

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 28

No 6:30AM Mass

9:00 Richard Godek

Tuesday - March 29

6:30 Emil, Margaret & Walter Schweiger

9:00 Margaret McCabe & Family

Wednesday - March 30

6:30 Carmine Bassano

9:00 Teresa Flynn

Thursday - March 31

6:30 Carmine Bassano

9:00 William McCabe & Family

Friday - April 1

6:30 John Miele

9:00 Francis X. Pendl

Saturday - April 2

5:00 Kristine Benasutti

7:00 Memory of Monica Szymkowski

Sunday - April 3

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Michael & Sally Caddigan

10:00 Carolyn & John Lynam & Dec'd Members

11:30 Carmela Gandolfo

1:00 Rudy Casal

5:30 Richard McKenna

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

Tues. Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Wed. Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Thurs. Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Fri. Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

Sat. Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Sun. Acts 5:12-16 *Through the work of the apostles, many signs and wonders took place among the people. People in great numbers became believers, and many sick people were cured.*

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 *The author of Revelation had a vision of seven gold lampstands. Among the lampstands was one like a son of man dressed in a robe, with gold sash around his chest.*

John 20:19-31 *One of the Twelve, Thomas, was absent when the risen Lord first appeared to the others. Later, when Thomas was with them, Jesus came and said, "Bring your hand and put it into my side and...believe."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

Amount Received 3/20/16: \$19,599.27

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "be intent on the things above rather than on things of earth." We too have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who, like St. Paul, give witness for the "good news" of salvation, especially through extending mercy to others.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Easter

It's not just a story. Jesus didn't sit in a palace ordering people around or asking others to fight His battles. Jesus is the **only** King who lived among His people, served His people and died for His people. Remember as you celebrate Easter and teach the children - **Jesus really died for each and every one of us.** Rejoice! He is risen!

Our next meeting is Monday, April 4th at 7:30 PM in Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Saint Maria Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

H.O.P. Club Winners

3/21/16	#100	Mike & Liz Kirk	\$25
3/22/16	#140	Veronica White	\$25
3/23/16	#366	M/M Lucio Gandolfo	\$25
3/24/16	#180	Katherine McCabe	\$25
3/25/16	#295	Mary Burfeind	\$50

Wedding Banns



3rd. Joseph Conti & Samantha Musgrave
 2nd George Gribko & Carol Ann Miller
 1st Frank Annunziata & Ashley Piccone



"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 27 - April 2, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
 Monica Szmytkowski*



Sanctuary Candle

Week of March 27 - April 2, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
 Carlo Pensabene*

Rest in Peace

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

**John Mitchell
 Charles Joseph Hoffman**

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, 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, 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, Barbara Rusch
 Aida Gilday, Christine Orlando

Pastor's Letter

This Easter, I want to speak about a very controversial figure. Some people have come to love him very much while others are totally opposed to him. This is a man who has said many controversial things that have offended many people. Many things are written about him. He is part of many conversations. He has expressed his beliefs about the treatment of immigrants, the distribution of wealth, and concerns about the poor. I have a friend who loves his hair. He has written a bestselling book. Of course, I am speaking of Jesus of Nazareth!

I must confess I stole the idea to begin my Easter letter from Father Paul Scalia, the son of the late Antonin Scalia. Father began his homily for his dad in this way: "We are gathered here because of one man, a man known personally to many of us, known only by reputation to many more; a man loved by many, scorned by others; a man known for great controversy and for great compassion." After a theatrical pause, he added, "That man, of course, is Jesus of Nazareth."

Since early in the first century the proclamation by the first Christians that "Jesus who was crucified has been raised from the dead just as he promised. He is alive and we have seen him!" This truth has had the most profound impact on the world. It is because of the Resurrection of Jesus that you have come to celebrate this Mass here today. It is because of this proclamation that countless people have given their lives as martyrs, and they are still dying in some countries of the Mid-East and Africa.

The Resurrection has led to the poor being fed, the dying cared for, hospitals being built for the sick, orphanages raised up for the care of children without parents, programs for adoption, the homeless being sheltered, prisoners being visited, the aging being comforted, and generation after generation of children being educated about the Lord Jesus Christ. Peacemakers have prayed for an end to war in His Name and the Resurrection has given rise to a great call for justice and mercy. Every Catholic Mass celebrated from the greatest cathedrals of Europe, or on the top of a Jeep on a battlefield, on a card table in a nursing home, in a small village church, or in the open streets of a Barrio all celebrate the same reality through the mystery of the Holy Spirit as we hear, "Christ has died; Christ has Risen; Christ has come again!"

This message of the Resurrection of Jesus has been passed on through the power of the Holy Spirit and faith filled communities like yourselves here today. This glorious message has survived terrible persecutions, wars, great natural disasters, heresies, and corruption within itself. But the fundamental message of earth first experienced almost two thousand years ago, will be spoken in almost every language known to us over this Easter Season. Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

As I think about the past year, I am struck by how many funerals we've had in our parish. It was a little more than a year ago that we buried Deacon Gene Capobianco and about six months since Deacon Jim Biggin went home to God. Some of the funerals I celebrate are ones where I know the deceased very well, and others, I know little about them since they may have been away from the parish for many years only to return for the final celebration here at St. Martin's. There are funerals with many family and friends attending, and others with just a few in church. This past year we have buried some men and women who were part of the *Greatest Generation*, those that went to war against Hitler and responded to the call of Pearl Harbor. Even though people come with faith, there is always sadness at saying goodbye to loved one, no matter how long they have lived.

When I go the wake, I meet with the family of the deceased and try to learn about the person so I can connect him or her to the readings from the Word of God that the family chooses. How often I hear that the loved one was a good spouse, a good parent, a loving grandparent, a person who loved God. That is certainly high praise. I almost always chose the Easter Gospel for my sermon.

I find myself saying this during the homily:



The Gospel for today continues the theme of the Resurrection of Jesus and the promise that we too shall rise with him. Some of the women disciples of Jesus go to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning to anoint his body with oils and spices. Since the Sabbath was upon the community, there was not enough time for a proper burial. The disciples rushed to bury Jesus before sundown. He is placed in a borrowed tomb carved out of a cave and a large stone rolled against it. As the women approach the tomb, they see the stone was rolled away. When they enter the cave, they do not see the body of Jesus. They are frightened thinking that someone has stolen our Lord's body. Then they see two angelic figures who say to them, *Why do you look for the living among the dead. He is not here. He is risen from the dead just as he said he would.*

At the funeral Mass, we see the body of our loved one here in Church, but the deceased is not here. Whatever made that person who he was, whether it be the love of a spouse, the love of children and family, a lifetime of memories, all his hopes and dreams, or his goodness and faith in God, this is what made up his personality - his very being. Our loved one's soul is alive! We do not look for the living among the dead. They are with God, more alive than ever before on earth. They still have great love for us, and we know that one day we shall see them again.

We do not look for the living among the dead.

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

Are you sixteen or over, have been baptized but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Perhaps you are getting married and would like to received this special sacrament before you celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony, or for whatever reason you never received Confirmation.



We are able to confirm you at Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th. To be confirmed, you would need to attend three preparation classes for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a beautiful way to receive the great blessings of the Holy Spirit. Class times will be in the evening and dates will soon be posted. If you are interested, please contact the parish office 931-0818 or Father Pat at woodscsr@aol.com

I was very happy with our recent Parish Assembly held on Saturday, March 19th. I would say a little more than one hundred people attended. I am fully conscious that others would have liked to attend but there were conflicts with other parish meetings, family events, and other needs. We began with a Mass in honor of St. Joseph, and as always, Elena and the musical team led us in a prayerful gathering. Afterward we went to Emmaus Hall (the parish cafeteria). Breakfast of baked goods was provided by the St. Clement Bakers. These men and women are a great gift to our parish and so very generous with their time, talent, and treasure since they pay for the goods they baked. Thank you all so much!

Here are some of what was presented and discussed at the assembly. I am very conscious that it is a great challenge to summarize a meeting of two hours where many issues were addressed. Certainly, no final decision has been made on the majority of the topics, but here are some of my thoughts from the meeting:

Some General Background

- Parishioners love this parish and care about it now and for its future.
- People felt comfortable in speaking their own minds about issues in a respectful way.
- There was a general tone of respect for the ideas that were expressed by others, even if the person disagreed with what was said.
- I found the people quite open regarding the challenges facing us in the future.
- There is a clear, well-known reality that any change is hard for some of us.

1. The Use of the Remaining Funds for the care of the Church and other areas of our property.

Report on the Capital Campaign which ends in December of 2016.

881 Donors

Total Pledged \$1,761,625.60

Total Received \$1,467,040.40

Pledges to be collected: \$ 294,585.20

- Currently, there is \$292,959.93 in the Capital Campaign checking account.
- It looks like we will have approximately \$500,000.00 to use for the needs of the parish.

Bottom Line Expenses

Total paid to date: \$ 1,162,371.06 which is all the work that has been done so far, namely the parking lot, brick work on the school, school roof, renovation of the food pantry, work on our heating systems, and other repairs.

- Presently our only outstanding capital campaign bill is \$12,200.
- The estimated cost of \$350,000 to turn the auditorium into a gym was discussed. This idea was part of the planning of the capital campaign.
- Other needs of the parish that were not raised at the time of the capital campaign:
 - painting the inside of the Church at an approximate cost of \$60,000.00
 - painting the outside of the church which is in serious need at an approximate cost of \$50,000.00
 - ramp for entrance into Emmaus Hall at a cost of \$30,000.00
 - new Church doors approximately \$45,000.00
- The people at the gathering generally favored funding these needs rather than the gym. However, some felt a need to attract the young and that a gym would help. Adults of the parish could also use it.

- The most popular idea of the day was to have a ramp that could lead into Emmaus Hall (the cafeteria). This seems possible in terms of cost and so forth and will be seriously studied.

- An elevator is beyond the cost of our funds.

2. 4:00PM Saturday Mass or a 5:00PM Saturday Mass

- The idea of moving the 5:00PM Mass to 4:00PM was discussed at length and issues about weddings and confessions also surfaced.

- It seems that the majority of people at this meeting would prefer leaving the Mass time of 5:00PM as is. Certainly, I will seek a wider consultation on this issue as well as for the other topics that were discussed.

3. Eliminating a Mass

- The idea of cutting out one Mass in the next two years was discussed. The main reason for this is to plan for the future when there will be less clergy available. Also, I believe liturgy and Mass are enhanced by a larger congregation.

- We discussed the 7:00PM Mass on Saturday and the 1:00PM Mass on Sunday as Masses with the lowest attendance. This was a sensitive discussion because some people have been going to these Masses all their lives. The idea of taking out one of the Sunday morning Masses and changing the Mass times to have more time between the Masses was discussed. We now have five Masses on Sunday mornings (and the sixth being the LifeTeen Mass). We clearly need further information in terms of eliminating a Mass. My sense is that people are fine with eliminating a Mass as long as it is not the one they attend.

4. Creating a Memorial for those who donated to the Paving the Way for Christ Campaign

- This was promised at the time we generated funds for the campaign.

- There does not seem to be appropriate space in the church or gathering areas for any recognition so we might have to do a memorial outside.

- A presentation on a memorial where the donors would have a brick placed in the ground near the outdoor Blessed Mother statue was discussed. This would cost approximately \$15,000.00. Some thought that too expensive and wanted something simpler or nothing at all. Further consultation is needed.

5. We have a presentation on the planning for Alpha

- Alpha (which means *beginning* in Greek) is a program the Discipleship Committee has been studying over the past year. It is an evangelization program that is geared toward parishioners, but most especially to those who have drifted from the faith. It stresses a personal relationship with Jesus. It is a ten week program and a session consists of dinner, a video and discussion. All told, a session would be about an hour and a half. This is a great way to deepen our relationship with Jesus and a proven way to reach out to others. We will need volunteers to step forward if the program is to work.

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.)

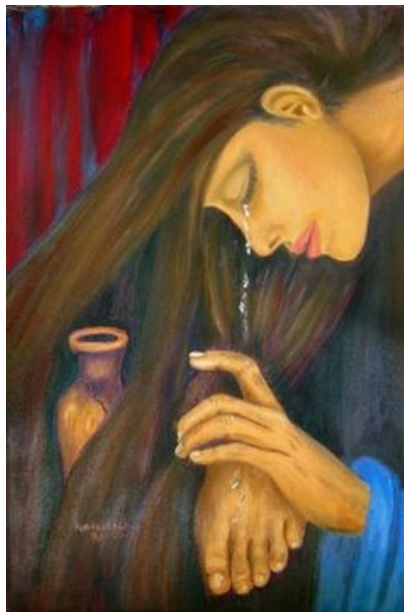
PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY



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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| CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army | 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF |
| MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army | SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC |
| PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG | E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy |
| SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC | 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy |
| PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army | PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy |
| CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC | MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army |
| L CPL James Kruper, USMC | PVT Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army |
| SPC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army | BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy |
| CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC | PO3 James Fischer, US Navy |
| 1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp | LTC John Evans, US Army |
| PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy | STS2(SS) James McDevitt, US Navy |
| CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF | ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy |
| SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC | PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC |
| 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army | SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army |
| SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army | 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy |
| PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army | SSG George Howard, US Army |
| PFC William Corrigan, USMC | LT Mario Lopes, USMC |
| PFC Salvatore Battiatia, USAF | PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army |
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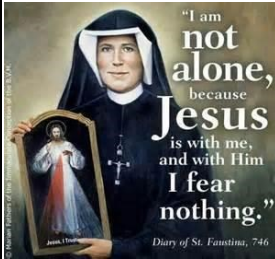


Mary Magdalene
by John Shea

It was the **much** in Magdalene that Jesus loved.
 For as Mark says,
 "He was too **much** for them."
 Like a woman who loves too much,
 Like an ointment that costs too much,
 And is spilled too much,
 Like a seventy times seven God,
 Who forgives too much,
 Like a seed that grows too much,
 And yields thirty
 Sixty
 A hundred fold.

Our Lady of Lourdes Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday

April 3, 2016
12:30PM Mass



Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 855 Carmens Road, Massapequa Park, will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on April 3rd. Mass is at 12:30PM, followed by a film in the auditorium, veneration of the pictures of Jesus and a first class relic of St. Faustina.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00PM, and Confessions will be heard all afternoon. Refreshments are included. Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate this special day.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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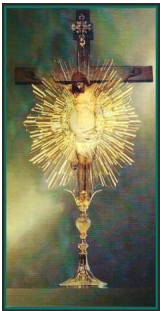
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Youth Ministry Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, April 12th at 7PM
in the Church.

All are welcome!



First Friday Devotions

Please come on April 1st at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation for all the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

First Saturday Devotions

Please come on April 2nd at 8:30AM which will consist of the Rosary of Reparation, a reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome.

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



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



Edge Nights take place from 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room
3/27: Happy Easter! Youth Mass at 1PM on Easter Sunday
To see our full schedule, please visit SMTBethpage.org!

Youth Ministry Presents our 7th Annual Auction
Friday, April 8th at 7PM in the Auditorium and Cafeteria of the School
If anyone would like to volunteer your time to help put together baskets, please contact Erin.

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.

St. Martin of Tours
Youth Ministry
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Our 7th Annual Auction

**Friday
April 8th
7pm**

**Grand
Prizes,
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SMT Edge

SMT Life Teen

SMT Office of Youth Ministry
(516) 870-5669
SMT_LifeTeen@Yahoo.com

All Proceeds help fund our trip
to the Steubenville NYC
Conference and our week at
Camp Veritas.

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
OLPH Youth Center (School Building)
April 21, May 19 and June 16



*St. Martin of Tours Respect Life Committee wishes each of you
a most holy and joyous of Easter Season.*

One Solitary Life

By James Allan Francis 1864 - 1928

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village as the child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in another obscure village.

He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty
and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family.

He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city.

He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born.

He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of his divine manhood.

While he was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him.

His friends ran away. One of them denied him. Another betrayed him.

He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial.

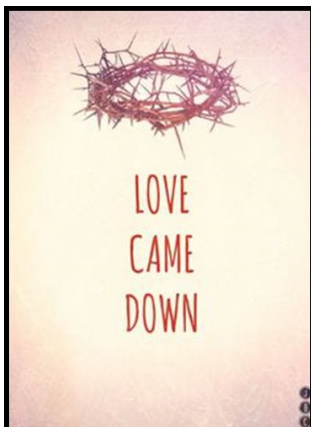
He was nailed upon the cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while he was dying, and that was his coat.

When he was dead, he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the center of the human race
and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built,
and all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of
man upon the earth as powerfully as has this one solitary life.



The Life Center of Long Island would like to invite you to join us for the first ever **MARCH 4 LIFE NEW YORK**. Those who would like to participate and are interested in walking with the LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND, please RSVP and call Lisa at Massapequa (516) 798-8746 for the appropriate number of signs available.

April 30, 2016 at 11:30AM

BROOKHAVEN TOWN HALL, FARMINGVILLE, NY

MEETING AT BROOKHAVEN TOWN HALL THEN MARCH WILL TRAVEL TO THE BALD HILL AMPHITHEATRE FOR A MAJOR RALLY ON THE EAST COAST.

CONTACT INFO:

Pastor Lupes, Director, MARCH 4 LIFE NEW YORK

Cell: (631) 681-7275 email: march4lifeny@gmail.com (516) 798-8746

**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 Suffolk:

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

March 12, 2016; 9 AM—1 PM

McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

In Nassau:

"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 14, 2016; 9 AM—1 PM

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

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 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 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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 - 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
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- 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 FUNDRAISER. 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 which includes one bingo card and refreshments

. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- No Charismatic Prayer Group on March 28th
- Apr 1: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Apr 2: First Saturday Devotions 8:30PM Church
- Apr 4: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Apr 4: Holy Face Devotion 1PM 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 8: Youth Ministry Auction 7PM Auditorium/Cafeteria
- Apr 12: Youth Ministry Eucharistic Adoration 7PM Church
- Apr 17: Knights of Columbus Membership Sunday and Catholic War Veterans
- Apr 20: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Church
- 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
- No Padre Pio Holy Hour in May
- May 29: Corpus Christi Procession after the 5:30PM Mass

Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track 2016 Spring Registration

The mission of the Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track Program located in Hicksville is to provide a fun, relaxed environment where boys and girls, kindergarten through 8th Grade can learn the basics of track and field while also developing sportsmanship and teamwork skills. No experience required. The 2016 season runs from April to June. Track meets are held outdoors on weekends at fields throughout Nassau and Suffolk. All athletes competing in meets will receive medals and/or ribbons. At the conclusion of the season, we hold our annual awards night in June. All participants will receive a trophy.



**To register your child, please contact director Gynni Farrell at
ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: APRIL 22, 2016**

A Happy and Blessed Easter Season to all our parishioners and those visiting our parish.
May the Risen Christ bless you and your loved ones.

The Redemptorist Community of St. Martin of Tours Parish