

Masses For The Week

Monday - April 18

6:30 John Speelman, 3rd Anniversary
 9:00 Joseph Mullaly

Tuesday - April 19

6:30 Charles Hoffman
 9:00 Ronnie Lawlor

Wednesday - April 20

6:30 Ray Rivera
 9:00 Lucille Jensen

Thursday - April 21

6:30 Hedwig Segretto
 9:00 Dec'd Members of the Saloy & McKenna Families

Friday - April 22

6:30 Mary Connelly
 9:00 Margaret Lomnitzer

Saturday - April 23

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 William Castle, Sr.
 7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - April 24

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 J. P. Hederman
 10:00 Salvatore Valenti
 11:30 John Hederman
 1:00 Deceased Members of the Arrigo Family
 5:30 Minnie & Steve Crème & Montana Family

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
 Tues. Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
 Wed. Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
 Thurs. Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
 Fri. Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
 Sat. Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

Sun. Acts 14:21-27 *Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the good news in Derbe, Lystra, Antioch, Pisidia, Pamphylia and Attalia. They made numerous disciples and encouraged them to persevere in the faith.*

Revelation 21:1-5a *John saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth were gone. Now a new Jerusalem, the holy city, came down from God in heaven, beautiful as a bride. The One on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."*

John 13:31-35 *After Judas left, Jesus said to the others, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

Weekly Collection 4/10/16: \$16,776.16

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who further the message and mission of Jesus through the spiritual work of mercy - to counsel the doubtful - by serving as a catechist or other educational minister.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Witnesses are important. They see what really happened but sometimes fear keeps them from coming forward. They don't want to "get involved." I imagine that's how some people felt after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. How wonderful that the apostles and some followers were willing to be witnesses. We are still being called to be witnesses for Jesus. You are already involved! **Our next meeting is Monday, April 18th 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

4/11/16 #333	Kathleen Doyle	\$25
4/12/16 #507	M & J Bissonnette	\$25
4/13/16 #516	Mary & Billy Grieve	\$25
4/14/16 #133	Dawn Smith	\$25
4/15/16 #642	Mary Donahoe	\$250



"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 cereals (sweet & regular), mixed vegetables, tomato paste, baked beans, ketchup, coffee, Jell-O, pudding, icing, pasta sauce, diapers (size 6) and dish soap.

We are so grateful for all that you do to help those in need.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage
Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM
Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM
Phone: (516) 931-7332

*There is power in the
Name of Jesus
to break every chain.*

*Altar Bread & Wine
Week of April 17-23, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
William Murphy*



*Sanctuary Candle
Week of April 17-23, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
Kevin White, Sr.*

Rest in Peace

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

**Mary R. Guglielmo, Nicolette Rulli
Luke Walsh**

**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, 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, Henry Lehmann, John Castagna
William Castle, Anthony Stachelek, Connie Kane

Pastor's Letter

One of the best definitions I heard of how to pray at Mass was a rather surprising place. It was on the show *Everybody Loves Raymond*. Raymond is having an argument with his wife Debra about going to Mass on Sunday. He wants to stay home and relax. He asks Debra, "Why do you go to Mass?" She responds in this way, *When I am at Mass, I feel like I am part of something greater than my own world. I feel connected to God and the rest of the world. I like to thank God for the week that I had with you and the children, and then I pray to God for the strength to get through the next week.* I think this is a perfect answer to Ray's question.

Last week, I wrote about some ideas to help us appreciate the celebration of the Mass. This week I would like to offer some practical ideas on how to pray during the Mass. I am sure you have your own ideas, so these are simply suggestions for your consideration.

- Sunday Mass begins and ends with a procession with the servers, lector, deacon and priest entering and leaving the community. This simple act reminds us that we are all on journey from the God who created us to the God to whom we will someday return. It reminds us of the journey of our lives.
- Music is important to the liturgy. St. Augustine famously said, *The one who sings, prays twice.* Usually music is part of both weddings and funerals since the music so enhances the event. A birthday is not a birthday without the song, *Happy Birthday.* Sporting events lend themselves to the entire stadium singing, *Sweet Caroline* or *The Piano Man.* When we choose to sing, we are truly entering into the celebration of the Eucharist.
- The first prayer said at Mass is the Sign of the Cross. The mass is an act of adoration and praise, as we go to the Father in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. The presider then greets us with a prayer asking God to be with us, and we respond similarly to that greeting by praying for the Spirit to be with him.
- We then sing or pray for God's mercy and the forgiveness of sin. We go to God knowing that we are loved sinners and need his mercy. If we have no need to cry out for the mercy of God, then we are suggesting we do not need the grace of God to guide and help us in our daily living. We might at this point of the Mass think of one fault or one person we have hurt and bring it to prayer in the penitential rite.
- In the past, the opening prayer of the Mass was called The Collect. After the celebrant says, *Let us pray,* there is a pause before he says the prayer. This is a time for us to gather our thoughts. We might consider choosing a particular intention in our hearts for the Mass we are attending. I may say this Mass is for a particular person I love who has died, or who is sick, or whom I am struggling with.
- *Glory to God in the Highest* is the prayer of the angels at Christmas. As we say or sing the Gloria, we are praising God for being God and for allowing us to enter the world and to be part of his plan for the universe.

- Next comes the readings from the Word of God and the homily. This is a time to truly listen. There is a danger that we can get so focused on praying for something or somebody that we fail to *listen* to God. God speaks to us in many ways. Certainly the readings at Mass and the homily are key ways to seek to hear the voice of God speaking to me in a personal way. (If the homily is too long, then you can pray that it will soon end!)
- For almost 2,000 years, Catholics have been saying creeds which are prayers of what we believe. At Mass we say the Nicene Creed that goes back to the year 325 when the leaders of the Church from the then-known world, called upon the Spirit and gave us this Creed. The word *creed* comes from the words *I believe*.
- Obviously, the Prayer of the Faithful is our communal prayers spoken out loud to God. Generally, there is a kind of order to the Prayer of the Faithful, beginning with praying for the Pope, then the needs of the world, then the sick and suffering, the deceased and perhaps something affecting our nation or local community in some particular way. The power of the Prayer of the Faithful is that it is a communal prayer. We turn to God *together* and lift our voices in prayer for the great needs of the world around us.
- At the offertory the collection is taken, members of the community bring up the bread and wine, and the priest offers them to God in our name. The bread and wine are very ordinary. They represent us offering our lives to God. What do I want to put on the bread and wine that is being carried to the altar? The offertory is asking the Lord *to transform all the ordinary moments of my life to be in union with Jesus as he is offered to his Father*. The collection is also a prayerful moment. *This is my gift to the parish, to the community, to the Lord that comes from my hard work, my social security check, or my retirement funds*. It is my prayerful gift to God.
- Holy, Holy, Holy is an ancient Biblical prayer of praise and adoration to God. We cry out from our humanity in adoration to God. We can almost hear the crowd chanting on the first Palm Sunday as Jesus came into Jerusalem. In a few moments, in the prayers of the Church, Jesus will be coming into us in Holy Communion.
- The preface and Eucharistic prayers now bring us very intimately into the setting of the Last Supper. The Holy Spirit is invoked as the priest places his hands over the bread and wine and calls down the power of the Holy Spirit to transform this bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. The words of Jesus from the Last Supper are prayed, *This is my Body, this is my blood which will be poured out upon you*. The prayer is not only for the transformation of the bread and wine into Christ, but for the congregation *to become* the Body of Christ. We have done what Jesus has told us to do: *Do this in memory of me*.
- During the Eucharistic Prayer, we will pray for the Pope, for our Bishop, for us the living and for those who have died. We will remember and call upon the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and other great saints of our Church. The Eucharistic Prayer ends with The Great Amen. The celebrant is inviting us to say all that we have done - an Amen - which means, *I believe*.

- The Our Father is the prayer that Jesus taught his apostles when they asked him how to pray. It is a perfect prayer to say before the Sign of Peace since we are praying to forgive one another as God has forgiven us. The Sign of Peace is far more than just a chance to wish those around us a friendly greeting. This is a powerful symbol that teaches us that *I must seek to see Christ in other people just as I seek to see him in Holy Communion.* We think of the words of Jesus, *Before you bring your gift to the altar, be first reconciled with your brother or sister.*
- Our Catholic Mass has its roots very much in the Passover Meal of our forefathers and sisters in faith - the Jewish People. The unleavened bread we eat reminds us of the unleavened bread of the Passover. The blood of a lamb was sprinkled on the doorposts of the Jewish families to protect them from the Avenging Angel. We are not saved by the blood of lambs or goats, but by the Blood of Jesus Christ. So as we pray the beautiful prayer, *Lamb of God you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,* we place up to Jesus the Lamb all our sins, our guilt, our anxieties and worries, our sorrows and struggles and ask the Lamb to set us free from these burdens.
- Another similar great Biblical prayer follows: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but say the word and my soul will be healed.* These words were spoken to Jesus by a Roman centurion seeking healing for his servant. We come to the Eucharist for strength and healing of our wounds. *We are sinners in need of mercy.* Saint Pope Pius X said the following, *Communion was a remedy for shortcomings, not a reward of perfection.* We come to the table of the Lord with our failures and sins.
- Certainly the reception of the Eucharist is a moment of the deepest intimacy with God. The Body of Christ becomes part of our body and we are in union with the Body of Christ - God's people - throughout the world. This is a solemn moment to pray from the depth of our hearts.
- A final communal prayer is then said, followed by the blessing and the dismissal, *Go, the Mass is ended.* This is a most important prayer to hear and to put into practice. We are being challenged to now go home to our families and neighborhoods, to our jobs and our daily lives, to seek to put into practice what we have celebrated at Mass. The dismissal is a powerful prayer that the Mass continues as we leave Church.

I have often seen the following sign in sacristies where I have prepared to say Mass. I believe this quote is a meditation for all - both clergy and laity - who celebrate the Holy Mass:

**Priest of God, say this Mass,
As if it were your First Mass,
Your Last Mass,
Your Only Mass!**

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



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. 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.

Life Center Baby Shower

Weekend of May 21st and 22nd at all 8 Masses in the gathering area of the Church

The Life Center of Long Island celebrates and thanks the Parish of St. Martin of Tours for your generosity. Every item you donate gives each baby born the necessities of clothing, diapers, and everything else it takes to care for a newborn.

Our Wish List:

Diapers, newborn items for a layette, monitors, breast pumps, bottles, thermometers, crocheted blankets, baby hats and booties, baths, baby food, formula, Q-Tips, Vaseline, baby powder, carry bags, crib sheets, bassinet sheets, doorway gates, baby wipes, clothing for 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-9 months and all sizes up to toddler 4.

Slightly used and must be under 5 years old: car seats, cribs that convert to beds, swings, jumper seats, porta-cribs, dressing tables, mattress and bumpers, comforters, strollers, baby carriers. The Life Center is no longer taking toys due to needed space for the above items. Thank you and God bless!

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 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.

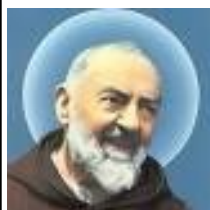


CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
 CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC
 L CPL James Kruper, USMC
 SPC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
 1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
 PO1 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

ATTENTION! If you are a Catholic who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, you are eligible to become a proud member of *the Catholic War Veterans, Post 1938, Bethpage.*

Our goal is to be bounded together by a greater spirit of faith and patriotism and to be of a greater service to God, our country and to one another. We meet and pray once a month. **For more information, please contact Peter Volberg, Post Commander at 516-293-4225.**

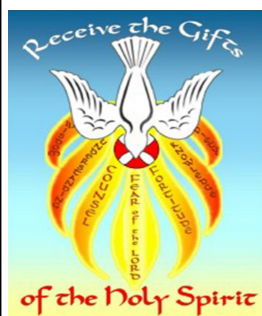


Padre Pio Holy Hour

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 20th at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel** for the Padre Pio Holy Hour.

His first and second class relics will be venerated.

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.

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 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.

**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



Holy Hour

We will have a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament on **Monday, April 25th from 3PM to 4PM** in the Church.

Please feel free to come for all or any part of the Holy Hour.

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>



We are happy to welcome Father James, CSSR to our parish for the next several months. Father James is a Redemptorist from the Liguori Province in Alwaye, India - the same province as Father Ciya. He has been studying scripture in Rome and will eventually be working on his doctorate in this field.

Usually we are able to get summer help from other provinces so that we are able to take summer vacations. Since Father James was in between studies, we are happy to have him come to us earlier than the summer.

We miss Father Henry who was not replaced, but Fathers Jim, Ciya and myself never felt over-worked, but are happy to have a fourth man both for ministry and our community life. - Father Pat



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

April 17th: Life Night

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24: Life Night May 1: Life Night



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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 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 Adoration in May

The next Youth Ministry Adoration will be at a slightly different time on Tuesday, May 10th. The Church's availability for May will be at 7:30PM instead of 7PM.

Everyone is welcome to come and adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament!

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



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
WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM

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

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

THE NEED FOR HIPPOCRATIC REVIVAL IN MEDICINE: Dr. Patrick Johnston offers practical advice on entrusting your healthcare to a PRO-LIFE PHYSICIAN and provides resources for finding one: In HIPPOCRATES' day, medicine was corrupt. Doctors got away with murder. Hippocrates established a new genre of physician who would not COMMIT ABORTIONS OR EUTHANIZE. In time, patients preferred PRO-LIFE PHYSICIANS, while doctors who killed lost business. How desperately we need that today!

Unless a doctor respects the RIGHT TO LIFE, ***how can we trust him or her on:***

- ECTOPIC PREGNANCY CARE, when they are so quick to abort, even though it is not necessary to save the mother?
- MANDATORY VACCINATIONS, when some vaccinations are made using aborted fetal tissue?
- END-OF-LIFE CARE, when the physician thinks it is acceptable sometimes to kill an innocent person intentionally?

With the advent of government-controlled healthcare, never has it been more necessary for us to identify and prefer PRO-LIFE-PHYSICIANS. The ASSOCIATION OF PRO-LIFE PHYSICIANS was founded in 2004 with the vision to identify and promote physicians who adopt the pro-life plank of the original HIPPOCRATIC OATH; these doctors will neither COMMIT ABORTIONS NOR REFER FOR THEM. Their WEBSITE IS: ProLifePhysicians.org. If there are no physicians in your community who are in their registry, you may discover like-minded physicians through the websites of the CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (CathMed.org), the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PRO-LIFE OB/GYNS (AAPLOG.org), THE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (CMDA.org), and the HIPPOCRATIC REGISTRY (HippocraticRegistry.com). Source: Celebrate Life, publication of American Life League.

PLEASE GO ON LINE TO SIGN THE PETITION: USCCB asking you to sign a pledge for AN END TO THE SLAUGHTER OF CHRISTIANS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER RELIGIOUS MINORITY GROUPS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. "AS A PEOPLE OF FAITH, WE MUST CONVINCING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO INCLUDE CHRISTIANS IN ANY FORMAL DECLARATION OF GENOCIDE." 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.

GO ON LINE TO: www.stopthechristiangenocide.org. Efforts sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The Life Center of Long Island will be holding its ***annual Baby Shower*** at St. Martin of Tours during the ***weekend of May 21/22***. Once More we thank you for your incredible generosity for these young women and their babies. There will be a poster in the Gathering Place listing badly needed items. Thank you.

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

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



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.

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

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Mercy & Mary
Weekend Retreat

July 15-17, 2016
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Experience the
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Featuring speaker
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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
Knights of Columbus #5033**

Blood Drive

Monday, May 16th
2:00 - 8:00PM

517 Central Avenue, Bethpage

Walk Ins Welcome!



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**

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

I want to express our deep gratitude to the confreres who came to say Mass here on the weekends from the Provincial House in Brooklyn. We thank Fathers Paul Borowski, Jerry Knapp, Ed Faliskie, Matt Allmann, Henry Sattler, and Francis Gargani for their weekend assistance here.

Many parishioners told me that they were delighted with the preaching from these men. When Father James finishes his time here, we do hope to have the Provincial House confreres resume ministry here. - Father Pat

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 25: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- 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 after all Masses
- May 10: Youth Ministry Adoration - **TIME CHANGE MAY ONLY - 7:30PM** Church
- May 16: Knights of Columbus 5033 Blood Drive 2-8PM K of C Hall
- May 22: May Crowning after the 10AM Mass
- May 27: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 29: Corpus Christi Procession after the 5:30PM Mass



**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!***