Masses For The Week

Monday - April 25 - Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

Christina Macchio 6:30

9:00 Virginia Kane

Tuesday - April 26

6:30 Limos Family & Gerald Hatala

9:00 Robert C. Hill

Wednesday - April 27

Josephine & Rocco D'Ambrise 6:30

Rosemary & Joe Ogno 9:00

Thursday - April 28

6:30 Fran Storch

9:00 Margaret Kelly

Friday - April 29

6:30 Antonino Roppolo

9:00 The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday - April 30

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

Alexander (Sandy) Sinclair, Anniversary 5:00

Rudy & Stephanie Casal 7:00

Sunday - May 1

The People of the Parish 7:00 8:30 Howard H. Leach, Jr.

10:00 Lena Giannuzzi

11:30 Sr. Ann Marie McMahon, PBVM

In Honor of Saint Joseph 1:00 5:30

Patrick M. Hanrahan

Readings For The Week

Mon. 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a Tues. Wed. Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 Thurs. Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 Fri. Acts 15:22-31: John 15:12-17 Sat. Acts 16:1-10: John 15:18-21

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Sun. A controversy arose among the disciples whether or not gentile converts were to be circumcised according to Mosaic law. At a Jerusalem meeting, the Holy Spirit, the apostles and the elders decided gentiles should not be burdened by such

laws.

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 An angel carried the visionary to the top of a mountain to view the holy city Jerusalem coming down from God in heaven. There was no temple because the Lord God and the Lamb were the temple.

John 14:23-29 Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

\$17,500.00 Weekly Budget: Weekly Collection 4/17/16: \$15,998.16 Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples - and



Stewardship us - a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards A Way of Life who spend their time and talents

in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give witness with a corporal work of mercy - welcoming the stranger - by sharing their gifts of hospitality with others through ministries such as greeters, ushers and welcome committee.

Charismatic Prayer Group

One of the hardest things God asks of us is not one of the Ten Commandments. Rather it is a prayer we say at least once a week. Give up? "As we forgive those who trespass against us." As humans, we find it hard to forgive, but if we expect God to forgive us, we MUST forgive others. Need help? We meet every Monday with few exceptions. It's a beautiful way to start the week. God is calling you! Our next meeting is Monday, April 25th 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			
4/18/16	#473	Maureen Gallagher	\$25
4/19/16	#501	Loretta Eckhoff	\$25
4/20/16	#386	Joanne Reeves	\$25
4/21/16	#41	Geraldine Conlin	\$25
4/22/16	#377	M/M James T. Duke	\$50





"Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me."

This week, the Pantry is low on mixed vegetables, carrots, chili, beef stew, coffee, Jell-O, juice boxes, oatmeal, icing, dish soap, toilet paper and napkins. Thank you for your tremendous generosity! Our clients are so grateful.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

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

Through the mercy of the Father, we are redeemed.

Altar Bread & Wine Week of April 24 - 30, 2016 In Loving Memory of Matthew McGrorty





Sanctuary Candle Week of April 24 - 30, 2016 In Loving Memory of Rosemary & Joe Ogno

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

Rev. John Connor CSsR, Raymond Hickey Evelyn J. Napoli, Jean R. Riccardello Carmine J. DiNatoli, Alyce A. Vaios 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, 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 Gandalfo 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 James Riegel, Lawrence Abenanti

Pastor's Letter

Father Pat's Homily of April 17, 2016

...the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. Acts 13

There is a term occasionally used in the Scriptures, Shake the dust from your feet. We hear it today in our first reading from The Acts of the Apostles. I suppose it is a kind of insult from the period of time because you want none of the dust from that town on your feet as you leave it. Paul and Barnabas are seeking to evangelize in the city of Antioch in Greece. Many people are excited to hear the word of God, but others reject the apostles and show great hostility toward them. So Paul says, we shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. Also Jesus told his disciples that there will be towns and villages that will reject you and persecute you; and when this happens, Shake the dust from your feet and leave it.

I had a shake the dust experience this past week, but I am not sure who I should be rejecting. This past Tuesday, I got up at 4:00 a.m. and went off to LaGuardia Airport, leaving myself more than two and half hours to get there. Naturally, I barely made my flight to Charlotte because of traffic. I took a plane from Charlotte to Fayette-ville since I was going to attend the confirmation of my godson. As soon as I got off the plane, I realized I did not have my iPad. I was not allowed to go back on the plane to look for it, and the worker told me he could not find it. When I got to my niece's house, she was very helpful in assisting me by calling American Airlines and filing a lost and found. I was also using my find-a-phone app, but that was not helping. Then at the end of the confirmation ceremony, I was walking down the aisle with Brendan, my godson. I happened to meet the confirming Bishop whom I knew. He offered to take a picture with Brendan and me. The coordinator of the religious education program, not knowing that it was the Bishop's idea for the picture, berated me and my family for jumping the line.

Next morning was another 4:00 a.m. wake up to leave to go back home. I was checked in at the airport, had gone through security, and now I could not find my cell phone. I was so mad at myself that I was almost hysterical. How could one lose an iPad and a cell phone within one day? I wondered if I was losing it! I thought it might be in my nephew's truck since he drove me to airport. I could not find a pay phone that worked and all the



phone numbers were in the cell phone. I finally borrowed a phone and called a friend who knew my niece's number. She could easily sense how upset I was. She spoke so kindly to me, told me she would pray for me to St. Anthony that all would turn out well. She said it was not worth being so stressed out over things that could be replaced. Her advice did help and soon, my nephew showed up with the phone he found in the truck and with the wonderful news that American Airlines had called and the iPad was found and awaiting me in Charlotte! What a trip!

In our Gospel today, we hear these words Jesus said, My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. When I had this difficult travel experience, the only voices I heard were very negative words that I was speaking to myself in frustration and anger. My friend's perspective helped me to see things differently, to calm me down, and to realize losing material things was not worth making myself sick. The Gospel raises the question - whose voices do we listen to in our lives?

I love politics. I have watched almost all the debates of both parties and listened to the experts on television. I must confess I am tired of it. I have stopped listening to both the candidates and the experts. For whatever reason, their voices do not speak to me. I find that many people listen to what I might call "old tapes" that play in their minds. Very often the tapes are about failures and faults that the person has had in life. Others are about people for whom we carry anger and resentment. Some of the voices are filled with guilt, and others with bitterness. These voices sound in our minds like broken records that just keep playing over and over again. We have played them so long and listened to the negative messages they carry that we find it hard to break free from them. Today's Gospel is an invitation from the Lord to listen to **his** voice.

A person whose voice I do listen to is *Shannon*, the GPS voice that gives me directions. Thank God for the GPS since so many couples in the past fought over the phrase, "why don't you stop and ask for directions?" Many men were not thrilled to hear that sentence! When my mother was alive, we used to take her to the best doctors in New York City. They would check her out, make recommendations, run tests, write a prescription and send her home. As she got home, she would call one of her friends to ask if *she* would follow what the doctor said. *Mom*, I would say in frustration, your friend is great, but she is **not** a doctor!

One of the most powerful voices in our culture today is that of commercialism. Imagine how many commercials we take in over the course of the day or a week. Almost all the commercials have the same message: You need our product to be happy and without this product, you will not be fulfilled. Another message of today is that only the young and beautiful are important and if we are not in that category, there is something sad about our lives. Some young people get caught up in listening to the wrong kids at school and can find themselves getting into difficulty with drugs and alcohol. Another strong voice of our age is that sex is the only path to happiness and joy.

We do need voices to listen to and trust, however. We need doctors, lawyers, mechanics, priests, teachers, accountants, coaches and many others who can give us good advice about the aspects of our lives. Yet, when it comes to the ultimate questions of life, we turn to the Word of God and our faith to hear the voice of God. What is the Lord asking of me in this particular situation of my life? We turn to prayer to seek to hear his voice as we deal with challenging questions and decisions in our lives.

Our Holy Father has come out with a recent Apostolic Exhortation entitled *The Joy of Love.* As you might recall, the Pope called for a synod, which is a gathering of Bishops and other experts, to discuss family life and the challenges of questions about divorce, remarriage, gay relationships, and other serious topics of human interactions. It is a long document of 250 pages, and it has just begun to be studied and read. It is clear that in this document the Pope stresses the need for people to be seriously involved in the formation of their consciences. One of the key places we hear the voice of God is in our hearts. Conscience does not mean doing anything I want. Conscience is making a most serious effort to hear God's voice in the Church, in consultation with others, and then ultimately seeking the voice of God within the heart.

Today at this Eucharist we clearly hear the words of Jesus, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

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

SAVE THE DATE!!! SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 10th and SATURDAY JUNE 11th 8:00PM SAINT ALPHONSUS HALL



Mellow music from the 60s to present in a relaxed coffee house setting. Featuring select vocalists and instrumentalists.



Space is limited. Watch for upcoming announcements in the bulletin for information on making reservations. First come. First served.

Save the Date

May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother

Sunday, May 22, 2016-10:00 a.m. Mass

Please join us at our Annual May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother. All *First Holy Communion children* are invited to participate in the procession wearing their Communion attire.





There will be reserved seating for them and their families. Following Mass, we will be processing from the Church to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes where we will crown her statue. There will be vases on the bench for the flowers that will be given to the Blessed Mother. For any information, please feel free to call Louise Smith at 735-1375.

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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 power, 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!

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

Our general meeting is Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30 pm in St. Alphonsus Hall. We will have



the crowing of our Blessed Mother followed by the Living Rosary. There will be a short meeting after which we will present our slate of officers for the coming year. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and voted on. You must be a member in good standing to vote.

If you would like to run for president, vice president, treasurer or secretary, you can be nominated from the floor or call Janet Dion 433-9340. As long as your dues are paid and you are a member in good standing, you can hold an office.

If you would like to become a member of Christian Mothers you are welcome to come to our meeting to see what we are all about. Installation of new members is in October so you can attend our May, June an September meetings before you decide.

DUES are \$10 a year. If you haven't paid this year's dues, please see Janet Dion. Refreshments will be served. All women are welcome.



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.



Come join the Deacons of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for a Jubilee of Mercy Holy Hour

- Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 7PM St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
- Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7PM St. Edward the Confessor, Syosset
- Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7PM St. Matthew, Dix Hills

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

Save the Date
Pilgrimage to the Our Lady of the Island
June 11, 2016
Depart St. Martin's at 11:30 a.m.
Depart Our Lady of the Island at 5:00 p.m.

This will be our parish pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We will rent a school bus (to keep cost down) for those who want to take the bus. If you wish to go by your own car, that is fine. For those who take the bus, we ask for a \$10.00 donation. The Shrine is charging us \$10.00 per person to make the pilgrimage. You can bring your own lunch.

We will have the Vigil Mass for Sunday, confessions, time with the Blessed Sacrament, and a formal procession through the designated Holy Door. I think it will be both spiritually uplifting and fun. More info to come in future bulletins.

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 I 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

United Veterans Beacon House Serving our Nation's Heroes for over 20 years

Long Island Veterans Need Your Help!

Give to support LI Veterans & their families.

Donations will be collected during Memorial Day Weekend May 28th and 29th.

- Donation Wish List:
- Twin Sheet Sets
- Standard Pillows
- Twin Comforters
- Bath Towels
- Food Store Gift Cards

For more information about UVBH, visit Www.uvbh.com



Life Nights take place from 6:45 - 8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room - Dinner is served! Due to spring break, there is no Life Night on Sunday, April 24th. The next Life Night is May 1st.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DUE TO SPRING BREAK, THERE IS NO EDGE ON APRIL 28TH 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!

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

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)
May 19 and June 16



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

BABY SHOWER FOR THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND WEEKEND OF MAY 21ST AND 22ND

Once more, the Life Center will be asking for your contributions for the mothers and babies that they serve. Diapers, wipes, thermometers, monitors, baby food, formula, infant clothes and clothes to 2 years of age. This will be the 11th year that the Respect Life Committee has held this Shower. For the last two years, they have rented a 17 foot truck to hold all of the items that you have generously donated. Slightly used, car seats, pack and plays, cribs, swings are all welcomed. In advance, we would like to thank you for always coming to the aid of the Life Center and its struggle to fulfill the needs of the mothers and their babies as they come for help.

Again, a little about the Life Center:

THIS YEAR WILL BE THE 30TH YEAR THAT THE LIFE CENTER HAS SERVED EXPECTANT MOTHERS IN NEED. IT IS A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND OPERATES ENTIRELY ON DONATIONS THAT ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. THEY HAVE 4 LOCATIONS, DEER PARK, MASSAPEQUA, HEMPSTEAD, AND RIVERHEAD.

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE. THEY WILL PROVIDE PREGNANCY TEST KITS, AND WHEN NEEDED, SONO-GRAM REFERRALS, MATERNITY HOUSING WITH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND ASSISTANCE WITH BEING SET UP WITH MEDICAL COVERAGE.

ONCE THE BABY IS BORN, THEY PROVIDE BABY CLOTHES, DIAPERS, BABY FORMULA, CAR SEAT, CRIB AND ALL OTHER BABY ITEMS UNTIL THE BABY IS TWO YEARS OLD.

SEXUAL INTEGRITY ABSTINENCE BASED PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE AT ALL 4 CENTERS. EDUCATIONAL DVD'S AVAILABLE FOR IN-PARISH, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, YOUTH GROUPS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS.

THIS YEAR THEY STARTED A NEW MEN'S PROGRAM CALLED PROJECT BLUEPRINT. THEY HAVE 12 AD-VOCTES WHO COUNSEL AND EDUCATE MALE CLIENTS ON MANHOOD, FATHERHOOD AND THE IM-PORTANT ROLE THEY WILL PLAY IN AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY.

IN TOTAL, THE LIFE CENTER WILL SEE OVER 300 WOMEN A MONTH AND OVER 3,600 WOMEN IN A YEAR AND RECEIVE OVER 2,500 PHONE CALLS A MONTH. ST. MARTIN'S HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE GENEROUS PARISH FOR WOMEN WHO CHOOSE LIFE FOR THEIR BABY UNDER CRISIS CIRCUMSTANCES. YOU ARE BEYOUND WORDS! THANK YOU!

The RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH AT 11AM IN THE FAC-ULTY 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" <u>in addition</u> 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. <u>This letter</u> 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

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).



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.

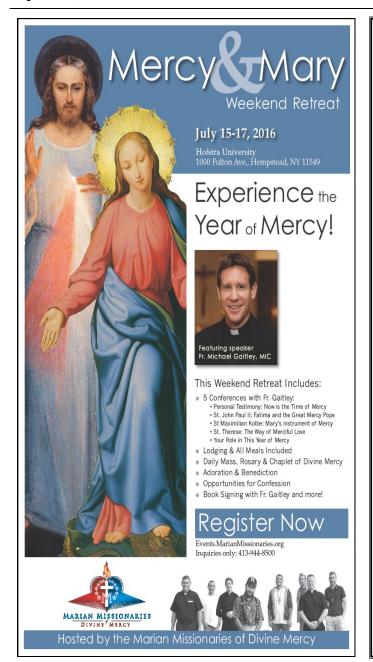
The Life Center of Long Island would like to invite you to join us for the first ever **MARCH 4 LIFE NEW YORK**. Those who would like to participate and are interested in walking with the LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND, please RSVP and call Lisa at Massapequa (516) 798-8746 for the appropriate number of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

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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



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 28/29: Bedding Collection Weekend for Veterans All Masses
- May 29: Corpus Christi Procession after the 5:30PM Mass
- June 10 & 11: SMT Coffee House 8PM St. Alphonsus Hall



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

with one another! So save the date! Registration forms will be forthcoming!

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

