

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 21

6:30 Fr. Frank O'Rourke, CSSR
 9:00 Rita & Ed Schmidt

Tuesday - March 22

6:30 Michael Zura
 9:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo

Wednesday - March 23

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita
 9:00 Louis Chiarelli

Thursday - March 24 - HOLY THURSDAY

9:00 Morning Prayer
 7:30PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
 9:00PM Adoration until 11:00PM

Friday - March 25 - GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 Morning Prayer
 3:00PM Liturgy of the Passion
 7:30PM Liturgy of the Passion

Saturday - March 26 - HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 Morning Prayer
 1:00PM Blessing of Bread/Food
 8:00PM The Easter Vigil

Sunday - March 27 - Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Patrick Hanrahan
 10:00 Ivy Ostermeier
 10:00 MASS IN THE AUDITORIUM
 11:30 Alexander Fuoco
 11:30 MASS IN THE AUDITORIUM
 1:00 Michael (Mickey) Catapano
 NO 5:30PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Readings For The Week

Mon. Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
 Tues. Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wed. Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
 Thurs. Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-15
 Fri. Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
 John 18:1-19:42
 Sat. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Readings

Sun. Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven.

Colossians 3:1-4 Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory

John 20:1-9 Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty. They did not yet understand that Jesus would rise from the dead.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Amount Received 3/13/16: \$15,423.16

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

In the gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, leading them to a deeper understanding of God's mercy and a new sense of meaning and purpose in their lives.

Charismatic Prayer Group

There are so many kinds of lights - headlights, flashlights, nightlights, candle lights, to name a few. Some make it easier to see where you are going; another chases the scary monsters away, while another gives a comforting glow. It's no surprise that Jesus' light does everything other lights do and so much more. It's no wonder that He is called "The Light of the World!"

Our next meeting is Monday, March 21th 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

3/14/16	#398 Kevin Ross	\$25
3/15/16	#513 John Reilly	\$25
3/16/16	#393 Joseph Clark	\$25
3/17/16	#584 Marion C. Hogan	\$25
3/18/16	#390 Philip A. Ciminelli	\$250

Wedding Banns

2nd. Joseph Conti & Samantha Musgrave
1st. George Gribko & Carol Ann Miller



"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, egg noodles, beef stew, chili, pasta sauce, coffee, ketchup, icing, evaporated milk, brownie mix, Jell-O, pudding, sugar, tomato paste, baked beans, tissues, bar soap and baby wipes.

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 20 - 26, 2016

In Loving Memory of
Sean, Dennis & Keith Meehan



Sanctuary Candle

Week of March 20 -26, 2016

In Loving Memory of
Michael J. Alloggio



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, 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, 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, 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, Stephen Hogan, Edward Boyce
 Fran & Al Gandolfo, Sheila Newmann, John Kenneally
 Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR, 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.
 Kieran Keyser, Anthony Morello, Anthony Krich
 Cynthia & Don Mirabel, Addie Romano, Michael Seigler
 Jackie & Pat Simoniello, Candy DeVita, Frank Ballatore, Jr.
 Rosemary O'Keefe, Anthony Della Croce
 Little Sonny D'Ambrosio
 Aida Gilday, Christine Orlando

Pastor's Letter

Sometimes, there can be so much bad news in the media that it is hard to take it all in. This recent story particularly disturbed me. Gunmen in southern Yemen on Friday stormed a retirement home run by a charity established by Mother Teresa, killing 16 people, including four Catholic nuns, officials and witnesses said. The killing spree began with two gunmen who first surrounded the home for the elderly in Aden. Meanwhile, four others entered the building on the pretext they wanted to visit their mothers at the facility, according to the charity, Yemeni security officials and witnesses. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. We pray for all those slaughtered on that day in a nursing home where the Mother Teresa nuns took care of people of every nationality, religion and faith. It is easy to call the killers monsters but I have to wonder what brought these young men to have such hatred in their hearts that they could kill the elderly and women religious. This type of evil is as ancient as the Bible itself, and we know our own nation at times faces such horror.

The other night I saw a special on television about the recent death of Harper Lee, the great American writer who gave us the great classic novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird* which gave rise the academy award winning movie of the same title starring Gregory Peck. The special showed one of my favorite scenes from the movie. The novel is set in the 1930's and Tom Robinson, an innocent African-American man, is being held for a crime he did not commit. A group of men from the town go the jail and are planning on lynching Tom before his trial. Atticus Finch his lawyer, rushes to the jail but he is outnumbered by about 30 men. Atticus' daughter Scout has also come to the jail on her own in spite of her father telling her to stay home. She notices one of the men in the angry gang and in her childhood innocence says to him, *Hi Mr. Cunningham. How is your son Walter? We go to school together.* Into this volcano of racial hatred comes the voice of a six year old girl. Mr. Cunningham, the leader of the group, looks down at his shoes and one can see he is clearly, at least for a moment, ashamed of what he is doing. He lowers his gun and tells the men to leave and go home. Shame met hatred and shame won out.

There is a famous scene that I read about in American history. In the 1950's, our nation was naturally deeply concerned about the Soviet Union, especially after they developed the atom bomb with the help of a few American traitors. Senator Joseph McCarthy formed a Senate committee to investigate Communist infiltration into America. No doubt there was reason for concerns but the Senator went overboard in his tactics and started accusing all sorts of innocent people of being members of the Communist Party. Reputations and lives were ruined, and people were afraid of McCarthy, frightened that he might accuse them. A lawyer named Joseph Welch was brought before the committee to defend some men in the United States Army. Senator McCarthy started to accuse a young lawyer who worked for Joseph Welch of being a communist. Welch had had his fill of the bully and gives what is one of the classic statements in American history that some say really ended the power of Joseph McCarty. Welch says to the Senator: *Let us not assassinate this lad further, Senator. You have done enough. Have you no sense of decency sir, at long last? Have you left no sense of decency?* Shame meets verbal violence and shame wins the day. From this point on, McCarthy began to lose his powerful influence.



Jesus said, "Woman, has anyone condemned you?"
 "No Sir!" "Nor do I; go and sin no more."

I thought of the scene from the movie and the Senate hearing, as well as the violent attack on the nursing home in Yemen as I was praying and preparing my thoughts on today's Gospel. We have a woman about to suffer the horrific death by stoning for committing adultery. Notice we hear of no man being accused. This woman means nothing to those who have brought her before Jesus. She is simply an object, a tool, as many women have been through history, to trap Jesus. Her life and salvation mean nothing to those scribes and Pharisees who have brought her forth in humiliation. They have set the trap: the Old Testament calls for death for such an action as adultery. Tragically, this is still a practice of some nations in the Middle East.

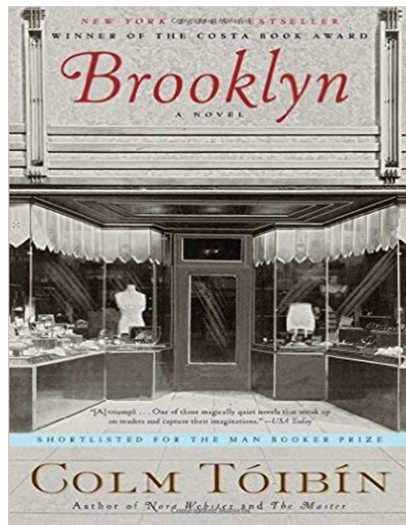
If Jesus approves the law, the man of mercy will lose favor with the sinners and ordinary people who see him as the man of mercy and compassion. If he calls for her to be forgiven, he will be condemned by the religious authorities for not following the Jewish law. They believe they finally have him trapped! Jesus starts to write on the ground. Some scholars suggest that he is writing the sins of the accusers. Another interpretation I like is that God only writes twice in the whole Bible. The first time is when God writes the law on the stone tablets. Now he is writing a second time. Perhaps, the new writing is that the law of mercy has replaced the law of harsh judgment. He responds: *Let the one who has no sin be the one to throw the first stone.* The older men who have been around the longest, slowly put their stones down and walk away. The younger men also do the same. At least they have enough shame to know they too are sinners who have broken the law. The woman is alone with Jesus, surely shivering in fear as she has just stood on the brink of death.

The two - the Redeemer and sinner - are all who remain. St. Augustine describes this moment as *Misery Meeting Mercy*. Jesus looks at her and asks, *Woman, has anyone condemned you?* She responds, *No Sir.* Jesus answers, *Go and sin no more.* Notice the word *woman*. That is the same word that Jesus uses at Cana and also from the Cross when he speaks to his mother. He addresses this woman with a title of great respect - *Woman*. Biblical scholars say this was one of the last texts to be put in the Gospels. It has been said that this story scandalized the early church because it made God too merciful. They thought it might make forgiveness look too easy, but the Holy Spirit guided the community and this text of amazing grace and mercy will be read until the end of time.

As we ponder this text, we are drawn in by the mercy of Jesus: he *is* mercy. I have tasted this divine mercy many times in my life. But, sometimes, I have been with those ready to throw stones at others for their sins and failures. Blind to my own sins, I attack others for theirs. But sinners cheer this passage, and the righteous - if they *truly hear* the Lord's words - are brought to shame and then to mercy.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR
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Father Pat's homily of March 13, 2016



The Parish Book Club is presently reading **Brooklyn** and will meet to discuss it on **Friday, April 29th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall**. The book has been into a recent movie that has been very well received. It is the story of an Irish girl's experience of immigrating to America. Many critics say that it reflects well the general experience of immigrants from many different lands. Whether you are a member of the book club or not, you are welcome to our discussion.

Amazon Best of the Month, May 2009: Committed to a quiet life in little Enniscorthy, Ireland, the industrious young Eilis Lacey reluctantly finds herself swept up in an unplanned adventure to America, engineered by the family priest and her glamorous, "ready for life" sister, Rose. Eilis's determination to embrace the spirit of the journey despite her trepidation--especially on behalf of Rose, who has sacrificed her own chance of leaving--makes a bittersweet center for *Brooklyn*.

Colm Tóibín's spare portrayal of this contemplative girl is achingly lovely, and every sentence rings with truth. Readers will find themselves swept across the Atlantic with Eilis to a boarding house in Brooklyn where she painstakingly adapts to a new life, reinventing herself and her surroundings in the letters she writes home. Just as she begins to settle in with the help of a new love, tragedy calls her home to Enniscorthy, and her separate lives suddenly and painfully merge into one. Tóibín's haunted heroine glows on the page, unforgettably and lovingly rendered, and her story reflects the lives of so many others exiled from home. --*Daphne Durham*

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

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)
April 21, May 19 and June 16**



Holy Week

Rectory Hours from Holy Week through Easter Monday

Monday - Wednesday, March 21 - 23

9AM to 12 Noon & 1PM to 8PM

Holy Thursday, March 24

9:00AM to 2:00PM

Evening Staff: 2:00PM - 6:00PM

Good Friday, March 25

CLOSED - No evening hours

Holy Saturday, March 26

9:00AM - 5:00PM

Easter Monday, March 28

CLOSED - No evening hours

The rectory will open at 9AM on Tuesday, March 29th.

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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.



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 Battiatia, USAF
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC

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 SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
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 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
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 BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy
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 LTC John Evans, US Army
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 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
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army

Living Stations of the Cross

**Come Relive the Journey
 of Jesus to Calvary**

Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 7:30 pm

St. Martin of Tours Church



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

A BLESSED PALM SUNDAY: During Lent the Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that we all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally - not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of OUR TIME AND TALENTS. DRVC



Eggs, Easter Bunnies, and all that chocolate! Easter is a time of wonder for our little ones as they imagine baskets of jelly beans and marshmallow eggs brought to them by one kind rabbit. As they wear their Easter best to Mass, they see an altar covered with flowers and begin to learn the reason behind it all. Our Lord, Jesus Christ has risen! Life is full of glory and promise of an eternity with our Lord!

If we concentrate on the GIVING OF ALMS, maybe we could fill an Easter Basket with things we can do for others. A hospital, or a nursing home can be a lonely place on a holiday such as Easter. Maybe to visit a friend, neighbor or some part of family. A smile, a hug means so much, and takes such little time. *The Dollar Store* has shelves of Easter playthings that children in a hospital would love. A bunny balloon, just \$1.00, tied to the bottom of their bed would mean so much. To write a letter to a soldier, an old friend, perhaps living alone, can brighten a lonely day. Reaching to your grandchildren, bringing them here to St. Martin's, and take a walk and explain the Stations of the Cross. My grandson, Finn, said to me on viewing Christ on the crucifix, "What happened to him?" "That makes me sad!" He was just 5 years old.

So, maybe this Lenten Season, as we approach Easter Sunday, we can think not only of what we have given up, but rather what we have given. Maybe we can follow through with this wonder and kindness all through the year. Giving is so fulfilling, as you always get back threefold of what you have given. So, may you walk in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus, and consider the sacrifice He has given for each of us. Maybe a sacrifice in His honor of alms, will bring us to a true and beautiful understanding of his glory.

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.

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!

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

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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



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!



**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 2, 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.



Mercy & Mary
Weekend Retreat
July 15-17, 2016
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Featuring speaker
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 - Personal Testimony: Now is the Time of Mercy
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 - Your Role in This Year of Mercy
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- Opportunities for Confession
- Book Signing with Fr. Gaitley and more!

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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).

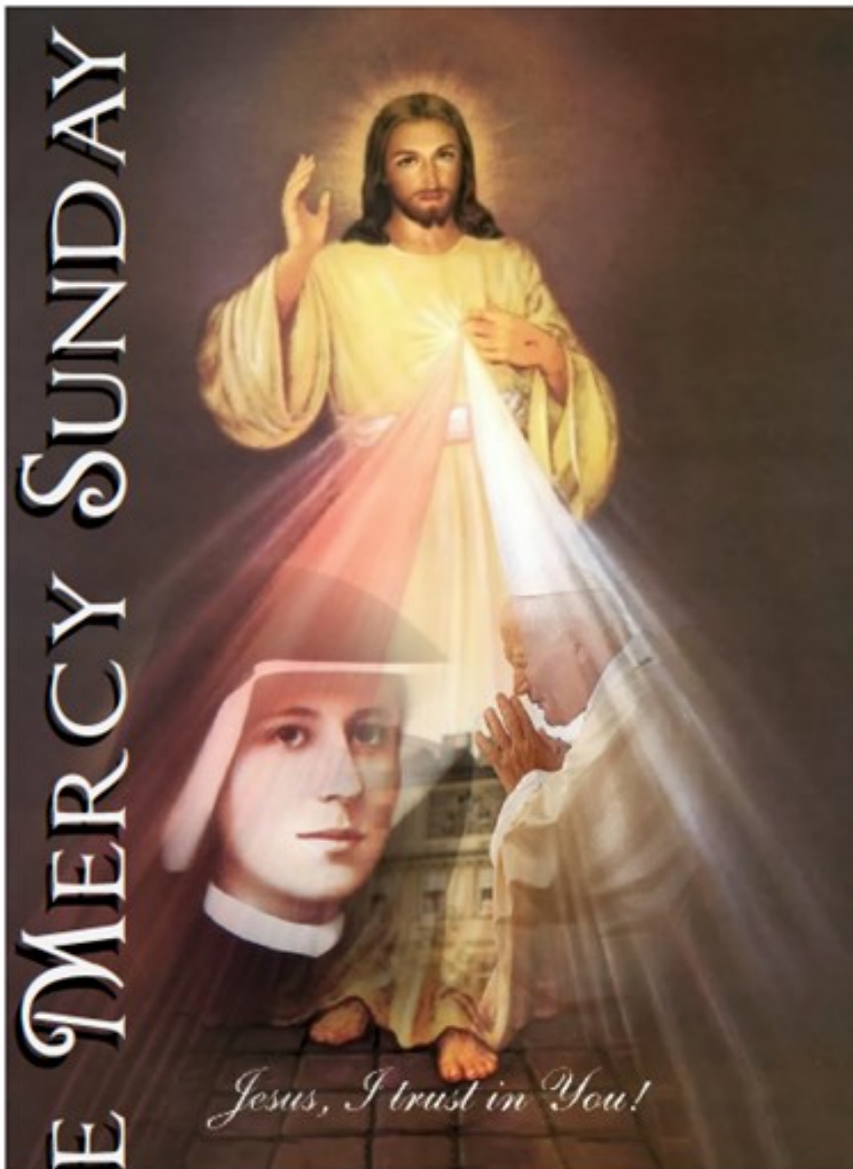
You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



In 1931, Our Lord, Jesus Christ appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: *Jesus, I trust in You* ... I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: '*Jesus, I trust in You*'".

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina and declared the Sunday after Easter to be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday".

- ✚ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - ✚ Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet in English and Spanish (prayed using Rosary Beads)
 - ✚ Reflection presented by Father David Regan
Associate Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, North Merrick
 - ✚ Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy
 - ✚ Benediction
- All are welcome. Prayer guides will be provided.

Saint Ignatius Loyola Church 129 Broadway, Hicksville, NY (516) 931-0056

**Saint Ignatius
Loyola Church**

**Sunday,
April 3, 2016**

**2:30 to
4:30 p.m.**



CORRECTION:

The bulletin of March 13th incorrectly had April 12, 2016 as the "A" Session Training for Extraordinary Ministers. **The correct date is April 2, 2016** as noted on page 12 of this bulletin.

We apologize for any confusion, and thank the person who brought it to the attention of the bulletin editor. Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 20: Living Stations of the Cross 7:30PM Church
- Mar 25: Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Bethpage State Park 10AM. Inclement weather, please come to the Church.
- Apr 5: Christian Mothers Spring Fling 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 7: Deacon Tom's Adult Ed Class begins 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 17: Knights of Columbus Membership Sunday and Catholic War Veterans
- Apr 21: Young Families Ministry 6:30PM OLPH Youth Center (School Building)
- Apr 29: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 4: Vigil Mass of the Ascension 7PM Mass
- May 4: The Ascension of the Lord 6:30AM, 9AM, 12 Noon, & 7PM Mass
- May 29: Corpus Christi Procession after the 5:30PM Mass

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

