

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 9

6:30 Ernest Sardi
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday - May 10

6:30 James Rosentel
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday - May 11

6:30 John Prendergast
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Thursday - May 12

6:30 Joan Diffley
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Friday - May 13

6:30 Nicoletta & John Mattariello
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Saturday - May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle

9:00 Mother's Day Novena
5:00 Thomas & Mary La Ganga
7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - May 15 - Pentecost Sunday - Solemnity

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Paul & James Fidnarick
10:00 Joe Vassallo, Anniversary
11:30 Carl Giovannello
1:00 Leahy & Cahill Families
5:30 Nicholas Signoreli

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tues. Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wed. Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thurs. Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Fri. Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
Sat. Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

Sun. Acts 2:1-11 *On Pentecost the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of fiery tongues. They began to speak in different tongues "as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 *The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord.*

John 20:19-23 *Jesus appeared and told the disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me so I send you...Receive the Holy Spirit."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly Collection 5/1/16: \$15,687.16

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Today's reading contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen!"?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose giving - whether of alms or of service - will be an expression of both spiritual and corporal works of mercy, making them missionaries of mercy to a world in such need of it.



Charismatic Prayer Group

Kids know all about the make believe monsters that hide in closets and under beds. But turn a light on, and they're gone!!! Adults know about monsters, too - like Satan and his evil ones who try to trick us and drag us away from God.

Think like a kid. Shine a light - JESUS' LIGHT - on them. Need some help? We are meeting Monday, May 9, 16 and 23 and EVERY Monday in June!

Our next meeting is Monday, May 9th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall behind the rectory. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

H.O.P. Club Winners

5/2/16	#141	Maureen Urbanowski	\$25
5/3/16	# 54	Catherine M. Vassallo	\$25
5/4/16	#205	Barbara Wunsch	\$25
5/5/16	#375	John J. Mulcahy	\$25
5/6/16	#170	John & Tina O'Donnell	\$50



Divine Mercy Novena

Every Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel ALL ARE WELCOME!



Wedding Banns

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

1st Steven Dilka & Melissa Akroy



***"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: oatmeal, cereal, chili, beef stew, brownie mix, icing, evaporated milk, Jell-O, pudding, pineapples, tomato paste, egg noodles, laundry soap, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, bar soap and diapers (size 4).

Due to your tremendous generosity, we were able to serve 387 people from 84 individual families during the month of April. Thank you so much!

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 8 - 14, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
Angela Critelli*



Sanctuary Candle

Week of May 8 - 14, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
Helen & Henry Ruff*

Rest in Peace

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

June Boccia, Maria Ann Spegowski

**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, Aida Gilday, Jackie & Pat Simoniello
Candy DeVita, Frank Ballatore, Jr., Rosemary O'Keefe
Anthony Della Croce, Christine Orlando, Little Sonny D'Ambrosio
Barbara Rusch, Justin Dittmar, Krystyna Stasiewicz, Beverly Viselli
Elsie Ann Zinno, Olivia LoRusso, Betty Mara, Henry Lehmann
John Castagna, William Castle, Anthony Stachelek, Connie Kane
James Riegel Lawrence Abenanti, Joan DeBona, Ann Adams
Liam Escaniel, Gus Kunze, Eddie Morales

Pastor's Letter

In the entrance to the rectory parking lot, there is a lovely green sign that reads: *Father Patrick Woods CSSR Ave.* The sign was given to me as part of the honor of being the Grand Marshal of the snowy Bethpage St. Patrick's Day Parade of 2015. I decided to place it where I park my car. Some of my friends have commented that I have a lot of nerve naming a street after myself. Well, pride is a powerful force and I could not resist doing it since the sign was so nice.

Sometimes there are jokes about priests of whom it is said that they have an *edifice complex*. Since priests do not marry, some want to leave behind a church, a school, or a parish hall they built. They point to the building as if it were one of their children. I do not have too much of this complex to build. When I was the superior of our community in Washington, D.C., I had to have a drainage ditch built to catch an overflow of water. I was proud of my ditch! Now, I can point to the St. Martin's Parish parking lot, and say I was part of that project (unless there are problems and I will deny I had anything to do with it!)

Many people like to have memorials made that either recognize themselves, or more often, to remember a deceased loved one. I am delighted that my family was able to provide a painting of St. Gerard Majella for our prayer area. He is the patron of those trying to get pregnant and those who are pregnant as they pray for a safe delivery. My sister and I had the painting done in honor of my Mom and Dad and my sister, Geraldine who was born on the feast of St. Gerard, October 16th.

Recently, a parishioner called me and asked if the parish could come up with other ways of memorializing the deceased. We presently have the bread and wine donated for a week in memory of a loved one, as well as the sanctuary lamp donated for a week in memory of a loved one. She explained that it is very hard to get on the list for such donations since so many people like to sign up for them.

Of course, we also have the Mass intentions which is a perfect way of praying for our deceased and remembering them. Again, I am aware that the names fill up very quickly and it is not always easy to get a Mass on the date that you wish. I also have several inquiries as to the opening of the 2017 Mass book. I slowed the process down, as we discussed the possibility of changing the Mass schedule. What I have decided to do is to consider various possibilities for revising our Mass schedule, probably from eight weekend Masses to seven or six. I am planning on taking a pew survey on this issue. However, we will continue with our present Mass schedule for 2017, and then begin a new schedule in 2018. That allows us to do our process carefully and without rushing.

The Mass intention book for 2017 will open on Saturday, May 28th at 9:30AM in St. Alphonsus Hall. It will also open on Friday, June 3rd at 9:30AM in St. Alphonsus Hall (details on page 13). I am most grateful to Carmela Biggin for continuing to serve in this ministry. I know long lines form and I ask for your patience.

I find our parishioners very generous. We do our best to meet our operating budget through the collection. The parishioners were very supportive of the parish capital campaign. You continue to fill the red wagon with food weekend after weekend.

We only have one fundraiser a year. Also, our youth do some fund raising to support their programs. The diocese has its Ministry Appeal and there are several second collections mandated by the United States Bishops and the local diocese. So, I try hard not to ask you for money other than in the parish collections. I never want to have you feel that the church is always talking about money. We are not, but we do need funds to run the parish.

So, I do not see adding more special memorials to the Mass since I think the two (the bread and wine and the sanctuary lamp) are enough. Some have asked that flowers be donated each week in memory of someone. If enough people want that, I might consider it.

If you would like to donate for a particular object for the church, such as books we use for Mass, the Paschal Candle, recovering of the green chairs, plants or trees for our property, outdoor statues, and other such items, I am happy to have the particular donation mentioned in the bulletin and if possible, a plaque in front of the donated object.

Let me stress, the parish's operating budget can generally handle these needs. I only mention them since so many people have a desire to remember their loved one in such a way. If you have any thoughts or ideas concerning donations to the church for memorials either at Mass or a more permanent presence, please contact me by phone 931-0818 or email woodscsr@aol.com

God bless you.

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



Thank you so much for everyone's response to last week's call to support the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a gift to the Appeal, you are encouraged to please consider doing so.

There is information in the Gathering Area and the back of the church (Central Avenue side) or you may donate by going on line to the diocese website at drvc.org and click on the **Giving tab** to Catholic Ministries Appeal. You will also be able to see this year's presentation video titled *One Faith - One Family - One Community*.

It can also be viewed on the parish home page at smtbethpage.org. Please remember that no gift is too small and **all** gifts make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you again for your generosity!

**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

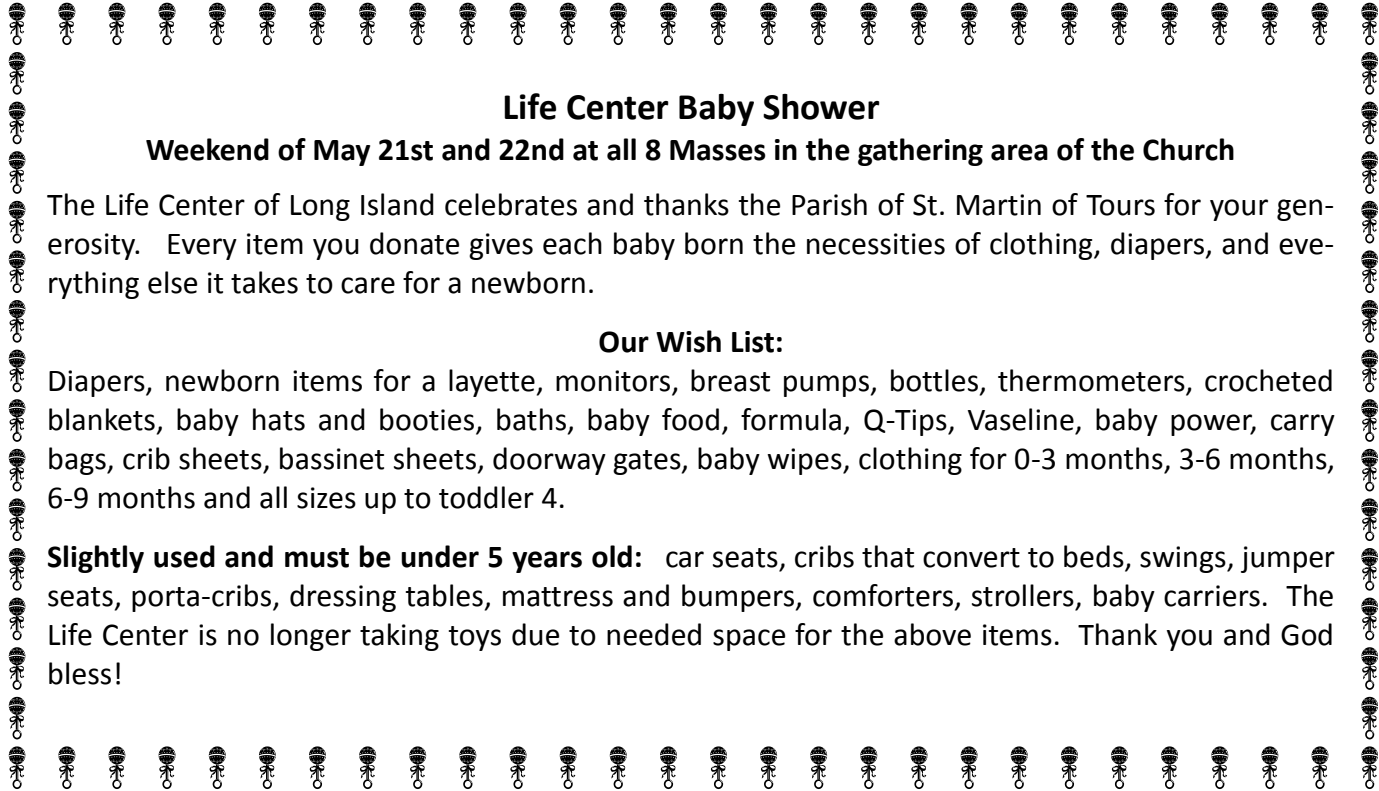
Sunday, May 22, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. Mass

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

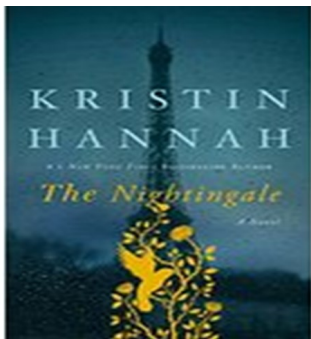
The Life Center of Long Island celebrates and thanks the Parish of St. Martin of Tours for your generosity. Every item you donate gives each baby born the necessities of clothing, diapers, and everything else it takes to care for a newborn.

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!

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah



FRANCE, 1939 - In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France...but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her

family alive.

Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets G aetan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can...completely. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.

The Parish Book Club's Next Selection - *The Nightingale*. Meeting to discuss the book is June 17th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall. All 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 |
| MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF | |



**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.

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 (UVBH)

www.uvbh.com

Serving our Nation's Heroes for over 20 years
Long Island Veterans Need Your Help!

On Memorial Day Weekend, we will be collecting new twin sized bed sheets, pillows and other bedding, men's and women's toiletries and donations of Walmart, Target and Visa gift cards. If you will not be available that weekend, you may drop off your donations at the rectory during regular business hours.

St. Martin of Tours has been very generous in the past and UVBH has expressed their appreciation. Please do the best you can this year to help our Veterans who are being housed and supported by UVBH so that they can get back on their feet.

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***
- ***Men's and Women's Toiletries***
- ***Walmart, Target or Visa Gift Cards***





Life Nights take place from 6:45 - 8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room - Dinner is served!
NO Life Night Sunday, May 8th...Happy Mothers Day!
Next Life Night - May 15th

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday May 10th: Adoration begins at 7:30 - 8:30PM due to church availability
Life Nights: 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. Youth Ministry Office Phone: (516) 870-5669.

**Youth Ministry Mother's Day
Carnation Sale!**

**At ALL Masses
THIS 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!

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**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

DID YOU KNOW? First Attempt to Establish a Holiday. During the 19th century, women's peace groups in the USA tried to establish holidays and regular activities in favor of peace and against war. A common early activity was the meeting of groups of mothers whose sons had fought or died on opposite sides of the American Civil War. In its present form, Mother's Day was established by Anna Jarvis with the help of Philadelphia merchant John Wanamaker following the death of her mother on May 9, 1905. She then campaigned to establish Mother's Day first as a U.S. national holiday and then later as an international holiday. On May 10, 1913 the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution calling on all federal government officials (from the president down) to wear a white carnation the following day in observance of Mother's Day. On May 9, 1914 Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring the first national MOTHER'S DAY as a day for American citizens to show the flag in honor of those mothers whose sons had died in war. In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a stamp commemorating the holiday.



On this Mother's Day, 2016, little has changed in the love and devotion that mother's give to their children, the children of others, and the children of the world. So many take on this role of love and nurturing. They come in all shapes from all places and circumstances to include our own mothers, our grandmothers, step-mothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, mothers-in-law and all who take on the responsibility to be there to make a difference in the life of a child. Let us not forget aunts and other family members and those who step up to make that difference.

May we think of Blessed Mother Teresa, the thoughts of Mother Angelica and the love and wisdom of their legacies. May we lift up our prayers to a young mother alone and afraid needing help with her expectant child.

So, on this Mother's Day, be it a walk with a flower to a certain spot in a cemetery, a dinner at home with Mom, a special treat to a restaurant, or a moment spent at a nursing home, remember that her hand once held yours. Celebrate them as they celebrate you, for you surely were the love of their lives.

May God bless each and every one of you on this Mother's Day, and remember always, Our Mother Mary who watches over us. Hail Mary, full of grace!

Effective Writing Skills

The Respect Life Committee welcomes all parishioners to join us in a workshop for examples of letter writing to Washington, state and local legislators.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH
TIME: 11AM
PLACE: ST. ALPHONSUS HALL

This is a great opportunity to learn effective ways to voice your views by mail, phone and petitions. Light refreshments will be served.



If you are looking for an opportunity to enjoy a wonderful stay at a beautiful resort, *Woodloch Pines* is that place! Spend 5 days and 4 nights during the most colorful time of year - the autumn!

- **October 3 - 7, 2016**
- **Beautiful Location**
- **Great Entertainment**
- **Double - \$650**
- **Single - \$700**
- **Price includes bus transportation and all tips**
- **Call Dolores Stewart at (516) 931-5795**



2017 Mass Book Opening


**Saturday, May 28th and
Friday, June 3rd**

Hours: 9:30AM - 11:30AM & 12:30PM - 4PM

ST. ALPHONSUS HALL

FIVE Masses per family will be allowed. **Please no telephone, mail or drop-off requests will be permitted.** Please be present to request your masses.

The Mass book will be returned to the Rectory Office the week after June 3rd. Thank you for your gift of mass intentions for your loved ones.



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.

**UPDATED INFO &
REVISED DEPARTURE TIME FROM SMT**

Pilgrimage to the Our Lady of the Island
Designated Holy Door Site
Saturday, June 11, 2016

Depart St. Martin's at 11:00 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.

GOING BY BUS: *As long as we have enough people* to reserve a seat, we will rent a school bus for a **\$10 donation**. Since seating is limited to 42 people, it will be on a first come, first served basis.

TO RESERVE A SEAT: Please call the rectory Monday - Thursday at 931-0818 and speak to Barbara with the name(s), phone number and how many seats to reserve.

RSVP: by Wednesday, May 18th.

GOING BY CAR: You may go by your own car if you wish. *However*, please call the rectory and let us know how many will be going so that we may inform the event planners at the Shrine.

AT THE SHRINE: The Shrine is charging us **\$10.00 per person** to make the pilgrimage. You can bring your own lunch.

THE DAY'S EVENTS: We will have the Vigil Mass for Sunday, confessions, time with the Blessed Sacrament, and a formal procession through the designated Holy Door, a spiritually uplifting and fun experience!



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**

**Hofstra University
1000 Fulton Ave, Hempstead NY**

**Register Now
Events.MarianMissionaries.org
Inquiries only: 413-944-8500**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7/8: Youth Ministry Mother’s Day Carnation Sale after all Masses
- May 9: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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
- June 14: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM Church
- June 17: SMT Parish Book Club -The Nightingale - 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall

No matter what you are going through,
 God has your back!
 Trust in the Lord with all of your
 heart, soul and mind.



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!***