

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - April 11**

6:30 The Sirianni Family  
 9:00 Raymond Reynolds

**Tuesday - April 12**

6:30 Robert & Dorothy Bassemir  
 9:00 Joseph Pellicano

**Wednesday - April 13**

6:30 William & Margaret Steiniger  
 9:00 John Patrick Foley

**Thursday - April 14**

6:30 Marilyn Veritzan  
 9:00 Jerry Saloy

**Friday - April 15**

6:30 Daniel Greene  
 9:00 Joseph Sanfilippo

**Saturday - April 16**

5:00 Cezar B. Abad, Sr.  
 7:00 Madeline & Lou Fisher

**Sunday - April 17**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Ray Reynolds  
 10:00 Otto Gutbrod  
 11:30 Patrick Hanrahan  
 1:00 Phillip Seils  
 5:30 John "Terry" Ruane

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29  
 Tues. Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35  
 Wed. Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40  
 Thurs. Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51  
 Fri. Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59  
 Sat. Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69  
**Sun. Acts 13:14, 43-52** *Paul and Barnabas traveled to Antioch where they entered the synagogue to teach. Some Jews became their followers while others expelled them from the town. "So they shook the dust from their feet" and went on to Iconium.*

**Revelation 7:9, 14b-17** *The author of Revelation had a vision of a large crowd of people from every nation and race, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches, standing before the Lamb.*

**John 10:27-30** *"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life...No one can take them out of my hand. My Father...is greater than all...The Father and I are one."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**

**Weekly Collection 4/3/16: \$17,314.80**

**Thank you for your great generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who, out of love for Jesus, share their gifts of time, talent and resources to help one another, both within our parish as well as the wider community.

Charismatic Prayer Group

After His resurrection, Jesus revealed Himself to His disciples multiple times. Sometimes they didn't recognize Him at first. We tend to think - how could they NOT recognize Him? But how often do we do the same thing? Come and learn how to see Jesus in your every day life!

**Our next meeting is Monday, April 11th at 7:30PM in the Church. 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**

4/4/16 #574	Edward & Diane Carroll	\$25
4/5/16 #249	M/M Ernest Berlucci	\$25
4/6/16 #453	Ruth Theobald-Shea	\$25
4/7/16 #116	Frank Portuese	\$25
4/8/16 #435	Denise Battaglia	\$50



*Wedding Banns*  
*3rd 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: coffee, mixed vegetables, carrots, tomato paste, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, tomato soup, ketchup, tea, jam or jelly, pudding, tissues, diapers ( sizes 5 & 6) and dish soap.

Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we were able to serve 471 people from 86 individual families.

**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 10-16, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Marta A. Carney*



*Sanctuary Candle*  
*Week of April 10-16, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Lily & Guido Montana & Family*

***Rest in Peace***

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

**Reinaldo (Ray) Rivera, John K. Sumakis  
 Thomas Haughney, Adeline Romano  
 Theresa Staack, Edith Nastacio  
 Dominick J. Risolo, John Doman**

**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 Battiata, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro  
 Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino, Nicole Cagna  
 Gary Vlahov, Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh, Louise Sandberg  
 Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio Carmenate, Anthony Luisi  
 Mary McCarthy, Karen Kilgard, Angela Calendrille  
 Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci, Robert Kennan  
 Corey Voboril, Charles Walsh, Baby Scarlett, May Duffey  
 Tommy Johnson, Louise Smith, Joseph Vareed, Anna M. Bosco  
 Baby Daniel, Janet Medina, Kevin Henson, Marie Newman  
 The Mascia Family, Edward Brown, Ceil Hollander, Ann Mirto  
 Daniel Costa, Nikki, Eleanor Behrik, Hector Valentine  
 Theresa DuRoss, Bob Baciuska, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder  
 Justine & Nicole Scudder, 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, Aida Gilday  
 Little Sonny D'Ambrosio, Barbara Rusch, Christine Orlando  
 Krystyna Stasiewicz, Beverly Viselli, Elsie Ann Zinno, Justin Dittmar  
 Olivia LoRusso, Betty Mara

## Pastor's Letter

### What is your Favorite Prayer?

My great nephew and niece love when I tell them jokes. They ask me to say the same jokes over and over again. They are my best audience! One of their favorites goes like this: a man is out for a walk in the woods. Suddenly, he comes upon a giant Grizzly Bear who lets loose a loud roar when he spots the man. The frightened man starts to run for his life as the large bear chases him. Eventually, the poor fellow comes to a cliff with a thousand foot drop and he is finally cornered by the great bear. The man prays to God: *O Lord, let this bear be a good Catholic animal!* To the delight of the desperate man, the bear blesses himself with the Sign of the Cross. He cries out in joy, *O Lord you have saved me!* Then he hears the bear say, *Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts which we about to receive...*



What is *your* favorite prayer? I am sure this question would draw many responses from us. Certainly, the rosary is a beloved prayer for many for its rhythmic recitation of the Hail Marys and Our Fathers which help move us into a kind of state where we can meditate on the mysteries of the rosary. I would say that there is a growing devotion to the Divine Mercy prayer given to us by Our Lord Jesus through Sister Faustina. This beautiful prayer helps one enter into the wonder of the mercy of God. The Church has a treasure house of prayers to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the saints, as well as prayers for particular situations that we face in life. I love Psalm 23 where we pray knowing that the Lord is our Shepherd guiding us through the dark valleys of life. I like the prayer of St. Patrick (naturally) which recognizes how we live and move and have our being in the presence of Jesus Christ, *Christ before me, Christ behind me...* Perhaps, the most popular prayer may be *Bless us, O Lord and these thy gifts which we are about to receive...* since we know a meal is to follow. Some like short prayers which we say in our hearts: My merciful Jesus; Jesus, I love you, and so forth. I know when I am on a plane and it hits turbulence, I quickly say the Memorare, asking the protection of the Blessed Mother. Some of us say a prayer to St. Christopher when we are traveling.

One of my favorite ways of praying is to read a section from the Bible and ponder how it applies to my daily life. I know many people, including myself, like to pray to God in our own words. An important way to pray is to be silent and to seek to listen to the voice of God that speaks to us in our minds and hearts. Each of the ways that I mentioned are all excellent ways *to lift our minds and hearts to God* which is the Baltimore Catechism's definition of what prayer is. Whatever helps us to slow down and place ourselves in the presence of God is a gift from God and is the way for you to pray.

Even though there are so many ways to pray, the greatest prayer we have as Catholics is the celebration of the Mass. On Holy Thursday, Jesus told us to *do this in memory of me*. Certainly, he was speaking of invoking God to turn the bread and wine into His body and blood. However, the essence of the Mass extends to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. To attend a Mass is to enter into the dying and rising of Our Lord Jesus. All celebrations of the Mass, be they the early morning daily Mass or the Midnight Mass at Christmas, are part of one and the same reality: entering into the dying and rising of Christ. It is as if we are sitting at the Last Supper, standing under the Cross of Calvary, and meeting the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday.

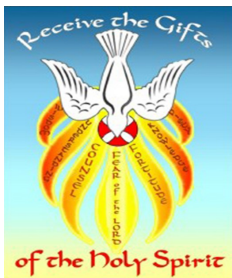
The celebration of the Mass is at heart of our faith. Even if the sermon is terrible, even if the music was dreadful, even if the majority of the people were half-asleep, it is Christ the one High Priest, who through the power of the Holy Spirit, offers praise and glory of his Heavenly Father. I fully realize as I struggle with it in my own life, that our great challenge is that we get so used to the routine and rituals of the Mass, that we can easily take them for granted since we have done them so many times in our lifetime. I lived 18 years on Shore Road in Brooklyn, and I could look out my window and see the ships passing in and out of the Narrows into New York. It was a spectacular view. Sometimes when a friend or family member would visit, they would say something like, *Wow! What a view!* I would answer, *where?* I had gotten so used to the view that I barely noticed its wonder and beauty. I think a similar pattern could happen like that in terms of our attendance at Mass. We can even get used to the most Divine Mystery of God taking flesh in the ordinary bread and wine of the Mass.

The Mass is a communal act. We do not pray alone at Mass, but pray with the other congregants and with the priest. We need each other. When you pray and sing well, it is an encouragement to me. I love the story of the four men who carried their paralytic friend to Jesus and lowered him down through the roof by taking the tiles off of the building since there was such a crowd around the Lord. We are both the four friends helping one another by our presence at Mass, and we are also the paralytic in need of loving support. We call the congregation at Mass the assembly. What a diverse group we are: we are all ages and nationalities. Some of us may be very strong in faith while others of us are struggling to believe. Some of us are married, others are widowed, single or divorced. There are little children who bring their toys to Mass and some *big children* play with their phones if the Mass is too long. Some may be in grief since they recently lost a loved one, while others are dreaming of their upcoming wedding day. There are people who are sitting next to their spouse who had a fight on the way to church, some who are angry about the parking in the church, and others who are looking forward to a ham and cheese omelet or a chocolate donut. What a diverse group, but we are all brothers and sisters on the way to the Lord!

Next, I want to speak about the particular parts of the Mass that have a special way or helping us pray, but I will wait for next week lest I overwhelm you with too many words. It is like an episode of *Blue Bloods* that is to be continued...

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**St. Martin of Tours Knights of Columbus #5033  
Blood Drive**

**Monday, May 16th**

**2:00 - 8:00PM**

**517 Central Avenue, Bethpage  
Knights of Columbus Hall**

Your donation will help to save up to **THREE** lives. Our community hospitals need your help! Please share this lifesaving gift! Thank you for caring!

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bring ID with signature or photo
- Minimum weight 110 lbs
- Age 16 - 75
  - 16 year olds must have parental permission
  - 76 and over need a doctor's note
- Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

**Walk Ins Welcome!**

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact  
Jack Batt (516) 868-8192

 **New York** Blood Center



**The Michael J. Hartigan Council #5033 Knights of Columbus and Catholic War Veterans**

**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. We are the Bethpage, Long Island NY Council for the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. The Knights, commonly called the K of C, is often referred to as "the right arm of the Catholic Church". This religious organization was founded by Rev. Michael J. McGivney in 1882.

The Rev. Michael J. Hartigan Council serves the community of Bethpage, the Parish of St. Martin of Tours and our country under our foundation principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We meet at the Catholic War Veterans Hall, Hartigan Manor, in Bethpage on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 8:30 pm.

All practicing Catholic men 18 years of age and older are encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus. We look forward to meeting you and having you add your values to those that we profess and strive to live by.

**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**.



**St. Martin of Tours celebrates  
Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month!!!**

**Please join us for a Mass dedicated to the individuals,  
families and friends of people with Autism/Special Needs.**

**Sunday, April 24th at 3pm**

**St. Martin of Tours Church  
Celebrant, Pastor Patrick Woods**

The Mass has been planned by a sibling of a child with Autism to celebrate Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month. It has been adapted to make it a more sensory friendly experience for children and adults.

The following helpful hints may help to make this a good experience for you and your loved ones:

- Duration will be approximately 30 minutes.
- Soft music will be played throughout the mass to minimize transitions and reduce stress.
- Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharist Ministers will be familiar with Autism.
- Chairs will be set up in the gathering area for families who are more comfortable and/or unable to move into the main area of the church.
- St. Martin's will provide a small token for anxious children to fidget with.
- Please feel free to bring items that will help your loved one to have a positive experience.
- Social Story will be available to assist in preparing your loved one for the mass. You can find the social story on the St. Martin's Facebook Page, Piece By Piece Bethpage Facebook Page or you can email Kathryn Clyne at [piecebypiecebethpage@gmail.com](mailto:piecebypiecebethpage@gmail.com) for more information.



**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 Battiata, USAF           | PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army          |
| LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG                | CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN          |
| PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army           | MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army     |
| LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC          | PVT Edward Morales, US Army           |



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. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:**  
**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 Sta-**  
**tion (631) 385-1226**  
**OPEN MON-SAT 9-5**

**To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and oth-**  
**er 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://](http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html)**  
**[www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html](http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html). Follow**  
**the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review**  
**your donation request.**

**The Catholic Counseling Center**  
**12 Ryder Court, Dix Hills NY 11746**

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes.

This program, under the direction of George A. Giuliani, PhD, Director/Psychologist, is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese.

Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling **Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503.**

You may visit his website at  
<http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>

**Youth Ministry Mother's Day Carnation Sale!**  
**At ALL Masses on Mother's Day Weekend - May 7 & 8!**

**Sale Price**  
**1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00**



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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](mailto:FriarsGoldenKidsCarnival@gmail.com)**



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

April 10th: Life Night

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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](mailto: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

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631-243-2373

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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](mailto: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**

**CNA/EWTN: LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR TO SUPREME COURT: "DON'T MAKE US PICK BETWEEN FAITH AND POOR.** Religious Sisters should not be forced to choose between caring for the poor and obeying their conscience, THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR told the Supreme Court adding that this is what the government is demanding through the HHS MANDATE. "As Little Sisters of the Poor, we offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they are welcome as Christ," said Sister Lorraine Marie Maguire, Mother Provincial of the Sisters.

**UPDATE: CNS: A HOPEFUL SIGN? NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE LITTLE SISTERS COURT CASE: Washington D.C. March 29, 2016.** The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked for parties in the LITTLE SISTERS case to submit alternative means, if possible of ensuring contraceptive coverage while maintaining religious freedom. At the heart of the case *Zubik v. Burwell* is the administration's mandate that employers provide cost-free coverage for contraceptives, sterilizations and drugs THAT CAN CAUSE ABORTIONS, and the so-called "accommodation" offered to objecting non-profit employers. The plaintiffs like the LITTLE SISTERS as well as many other non-profits - argue that this still forces them, under threat of HEAVY FINES, to cooperate with practices they believe are immoral. Excerpts from CNA March 29, 2016. Please go on line to follow up for one of the most important battles for RELIGIOUS FREEDOM in our time.

**SAYING GOODBYE TO MOTHER ANGELICA: CNA/EWTN: "SHE'S IN HEAVEN"** - Pope Francis on Mother Angelica. Mother Mary Angelica of the Annunciation, founder of the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) passed away Easter Sunday after a lengthy struggle with the after-effects of a stroke. She was 92 years old. Mother Angelica founded EWTN in 1981 and it has since become the largest religious media network in the world. Pope Francis is not the only one who is confident in the nun's holiness. Several other prelates have voiced their admiration and appreciation for Mother's contribution to the faith, to the Catholic Church in the U.S. and the world Catholic communications, including Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and the Vatican's spokesman, Fr. Federico Lombardi. Although Francis has expressed his belief that Mother Angelica is already in heaven, the formal process for declaring her a saint has yet to begin. She spoke to us in humor and wit, and reached out to us in a way that, sitting there in her chair, it was like she was sitting beside us! Sleep well in our Lord's arms, dear Mother!

**The RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING ONCE AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH AT 11AM IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE OF THE SCHOOL. We will be discussing ASSISTED SUICIDE and showing a brief film on the subject. COME AND JOIN US!**

**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



**Mercy & Mary**  
Weekend Retreat  
July 15-17, 2016  
Hofstra University  
1000 Fulton Ave., Hempstead, NY 11549

Experience the  
Year of Mercy!




Featuring speaker  
Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC

This Weekend Retreat Includes:

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

**Register Now**

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Inquiries only: 413-944-8500

Hosted by the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy



**St. Martin of Tours Summer Bible Camp**  
**Save the Date!!**

**August 15th to 19th**

**MORNING SESSION:**

9:30 TO 12 NOON

FOR CHILDREN 5 - 8 YEARS OLD

**EVENING SESSION:**

6PM TO 8PM

FOR CHILDREN 9 - 12 YEARS OLD

**COST:**

\$25 FOR ONE CHILD

\$40 FOR TWO CHILDREN

\$50 FOR THREE OR MORE

IN ONE FAMILY

Last summer we had 25 children and the program was very well received by both the children and the parents. We offered arts and crafts, games, videos, prayer Bible time and snacks. A Bible Camp tee shirt is also given to the children. The kids really seemed to enjoy the time spent with one another!

So save the date! Registration forms will be forthcoming!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 11: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- 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: Respect Life Committee Meeting 11AM Faculty Lounge of the School
- 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 2: Holy Face of Jesus Devotion 1PM Church
- May 4: Vigil Mass of the Ascension 7PM Mass
- May 5: The Ascension of the Lord 6:30AM, 9AM, 12 Noon, & 7PM Mass
- May 5: The Rectory Office is CLOSED in observance of the Ascension of the Lord
- No Padre Pio Holy Hour in May
- May 6: First Friday 7PM Eucharistic Chapel Church
- May 7: First Saturday 8:30AM Church
- 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  
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 DEADLINE TO REGISTER: APRIL 22, 2016**