

Masses For The Week

Monday - April 4 - The Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 The Silk & Murphy Families
 9:00 Karen Naclero

Tuesday - April 5

6:30 Patrick Curtin
 9:00 Michael & Amelia DeCicco

Wednesday - April 6

6:30 Joseph Patrick McCabe & Family
 9:00 Gertrude Parine

Thursday - April 7

6:30 Charlotte E. Scarangella
 9:00 John & Helen McCarthy

Friday - April 8

6:30 Lucretia (Grace) Alloggio, Anniversary
 9:00 Mary Godek

Saturday - April 9

5:00 Stephen Marano
 7:00 Eddie & Karen-Anne Adkins

Sunday - April 10

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Helen & Henry Ruff
 10:00 Rae Buto
 11:30 Robert Rourk
 1:00 Vito J. Amarosa
 5:30 Erma Eichenlaub

Readings For The Week

Mon. Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;
 Luke 1:26-38 -*Solemnity transferred from Holy Week*
 Tues. Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
 Wed. Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
 Thurs. Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
 Fri. Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
 Sat. Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Sun. Acts 5:27-32 *The high priest interrogated the apostles and ordered them not to speak again about Jesus. The apostles left filled with joy for having been found worthy of ill-treatment for Christ.*

Revelation 5:11-14 *The author of Revelation had a vision and heard the voices of countless angels who surrounded the heavenly throne. They cried, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain...to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever."*

John 21:1-19 *Peter and the disciples fished all night but caught nothing. Jesus appeared to them, telling them to cast their nets again, and immediately the nets were filled with fish. After they ate, Jesus told Simon Peter, "Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly Collection 3/27/16: \$11,895.00
Easter Collection: \$38,579.50

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



"Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who put our faith into action - especially through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy - even when they may not "see" the fruits of their service, relying on God's grace to do the rest!

Charismatic Prayer Group

We have just been saved by Jesus! Did you feel the love as He walked with the cross and suffered through the pain of the crown of thorns and nails being pounded into His wrists and feet? He never hesitated. Fortunately, we don't have to endure torture to show others the love of God. Come and find out how you can bring that love to someone who needs it.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 4th at 7:30PM in the 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

3/28/16 #149	Jean Vanturini	\$25
3/29/16 #290	Dolores Stewart	\$25
3/30/16 #111	Fr. Ciya Thomas	\$25
3/31/16 #448	Frances Segretario	\$25
4/1/16 #418	M/M John Battaglia	\$50

Wedding Banns

3rd George Gribko & Carol Ann Miller
 2nd Frank Annunziata & Ashley Piccione



"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 evaporated milk, coffee, beef stew, chili, Chef Boyardee canned pastas, mixed vegetables, carrots, tomato paste, tea, tissues, bar soap, diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and baby wipes. Thank you for your tremendous generosity to those in need!

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 April 3-9, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
 Thomas Jr. & Vincent Critelli*



*Sanctuary Candle
 Week of April 3-9, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
 Kristine Benasutti*

Rest in Peace

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

**Daniel A. Greene, Reinaldo Reyes
 Audrey L. Chiofalo, Anne Capinelli
 Ledwin Mason**

**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:

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 Baciuska, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder
 Thomas Napoli, Justine & Nicole Scudder, Joan Spira
 Gerald Campbell, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall
 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, 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, 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, Krystyna Stasiewicz, Beverly Viselli
 Elsie Ann Zinno

Pastor's Letter

The older I get, I become more joyful that God has called me to be a priest. I suppose this might be akin to those of you who have been married many years. After the initial honeymoon, be it marriage, religious life or the priesthood, one settles into periods of ordinary time, with many joyful moments mixed in with times of great struggle, and even a wonderment if the vocation will survive. I have heard priests and married couples stand up at their fiftieth jubilee and announce they never had an unhappy day in their fifty years of their vocation. I must confess such words leave me a bit skeptical. But now with almost 41 years of priestly ministry, I have a sense of contentment and joy in my heart.

One of my favorite moments as a priest is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are certain times, when a person has been away from the Church for a long time, or is carrying the heavy weight of a serious sin. Speaking to them about the mercy of God and granting them forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit is a most humbling and exhilarating moment. I leave the confessional thanking God that I am a priest and can share in his graceful mercy. Very often such confessions begin with silence, and sometimes there are tears. The penitent is encouraged to take his or her time. Finally they speak and a great sign of relief can be heard through the confessional screen. God is so good and merciful.

I do carry a very painful moment about the sacrament of reconciliation from many years ago. I was a few years into my priesthood, filling in at a city hospital. I stopped by to visit a woman in intensive care and asked her if she would like to receive the sacraments. She was an older woman and I saw a tear roll down her cheek. In a hesitant manner she told me her story: when she was a young woman fifty years ago, she found herself in a marriage that had not been blessed by the church for whatever reason. The priest told her she was a pig and that she could not receive absolution. For fifty years that woman was deprived of the Eucharist and the rest of the sacraments! Her spouse was long dead. Finally she was able to celebrate reconciliation and the anointing of the sick. I never saw her again but I have never forgotten that heart-breaking moment. I wondered about the priest and prayed for him. Was he so caught up in the laws of the Church that all compassion and mercy was forgotten? I wondered if he was at fault or the Church that formed him. I have many sins and faults but I have tried very hard, as I think is true for almost all priests, to be men of mercy in the confessional.



*Saint Maria
Faustina*

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II. On April 30, 2000, the canonization of Faustina Kowalska took place and the Sunday after Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy. I know that many of you are familiar with the beautiful prayer of Divine Mercy. I remember a dear cousin of mine, who was dying in his early forties, had a video of this prayer playing in his last days to bring him comfort. At St. Martin's, parishioners say this prayer on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. Sister Faustina, a Polish nun living in Krakow in the 1930's had mystical experiences of Jesus, and he asked her to have a painting done of what has become known as the Divine Mercy Picture. It features glowing rays of red and white flowing from the heart of Jesus, which recall the lance that was thrust into his side in which blood and water immediately poured out on Good Friday. At the bottom of the image are the words, *Jesus I trust in you*. We trust in Jesus and his mercy because we are washed in the waters of baptism and saved by the blood of the Lamb.

The Gospel on this feast is the appearance of the Risen Jesus on the first Easter. These are men who were afraid of being hunted down and killed as was Jesus, and they are filled with shame for having abandoned him. What words will Jesus speak to these frightened guilt-ridden men? Jesus said to them again, *Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.* And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, *"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained."* The first word spoken by Jesus to the apostles is *Peace - peace be with you!* The Risen Christ then gives his Church and all generations to come the Gift of the Sacrament of Peace - the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mercy.

People often say, *I just tell my sins to God. I do not need confession.* We can and should ask forgiveness from God in our prayer. Still, confession is both a human and divine experience, hearing in a direct way, *your sins are forgiven; go in peace.* We know we are loved by our spouse but it is important to **hear** the words from time to time: *I love you.* So too, It is important for us to hear, *you are forgiven.*

A final thought: some worry that we are not talking enough about sin and the reality of hell. They are certainly both serious teachings of the church and very real. Some wonder if we are getting too soft on sin. It is a challenging thought. Still, in the year of mercy, on the Day of Divine Mercy, in the words of Jesus in the Gospels that constantly speak about mercy and forgiveness, I would prefer to fail on the side of speaking too much on the mercy of God than on his condemnation. I invite you to join me in a decade of the divine mercy prayer.

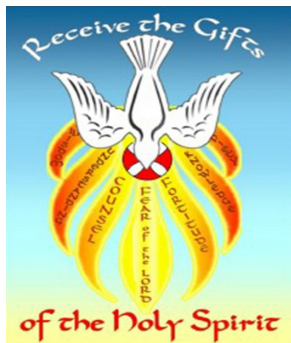
Say on the "Our Father" beads: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

Say on each "Hail Mary" beads: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Say three times).

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. You will need to attend three classes as per the schedule:

Classes will be on Tuesdays at 7:30PM in the school faculty lounge on April 26, May 3 and May 10. For more information, please call Ann Hughes at 516-433-6972. This is a beautiful way to receive the great blessings of the

Holy Spirit.



**The Parish of St. Martin of Tours congratulates the following children
who were confirmed on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 by the
Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville
Centre. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to be with each of you.**

Arlett Alejo
Gary Amick
Michaela Andre
Josephine Arana
Nicholas Arciold
Ysabella Bachmeier
Johnny Baggia
Katherine Beaudet
Faith Bentivegna
Valerie Bracken
Nicole Brindisi
Julie Burn
Camille Bustos
Stephanie Camelo
Gabriella Carbonaro
Gavin Carrazana
Amanda Casale
Nicole Cecere
Alexa Cipriano
Danielle Cittadino
Joey Colavolpe
Aidan Considine
John Conway
Alexa Coscino
Jenine Cottone
Katherine Cox
Cristian Castles
Meghan Cronin
Christopher Curley
Alyssa Dacosta
Curtis Dalsass
Michael D'Avanzo
Jillian David
Amanda DiCarlo
Mia Dircks
Doreen Dong
Denis Downey
Cara Duffy
Alexander Dupre
Michael Dux
Andrew El Chami

Matthew Fantry
Nicholas Fasulo
Brianna Fitzgerald
Matthew Fleischer
Alli Flynn
Joseph Foley
Elizabeth Freedman
Kyle Gabrinowitz
Vanessa Ganley
Luke Gensinger
Nicholas Geoghegan
Rebecca Gersbeck
Anthony Girardi
Nicholas Griffin
Kevin Groom
Bryan Hanley
Michael Hanley
Olivia Hanley
Katelyn Harold
Ava Hawly
Kelli Heffer
Danielle Hegel
Amy Henehan
Jacki Hilber
Ryan Hill
John Houston
Anna Hughes
Shannon Hughes
Olyvia Hulser
Nicole Jenal
James Jensen
Erica Kane
Jack Kemperle
Allison Kennedy
Patrick Kerrigan
Kevin Kratina
Dion Kuinlan
Jaclyn LaCroix
Annalisa Lambertucci
Matthew Lane
Madison Lang

Louis Lavacca
JennaLibertelli
Ethan Libonati
April Logan
Anthony Machado
Owen Maggio
Madison Mahomar
Kyle Mansfield
Lily Marczak
Vincent Marino
Amanda Marroquin
Sean McCann
Tatiana McGarry
Ciara McGlynn
Sean McGrorty
Christopher McGuggart
Sean Meaney
Juliana Miano
Joseph Michelson
Alexandra Midgette
Kristin Mooney
Robbie Morris
Brianna Morse
Kevin Mouton
Caroline Murphy
Kayleigh Nawrocki
Tiffany Nieves
Julianna Noren
Brianna Novak
Brian O'Boyle
Seamus O'Callaghan
Brian O'Keefe
Kevin O'Sullivan
Logan Paola
Vincent Perez
Tyler Perry
Bridget Pfeifer
Cameron Provenzano
Alex Purchick
Gaetano Re
Margaret Re

Sean Rea
Alexander Reilly
Daniel Rodriguez
Megan Russo
Mia Russo
Justin Saldana
Samantha Salerno
Kimberly Sanabria
Danielle Santorelli
John Santoro
Brianna Santoro
Emily Serpico
Daniel Settino
Gabriella Shamah
Emilee Singleton
Kristin Skupinsky
Olivia Solano
Olivia Solomon
Matthew Souter
Sofia Sozio
Michael Spoltore
Octavia Szkutnik
Aidan Terracciano
Christo Theocharidis
Andrew Ulrich
Toni Valente
Robert Valenti
Jason Vane
Francesca Vangi
Cara Varley
Tara Varricchio
Joseph Venza
Bryan Weber
Emily Wilson
Megan Zabrouski
Nicole Zacchia
Thomas Zakrzewski
Jillian Zapata
Charlie Zappolo
Dominic Zizzo



As we enter the great joy of the Easter Season, I want to thank the many parishioners who shared their time and talent to help create a deeply spiritual Lenten experience for all who came to St. Martin's during those forty days. I recall Ash Wednesday and those who welcomed so many people, handing out a booklet and a kind greeting.

We were blessed by the work of parishioners who put together three excellent prayer services. The Soup Supper was delightful as was the pancake breakfast by the Hartigan Council of the Knights. We always have beautiful Holy Week services guided by the careful planning of Deacon Tom Hennessy. Ann Hughes leads the RCIA program and graces our church with her creative designs and floral arrangements. Pat Ricci gathers people to assist in the services. The altar servers under the direction of Father Jim McCabe are very generous with their time. We thank Sue Mafriaci and all the sacristans who have played an essential part in preparing all Masses and services. Of course our choir under the direction of Elena Scollo do so much to help us pray well. I am so very grateful for the ministries of Fathers Jim and Ciya.

This is not by any means a complete list of people to thank. There are so many more members of our parish who have helped to make this such a fruitful Lent and Triduum. Thank you all! And now onto a joyful Easter Season! Father Pat

Book Club Information

The SMT Parish Book Club has been reading *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. We will have our book discussion on **Friday, April 29th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**. Whether you are a member of the book club or not, you are welcome to join us.

The Spiritual Book Club is reading *The Life You Save May Be Your Own: An American Pilgrimage* by Paul Elie. The discussion will take place at **7:30PM on Friday, May 27th in St. Alphonsus Hall**.

The Michael J. Hartigan Council of the Knights of Columbus, Bethpage Membership Drive Sunday, April 17th

At the following masses:

7AM, 8:30, 10, 11:30 and 1:00PM

A member of the K of C will be in the gathering area for more information and to answer any questions you may have.

St. Anthony's High School is having a Friars Golden Kids Carnival for Kids with Special Needs on Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 1PM to 4PM in the Student Center.

Check-In: 12:30 - 2PM

Activities: 1PM - 3PM

Food: 3PM - 4PM

There is no cost to families, although donations are gratefully accepted at Check-In and are greatly appreciated.

For more info, please email:

FriarsGoldenKidsCarnival@gmail.com

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

2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
 SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
 PVT Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
 BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
 LTC John Evans, US Army
 STS2(SS) James McDevitt, US Navy
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
 SSG George Howard, US Army
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army

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



**St. Martin of Tours
 Men's Club**

The Men's Club will meet on
**Wednesday, April 27th at
 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.**
 We welcome and encourage all
 men to come to this time of
 prayer and reflection on our
 faith in Jesus Christ.

St. Martin of Tours
Youth Ministry

Presents:

Our 7th Annual Auction

**Friday
April 8th
7pm**

SMT Edge

**Grand
Prizes,
50/50 &
Door Prizes**

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.**



Life Nights take place from 6:45 - 8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room - Dinner is served!

April 3rd: Life Night

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7: Auction Set-up at 5PM and April 8: Auction Fundraiser @ 7PM
- April 10: Life Night April 12: Adoration 7-8PM April 15: Holy Hour & D-ball
- April 17: Life Night April 24: Life Night May 1: Life Night



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

April 7: Auction Set-up at 5PM and April 8: Auction Fundraiser @ 7PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 14 & 28 - Edge Nights
- May 12 & 26 - Edge Nights

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 Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, April 12th at 7PM
in the Church

All are welcome!

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS
631-243-2373

PROJECT RACHEL

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Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies Safe Place at
1 (877) 796-HOPE

Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services
Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

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



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC: CATHOLICS URGED TO SIGN PETITION CALLING FOR U.S. DECLARATION OF GENOCIDE IN MIDDLE EAST. "THE VERY FUTURE OF THE ANCIENT CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS AT STAKE."

Washington, CNS. The archbishop who serves as president of the U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS has asked U.S. CATHOLICS TO SIGN A PLEDGE calling for an end to the slaughter of Christians and members of other religious minority groups in the Middle East. **"Today, the people of God must speak up to our brothers and sisters facing genocide in the Middle East," read a statement from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville Kentucky, USCCB president.** **"As a people of faith, we must convince the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE to include CHRISTIANS in any formal DECLARATION OF GENOCIDE."** On March 14, the HOUSE in a bipartisan 393 - 0 VOTE approved a nonbinding resolution that condemns as genocide the atrocities being carried out by Islamic State Militants against Christians and other religious and ethnic minorities in the areas it occupies in Iraq and Syria. Archbishop Kurtz urged Catholics to SIGN A PETITION at www.stopthechristiangenocide.org. that has been on line since late February. The effort is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and in Defense of Christians.

BISHOP MURPHY on Brussels Attack: "We pray and will never cease praying for peace. At the same time legitimate governments have the solemn duty to provide their citizens with safety and protection from their enemies within and without."

CNS: U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said that atrocities carried out by the Islamic State Group against Yezidis, Christians and other minorities were GENOCIDE, the first U.S. DECLARATION OF GENOCIDE since Sudanese actions in Darfur in 2004. A 66 member coalition is "working intensively to stop the spread of Daesh," Kerry said, using the Arabic acronym for Islamic State. He said the world must "marginalize and defeat violent extremists, once and for all," so as not to be replaced by another extremist group with a different acronym.

Holy Hour of Prayer & Support for the Little Sisters of the Poor & for Freedom of Conscience



Join Catholics for Freedom of Religion of St. Bernard's, Levittown, to pray for the success of the Supreme Court case which will determine if the Little Sisters of the Poor and other religious organizations will be allowed to follow their consciences. The Sisters are asking nothing more than to be allowed to continue their work with the elderly poor without providing abortion inducing drugs and other products and services in denial of their religious beliefs and conscience rights.

Saturday, April 9, at 1:00 pm with talk by Father Ralph Sommers, Pastor; Adoration and Prayer. St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 3100 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown.

**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:

"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).

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

**Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Liturgy
Honoring Couples Married 50 Years or More
SUNDAY, APRIL 24th - Maria Regina in Seaford at 2:30PM**

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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July 15-17, 2016
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 - 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
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- Book Signing with Fr. Gaitley and more!

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2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY (516) 746-8250
(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6

1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY (631) 858-0380
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6

1425A New York Avenue, Huntington Station (631) 385-1226
OPEN MON-SAT 9-5

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

**** This Tuesday, April 5th ****

Our Spring fundraiser is Tuesday, April 5th BINGO FUND RAISER. 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

- 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 27: St. Martin of Tours Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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 7/8: Youth Ministry Mother's Day Carnation Sale
- May 16: Knights of Columbus 5033 Blood Drive 2-8PM K of C Hall
- May 27: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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