

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 2

6:30 Patrick Rabbitte & Joseph Sicurella
 9:00 Hanley & Rochford Families

Tuesday - May 3

6:30 George Ruff
 9:00 Thomas F. Campbell

Wednesday - May 4

6:30 Lucy Speelman, 4th Anniversary
 9:00 Terence Barry

7PM Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord
 Deacon James Biggin

Thursday - May 5 The Ascension of the Lord

6:30 Elinor Gabbola
 9:00 Rose & Arthur Cordone
 12 Noon Barbara Zanchelli
 7PM Kathleen McCoy

Friday - May 6

6:30 The George Family
 9:00 Patsy Carni

Saturday - May 7

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Louis Ruggiero, John & Gertrude O'Rourke
 7:00 Robert Preziosi

Sunday - May 8

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Felicita Hernandez
 10:00 Mary O'Neil
 11:30 Bob Coveney
 1:00 Anthony Segretto
 5:30 Connie Russo

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a
 Tues. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
 Wed. Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
 Thurs. Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53
 Fri. Acts 18:9-18; John 16:23b-28
 Sat. Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

Sun. Acts 7:55-60 *Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit as he looked up to heaven. He said he saw Jesus standing in glory at God's right hand. Afterwards, they threw him out of the city and stoned him to death.*

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 *The voice of the Lord is heard saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega...the beginning and the end." The Spirit beckoned the Lord to come, and the Lord replied, "I am coming soon."*

John 17:20-26 *Jesus prayed for his disciples, "may all be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

Weekly Collection 4/24/16: \$17,273.16

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."



We are grateful this week for all stewards who practice the corporal work of mercy - to clothe the naked - by making clothing donation to thrift stores, organizing a drive to send sport uniforms to children in developing countries or sacrificing the purchase of new clothing to donate to agencies that provide clothing to those in need.

Charismatic Prayer Group

"Tomorrow" is going to be a very busy day. So many people will be starting their diets, exercise programs or quitting smoking. "Tomorrow" is always the perfect day to start things we find hard to do. The hardest part is getting started. Start by strengthening your relationship with God. We meet every Monday at 7:30PM.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 2nd at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. 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

4/25/16	#158	Ed Urbanowski	\$25
4/26/16	#342	Jim & Pat Belmonte	\$25
4/27/16	#461	Helen T. Brennan	\$25
4/28/16	# 73	Frank Lanzarone	\$25
4/29/16	#338	John Turino	\$50



Wedding Banns

*2nd Shane Egan & Kerry Watters
Jason Kump & Meredith O'Donnell*



"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 instant oatmeal, mixed vegetables, carrots, beef stew, chili, pineapple, coffee, brownies, juice boxes, Jell-O, pudding, toilet paper, laundry soap and bar soap.

We are so grateful for your tremendous generosity to those who are in need!

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

Altar Bread & Wine

Week of May 1 - 7, 2016

*In Loving Memory of the
Szmytkowski & Zoitke
Families*



*Sanctuary Candle
Week of May 1 - 7, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
Theresa Santulli*

**You are a good, good Father.
Perfect
in all of Your ways.**

**REMINDER: Please call the rectory at
931-0818 to remove a name from the list.
Thank you.**



Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Leevalli Annearosa, Pattie Meegan, Leigh Murphy
Richard Piernini, Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, James Robertson
Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly, Matthew Messina
Pat Cannata, Christopher Gratton, Barbara Thompson
Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov
Patricia Marrone, Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil
Catherine & Victor Battiatia, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro
Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino, Nicole Cagna
Gary Vlahov, Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh, Louise Sandberg
Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio Carmenate, Anthony Luisi
Mary McCarthy, Karen Kilgard, Angela Calendrille
Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci, Robert Kennan
Corey Voboril, Charles Walsh, Baby Scarlett, May Duffey
Tommy Johnson, Louise Smith, Joseph Vareed, Anna M. Bosco
Baby Daniel, Janet Medina, Kevin Henson, Marie Newman
The Mascia Family, Edward Brown, Ceil Hollander, Ann Mirto
Daniel Costa, Nikki, Eleanor Behrik, Hector Valentine
Theresa DuRoss, Bob Baciuska, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder
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 Gandolfo
Sheila Newmann, John Kenneally, Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR
Terrence Lynam, Joseph Abruzzo, Taylor, Angelo Pennestri
Steve 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, Joan DeBona, Ann Adams, Liam Escaniel

Pastor's Letter

For the past several years, I drive to the Holy Thursday Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. Holy Thursday has two special Masses on this day - The Chrism Mass and the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Both are very focused on the Last Supper. The Mass of the Lord's Supper, which we celebrate with great solemnity, focuses on the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the call to love one another as ritualized as the pastor washes the feet of parishioners in imitation of Jesus' action at the Last Supper, and finally the adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament with a procession of the Eucharist throughout the Church.

The Chrism Mass is held in only one place in the diocese and presided by the bishop of the diocese. Joining him are all the diocesan auxiliary bishops, and many of the priests and deacons who serve in the diocese. During the Mass, the priests and deacons renew their promise of obedience to the bishop. It is also at the Mass the three holy oils of the Church are blessed by the bishop. They are the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens, and the chrism oil. All three these oils are very sacred, but the greatest focus is on the chrism oil. Chrism is used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. The blessing of the Chrism at Holy Thursday Mass by the bishop is a great sign of unity of all the clergy, parishes and the people of the diocese with the bishop. As Deacon Tom Hennessy and I drive home to our parish, I always feel uplifted and great sense of mission and union with the diocese.

I do realize there can be a tendency to speak of "The Diocese" as some institute that has little impact on our lives, except to give us orders and ask for money. I do not think such a definition is fair or on target. Catholics are about community. We belong to a parish, to a diocese, and to the world-wide Church. One of the difference between the Catholic Church and other faiths is that we do find structure important for us in spreading the Gospel and maintaining our faith. Our Lord ordained bishops (the apostles) who were given all authority in heaven and earth by Him. The four marks of the Church are reflections that our Church is one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic.

So St. Martin's is part of the Church of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Sometimes I think some parishioners may believe that because the parish is served by a religious order, the Redemptorists, we are independent from the bishop. That is **not** correct. The Redemptorists **serve here** under the **direction of the bishop**. It is our provincial who nominates the pastor and associate pastors, but it is only the bishop who can give approval to the clergy being here. The Redemptorists own no property or buildings here. Our cars are bought and paid for by our Redemptorist Order as is our vacations, clothes and personal materials. We take the approved salaries of the diocese (the same as diocesan priests) and that is what we live on. Our salaries and benefits are drawn from the operating budget of the parish.

All of the above is to write to you about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which is the annual program of the diocese in support of many fine ministries that truly serve those in need. I am sure many of you have received notices in the mail. This weekend have a guest speaker, Mr. John Gotto, who has been previously well-received in our in our parish and who will speak on the appeal.

My experience is that you are a very generous people in support of the needs of the parish, special appeals for the those in need, and the amazing generosity of the capital campaign to name a few. I know you have only so much income to dispose since many of you are seniors living on fixed incomes and others are weighed down by college tuitions and taxes. If you are able, I ask you to consider donating or making a pledge to the Ministry Appeal.

Here are some notes from the Diocesan website on how the donations will be used.

Some of the areas include:

- *Religious education to more than 100,000 students*
- *Affordable and safe housing for seniors and mentally disabled adults*
- *Food programs for seniors and low-income families*
- *Youth and campus ministry for our young people*
- *Priests and Deacons education and formation*
- *Faith Formation, including parish baptismal, pre-Cana, and RCIA programs*
- *Hospital ministry to more than 300,000 people each year*
- *Prison ministry*
- *Chemical dependence services and day treatment programs*
- *Dominican Republic Mission*
- *Catholic Diversity Initiatives*

There is no other organization, person, or group on Long Island other than the Catholic Church that provides the breadth and depth of spiritual and social services to so many individuals and families. Gifts are used to live and share our faith, care for God's people, and build God's Kingdom. For example, a gift of \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day. A gift of \$50 may help pay for teaching materials for a volunteer catechist. A gift of \$100 may help care for a newborn in the Catholic Charities Regina Residence. A gift of \$250 may help subsidize housing for a developmentally disabled adult. A gift of \$1,000 may help support a seminarian's education.

I thank you for your great generosity to our parish in the weekly collection and in the capital campaign. I know most of you have a regular sum you donate to the parish. If you are able, after your regular donation to the parish, to help the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, those in need will be most grateful. God bless your good and generous hearts.

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

First Holy Communion



Congratulations and all God's blessing on our children who are receiving their First Holy Communion. We ask God to bless and protect them always. I also offer a special blessing to the parents and families of these precious children for all they have been doing to pass the Catholic faith on to their child. I regret that I will not be at the first week of the First Communion Masses since I will be giving my great-niece, Caroline, her First Communion in Yorktown Heights. This seems to happen every year, but there is only one more great niece to go!

Happy First Communion Day! - Father Pat

**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

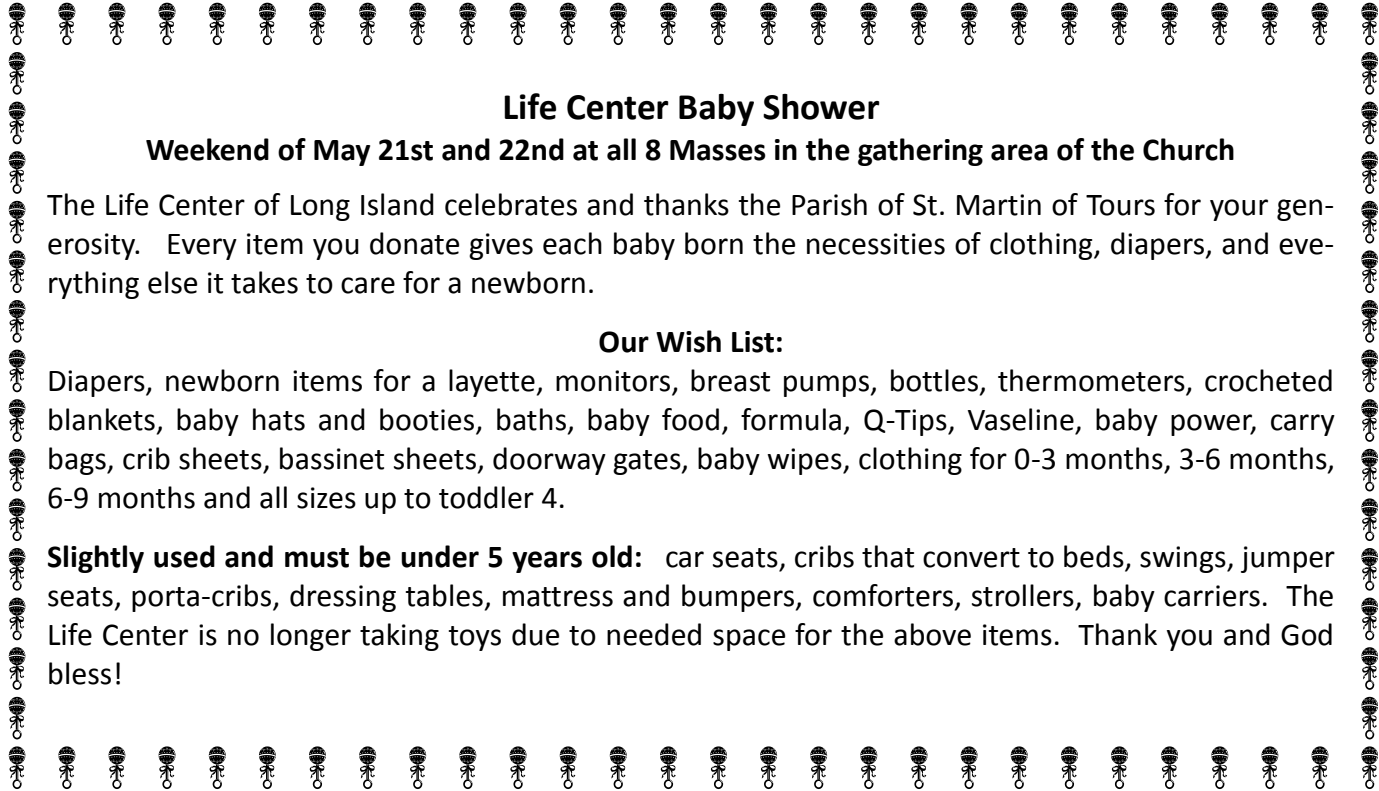
Sunday, May 22, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. Mass

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.

"You Are Our Honored Guests!"



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.



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 and 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.

**Widows and Widowers
Divorced and Single Catholics of Long Island**

New Member Orientation
Non-Denominational - All are welcome!
May 24th at 7:30PM
Every 4th Tuesday

St. Frances de Chantal School
1309 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh
Please note the new meeting time - 7:30PM

Please bring proof of single status to join.

For more info please call Carol at 516-794-4933
or Barbara at 516-798-2858

Saint John the Baptist Diocesan High School is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam. We will run five 2 1/2 hour sessions beginning in September.

Saturday, September 24th, October 1st
October 15th and October 22nd
and
Wednesday, October 26th
6PM - 8:30PM

For additional information, please visit
www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net
or call (631) 587-8000 x 117

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School
1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip NY 11795

World Apostolate of Fatima

From Father Roy Tvrdik, SMM, Spiritual Director

With the approval of Bishop Murphy, the Rockville Centre Diocese Division of The World Apostolate of Fatima is sponsoring the Fatima Centennial US Tour for Peace. The tour of the historic International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is to commemorate the Fatima Centenary in 2017 - visiting more than 100 US dioceses in all 50 states. This historic statue has visited more than 100 countries bringing the graces of Fatima and a message of salvation and hope to millions of people as she converts hearts and will bring hope across our country.

The dates for our Long Island Diocese are May 24, 25 and 26th and the following parishes will be hosting this Tour for Peace.

May 24th

St. Matthew's Church, 35 N. Service Road, Dix Hills/9:00am to 9:00pm

May 25th

St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre/9:00am to 9:00pm

May 26th

Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, 168 Hill Street, Southampton/9:00am to 2:00pm

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manor Road, Manorville/4:00pm to 9:00pm

For information regarding this Tour for Peace, please contact Debbie Tagliatela at (631) 874-4138 or email dtag55@optonline.net. Father Tvrdik thanks you for your prayers and support of this historic effort.



PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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



**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

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



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!

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!
Life Night - May 1st

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday May 10th: Adoration begins at 7:30 - 8:30PM due to church availability
Life Nights: May 15th and May 22nd
NO LIFE NIGHT: May 29th - Happy Memorial Day!
June 5th: TENTATIVE Life Night
June 12th: Senior Send off Mass and BBQ



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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Edge Nights: May 12 & 26
Last Edge Night: June 9th. Pizza will be served!!
June 12th: 8th Grader Moving Up Mass & BBQ

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.

Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour
Monday, May 2 at 1PM in the Church
In reparation for the wounds and blows
to His Holy Face. All will be blessed
with Saint Faustina holy oil.

All are welcome!

The Ascension of the Lord
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule
Wednesday, May 4th at 7PM
Thursday, May 5th
6:30 & 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM

The Rectory Office is CLOSED on Thursday
May 5th in observance of the Holy Day.

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

Catholic News Agency: (CNA/EWTN) April 25, 2016: excerpts from HOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN SUFFER WORSE PERSECUTION THAN MEN by Loredana Vuoto

A recent global survey reveals that the rise of RADICAL ISLAMIC EXTREMISM is the primary reason for the persecution of CHRISTIANS around the world and many of the victims are WOMEN. "Unfortunately, more and more WOMEN are the target of TERRORIST GROUPS," Emily Fuentes, communications director for OPEN DOORS, told CNA April 20. "There are numerous international incidents of women being, KIDNAPPED, RAPED, AND FORCED TO CONVERT FROM CHRISTIANITY TO ISLAM, by RADICAL EXTREMIST GROUPS like BOKO HARAM. Many are also SOLD ON THE OPEN MARKET. This brutality is not only occurring in the MIDDLE EAST but in AFRICA and in many other places."

The California-based OPEN DOORS organization focuses on ANTI-CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION in countries around the world. According to its 2016 WORLD WATCH LIST, the level of violence against CHRISTIANS globally has reached an all time high, with numbers almost doubling every year. "In many of these countries, women are subject to persecution because they are considered SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS because of their gender." Fuentes added, "As minorities in both GENDER and FAITH, Christian women FACE DOUBLE THE PERSECUTION. Although we don't have an exact number, we know that millions of women are being persecuted."

In the last TWO YEARS, the ISLAMIC STATE GROUP has reportedly EXECUTED 250 GIRLS for refusing to become SEX SLAVES. Two years ago, BOKO HARAM famously stormed a school in Chibok, Nigeria, kidnapping 275 teen girls. The majority of those girls are still missing. OPEN DOORS' top 50 watch list ranked NORTH KOREA as the country where CHRISTIANS are most persecuted. Followed by SOMALIA, IRAQ, ERITREA, AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN. Most of the countries listed are either in the Middle East or Africa. Last year, more than 7,000 CHRISTIANS WERE KILLED FOR THEIR FAITH. The statistics do not include Christians killed in North Korea, Iraq or Syria, where reports are unattainable. In 2015 there were 2,484 CHRISTIANS KILLED FOR THEIR FAITH in NIGERIA, the MOST DEATHS OF CHRISTIANS IN ANY COUNTRY. The CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC was second worst, with 1,088 deaths.

Fuentes explained that these countries fear PUBLIC RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION. "This can especially have an effect on women. Christian women tend to be more outspoken and devoted to their faith than men. Unfortunately, they end up paying a price for it," she said, noting that some countries believe that religion is a threat to their rule. "WOMEN are seen as VALUING THEIR FAITH and serving a GOD THAT IS HIGHER THAN THE GOVERNMENT and that is UNACCEPTABLE to foreign governments."

According to the PEW RESEARCH CENTER, CHRISTIAN WOMEN ARE THE LARGEST RELIGIOUS GROUP IN THE WORLD, making up almost 34 percent of the global population. In many countries, these women pray more frequently and attend weekly church services more than men. "In these Muslim-dominated countries, Christian women are systematically deprived of their freedom to live and are denied basic human necessities," she explained. "They do not have access to proper health care, nutrition or education." In March, the U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNANIMOUSLY VOTED on a RESOLUTION AGAINST THE ACTIONS OF THE ISLAMIC STATE GROUP against CHRISTIANS, YAZIDIS and other religious and ETHNIC MINORITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. The resolution officially recognized these acts as WAR CRIMES, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND GENOCIDE. Olivia Enos, research associate in the Asian Studies Center at the Heritage Foundation told CNA that identifying the problem is only the first step. She stated that the PRESENT ADMINISTRATION has not made this issue a PRIORITY. "It's great that the U.S. Government has identified these ATROCITIES AS GENOCIDE, but it really hasn't done much to follow up on this designation."

"WHEN YOU DON'T DEFEND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, YOU HAVE SEVERE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES." Enos added, "IT IS NOT JUST RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR WOMEN OR ONE GROUP OF PEOPLE, IT IS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR ALL."

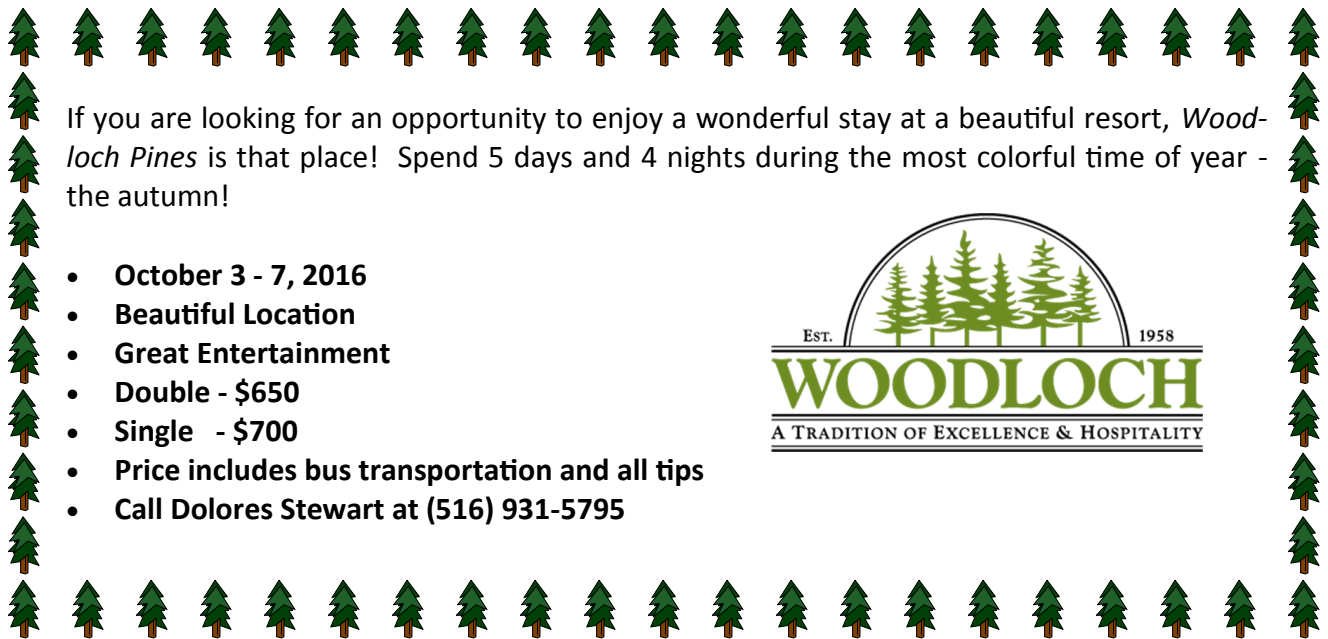
FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



Please come on **May 6th at 7PM** in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Please come on **May 7th at 8:30AM** in the Church. This devotion will consist of the Rosary of Reparation, a reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are most welcome!



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BROOKLYN tells the profoundly moving story of Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan), a young Irish immigrant navigating her way through 1950s Brooklyn. Lured by the promise of America, Eilis departs Ireland



and the comfort of her mother's home for the shores of New York City. The initial shackles of homesickness quickly diminish as a fresh romance sweeps Eilis into the intoxicating charm of love. But soon, her new vivacity is disrupted by her past, and Eilis must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within. Rated PG-13

Brooklyn will be shown at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13th in St. Alphonsus Hall. Anyone wearing a Brooklyn Dodger hat, carrying a Spaldeen, or having a Nathan's hot dog (must be from Coney Island), will receive a front row seat! Snacks are most welcome!! Rosemary Curtin has won the recent award for best movie snacks.

**Pilgrimage to the Our Lady of the Island
Designated Holy Door Site on 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 costs 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.

Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence

This will be an excellent opportunity to receive the plenary indulgence that our Holy Father has designated for anyone who goes through those doors designated as Holy Year Doors by the Bishop of the diocese. Bishop Murphy has also named St. Agnes Cathedral, The Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

To receive the plenary indulgence for yourself or someone who has died, these are the conditions:

During the Year of Mercy, a plenary indulgence (removal of the temporal punishment due to sin) can be obtained by fulfilling these conditions: Experiencing the sacrament of reconciliation, receiving Holy Communion, praying for the Pope, rejection of all attachment to sin and pass through the Holy Door. Reconciliation does not have to be made on that day, but within 20 days before or after the pilgrimage.

**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**



**Mercy and Mary Weekend Retreat
July 15-17, 2016**

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Inquiries only: 413-944-8500**

**Hosted by the Marian Missionaries
of Divine Mercy**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 2: Holy Face of Jesus Devotion 1PM Church
- May 2: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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 13: Showing of the film ***BROOKLYN*** 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 16: Knights of Columbus 5033 Blood Drive 2-8PM K of C Hall
- May 21 & 22: Life Center of Long Island Baby Shower Collection Weekend
- May 22: May Crowning after the 10AM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto
- 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



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!***