

Masses For The Week

Monday - February 22

6:30 John J. Wolfe, 5th Anniversary
 9:00 Schminke Family

Tuesday - February 23

6:30 Antoinette & Arthur Chiampou
 9:00 Kathleen Ronan

Wednesday - February 24

6:30 Charlotte E. Scarangella
 9:00 Gertrude Parine

Thursday - February 25

6:30 James Ruff
 9:00 Maria Carapellucci

Friday - February 26

6:30 Joseph Patrick McCabe & Family, Anniversary
 9:00 Christopher Rochford, Birthday Remembrance

Saturday - February 27

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Constance C. Trappasse
 7:00 Patrick Hopkins, Anniversary

Sunday - February 28

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Raymond Godek
 10:00 Tim Mayal
 11:30 Michael (Mickey) Catapano
 1:00 Camille Baranello, Anniversary
 5:30 Frank Catalano

Readings For The Week

Mon. 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
 Tues. Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
 Wed. Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
 Thurs. Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
 Fri. Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matt 21:33-46
 Sat. Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun. Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 *The Lord appeared to Moses in a flaming bush telling him he would lead Israel out of bondage in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. The Lord God would accomplish this.*

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 *Just as Israel sinned during its desert sojourn, so too the Corinthian Christians sinned on their way to the promised land. They might let the fate of those who were "struck down in the desert" be an example to be on guard, lest they fall.*

Luke 13:1-9 *Jesus told his followers they need to reform their lives. A tree that bears no fruit will be cut down. The followers of Jesus have been given time to repent and bear fruit.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17, 500.00
Amount Received 2/14/16: \$12,430.17

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Peter, James and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who practice a spiritual work of mercy - instructing the ignorant - through service to our parish's religious education program as a catechist or other educational minister.



Charismatic Prayer Group

God wants full custody, not weekend visitations. What happens during those six days that you are not here in Church matters more than you can imagine. Are you taking God into your home, your work, your school and your life? If not, you don't know what you are missing!

Our next meeting is Monday, February 22nd (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

2/15/16 #339	Joe & Barbara Pace	\$25
2/16/16 #540	Dolores Volkommer	\$25
2/17/16 #17	Angelina Caccavale	\$25
2/18/16 #506	James B. Prince	\$25
2/19/16 #337	Robert Frandolig	\$250



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



Wedding Banns

2nd: Dan Markus & Kristi Shaffer
1st Todd Elle & Justina Moeller



"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 (brown & white), egg noodles, canned chicken, macaroni & cheese, black beans, sugar, mayonnaise, Jell-O, pudding, hot chocolate, juice boxes, brownie mix, icing, evaporated milk, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and baby wipes.

Thank you for your tremendous generosity.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

Altar Bread & Wine

Week of Feb. 21 - 27, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
Ray Reynolds*



Sanctuary Candle

Week of Feb. 21 - 27, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
John J. Wolfe*



Rest in Peace

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

**William A. Hutton IV
Elinor Gabbola, Esther Di Agostino
Msgr. Thomas Hartman**

REMINDER: Please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list.

Thank you.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

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, 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
Elsa Ryan, Sarah Messin, William Boyce, 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, Antonia Binetti, Samantha McNeil
Patty & Tom Turano, 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, 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, Anthony Krich, Cynthia & Don Mirabel
Addie Romano, Michael Seigler, Jackie & Pat Simoniello
Candy DeVita, Bob Drew

The Pastor's Letter

I can recall Saturday night television in the mid 1970's. There were four shows, one after another on CBS that drew tremendous audiences and ratings. First was *All in the Family* with the unforgettable "Archie Bunker." This show broke ground as it addressed, among other issues and in a humorous way, racial bigotry. The show made us laugh, but it also made us look at our prejudices. The second was the television show *M.A.S.H.* based on a popular movie of the same name set in the Korean War. Actually though, some say that much of its humor could be seen as an critique of all wars, in particular the Vietnam War which was raging the time. Following this was *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*. Mary Tyler Moore was America's sweetheart. She portrayed a young woman making it on her own in the big city of Minneapolis. It might be seen as an initial step in feminism and the role of women in the workplace. The last of the sitcoms was *The Bob Newhart Show* which let us to look at the foibles of a variety of people including Bob and ourselves. Four classic, wonderful shows reflecting on human nature.

I liked them all, but I think my favorite was *M.A.S.H.* MASH is an acronym for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. Such military units are still very much part of war situations. The essence of a MASH unit is to keep alive, usually by surgery, a soldier who has received a life threatening wound. The doctors and staff do all they can to stabilize the wounded so they can be moved to a large hospital with greater facilities to treat the wounded. I might make a comparison to the wonderful EMTs, many of whom are dedicated volunteers. They rush to assist people in serious medical distress. Again, their goal is to stabilize the patient and get them to the hospital.



In August of 2013, Pope Francis had an interview with a Jesuit magazine in which he was asked many questions about himself and the Catholic Church. The first question was "Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?" The pope responded, "I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon." And he repeats, "I am one who is looked upon by the Lord. Francis could have said he is a Jesuit, an Argentinian, a priest, a bishop, a son, a brother, but he goes to the essence of how he sees himself: a sinner looked upon in mercy and love by the God who is mercy. I am convinced that these are not mere pious words, but come from the core of his being. The central message of his papacy has been to proclaim the mercy of God for all sinners. I think this is one of the reasons the world so loves him.

A few minutes later in the interview he is asked what the role of the Catholic Church is in the modern world. I am amazed at how he answers this question. "I see clearly," the pope continues, "that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.... And you have to start from the ground up. This is pure Gospel. God is greater than sin.

The Church is a field hospital where the wounded and hurting come for healing of the wounds of life. If you go to an emergency room with severe chest pains, the doctors do not ask you if you have taken your vitamins; they seek to keep you from dying. If you have a life-threatening cancer, your oncologist wants to stop the cancer more than finding out how much exercise you are getting.

We are wounded in life: we bear the grief of having lost one who had died and left us broken hearted. We have seen many of our children abandon the church. We have had periods of resentment toward family members. We may carry the guilt of a failed marriage. We may have had our hearts turned against people of other races and nationalities. We may bear a serious act of betrayal by a loved one, an abortion, a hatred toward someone, a loss of faith and confidence in God, living in a marriage that has grown cold and stale. Some of us struggle with the illnesses of depression that darkens our spirits, or an anxiety that never allows us a moment's peace, or battle with mental illness. We may bear the burden of poor health as we age and find ourselves struggling day to day with arthritis. Money worries can overwhelm us. We are all wounded and in need of the healing touch of Jesus. Our pain may not be lifted or our questions answered, but Jesus gives us hope and courage.

We are lifted by the words...

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

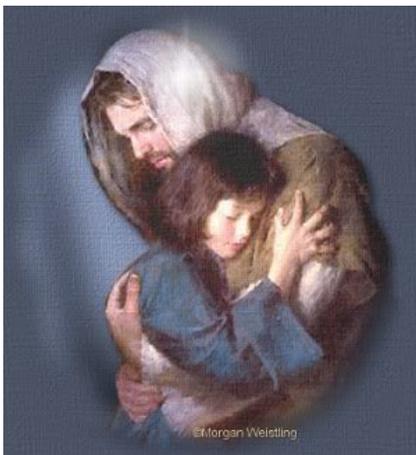
I am the resurrection and the life.

God so loved the world that whoever believes in him will not die but have eternal life.

Come to me all you who are heavily burdened, and I will set you free.

Whoever eats my body and drinks my blood shall live forever.

Lord, I am not worthy that you enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



At most, we are a church when we are bringing the healing presence of Jesus to one another. We come to this faith community here at St. Martin's to meet Jesus in the Word of God proclaimed from the pulpit, to receive his body and blood, and to meet him in one another. We are all wounded and in need of the field hospital that touches and heals us with Jesus Christ. This is a field hospital where Jesus Christ seeks to heal our wounds.

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

ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016
SCHOOL CAFETERIA (EMMAUS HALL)
6PM - 8PM**

All Parishioners and their families and friends are invited to share, not only the warmth and goodness of homemade soup, but also in the warmth and goodness of our parish family!



This simple Lenten meal of soup and rolls is offered to all who come. Any leftover soup will be brought to the home-bound and the sick. This means that those in need can feel the warmth of soup, sharing with their fellow men and women and, above all, the love of Jesus Christ. This is the gift of our faith reaching out to others during this sacrificial season.

**It's time to think about making soup
for this annual Lenten event!**

**To make soup or to volunteer,
please call Pat Ricci at (516) 796-1320.**

**Soup warms our bodies.
Sharing warms our hearts.
The Season stirs our souls.**

Be part of St. Martin of Tours reaching out!

St. Martin of Tours Lenten Evenings of Mercy Celebrating Pope Francis' Invitation A Jubilee Year of Mercy

All Services are at 7:30PM in the Church



Thursday, March 3rd - Peace Be With You

Come and know His Endless Mercy

A Penance Service by Ann Hughes, our parish's most gifted writer. It is encouraged that you invite someone to join you to experience God's Love and Forgiveness.

Monday, March 14th

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

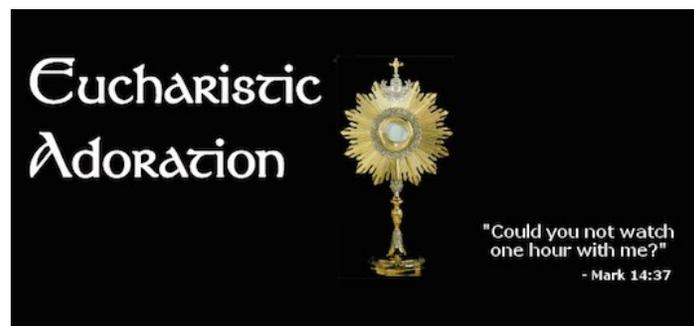
Whether broken physically, emotionally or spiritually, come and be healed by this outward sign of God's Grace. All are welcome!

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

One of the key aspects of Lent is prayer. Why not treat yourself to some time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

On Thursday, February 25th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. we will have a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. You are welcome to come for a few minutes or the entire hour.

On Saturday, February 27th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar from the end of the 7:00 p.m. Mass to 11:00 p.m. Spending a few minutes with Jesus is a great gift you can give yourself.



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

St. Martin of Tours Parish Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by the Hartigan Council
of the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, February 28, 2016

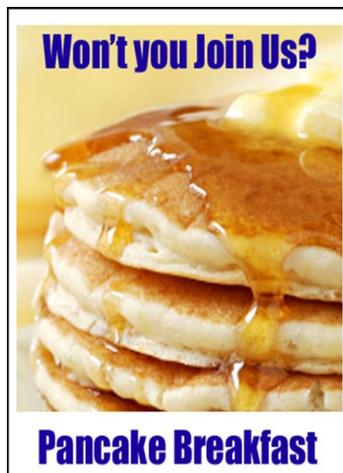
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

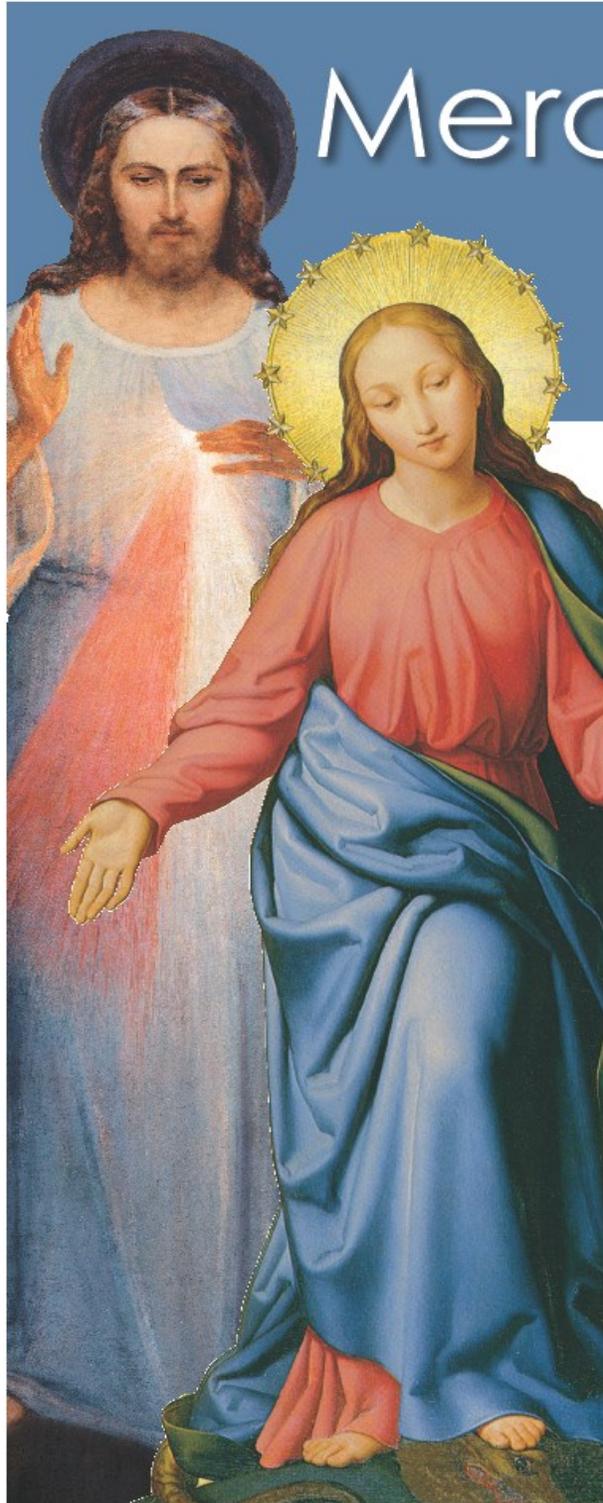
Emmaus Hall (School Cafeteria)

FREE WILL OFFERING

A hen and a pig were sauntering down the main street of a small town when they passed a restaurant that advertised, "Delicious ham and eggs - 75 cents!" "Sounds like a bargain," approved the hen. "That owner obviously knows how to run his business!" "It's all very well for you to be so pleased about the dish in question," observed the pig with some resentment. "For you, it is all in the day's work. Let me point out, however, that on my part, it represents a genuine sacrifice!"

RSVP cards will be in the pews for the 8:30AM and 10:00AM Masses on Sunday, February 21st. If you attend another Mass, you can stop by the Rectory Office to fill out a response card. The Knights need to have a good head count so as not to waste food. Thank you!





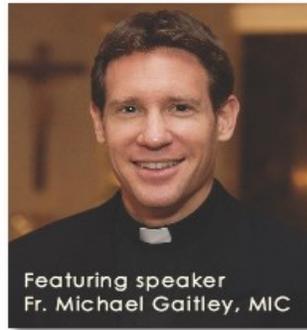
Mercy & Mary

Weekend Retreat

July 15-17, 2016

Hofstra University
1000 Fulton Ave., Hempstead, NY 11549

Experience the Year of Mercy!



Featuring speaker
Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC

This Weekend Retreat Includes:

- 5 Conferences with Fr. Gaitley:
 - Personal Testimony: Now is the Time of Mercy
 - St. John Paul II: Fatima and the Great Mercy Pope
 - St Maximilian Kolbe: Mary's instrument of Mercy
 - St. Therese: The Way of Merciful Love
 - Your Role in This Year of Mercy
- Lodging & All Meals Included
- Daily Mass, Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Adoration & Benediction
- Opportunities for Confession
- Book Signing with Fr. Gaitley and more!

Register Now

Events.MarianMissionaries.org
Inquiries only: 413-944-8500



Hosted by the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy



Jesus washing the feet of His apostles

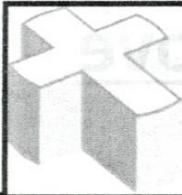
Holy Thursday, March 24th at 7:30PM, St. Martin of Tours celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper. At some point after the Gospel is read, the priest or deacon will call forth those who have volunteered to have their feet washed.

If you are interested in having your feet washed, please notify Pat Ricci at 516-796-1320 no later than Thursday, February 25th.

John 13:14-17

¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.



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LIFE



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February 2016

February is one of those months that often gets overlooked. It's cold, gray, and nothing exciting is happening... Luckily SMT Youth Ministry has plenty of things going on to keep you busy!

We look forward to serving you!

~ Erin and the Core Teams

STEUBENVILLE NYC

We're Registered!!!

June 24th – 26th

St. John's University

Limited spots still available!

Contact the Office of Youth Ministry to find Out how you can sign up TODAY!



BethanyHouse

changing children's lives

Bethany House is a composite of residential options for women and children who are caught in the crisis of homelessness. Bethany defines its mission as a response to its belief that each person deserves and needs adequate food, clothing, and shelter, provided in a nurturing and sustaining environment.

More Info about Bethany House can be found here: www.bhny.org

SMT Life Teen Welcomes

Bethany House!!!

At our Life Night on **February 28th** we will be joined by representatives from Bethany House.

We are looking forward to learning about the mission work of Bethany House and finding out how we can partner with them to serve the residents of Bethany House in the future!

RETREATS



Faith * Hope * Love

February 27th

10am – 8pm

SMT

Open to all 6-8th Graders

\$5



Long Island Life Teen Winter

Retreat

Glory Revealed

March 11-13th

7pm

Kellenberg MHS

\$125

Contact the Office
of Youth Ministry
for more info!!!

Life Teen

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

2/7: NO Life Night – Super Bowl Sunday

2/9: Adoration 7-8pm

2/14: NO Life Night – President’s Day Weekend

2/21: Life Night

2/28: Life Night – Bethany House!!!

3/6: NO Life Night – SMT St. Patrick’s Day Party

3/11-3/13: LTLI Retreat Weekend!!!

Edge

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

2/11: Edge Night

2/25: Edge Night

2/27: Edge’s Day of Retreat

3/10: Edge Night

3/24: NO Edge Night – Holy Thursday

3/27: Happy Easter!

Youth Ministry Mass 1pm



SMT Youth Ministry Office

SMT_LifeTeen@Yahoo.com

(516) 870-5669

www.SMTBethpage.org



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**MAY GOD BLESS YOU, ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY ONCE MORE!
YOUR BABY BOTTLE DONATION FOR 2015 of \$12,664.00**

Last October, both Jerry and I stood before you for the 10th year and asked for your spare change to fill a baby bottle for the LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND. At the very same time, our RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE was celebrating our 10th anniversary as a ministry. We applauded you for your devotion to the child, the mother, the innocent baby in the womb. We applauded you for the BABY SHOWER that you filled a 17 foot truck with items that you donated. We applauded you for your goodness, your kindness and your generosity. Each year, you take our breath away.

Once more, we are trying to express our appreciation to you - each and every one of you! But let us first look to those that have made all of this possible, and to remember our Father Henry who was there for us through those ten years. He is loved and missed. He will always be there with us in spirit!

We would like to give our thanks to Father Pat, who has encouraged and championed us through Baby Bottle Campaigns, Baby Showers, End of Life Seminars, and petitioning against certain legislation. He has always taken on the challenge for all life issues. His door is always open to us as a Committee to listen to our ideas, to allow us to post a column each week, and encourage posters, and information on upcoming events that would promote life affirming issues. He is always there to lift up life, and those of us who serve. Again, our thanks.

Our thanks to our priests and deacons, Father Jim, Father Ciya, and Deacon Tom Hennessy, to Sue and Nick that collect the baby bottles as they continue to come long after our campaign and safeguard them. Thank you to our ushers, that help collect the bottles after each mass. Special thanks to T.J. Hance who helps with the job of moving the bottles onto the truck from the Life Center. And, a special THANK YOU to Genny, our secretary here at St. Martin's. Her patience and hard work to print our weekly column, announcements, and set up and reserve St. Alphonse Hall for our monthly meetings.

Each month, the RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE meets to plan and encourage the message of life. They are a dedicated group of 15 members, who share ideas and energize each other to reach out and spread the sanctity of human life. We are blessed. For all the Showers, The Campaigns, the Petitions, the Prayer....Thank You!

The Life Center has sent a special letter of thanks to Father Pat and the Respect Life Committee. It will be posted in the GATHERING PLACE along with pictures of all of you that took a bottle for a baby! The original total was \$12,384.00. Since that letter was written, more bottles came in bringing the total to \$12,664.00.

So, once more, we thank you for the energy you give us to serve, for the ability to help a woman alone and afraid to safely bring her baby into this world. We thank you for your generous contribution to help us keep our doors open at our four locations here on Long Island. We always leave you with the words of St. Pope John Paul II, *"In the name of God, respect, protect, love and serve life, each and every life."*

You certainly do, St. Martin's!

May God bless and keep you, St. Martin of Tours.

Diana Hart Mirando
Respect Life Ministry

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS
631-243-2373
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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I
AM WELL PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM.

MATTHEW 17:5

**Respect Life Committee is meeting on
Wednesday, February 24th at 11AM
St. Alphonsus Hall**

All are welcome to come and join our meeting.
We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas
on right to life issues.

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Golden Wedding Liturgy

Honoring Couples Married 50 Years or More

SUNDAY, APRIL 10th - St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville

SUNDAY, APRIL 24th - Maria Regina in Seaford

Both Liturgies will begin at 2:30PM/Couples may register for ONE liturgy

Please fill out a form at the rectory or call 931-0818. The office staff will have it signed by Father Pat and will send it to the Office of Worship.

Registration for the April 10th liturgy must be received by March 25th

Registration for the April 24th liturgy must be received by April 8th

Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions. There will be reserved seating for the registered couple only. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.

After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish. You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.



Life Line Screening will be at St Martin of Tours Parish on Thursday, March 10th.

The screening event will be held in Saint Alphonsus Parish Hall. Ultrasounds for stroke, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm and osteoporosis as well as an EKG for atrial fibrillation are offered for only \$149 (averages out to only \$30/test). Pre-registration is required. **Appointments begin at 9am. CALL 1-888-653-6450** to register and receive a \$10 discount off the package price.

Life Line Community Healthcare will also offer the **Medicare Annual Wellness Visit to eligible Medicare beneficiaries with TRADITIONAL MEDICARE PART B.** There is **NO COST/NO CO-PAY.** This is not a physical, but a personal wellness consultation **performed by a certified Nurse Practitioner** designed to help you and your doctor keep you healthy, safe and independent for a long time. *This wellness consultation is an entitlement!* **Medicare is billed for this visit.** Pre-registration is required. **CALL 1-866-579-5069.**

The Men's Group will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:30PM in the Eucharistic Chapel.**

Open invitation to all men to come and see what we're about. No obligation or commitment required.



**25th Annual Bethpage Saint Patrick's Parade
Honoring Katherine Brenton
2016 Grand Marshal**

Grand Marshal Kathy Brenton is a founder of the Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade. In addition, she has organized the reception following the parade - for the past 24 years!

**Sunday, March 6, 2016
1:00 PM Mass
2:00 PM Parade
Through downtown Bethpage**

**Reception immediately following the parade
St. Martin of Tours Emmaus Hall Auditorium and Cafeteria**

*Bethpage Saint Patrick's Parade
Celebrating 25 Years
Honoring 2016 Grand Marshal Katherine Brenton
The Passing of the Sash*



John Joyce
Parade Chairman

Katherine Brenton
2016 Grand Marshal

Fr. Patrick Woods
2015 Grand Marshal

According to tradition, a Grand Marshal retains his/her title for one year.

Thus Fr. Pat has turned the honor of Grand Marshall to

2016 Grand Marshal Katherine Brenton.

Kathy grew up in Bethpage and raised her raised three children here – Bridget, Laurel (a bagpiper) and Gregory. Kathy is a respected employee of *Geico Insurance*. During the 34 years she has worked at *Geico*, Kathy always found time to volunteer in the community. She was a 4-H leader for ten years and a member of the Charles Campagne PTA.

Twenty five years ago, Kathy, John Coumatos, Bill and Kevin McCabe and the late Syl Nugent started the Bethpage Saint Patrick's Parade to honor Bethpage resident and New York City Grand Marshal Connie Doolan. These volunteers met in Kathy's basement on 5th Street and planned what was a simple march from St. Martin of Tours to the Central Park Inn (B. K. Sweeney's).

Over the past 25 years, the parade has blossomed into the full-blown event it is today. As the parade has grown in popularity, so has the post-parade party. It is held in St. Martin's auditorium and cafeteria. Kathy has handled all the food service and prizes for the kids for 24 years.

The word "Grand" is very special to her, as in *Grand Marshal 2016* and *Grandma* to her two beautiful grandsons.

2016 Grand Marshal is an honor Kathy richly deserves!

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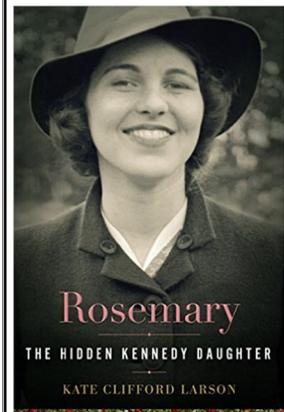
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SMT Book Club Make Up Meeting

Due to inclement weather, our meeting to discuss **Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter** was cancelled on February 5th. We have rescheduled for **Sunday, February 21st at 3PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.** All are invited.

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)
March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16



St. Martin of Tours CYO Program
Night at the Races
Saturday, March 12, 2016
Doors Open at 7:30PM
School Auditorium and Cafeteria (Emmaus Hall)



This event is sponsored by the St. Martin of Tours CYO Program. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance or \$25 per person at the door. Includes price of admission, a hero and non-alcoholic beverages. You are welcome to B.Y.O.B.

First race is at 8:00PM. You will be able to wager on the races as well as sponsor horses for each race.

All proceeds benefit St. Martin of Tours Church and the St. Martin of Tours CYO Program which serves over two hundred children from our church community.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Rectory at (516) 931-0818.

We look forward to a great evening of fun!

Congratulations to St. Martin's CYO Sixth Grade Girls And Our Sharpshooting Foul Shot Shooters

Our parish CYO sixth grade girls recently won the CYO championship 28-15 at St. Mary's gym in Manhasset. We are very proud of you for this achievement. Thank you to all our CYO coaches, staff and teams.

The Hartigan Council of the Knights of Columbus recently conducted a foul shooting contest. As an honorary guest, I took the first foul shot and had an air ball. Five of our parishioners will be moving on to the next round of competitions. Here are names of the St. Martin boys and girls who won the contest: Anthony Verde, James David, Zachary Schnabel, Riley Burns and Elizabeth Portelli.

Thanks to Grand Knight Steve DeRosa and District Deputy Bob Wahl for organizing such a fine event. If anyone would like to attend the next round (Nassau County), it will be Saturday, February 27th 10:00 am at Holy Trinity High School on Newbridge Road in Hicksville.

Father Pat



Liturgical Ministry Training

TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session "A" is required of **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session "B" **in addition** to Session "A". **Session "A" must be attended prior to Session "B".**

TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING: the pastor must send a letter to Bishop Murphy ***at least 10 days in advance*** requesting the training for each person attending.

This letter must mention the date and place of the training session the person will attend.

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

**In Nassau: EM "A" Session and Lectors
ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

April 2, 2016; 9 AM—1 PM

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

**In Suffolk: EM "A" Session and Lectors
ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

March 12, 2016; 9 AM—1 PM

McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 14, 2016; 9 AM—1 PM

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers

April 23, 2016; 9 AM—1 PM

McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at St. Elizabeth, Melville

Session "A" - Wednesday, April 13, 2016; 7:00—10 PM

Session "B" - Wednesday, April 27, 2016; 7:00—10 PM

WORKSHOP FEES:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: \$30 per person



One of the classic stories in literature is that of Dr. Faust. Faust is bored and depressed with his life as a scholar. After an attempt to take his own life, he calls on the devil for further knowledge and magic powers with which to indulge all the pleasures and knowledge of the world. In response, the devil's representative, Mephistopheles, appears. He makes a bargain with Faust: Mephistopheles will serve Faust with his magic powers for a set number of years, but at the end of the term, the devil will claim Faust's soul, and Faust will be eternally damned. The term usually stipulated in the early tales is 24 years; one year for each of the hours in a day. Years ago, a Broadway musical named *Damn Yankees* told the story of a man who sold his soul to the devil so the Washington Senators could beat the New York Yankees for the pennant. More recently Al Pacino played the role of a soul stealer in the movie *Devil's Advocate*.

*Filled with the
Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned
from the Jordan
and was led by the
Spirit into the
desert for
forty days,
to be tempted
by the devil.*

What would you will your soul for: the Jets winning the Super Bowl? the almost billion dollar lottery tickets? being able to eat all you want without gaining weight? being the pope or the president? I am kidding of course since I know none of you would make such a choice, but life is full of temptations that can easily get us off track as a followers of Jesus.

We live in a very modern, secular society that I think tends to either dismiss the power of Satan, or to reduce him to a cartoon character with horns, a long tail, and a red suit. Many great spiritual writers have said that Satan is most delighted when we do not believe in him since then he can do his greatest work. I remember there was a very powerful scene toward the end of the book the *Exorcist* that gave rise to that movie. Chris MacNeil, the mother of the child possessed, is asked by one of Jesus' if she has finally come to believe in God. As an agnostic, she shakes

her head that she has trouble believing in God, but then she goes on to say that she certainly believes in the devil and the power of evil. For me, many of the horrors that the world has seen and continues to experience convinces me of the force of diabolic power.

Today, on this first Sunday of Lent, we see Jesus encounter Satan in a face-to-face confrontation. At his baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist, Jesus has an overwhelming experience of his Father and the Holy Spirit. He hears that he is the beloved Son and the Spirit of God dwells on him in the form of a dove. Jesus is God's and he now goes forth to live the mission the Father has given him.

Our Lord begins this mission by going into the desert to prepare himself for what is to come. We could call this a forty day retreat that Jesus makes in order to spiritually prepare himself to preach the Gospel, choose his disciples, and to face those who will ultimately reject his message and nail him to a cross. We can be sure that Satan is determined to pull Jesus away from his mission. The father of lies and evil does not want Jesus to fulfill the Father's plan. Being fully human, Christ has to battle temptation just as do you and I. He is free to walk away from this call that will end with his being nailed to a cross.

After forty days of fasting, Jesus is hungry. Hunger and thirst are the most basic of human needs. The evil one invites Jesus to turn stones into bread and comfort his hunger. This is really a temptation for Jesus to deny his humanity. Why be hungry and thirsty, tired, and in pain? There is no need for that. Satan is telling him to walk away from joining wretched humanity in their human needs. Jesus resists this temptation.

Next, Satan offers him power and glory. Jesus can have all the kingdoms of the world. He can be rich. Why have no home? Why associates with sinners? Go for power rather than humility. Make human beings bow down before you rather than bend and wash their feet. Have a crown of gold rather than one of brutal thorns pounded into your head. Lie on a soft bed rather than a wooden cross. Again, Jesus rejects Satan.

Finally, the devil tells Jesus to test his Father. See if God is really there for you. Jump off the top of the temple and see if your Father will send angels to bear you to safety. Again, don't be human - be who you are the Son of God. Forget this mission. Our Lord resists this temptation also. Notice that this is not the last time our Lord will meet this powerful adversary: *When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time. He will be back!*

There are three temptations that Jesus is confronted with in the Gospel - 1) a physical one: to have no human needs; 2) an intellectual one: to have all the power of the earth; 3) a spiritual one: do not trust God. We have our own physical temptations, perhaps more from original sin than the devil. Food, alcohol, pornography, gambling, comfort and ease, constant television watching, and the internet can sometimes start to control our lives to the point that they control us more than we them. Lent invites us to do battle with them by seeing them for what they are and doing battle with them by the grace of God.

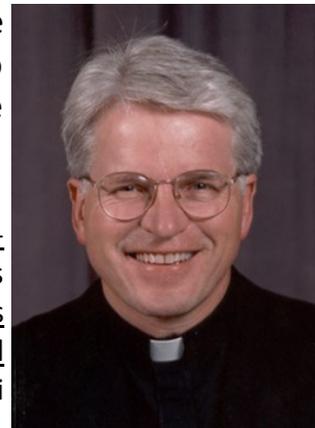
We can be tempted to want power, perhaps not over kingdoms and nations, but over people. We gossip about others to show we are better than they are. We can use anger and silence to intimidate and control the people of our lives. We can be called to judge ourselves and others by how much we have, how educated we are, how successful we are. Power is a strong temptation to battle during these days of Lent.

We love God. Still, we have our doubts and questions about the world he has created. The most normal questions of why is there so much sickness and death can overwhelm us to lose trust in God. We want to see our prayers answered in the way we think best and in our time rather than his. We can wonder if he is really there for me. Is death the end or is his promise of eternal life something I can trust?

You don't have to go into the desert to do battle with some of these very common and human temptations. We can face them at various times and in various degrees. We do not face them alone. Today, we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. In our struggles and temptations he is with us! We trust always in his mercy. He *is* God of mercy and unrelenting forgiveness. *Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on me!*

Father Pat's Homily of February 14, 2016

Msgr. Thomas J. Hartman, a towering figure in the Diocese of Rockville Centre who gained national fame as half of a priest and rabbi duo bringing a message of interfaith understanding to millions, died late Tuesday night, February 16th at the age of 69.



As an author, Father Tom has written Just a Moment, Life Matters with Father Tom and The Matter of Life and Death. He has co-authored four books with Rabbi Marc Gellman for both children and adults, titled Where Does God Live?, which won the 1991 Christopher Award, Lost and Found, Bad Stuff in the News and How Do you Spell God? (with a forward by the Dalai Lama).

Rabbi Marc Gellman and Father Tom co-hosted "The God Squad" on Telecare for many years. They wrote a weekly column for Tribune Media, which was syndicated in various newspapers around the country. Father Tom has been recognized for his professional and pastoral work by winning four Emmy Awards, a Telly Award, and numerous Man of the Year citations, and honorary doctorates.

The Thomas Hartman Center for Parkinson's Research in the Stony Brook University Department of Neurobiology and Behavior was dedicated during a ceremony in the Center on June 13, 2013 and named in honor of Monsignor Thomas Hartman, a champion for countless good causes.



Msgr. Thomas Hartman with
Rabbi Marc Gellman

"When we were together, we were like a band," Rabbi Gellman once said. "He had his own music and I had my own music, but there was something about the way we played together that was better than his music and my music alone. There was a uniqueness about what we did. We were really best friends. He was a working priest and I was a working rabbi so the media was not our main deal."

So much more can be written about Father Tom. He was a driving force in all that is good and right with the world, and never said no to anyone who needed his help. So many people were touch by him and will always remember his smiling, handsome face which was illuminated by his grace-filled soul. Father Tom taught us how to live! He taught us to smile in pain...to hope and to persevere in darkness...to have faith in all seasons. Moreover, he taught us to LOVE ourselves and everyone by forgiving and living our best life. He taught us to spread the "Good News" that Jesus is with us. Most of all he showed us how to LOVE JESUS first. He said, "Then the rest was easy" since "LOVE never fails or ends." (Corinthians)

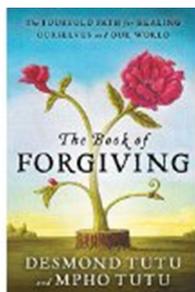
Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers go to his family and many close friends, to all the people he touched as parish priest and counselor, and to the millions of people he reached through the media.

Father Tom's funeral mass was at St. Aiden's Church in Williston Park, and he was laid to rest at Holy Rood Cemetery.

How blessed we are to have known him! He will live in many hearts always!

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.

Living Stations of the Cross

Come Relive the Journey
of Jesus to Calvary

Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016

7:30 pm

St. Martin of Tours Church



REFLECTION: "To be connected with the Church is to be associated with scoundrels, warmongers, fakes, child molesters, murderers and hypocrites of every description." "It also at the same time identifies you with saints and the finest persons of heroic soul of every time, country, race and gender."

"To be a member of the Church is to carry the mantle of the worst sin and the finest heroism of soul; because the Church looks exactly as it looked at the Crucifixion - God between two thieves."

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

2016 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

March 21, Monday

Mass: 6:30, 9:00 A.M.
3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Confessions
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Confessions

March 22, Tuesday

Mass: 6:30, 9:00 A.M.
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Confessions

March 23, Wednesday

Mass: 6:30, 9:00 A.M.
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Confessions

March 24, Holy Thursday

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
7:30 P.M. Liturgy of the Lord=s Supper
9:00 P.M. Adoration until 11:00 P.M.

March 25, Good Friday

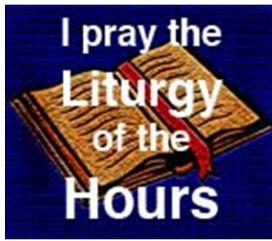
9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
10:00 A.M. Stations of the Cross -
Bethpage State Park
3:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Passion
7:30 P.M. Liturgy of the Passion

March 26, Holy Saturday

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
1:00 P.M. Blessing of Bread/Food
8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil

March 27, Easter Sunday

Church: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.
Auditorium: 10:00 & 11:30 A.M.
1:00 P.M. (Life Teen)
NO EVENING MASS



Monday through Friday during Lent, come and pray the Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 8:30 a.m. before the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church. All are welcome.

**The Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 7:30PM During Lent**

**February 26
March 4, March 11, March 18**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 21: SMT Book Club **make up meeting** 3PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 22: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Feb 23: Men's Group 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Feb 24: Respect Life Committee Meeting 11AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 25: Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament 3:00PM Church
- Feb 27: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7PM Mass until 11PM
- Mar 3: Penance Service: Come and Know His Endless Mercy 7:30PM Church
- Mar 6: Bethpage Saint Patrick's Parade Mass at 1PM Church
Parade at 2PM followed by reception in Emmaus Hall
- Mar 8: NO YOUTH MINISTRY ADORATION THIS MONTH
- Mar 10: Life Line Screening beginning at 9AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 12: Spiritual Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 12: CYO Night at the Races 7:30PM Auditorium & Cafeteria (Emmaus Hall)
- Mar 14: Anointing of the Sick Prayer Service 7:30PM Church
- Mar 16: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Church
- Mar 20: Living Stations of the Cross 7:30PM Church

