

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 16

6:30 Ledwin Mason
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday - May 17

6:30 The George Family - Mary, John, Walter & Ken
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday - May 18

6:30 William & Margaret McCabe & Family
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Thursday - May 19

6:30 Margaret Zuk
9:00 Thomas P. LaFalce, Sr.

Friday - May 20

6:30 Mary O'Neil
9:00 Catherine, Madeline & Elizabeth Reilly

Saturday - May 21

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Peter S. Rossello
7:00 Mae, Frank & Bruno Dominianni

Sunday - May 22 - The Most Holy Trinity - Solemnity

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Ida Campagne
10:00 Angelina Cilmi
11:30 Edward, Rose & Laurence Rasmussen
1:00 Margaret Kelly
5:30 Minnie Creme

Readings For The Week

Mon. James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
Tues. James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37
Wed. James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40
Thurs. James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50
Fri. James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12
Sat. James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16
Sun. Proverbs 8:22-31 Before God created the earth or made the waters and the skies, Wisdom was there. Wisdom stood with God before the world was made.

Romans 5:1-5 We have been justified by faith and have been given hope in trials and hardships. This hope will not leave us disappointed, for we have received God's love through the Holy Spirit.

John 16:12-15 Jesus told his disciples that he had much more to teach them. They would come to know all truth through the Holy Spirit. What belongs to Jesus in the Father is attested by the Spirit.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

Weekly Collection 5/8/2016: \$18,099.00

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in their own language. The meaning of Stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who practice works of mercy by taking care of, forgiving and helping each other.



Charismatic Prayer Group

When we are talking, we are not listening. If ALL of your time with God is spent praying, when are you listening to Him? I know it's strange for a prayer group to say, "Sit quietly; don't talk!" but while praying, singing & praising God are all GREAT, we should also allow for time to listen to Him. You can't imagine what He will tell you!!

We can help you. Our next meeting is Monday, May 16th at 7:30PM in Emmaus Hall (school cafeteria). Everyone is welcome. Call 516 993-9672 for more information or for prayer requests. We will also be meeting on Monday, May 23rd and EVERY Monday in June!!



Saint Maria Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

H.O.P. Club Winners

5/9/16	#515	Kathleen McCormick	\$25
5/10/16	#318	M/M Michael Dietz	\$25
5/11/16	#595	Gertrud Louwers	\$25
5/12/16	# 48	Ida Ibosi	\$25
5/13/16	#241	Josie Cahillane	\$50



Wedding Banns

3rd Shane Egan & Kerry Watters
Jason Kump & Meredith O'Donnell

2nd Steven Dilka & Melissa Aksoy

1st Steve Bickard & Kimberly Luti

Rubin Tollinchi & Nicole Esposito

Michael P. Eckberg & Emily A. Banas



"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: oatmeal, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, carrots, beef stew, Chef Boyardee canned pastas, vegetable soup, ketchup, coffee, juice boxes, Jell-O, pudding, brownies, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap and tooth paste.

As always, we are so grateful for your tremendous generosity!

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 15 - 21, 2016

In Loving Memory of
Paul James Fidnarick



Sanctuary Candle
Week of May 15 - 21, 2016

In Loving Memory of
Paul James Fidnarick

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

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 Baciуска, 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., Anthony Della Croce
Christine Orlando, Little Sonny D'Ambrosio Barbara Rusch
Justin Dittmar, Krystyna Stasiewicz, Beverly Viselli, Casey
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, Tom Miles

Rest in Peace

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

**Harry Dervin, Dominick Coiro
Rosemary M. O'Keefe, John Gannam, Jr.**

Pastor's Letter



At Christmas time we often pray, *Come Lord Jesus*. As we celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost, we pray, *Come Holy Spirit*. Both of these simple prayers express our desire for the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our lives. Actually, we are not waiting for the coming of Jesus. He has come among us, born of the Virgin Mary, his mother, a man preaching the word of his Father, rejected by many and nailed to a cross, rising on the third day, and returning to the Father with the promise of sending his Holy Spirit upon the world. This day - Pentecost - fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and on future generations.

I think for most of us, Jesus is the easiest for us to grasp in our imaginations. We have the four Gospels that speak of his life and his message. We all have a favorite image or picture of Jesus. I have a good friend who, when watching a television show or movie about Jesus, judges his authenticity on how his hair looks. Most of us have a favorite picture or statue of the Lord. None of us can ever fully visualize Jesus, but we do have images of him when we pray.

Imagining God the Father is a bit more difficult since he is a pure Spirit who never had a body. Hollywood often shows the Father in thunder, lighting, or other powerful acts of nature. I am not sure if Jim Carey as *Bruce Almighty* or George Burns as *God* helps us get a good picture of the Living God. Still, there is little doubt in my mind that the Holy Spirit tends to be the most overlooked Person of the Blessed Trinity. We might think of him before a major examination in school or on the Feast of Pentecost, but otherwise he tends to be difficult to get our hands around since he is also a pure Spirit who moves rather mystically in out of the world and in living people.

St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Blessed Trinity. Its three leaves with one stem is a symbol of diversity. Christian writers have used the sun as an image of the Blessed Trinity: the sun is the Father, the light coming upon the earth is Jesus, and the warmth we feel is the Holy Spirit. Others like to use the image of ice, water, and steam to capture aspects of the Trinity: three realities that are of the same substance.

In terms of the Holy Spirit, the most recognizable symbol is that of fire. If you sit and watch a fire in a fireplace, it is ever changing. The fire never holds the same shape for more than a moment. The fire also produces heat and light. It can cleanse and purify. It can also be incredibly powerful and awesome. Another image of the Holy Spirit is the wind. We know there are scientific explanations for the wind, but for most of us, it is kind of mysterious. It just seems to come and go. Sometimes, the wind is soft and gentle, and other times it can knock over trees and homes. We cannot see or touch the wind, but it we know it is there since we can feel its presence.

Most times that we use the name God, we are talking about the Holy Spirit, but I do not think most of us realize that. There are times we say *I felt the presence of God at that moment* or *I sensed that God was with me as I acted*. That is the action of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit sometimes gives us a gentle nudge to our heart and sometimes the Holy Spirit shouts into our ears. The Spirit of God speaks to us in a million ways. Today, six people have been touched by the Holy Spirit to make the decision to come and receive the power of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation. Each of our candidates, I am sure, would tell a different story of the Holy Spirit brought them to this moment of God's grace. The Holy Spirit is very present at the Mass as the priest extends his hands over the bread and wine and asks the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Holy Spirit uses words, people, nature, music, movies and television, art, the sacraments, the Mass, and events in our lives to touch us and make his presence known.

A few weeks ago, I had just settled into what I call my man cave. It is a small room off of my office that has my New York Mets easy chair. It had been a long day and I was tired. I got a nice cold bottle of soda, sat comfortably in my chair, to relax and enjoy the Met game. I heard a gentle knocking on the private entrance to my room. I prayed it was the wind, but the knocking was persistent, and I grumpily shouted come in since I thought it might be one of the ushers. No, it was a person who spoke of being homeless and needing a room for the night. I asked why look for a room here; I do not have rooms. The person said, *Isn't the church supposed to help people?* I imagine I could have given a thousand answers to the question - maybe the person was a con artist! Could not her friends or family help her? Or why didn't she go to social services? But I took the words as a two by four from the Holy Spirit. Maybe (God forbid!) the Spirit is a Yankee fan! So I, by the grace of God, gave up my grouchy spirit and tried my best to help her. I did manage to get her a room with some options for the future.

The Spirit of God comes into your life when you least expect. I invite you to think of some situation in your life when you found yourself surprised by how good and kind you were to another person or to an organization. This is the workings of the Holy Spirit. Whenever you make a choice to be loving and forgiving at times when your very being is crying out to pout and ruin the day, this too is the work of the Holy Spirit. Wherever there is Love, God is present.

When I teach little children about God, I tell them to feel their breathing. Air in, air out. I tell them that is what keeps them alive and living with joy. The word *breath* comes from spirit. If you want to notice how close God is to you, notice your breath and you will know how close you are to God!

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

woodscsr@aol.com/Website: smtbethpage.org



The Parish Men's Club which meets once a month to pray and reflect on spiritual issues will be meeting on **May 25th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**. All men 18 and over are welcome to this hour long period of discussion and prayer.



*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. Also wind spinners will be put into the ground all around her statue to show joy and happiness. For any information, please feel free to call Louise Smith at 735-1375.

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.

Life Center Baby Shower

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

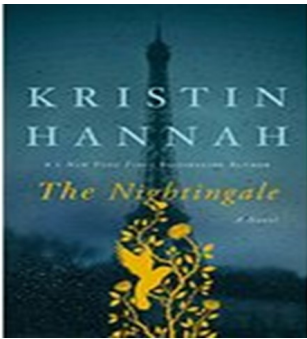
The Life Center of Long Island celebrates and thanks the Parish of St. Martin of Tours for your generosity. Every item you donate gives each baby born the necessities of clothing, diapers, and everything else it takes to care for a newborn.

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 etan, 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!

**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**



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.



CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army	2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army	SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG	E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC	1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army	PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC	MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
L CPL James Kruper, USMC	PVT Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
SPC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army	BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy
CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC	PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp	LTC John Evans, US Army
PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy	STS2(SS) James McDevitt, US Navy
CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF	ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC	PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
1LT Brian McGrath, US Army	SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army	2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army	SSG George Howard, US Army
PFC William Corrigan, USMC	LT Mario Lopes, USMC
PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF	PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG	CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army	MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC	PVT Edward Morales, US Army
MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF	

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 May 28th and 29th, 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.

Donation Wish List:

- **Twin Sheet Sets**
- **Standard Pillows**
- **Twin Comforters**
- **Bath Towels**
- **Men's and Women's Toiletries**
- **Walmart, Target or Visa Gift Cards**



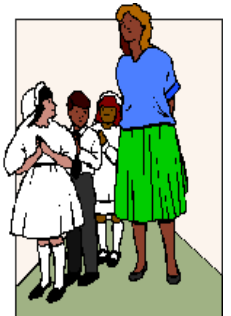
Many years ago, I worked with a pastor who every year would say the same things to the parents and the children on First Communion Day. He'd say, *Napoleon said that the happiest day of his life was the celebration of his First Holy Communion.* All the priests and teachers would roll their eyes because they had heard him say this for so many years. I also think they were not thrilled that Napoleon was being held up to the children as a model of faith.

I am not sure if I will fall into the same trap as that pastor by saying some of the same things every year, but I suspect it is likely that my words were not so memorable as to be remembered, thank God. Unfortunately, I missed the first weekend of our first communions since I was at the First Holy Communion of my great niece Caroline in Yorktown Heights. I think this is the fourth year in a row this has happened but I know it will be a few years before my next family's First Holy Communion since Mairead, the youngest of the great nieces and nephews, is only four.

I do not get to see Caroline too much during a year, maybe three or four times so she can be a bit shy with me. When I first greeted her before the first communion, she hid behind her mother, perhaps worried about this big day and not sure how to react to her uncle, the priest. I did have the honor of giving Caroline First Holy Communion. After the ceremony she was delighted to take pictures with me and speak to me about how special the day was for her. I think a special bond was created between Caroline and me over the sharing of the Body of Christ. The family party that followed was wonderful.

I love the innocence of the boys and girls at their first communion. Dressed so beautifully, with hands folded and a sense of excitement in their hearts, for me it is one of the most special days of the year. Having lived and vacationed with my family, I know that "angelic look" can soon turn to pushing a little brother or tears over not getting to do what they want. But for the moment when they receive Holy Communion, they believe in faith that Jesus is coming into their hearts in a most special way. As we grow older and experience receiving communion regularly, many of us including myself, envy the simple but deep faith of the child receiving. *It is clear why Jesus told us that unless you become like little children, you shall not enter the kingdom of God.*

I pray especially for the children who have received their First Holy Communion over the past two weeks. May the Lord Jesus always be with you always. God bless the parents of these beautiful children who care and nurture these precious ones that God has placed in your care. I congratulate you on being faithful to what you promised when your child was baptized: to pass the Catholic faith onto your child. You are always the primary and first teachers of your child in the ways of following Jesus. As they see you follow the Lord, they will learn more from what they see and observe than from any other source.



I ask blessings on the grandparents who are very often key figures in helping their grandchild know and love God. God bless all the brothers and sisters, godparents, aunts and uncles, family and friends who share in this happy day of First Communion. God bless our priests who celebrate the special First Communion Liturgies. Also, a great word of appreciation to Elena, Claire, and Kelly who do much to make the music so adaptable for our children.

St. Martin of Tours is blessed with a very dedicated and loving religious education staff and teachers. In the name of the parish, I express my deepest gratitude to our coordinators, Patricia Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese. They work so very diligently in preparing our children for the sacraments as do all the teachers and assistants in our program. They are true evangelists of the Gospel of Jesus! - Father Pat



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

LIFE NIGHT - May 15th

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 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.

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

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>

Seminar: What Is Assisted Suicide? Is New York State Next to Legalize?

**When: Sunday, June 5th
1pm - 2:30pm St. Alphonsus Hall**

Presenter: Lisa Honkanen, MD, Doctor of Geriatrics, Officer & Board Member of The Life Center of Long Island

Dr. Honkanen will give an update on what the Diocese of Rockville Centre recently held as an educational conference on opposition to assisted suicide. It is designed to educate us on the moral, medical, legal and legislative dangers of physician-assisted suicide. Newly proposed legislation on assisted suicide has been introduced in the New York State legislature. A two part *Telecare* special included highlights from the conference.

A campaign to legalize assisted suicide in NYS. Proposed legislation in the Senate and the Assembly s.5814/a.5261-b and s.3685/a.2120-a.

**Come and be informed!
Q & A Session will follow.**

Light refreshments will be served.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Take action to stop assisted suicide in New York State

Diocese of Rockville Centre, Respect Life Office: Take action today: the state legislature returns to Albany for two final months of the 2016 session. An urgent priority is to defeat legislation that would legalize doctor-assisted suicide. Proponents of assisted suicide have targeted our state and hope to have lawmakers voting on this before the end of June. ***Please send a message to your elected representatives now to let them know that directly causing death is not an acceptable answer to terminal illness, aging, or disability.***

Compose your message to the following recipients: the Governor, State Senator, State Assemblymen.

Subject: Oppose Assisted Suicide

Body: I strongly oppose any legislation to legalize assisted suicide in New York State. I believe that all human lives have dignity and value. Allowing people to kill themselves with the assistance of doctors and others, devalues human life and sends mixed messages in our State's efforts to combat suicide, by suggesting that some suicides are acts filled with "dignity." Assisted suicide sends the message that some people - the very sick, the frail elderly, people with disabilities - would be better off dead.

There is real potential for abuse in legalizing assisted suicide. Financial pressures from insurance companies, combined with pressures from those who might stand to gain from a patient's death, as well as family members feeling overwhelmed and burdened and medical professionals making judgment calls about the quality of life - all of these things should raise alarms, especially in an environment of increasing abuse and neglect of people with disabilities and those who are aged. Patients with a terminal diagnosis may outlive the medical expectation by months or even years. Some patients may experience a full recovery. Some patients may receive an inaccurate diagnosis. ***Making a life-or-death decision with these unknowns is unacceptable.***

I urge you to focus on improving palliative care and hospice for the benefit of those who are terminally ill or disabled to ensure that they receive compassionate and comprehensive care and pain management. We need to accompany people who are terminally ill, rather than abandon them.

Please do not legalize assisted suicide in our state. Your signature _____

On June 5th there will be a seminar hosted by Lisa Honkanen, MD on the subject of assisted suicide. **Please see p. 11 of this bulletin for complete information.** A poster will be in the gathering area.

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FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY
Call Diana Hart Mirando
(C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979
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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.

Luke's Young Artist Academy



Once again talented artist George Lucas is offering children in grades 1 to 11 the opportunity to discover their talents through different levels of media (pottery, hand building, drawing, painting, water color, acrylic, scratch board and print making). Individual attention can be given to those students who have specific artistic interests.

Morning classes run from June 28 - July 21 at St. Martin of Tours school building, Bethpage. The fee is \$225 for eight one and one half hour sessions. All materials and instruction included.

Please call George Lukas at (516) 448-4059 or email lukesartacademy@aol.com

2017 Mass Book Opening Saturday, May 28th & Friday, June 3rd
Hours: 9:30AM - 11:30AM & 12:30PM - 4PM
ST. ALPHONSUS HALL

PLEASE NOTE: PER FATHER PAT, NO SIGN-INS BEFORE 9:30AM

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.

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Looking for a host family or two, to host the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy, that will be involved in the Mercy and Mary retreat, by Father Michael Gaitley, at Hofstra University. The retreat dates are July 15th - 17th . *(see page 14 for full details)*

These are dedicated men, some of whom are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or donate their time to serve the homeless and those in need. There are a total of 8 men. If you or someone you know lives close to Hofstra or the surrounding area, please contact the rectory and leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you. Thank you in advance for your generosity for these wonderful, holy men of God.

**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 16: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Emmaus Hall (school cafeteria)
- 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 25: Parish Men’s Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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



***Miracles do happen!
Bartolo Colon hits
first home run
at the age of 43!***

**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!***