless life. On judges who struggle with justice. On lawyers who seek to speak truth. On judges who love life. On the judges of our Supreme Court. On those who argue before them. On the unborn child who rests in their hands. On all victims of abortion. On the woman whose memories cause her to cry. On those whose pain nags and holds on. On the unborn who rest with God. On all who seek mercy. On all who seek peace. On all who seek healing and mercy and perfect peace.



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

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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.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Administration and Faculty of **Kellenberg Memorial High School** are very proud of the students from our parish who have exhibited academic excellence for the **First Trimester Honor Roll**. Our parish also extends congratulations to each one of the following students:

Elizabeth Allhusen, Olivia Binder, Vincent Fariello, Sarah Haley, Cristen Kurlowicz, Francis Lisa, Anthony Marino, Connor McDonald, Aileen O’Connell, Sarah Pancoast, Brooke Perks, Alexis Poggio and Geena Sullivan



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Our Lady of Mercy School

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OPEN HOUSE DATES

Sunday, January 31: 11:45 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Monday, February 1: 1:00–2:00 P.M.

Wednesday & Thursday, February 3 & 4: 9:30–11:15 A.M.

To arrange an alternate tour time – Call (516) 433-7040 or email jharrigan@olmshicks.org

PROGRAMS

- Half Day Nursery *
- Full Day & Half Day Pre-K *
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Grades 1 – 8
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- Technology

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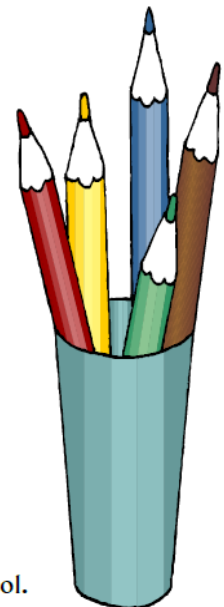
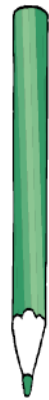
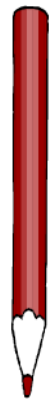
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Altar Servers
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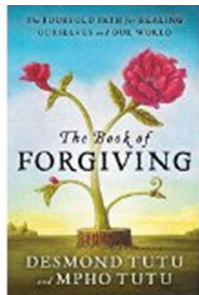
Harvest House, directed by the Sisters of St. Dominic, is a positive option for independent Seniors 65 and over who want the fullness of living in a family atmosphere, in a secure environment minus the burden of managing a home or apartment.

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Website: www.harvesthouses.org

Our Next Book for the Spiritual Book Club

The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World by Desmond Tutu



Forgiveness is an issue that challenges all of us in our daily lives. In this Year of Mercy, I thought this would be a good book for our spiritual book club. The discussion will take place on **Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall**. All are welcome

Each of us has a deep need to forgive and to be forgiven. After much reflection on the process of forgiveness, Tutu has seen that there are four important steps to healing: admitting the wrong and acknowledging the harm; telling one's story and witnessing the anguish; asking for forgiveness and granting forgiveness; and renewing or releasing the relationship. Forgiveness is hard work. Sometimes it even feels like an impossible task. But it is only through walking this fourfold path that Tutu says we can free ourselves of the endless and unyielding cycle of pain and retribution. *The Book of Forgiving* is both a touchstone and a tool, offering Tutu's wise advice and showing the way to experience forgiveness. Ultimately, forgiving is the only means we have to heal ourselves and our aching world.

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.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Annual HEC #32 Weekend – April 28 – May 1, 2016

PLANNING MEETINGS: February 11, March 9 and April 13



Long Island Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is in need of volunteers for its annual retreat which will be held **Thursday, April 28 through Sunday, May 1, 2016 at Camp Alvernia in Centerport, NY.**

HEC is a program that provides retreat opportunities that celebrate life, nurture faith and offer support for persons 18 years and older with special needs. HEC retreats provide an environment which persons with disabilities and able-bodied friends step away from their usual routines and enjoy a prayerful experience of song, talks and meditations, group sharing, Eucharist and many other joyful moments. The shared experiences of the retreat often develop into relationships of mutual support.

There are many volunteer roles to be filled. We are in need of team members, kitchen help, setting up and taking down the camp, as well as drivers for our candidates.

Our **first planning meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, February 11 at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Greenlawn** – we invite you to come hear what we are all about. Two follow-up meetings are planned for Wednesday, March 9 and Wednesday, April 13.

Please call Deacon Frank & Michele Barone at (516) 420-1207 **or e-mail** at LongIslandHEC@gmail.com for more information, to volunteer or request an application for candidate participation.

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40th Year - Nassau County Chapter Number 1, P.O. Box 2031

New Member Orientation/Non-Denominational

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 @ 8PM

Meeting is every fourth Tuesday at
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Please bring proof of single status to join - refreshments after meeting
Call Carol at (516) 794-4933 or Barbara at (516) 798-2858 for more information.



JUBILEE OF MERCY

As with other jubilee years, the Holy Father has instructed that special indulgences be available for the faithful through the duration of the Year of Mercy. Here is how to receive one.

For able-bodied Catholics:

Make a pilgrimage. Make a journey to one of the four Holy Doors in the diocese or one of the four Holy Doors in the four papal basilicas in Rome. Crossing through

the Holy Door is a spiritual journey that signals, as the Holy Father said, “the deep desire for true confession.”

Go to Confession.

Receive the Holy Eucharist “with a reflection of mercy.”

Make a profession of faith.

Pray for the pope and for his intentions.

For the elderly, confined and the ill:

Pope Francis said they may obtain the indulgence by “living with faith and joyful hope during this moment of trial.”

Receiving the Eucharist, or by attending Mass and community prayer, “even through the various means of communication.”

What is an Indulgence?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1471): “An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary accordingly as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin.” Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.

For more information about the Jubilee Year of Mercy visit www.im.va and drcv.org.

Schedule at Jubilee Churches for the Year of Mercy

Tuesdays

Cathedral of St. Agnes – 1 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

- Mass (12:10 p.m.)
- Exposition and Adoration
- Confessions
- Chaplet of Mercy
- Benediction (4:00 p.m.)

Wednesdays

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception – 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

- Optional lunch (12 Noon)
- Tours of the Seminary (1:00 p.m.)
- Rosary (1:45 p.m.)
- Exposition and Adoration (2:00 p.m.)
- Confessions (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
- Vespers and Benediction (4:00 p.m.)

Thursdays

Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary – 168 Hill Street, Southampton, NY 11968

- Beginning with Mass at Noon
- Confessions
- Exposition and Adoration
- Tours of the Basilica (as arranged)
- Devotions to Divine Mercy in Spanish (3:00 p.m.)
- Benediction (4:00 p.m.)

Saturdays

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manner Road, Manorville, NY 11949

- Beginning with Mass at 11:30 a.m.
- Exposition and Adoration
- Confessions
- Chaplet of Mercy
- Benediction (4:00 p.m.)



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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

The schedule is as follows:

Thursdays 6:30 - 8PM in the OLPH Youth Center (School Building)
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



Father Ciya left for his vacation last Thursday. As you know, Father Ciya lives in India and it is a very long plane trip from New York to New Delhi. Then he must take another plane followed by a three hour car ride! The parish has donated a large cushion for his travels! He will return the first week in March.

I know he will miss the parishioners (and Starbucks), and we will miss him! The next time you see him, he will be much bigger since he will have a month of home cooking. He has promised to bring everyone in the parish boxes of rare India tea!

We are blessed by his wonderful, caring ministry and we will miss him. We wish Father Ciya a wonderful time with his family and many friends.

Dear Parishioners,

I recently received a letter from the Life Center of Long Island (see next page). The Baby Bottle Campaign that began in our parish during October, 2015 raised \$12,384.00. This sum of money is an amazing testimony to your generosity and support of helping protect the unborn and provide families in need an alternative to abortion. I am very proud to be your pastor.

Our parish has a well-deserved reputation for assisting the pro-life movement. I say, too, that you continue to be amazingly generous to the Parish Outreach Center with your donations of food and other basis needs.

No doubt a great part of our success in gathering these funds is due to the incredibly dedicated work of Jerry and Diana Hart Mirando and the members of the Pro-Life Ministry. They are powerful witnesses to the Gospel of Life. God bless them and all of you.

Father Pat



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January 13, 2016

Father Patrick Woods
 St. Martin of Tours Church
 40 Seaman Ave.
 Bethpage, NY 11714

Dear Father Patrick,

Once again you and your parishioners at Saint Martin of Tours have come through for the Life Center of Long Island. ***Your parish raised \$12,384 in the 2015 Baby Bottle Campaign!*** Through the years, your parishioners have been very generous in helping expectant parents and their pre-born children. There was a prayer of 'Spiritual Adoption' attached to each baby bottle. Each person who says this prayer in an act of love helps our counselors to say just the right words. By the grace of God, these words have entered into the hearts of those in the midst of an unexpected pregnancy and they have chosen life for the most vulnerable among us.

This prayerful and financial support is not only a source of encouragement for us in our life-affirming work, it also enables us to expand our efforts, reaching and assisting more people than ever before.

We now have ***AAA Pregnancy Options*** centers in Deer Park, Massapequa, Hempstead and Riverhead. The number of people who make healthy, life-giving decisions continues to increase. ***In the past twelve months alone 3,000 families received pregnancy care assistance and 145 expectant mothers had a change of heart and gave their babies the gift of life.***

Again, this year, Diana and Jerry Mirando and the Respect Life committee coordinated and organized the campaign. Their efforts and dedication to this project not only made the campaign possible, but also made it a success.

With gratitude, you and the beautiful parish family at Saint Martin of Tours remain in the hearts and prayers of all at the Life Center. God bless you and all you do for Him and His little ones.

For all God's children,

Gloria Schreiber
 Gloria Schreiber
 Executive Director

Cc: Diana & Jerry Mirando

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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 25: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM 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 9: Youth Ministry Holy Hour 7PM Church
- Feb 10: Ash Wednesday
- Mar 10: Life Line Screening
- Mar 12: Spiritual Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall

