

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 14

6:30 Elinor Gabbola
9:00 Paul James Fidnarick

Tuesday - March 15

6:30 Joseph Castora
9:00 Margaret & Mark Ridge

Wednesday - March 16

6:30 Grace Sicurella
9:00 Frank & Dorothy Corbet

Thursday - March 17

6:30 James Coughlan
9:00 Mullaly & Lucey Families

Friday - March 18

6:30 Fred Strianese
9:00 Francis & Dorothy Corbet

Saturday - March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Louis T. Trappasse
7:00 Thomas Cortese & Jean Russo

Sunday - March 20 - Palm Sunday of the Passion

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 John Giovanniello
10:00 Leila Dorego
11:30 Lazzati & Tesoriero Families
1:00 Sean, Pauline & Barry McCann
5:30 Josephine Atwater

Readings For The Week

Mon. Daniel 13:41c-62; John 8:12-20
Tues. Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wed. Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
Thurs. Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Fri. Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Sat. 2 Samuel 7:4-5-16; Romans 4:13-22
Matthew 1:16-24

Sun. Procession with Palms - Luke 19:28-40

Mass Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7 *The servant of the Lord was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.*

Philippians 2:6-11 *Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death! Therefore, God exalted him, and all proclaim him Lord.*

Luke 22:14 - 23:56

The Passion of the Lord

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Amount Received 3/6/16: \$19,126.97

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything: I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use these forty days of Lent to journey to a deeper understanding of God's mercy.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Amos 5:14: *"seek good and not evil so that you may live and the Lord will be with you."*

Sounds easy, right? None of us seeks evil, but evil is not just terrorists and mass murderers. Evil exists wherever jealousy, greed, envy and deception are found. So be on guard!

Our next meeting is Monday, March 14th at 7:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Divine Mercy Novena

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

H.O.P. Club Winners

3/7/16 #274	Nell & Jim Peyton	\$25
3/8/16 #615	M/M Leonard Mormino	\$25
3/9/16 #2	James & Anne Hoenig	\$25
3/10/16 #34	M/M Pasquale Patarino	\$25
3/11/16 #462	Tom & Kathy Frost	\$50



Wedding Banns

*3rd: Keith Miller & Kerry Englert
1st Joseph Conti & Samantha Musgrave*



"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: cereal, beef stew, chili, baked beans, Jell-O, pudding, brownie mix, canned chicken, hot chocolate, sugar, tomato paste, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap and bar soap.

We are so appreciative of 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 March 13 - 19, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
Paul James Fidnarick*



*Sanctuary Candle
Week of March 13 - 19, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
Paul James Fidnarick*

Rest in Peace

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

**Elaine Quigley, Rose Nazzaro
Antoinette Yaniro**

**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 Battiata, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro
Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino, Nicole Cagna
Gary Vlahov, Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh, Louise Sandberg
Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio Carmenate, Anthony Luisi
Mary McCarthy, 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
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Sarah Messin, William Boyce, Joann Sescila, Albert La Rocca
Michael Arato, Elizabeth Ryan, Ken Mannion, Tom Doty
Linda Malone, 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
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Jackie & Pat Simoniello, Candy DeVita, Frank Ballatore, Jr.
Rosemary O'Keefe, Anthony Della Croce
Little Sonny D'Ambrosio
Aida Gilday

Pastor's Letter

Every year on Christmas Eve, I am the director of the Christmas Eve pageant at the 6:00 p.m. Mass. It is something that I enjoy doing very much. The innocence of the children dressed in their costumes is a special part of Christmas for me. We put a notice in the parish bulletin about two weeks before the pageant and announce that there will be a practice a week or so before Christmas. Generally, we have a lot of volunteers and the role of the angels seem to be favored since they have great wings on the costumes and no lines to memorize. Recently since we have gotten some small toy drums, the role of drummer boys is in demand. Certainly, there is always one young lady who wishes to be the Blessed Mother. Most of the rest of the kids are happy to be shepherds and kings. Surprisingly, the hardest role to fill is that of St. Joseph. I think word has gotten out that it calls for holding the hand of the Blessed Mother on the way to Bethlehem and no self-respecting seven year old wants to be put in such a position - Blessed Mother or not.

I wonder if we were to cast the very familiar parable of the Prodigal Son, which roles would be in most demand. I think most of us, from some time in our lives, can identify with the younger son. He boldly rejects his father, grabs the money, and lives wildly until he goes broke and ends up feeding pigs as he hungers for the food they are eating. Probably, few if any of us has ever gone so far as he did, but most of us over the age of let's say, 18, know what it is to fail and need forgiveness from another person or from the Lord.

The most favored role, I suspect, would be the father who is so kind and forgiving to his wayward son. There are many Biblical experts who suggest that this parable should be called that of the *Loving Father* rather than the *Prodigal Son*. He is an incredible man, although some would say almost a bit mad. He is willing to sell off an extensive piece of his property when his son comes to him and basically says, *I can't wait for you to die Dad, give me my share of the family money now*. Most parents would have had a different response to such a request, and might use the word *no* surrounded by a few colorful adjectives. But what makes the role of the forgiving father so great is the scene when the boy returns. The elderly patriarch runs to his son when he sees him a long way off. When I read that line, I think that every day he must have looked at the long winding road to his estate.

When a child is lost, there is no rest or peace for the parents until their son or daughter is home and back in their loving arms, no matter if the child is 2 or 42. The father wraps the boy in his embrace. The runaway son tries to say some words of forgiveness but the father has no time for such words. He commands his servants, *Quick, get shoes on his feet right away (only slaves go barefoot) and put a ring with family crest on his hand. My son who was lost is now found and we must celebrate*.

Such a scene brings to mind those stories about a man who has been in prison for many years, only to have finally been found innocent. The video shows the parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, carrying signs and balloons waiting with great anticipation for the prison door to swing open and the man to be released into the arms of his waiting family. There are tears and cries of joy, accompanied by great hugs and kisses. Soon they are in a car going home to a great family celebration. My son was lost and now he is found; let the celebration begin.

Through my years as a priest, I have sat with people who feel that they have messed up their lives in such a way that God will never forgive them. They are without hope. If they are parents, I ask them if there is something that their son or daughter could do that would make them stop loving that child. Almost immediately they say, *No, Father, there is not.* Then I say, *why do you think you are more forgiving than God? My son has been lost and is now found; let the celebration begin.* What a beautiful story of mercy and love Jesus has given us. Ernest Hemingway said that it is the best short story in the English language.

But wait - we still need another actor for perhaps the most important part in the play. Yes, we need an older brother. The older brother has a relatively small part in the story, but I believe he represents many of us. First it is important first to note to whom Jesus is telling this story. For most of my life, I thought it was told to sinners to give hope for mercy in the face of moral failure. Actually, a recent book I read named the *Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller made it clear that Jesus is directing this parable to the that group of Pharisees who are rejecting Jesus - *tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable.* Many of the religious leaders have become so righteous that they fail to see their sins and their need for the mercy of God. They condemn Christ for associating with sinners. Although they consider themselves religious, they do not know God and his love. They think they can save themselves.

The older brother is angry at the father for welcoming home the prodigal with a feast. He complains, *all my life I have slaved for you!* How sad; he fails to see that he has the father's love. He did not have to earn it. He does not know he is a loved son but rather feels himself a mistreated slave. He refuses to enter the celebration. He tells the father, *you have never held a party for me and I am the faithful one!* The father is brokenhearted that he now has another lost son, a son who has always been with him and yet did not know how much he was loved. He won't even call the runaway his brother and refers to him as *that son of yours.* The father begs him to come into the party. *My son you are always with me and everything I have is yours, but your brother was lost and is now found.*

I have been an "older brother" very often - every time I condemned another for not living a Christian life as I think they should; every time I joke about *the A and P* Catholics who only come to church on Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday; every time I think to myself that those people are not as good as me; every time I criticize them for how they are raising their kids or because they are divorced. The list goes on and on. It is so easy to fall into righteousness and harsh judgment. When we become "older" brothers and sisters we do not see our own need for God's mercy and compassion. In truth, although we would never say it out loud, do *I* need the redeeming power of God in my life or am I saving myself by my good deeds? *There, but for the grace of God, go I* is beautiful to say but hard to truly embrace.

As I ponder this parable I am sometimes the prodigal but more often the older brother who will not come into the banquet of the mercy of God and his love. I can only celebrate mercy when I know my need for that healing grace. The parable leaves us hanging; we never know if the older brother goes into the party or not. Today before we go into the banquet, we pray, *Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but say the word and my soul will be healed.*

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR
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Parish Assembly

**Saturday March 19th Feast of St. Joseph
Beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

Place: Emmaus Hall (school cafeteria)
OR St. Alphonsus Hall (depending on RSVP)

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 14 and older are welcome

Continental breakfast with baked goods
by the renowned St. Clement Bakers will be served.

Topics for Discussion

- Moving Saturday Evening Mass from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 or 4:30 p.m.
- Reviewing the Present Mass Schedule
- Do we need eight Masses?
- Discussion of the Final Stages of the Capital Campaign
- Needs of the parish: a gym, a ramp to the cafeteria, painting the Church outside, painting the Church inside, replacing the rugs, updating the outdoor playground, completion of the lighting
- An appropriate memorial to recognize the donors
- Future Spiritual Programs
- Your Questions and Concerns

SOUP SUPPER SUCCESS

Our annual Lenten Soup Supper was once again a truly heartwarming success. We would like not only to say thank you, but to “give thanks” to all the special people that make this yearly event the success that it is. We are blessed to be part of such a sharing and caring Parish. Our core of volunteers, who are so dedicated and hard working, made it all possible from start to finish, including all those who washed those crock pots.



Our gratitude and thanks to everyone who made a variety of delicious soups. Containers were filled afterward and brought to the homebound. They were so very appreciative; it makes them feel that they are still connected to our Parish Family, and that we are thinking of them. In addition we collected \$525.00 which will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul.

A special Thank You also goes out to the Knights of Columbus. As they have in past years, they donated all the rolls. We sincerely appreciate their generosity and support. Once again, thank you to all who came to work, participate, share and foster this Lenten act of giving.

Love in Christ, Pat Ricci

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

I want to thank Ann Hughes, Father John McKenna, CSsR, Elena Scollo and all who provided the parish with a very prayerful and moving experience of God's Mercy on Thursday, March 3rd. Ann prepared a prayer service that allowed us to enter into the loving arms of Jesus. Father John preached a sermon that was both humorous and challenging and one that touched us very much.



The music, under the direction of Elena with Claire Murphy and Kelly Ryan, is something that we could almost take for granted since they are consistently so good. Their music further deepened this experience of prayer.

Our final Lenten Service will be a celebration of the healing power of Jesus in our lives. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within the service. It will take place on Monday, March 14th at 7:30PM in the Church.

Father Pat

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St. Martin of Tours Stations of the Cross Bethpage State Park Picnic Grounds

Please join us on **Good Friday, March 25th at 10AM** as we journey with Christ in His Passion and Death through the Stations of the Cross. In case of bad weather, we will instead meet in the Church for the Stations.

All are welcome!

ANNOUNCING**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS ADULT EDUCATION COURSE IN THEOLOGY****THE DECEIVER****(The Daily Human Struggle Against Evil)**

Cardinal Walter Kasper tells us that the basic Christian attitude before the reality of evil is not one of fear but of hope in the definitive destruction of evil by the victory of Christ over Satan.

The Deceiver of humanity is always at work in his ordinary and typical activity that can be characterized in four ways: deception, division, diversion and discouragement. In a word, he uses these areas to move us away from the God of love.

Join us as we come together prayerfully to discover and unmask the various ruses that Satan uses to divert us from God by using our unique human susceptibility against us. Knowing our enemy and his strategy can only benefit us in the daily struggle against evil which is the common lot of all humanity.

If the Spirit is attracting you, pay attention to it.

Do something for your spiritual and intellectual growth by attending this course.

DATES: Begins Thursday, April 7, 2016 and continues on Thursdays April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12. Attendance at all sessions is **NOT** required.

TIME: 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

LOCATION: St. Alphonsus Hall

INSTRUCTOR: Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy, Spiritual Director

REGISTRATION: Required before course begins. Complete the form below with a **check for \$10.00 made out to Deacon Thomas Hennessy to cover the cost of course material.**

REGISTRATION

Please enroll me in **The Deceiver** adult education theology course beginning Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.

My check for \$10.00 for course material made out to Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy is enclosed.

(please print)

Full Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

(Mail or drop off completed form to the rectory office c/o Deacon Tom.)



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.



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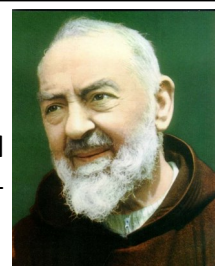
**St. Martin of Tours Lenten
 Evening of Mercy
 Celebrating Pope Francis' Invitation
 A Jubilee Year of Mercy
 7:30PM in the Church**

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!

Padre Pio Holy Hour

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 16 at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel** for the Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated.





2016 Grand Marshal Katherine Brenton surrounded by former Grand Marshals or relatives of those who could not attend.

2016 Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade

The 25th Anniversary Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade could not have been nicer. St. Patrick (or was it Mother Nature?!) blessed the day with sunshine and mild breezes. Former Grand Marshals and relatives of those who could not attend joined Katherine Brenton, the 2016 Grand Marshal at the 1:00PM Mass and in the line of march. They then went onto the Showmobile to review the parade. It was a great reunion.

Nassau County Firefighters Pipes and Drums, along with other regulars - FDNY Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, Tara Pipes, Clan Gordon Pipes and Drums, American Celtic and the NYS Court Officers Pipe Band, AOH Divisions 15 and 11, Scouts, Bethpage Historical Society, Bethpage Water District, and NY Company H 119 Volunteers, created a colorful parade with all kinds of music – bagpipes, percussion, drums, banjos and music for the dancers.

We were happy to welcome Family Residences & Essential Enterprises (F.R.E.E.) Drum Line and Color Guard as they joined the parade for the first time. Military vehicles from WWII, the Statue of Liberty accompanied by folks carrying flags of the many immigrant groups that have come to America and the Wine Wagon in from its home in the wine country out East were in the parade last year, but hardly visible due to all the snow.

A very special thank you to the Bethpage Fire Department. Their participation and assistance created an impressive display of fire apparatus from Bethpage and neighboring communities. Finally, our sincere thanks to the donors listed on the next page. Their support is critical – the underpinnings of this event!

Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade

Katherine Brenton the 2016 Grand Marshal, the Parade Committee and the hundreds of folks who lined the parade route wish to acknowledge and thank the following donors for supporting the 2016 parade.

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Brothers, come join us and see where it all began. Knights of Columbus Museum
Saint Mary's Church, New Haven Connecticut

BUS TRIP

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

\$60.00 per person (family members okay)

Includes banquet lunch prior to return to New York

Bus Departs at 7:15AM from

Knights of Columbus Hartigan Manor

517 Central Avenue, Bethpage

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

RSVP by March 31, 2016

Contact Joe Interrante, DGK at (516) 378-0733



WAR ROOM, (rated PG) is a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.

The movie begins at 3PM Sunday, March 13th in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please bring your own snacks.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. By contributing, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help. The political, religious and military challenges are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Please give whatever your means will allow. Thank you!

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As you know, our parish bulletin provides a great deal of both information and spiritual reflections. We do not pay for the printing of the bulletin since the cost is provided by the advertisements on the back cover page.



However, the company that prepares the bulletin has asked us to cut down on the amount of pages, therefore, we will have to do less than what we have been doing.
Father Pat

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Bulletin articles must be a half page or less and submitted to Genny at gamit1946@hotmail.com per the following schedule:

Easter Sunday bulletin will be sent to printers by Monday, March 21st at Noon

So if you can have your articles to me by Thursday or Friday of the week before, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!



March 11-13: LI Life Teen Winter Retreat Weekend at Kellenberg Memorial High School. Please pray for our teens as they strive to become closer to Christ.

March 20: Palm Sunday Mass at 5:30PM followed by the Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30PM in the Church. Join SMT Youth Ministry for pizza at 6:30PM in the OLPH Youth Center. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office to RSVP at (516) 870-5669.

March 27: Easter Sunday Youth Mass at 1PM. There is NO 5:30 Mass on Easter Sunday.



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

3/24: NO Edge Night - Holy Thursday

3/27: Happy Easter! Youth Mass at 1PM on Easter Sunday

To see our full schedule, please visit SMTBethpage.org!

For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Erin Horan-Baudille at SMT_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com.

The Youth Ministry Office Phone: (516) 870-5669.

Youth Ministry Auction

SMT Youth Ministry is preparing to hold its BIGGEST fundraiser of the year on Friday, April 8th.

There is much to be done! Please consider volunteering to help us make this the BEST Auction EVER! Contact Erin to find out how you can help!



Thanks to Master Chef Pat Ricci and all who provided our parish with a wonderful Lenten Soup Supper on March 2nd. I was only able to taste 22 soups, but I am sure they were all great!

I also thank the Hartigan Council of the Knights for their donation of rolls to this parish event. Thanks to all who helped and to all who attended. - Father Pat



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

CONFERENCE PROVIDES EDUCATION FOR OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Diocese of Rockville Centre recently held an educational conference on OPOSITION TO ASSISTED SUICIDE designed to educate diocesan leadership on the moral, medical, legal, and legislative dangers of PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE. Newly proposed legislation on assisted suicide has been introduced in New York Legislature.

March 3, 2015: BISHOP MURPHY ENCOURAGES FAITHFUL TO OPPOSE LEGISLATION PROMOTING ASSISTED SUICIDE. Catholics in the State of New York, particularly in OUR DIOCESE, should be very alarmed by movements promoting assisted suicide legislation. We must work together to EDUCATE, INFORM AND ENCOURAGE our people to ENGAGE ACTIVELY IN PUSHING BACK ANY LEGISLATION which compromises the gift of life. There IS PROPOSED LEGISLATION IN THE SENATE and the ASSEMBLY - S.5814/A.5261-B and S.3685/A.2129-A that would do just that.

It is URGENT THAT ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL, PARTICULARLY THE LEADERS OF THE MINISTRIES AND OFFICES OF OUR PARISHES, and UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE OF ASSISTED SUICIDE AND UNDERSTAND THE CHURCH'S GUIDANCE AND TEACHING THAT RESPECTS ALL LIFE FROM THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION THROUGH NATURAL DEATH.

The NEW YORK STATE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE has joined other opponents as part of the New York Alliance Against Assisted Suicide, made of patient's rights, disabilities rights advocates, health care, civil rights and faith-based advocacy organizations. Together we support increased access to palliative care (comfort care) and a rejection of the dangerous NATIONAL MOVEMENT TOWARD PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE. New York's current law prohibits the practice of physician-assisted suicide wherein doctors prescribe LETHAL DOSES OF DRUGS TO END THE LIVES OF TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS WHO WISH TO DIE.

Please notify the DRVC RESPECT LIFE OFFICE for more information. Ask for a copy of the DRVC RESPECT LIFE NEWS March 2016. Please NOTIFY YOUR STATE AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES that you oppose ASSISTED SUICIDE IN NEW YORK STATE.

Good Friday Silent Vigil for Life on Behalf of the Unborn

THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE is holding a GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF UNBORN CHILDREN on MARCH 25, 2016, from 10:30AM to NOON, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow).

Pro-life women, men and children take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed at NUMC and throughout Long Island. We stand on the public sidewalk - a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided. Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.

**INFORMATION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING FOR
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Session "A" is required of **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are also required to attend Session "B" **in addition** to Session "A". Please write a letter to the pastor, Father Pat Woods, CSSR expressing your desire to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for the Church and/or Hospital Homebound.

TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING: the pastor of the parish 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 location of the session the person will attend.**

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

In Nassau:

**"A" Session Training for Extraordinary Ministers
ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

April 12, 2016; 9 AM—1 PM
Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Nassau:

"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 14, 2016; 9 AM—1 PM
Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Suffolk:

**"A" Session Training for Extraordinary Ministers
ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

March 12, 2016; 9 AM—1 PM
McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

In Suffolk:

"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers

April 23, 2016; 9 AM—1 PM
McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

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

Session "A" - Wednesday, April 13, 2016; 7:00—10 PM
Session "B" - Wednesday, April 27, 2016; 7:00—10PM

WORKSHOP FEES: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: \$30 per person (fee paid by St. Martin's).

**Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Liturgy
Honoring Couples Married 50 Years or More**

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

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 - Your Role in This Year of Mercy
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To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk).

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

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

Welcome back! Our General Meeting is Tuesday, March 15th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Rosary and CMRC prayers followed by a brief meeting. Helen Kurlowicz will be speaking about St. Padre Pio. Refreshments will be served. All women are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE ** April 5th **

Our Spring fundraiser is Tuesday, April 5th "BINGO." Doors open at 7PM and games will begin after a brief meeting in St. Alphonsus Hall. Raffles, 50/50, Bingo, cash prizes. Tickets on sale now and available at our March meeting. \$3 per ticket. Call Janet Dion at 433-9340 for tickets. All women are welcome! If you have not paid your dues or wish to become a member, please call Janet. Dues are still \$10 per year.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 14: Anointing of the Sick Prayer Service 7:30PM Church
- Mar 16: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Church
- Mar 18: Stations of the Cross 7:30PM Church
- Mar 19: 9AM Mass following by Parish Assembly
- Mar 20: Living Stations of the Cross 7:30PM Church
- Mar 25: Stations of the Cross at Bethpage State Park 10AM

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



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.
& 1:00PM (Life Teen)

Additional Masses in the Auditorium:
10:00 & 11:30 A.M.
NO EVENING MASS

