

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - May 23**

6:30 Joseph Walters  
9:00 Ray Reynolds

**Tuesday - May 24**

6:30 Zack Campbell & Family LIVING  
9:00 Patrick & Mary Foley

**Wednesday - May 25**

6:30 Rose Sacco  
9:00 George Spindler

**Thursday - May 26**

6:30 Adeline Cascini  
9:00 Susan Carni

**Friday - May 27**

6:30 Jessica Gibbons  
9:00 Peter Grudzinski

**Saturday - May 28**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Jenene Ann Trappasse  
7:00 Rizzi & Curcio Families

**Sunday - May 29 - Corpus Christi - Solemnity**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Deacon Jim Biggin  
10:00 Louis & Inez Serventi  
11:30 Joyce Moyal  
1:00 Adreon M. Ensor  
5:30 Francesca, Calogero & Pierro Mannino

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27  
Tues. 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31  
Wed. 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45  
Thurs. 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Mark 10:46-52  
Fri. 1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26  
Sat. Jude 17:20b-25; Mark 11:27-33  
Sun. **Genesis 14:18-20** Melchizedek blessed Abram and the creator of heaven and earth.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** Paul handed on the tradition that the Lord Jesus broke bread with his disciples.

**Luke 9:11b-17** After teaching about God's reign and healing those in need, Jesus took five loaves and two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and blessed and broke them for his disciples to distribute to the crowd. Afterward, leftover fragments filled twelve wicker baskets.

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**  
**Weekly Collection 5/15/2016: \$15,522.00**  
**Thank you for your great generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

Today's Psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts.



We are grateful this week for all stewards who respect and protect God's creation by recycling, planting trees and vegetables, keeping our neighborhoods free of litter and striving to be responsible and thoughtful consumers.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Losing weight is not easy. Even when you get to your goal, it's a struggle to keep it off. It's the same with the weight of sin. But that was made easier for us by Jesus' sacrifice. All we need to do is to follow the 4R plan. **Recognize, Reconcile, Repent and Reform.** Let God be your weight coach! Lose that weight and learn how to keep it from coming back!

**Our next meeting is Monday, May 23rd at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall (behind the rectory). We will not meet on Monday May 30th but will meet EVERY Monday in June. 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**

5/16/16	#191	James Tancora	\$25
5/17/16	# 24	E. & D. McLean	\$25
5/18/16	#611	Linda Connelly	\$25
5/19/16	# 62	M/M Vincent Murphy	\$25
5/20/16	#119	M/M H. O'Neill	\$250



*Wedding Banns*

3rd Steven Bilka & Melissa Aksoy

2nd Steve Bickard & Kimberly Luti

Rubin Tollinchi & Nicole Esposito

Michael P. Eckberg & Emily A. Baner



**"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: egg noodles, boxed mashed potatoes, canned potatoes, beef stew, tuna, vegetable soup, brownies, sugar, juice boxes, Jell-O, mixed vegetables, carrots, oatmeal, evaporated milk, canned pineapple, canned mixed fruit, dish soap, paper towels, tissues and toilet paper.

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 22 - 28, 2016

*In Loving Memory of  
Christopher Di Paula*



*Sanctuary Candle*  
Week of May 22 - 28, 2016

*In Loving Memory of  
Josephine & Mike Greco*

**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, 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  
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, Kathleen Janovitch  
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, 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."***

**Paul Berner**

## *Pastor's Letter*

Years ago I took a course in early childhood recollections as I was working for a degree in guidance counseling. The professor presented to us the idea that our early child memories can tell us about our present realities. He was not a Freudian psychologist who sought to have us go deep into our unconscious to discover hidden secrets. Rather, he asked the question why we, of all the thousands and thousands of experiences we had in our early childhood, choose to hold onto these few in our consciousness and let so many others remain buried? Why did these particular memories have such power within us? In particular, he sought to have us understand in the present what these memories mean to us. It was a fascinating course.

What is one of your earliest childhood memories? The challenge with this question is that you may not be sure if you are remembering an actual event, or if you are holding on to what you were told by others as to what happened. Our families often tell us things we did as little children, and so we ask ourselves if we are remembering them in our own memory bank or just imagining what we heard from others?

One of my earliest memories is being on the church steps of my home parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. I was about three or four. I had a mop in my hand. I am not sure if I got to the church without my family knowing, or if I was with someone. I am not sure if it even happened, but I somehow have that memory in my mind, and I have never been quite sure how to interpret it. Perhaps the mop suggests that I had a fixation on cleaning and working hard! However, I think those who know me would be quick to dismiss that since I have been told that I would not know which end of a mop to hold. Perhaps it shows that I was destined to be a priest since I was on the steps of a Church? Maybe? Or it may be that I liked to go off and go on adventures. I am not sure how to diagnose this early memory.



I do have another clear memory when I was in the first or second grade. I distinctly recall that a large group of children were in the convent garden. We were all in our school uniforms. There was a large barrel in the middle of the garden and there was a fire that was bringing forth lots of smoke. We were burning letters that we had written to the Blessed Mother. The Sisters told us that that smoke represented our prayers going up to heaven. It was the May crowning of the Blessed Mother and there was a moment when the Blessed Mother was crowned.

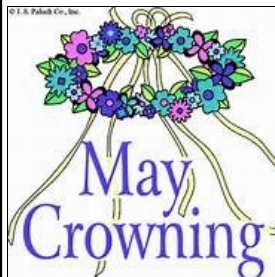
I loved that moment and am delighted that we have a May crowning here at St. Martin's as part of the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. I have resisted having any fires since I might get in trouble with the Bethpage Fire Department, and this would be humiliating since I am the chaplain!

We come before our outdoor statue of the Blessed Mother by the Church. Generations of parishioners have crowned this statue, had their First Communion, Confirmation, graduation and wedding pictures taken here. One of the first communion girls wearing her communion dress, climbed a little ladder, and put a crown of roses around the Mother of God. We say a few prayers and place flowers near the statue to honor Mary.

There would be some good willed people of other faith traditions wondering what we were doing. Why are we honoring a statue made of earthly matter? They might even wonder if we were worshipping an idol. Certainly crowning a statue with flowers is a devotional act and not any kind of false idol worship. Catholics know that we *only* adore God. We know that God took human flesh and became fully human as well as being fully divine. Our Lord told us to look at the lilies of the field and see the glory of God. He took bread and broke it and told us that it was his body. In Jesus, God became touchable. He was not a God far away but very close to us.

One of the last gifts he gave us from the cross was that of his own Mother Mary. He told future generations of believers, *Behold your Mother*. It is no surprise that the first miracle Jesus performed at the wedding feast of Cana was done at the request of his Mother. We see Mary in the midst of the apostles, giving them strength and courage, as they await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

There may not be a symbol more powerful than the image of the love of a mother for her child. It is a universal symbol of love. To help us understand the unimaginable love that God has for each one of us, Jesus gives us his Mother since we know what it is to have a mother's love. So as we sing our songs and crown our Mother, we are giving praise and glory to Jesus, the Son of God, who was born of this woman.



To honor Mary is to honor the God who created her and called her to be the Mother of Jesus. We believe she is the Queen of Heaven and Earth. It is my hope that our May crowning may stir up your memories of a May crowning you experienced as a child, and to create lasting memories for the present generation of children.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR  
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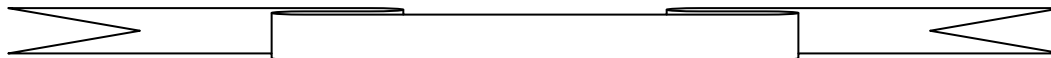
**Memorial Day**

There is no 6:30AM Mass on Memorial Day, May 30th, only the 9AM. The Rectory Office is closed and will open on Tuesday, May 31st at 9AM.



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

*Deacon Tom gave this homily on the Feast of Pentecost. I was very moved by it, as were all who heard it at the two Masses he preached. It is a story of grace, discernment of one's gifts and talents in service to the Lord, and a great openness to the Holy Spirit. All of us, whether it is our choice of vocation, dealing with serious health issues involving ourselves or loved ones, whether to sell our home, a change of work, what school or career to pursue, have serious decisions to make in our life. All of us in our lives can invoke the Holy Spirit to know how best to do God's will. - Father Pat*



A great bishop and Doctor of the Church tells us: ***"Through the Spirit we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations."*** At one time or another I think we all wonder how God is working in our lives, or if he's working at all! Unlike the animals we are rational beings, who look for reasons in the happenings of life, but often we don't get answers right away or even at all, and we're left with a lot of uncertainty.

Sixteen years ago today I stood in this exact spot on Pentecost Sunday to deliver my first homily. It was my Mass of Thanksgiving shortly after my ordination, and to say I was nervous would be a gross understatement! My family and friends, as well as all my classmates were present to support me...and to critique me as well, so this better be good! But there was a problem. The time was approaching rapidly and I needed an engaging story or some human experience in order to capture the imagination of my listeners. I thought, I prayed, I read the commentaries and I still couldn't come up with anything of interest. I was just plain empty and the clock was ticking!

And then one afternoon as I was sitting in Battery Park looking out over the water, it suddenly came to me as an inner movement of grace that it was my *own* story I was to tell in order to glorify God for his great work in me. At first I resisted, but the more I thought about it, it became like a rhythmic mantra playing in my mind. These were the words: *"Manifest my glory; tell your own story."* So there it was, my own vocation story, an experience of 39 years of wandering in the desert of uncertainty - a story of grace, yes, but also of confusion, unknowing, waiting, and also some crushing disappointments. And it all began on Pentecost Sunday 1961. I remember it like it was yesterday. It was on that day so many years ago that the Spirit of God put in my heart so strongly the desire for an ordained ministry in the Church, and here I am 55 years later telling the story again to manifest God's glory and to offer him my profound gratitude for a promise fulfilled.

I made every effort to respond to God's invitation joyfully, but little did I know how much struggle it would entail and how many mountains and valleys I would have to cross in order to arrive at my God-ordained destination. Shortly after that powerful Pentecost experience, I entered a seminary to begin studies for the priesthood, but for some reason, unknown to me even now, it didn't work out and I left. However the desire and the inclination for public ministry in the Church never left me. What was I to make of this? I couldn't figure it out. How was God working in me and what was I to do now? I had to live with that confusion for many years.



But there's much more to the story! Quite some time after this, I was fortunate to meet and eventually marry my beautiful wife. God blessed our union with four wonderful children, and so I see marriage and family life as my primary vocation. Many years later, with the dream still alive in my mind and with my wife's support, I applied for acceptance into the Diaconate Formation Program. I was thrilled. Here was my opportunity once again, and this time I was sure it would work out. However, God had other plans. During the application process I received a big job promotion that entailed a tremendous commitment on my part, and because of this I had no choice but to withdraw my application. I was crushed! Here I was, being congratulated on my promotion, and on the inside I was dying because my dream, once again, was unfulfilled. Where was God in all of this? I was struggling for an answer and there was no answer for me. God was silent as he often is when we demand answers.

As the years passed and the dream still persisted, I had the nerve to apply for the diaconate once again. Would it work out this time or would this be strike three - you're out! Here I was a mature man committing myself to five years of intense study and a lifetime commitment only on the strength of what I believed to be an inner call by God. I must be insane! How could I take this kind of risk again after two profound disappointments? I thought about it so very carefully and then I made a leap of faith, thinking that the God who had put this in me would surely bring it about. After all, this was my own "*sacred scripture*" written on my heart by the finger of God himself, and I must follow it no matter what!

And then, fast forward to May 27, 2000, a miracle took place in St. Agnes Cathedral, at least a miracle in *my* life. When the ordaining bishop placed his hands on my head in silence, and then spoke the prayer of consecration - a dream, a hope kept alive for so many years - *finally* came to pass! The Church validated my inner call by conferring on me the Sacred Order of Deacon. The promise of the Spirit was finally fulfilled! You can only imagine the emotion I felt that day! Some may ask why I tell this story? I tell it first to give glory to God. I also tell it with the realization that so many of us struggle with the mystery of how God is working in our lives, or even *if* he's working at all. We have to deal with so much confusion and uncertainty as we look to make sense out of the reality of our existence. How will the problems we're struggling with work out? Why doesn't God act right now? How can I continue to carry this impossible cross in my life? Why is God silent? Who really has answers to these perplexing questions? One thing we know for sure is that we're a work in progress over a lifetime and God isn't finished with us yet. His time is not necessarily our time and so we desperately need patience and humility if his plan for us is to unfold.



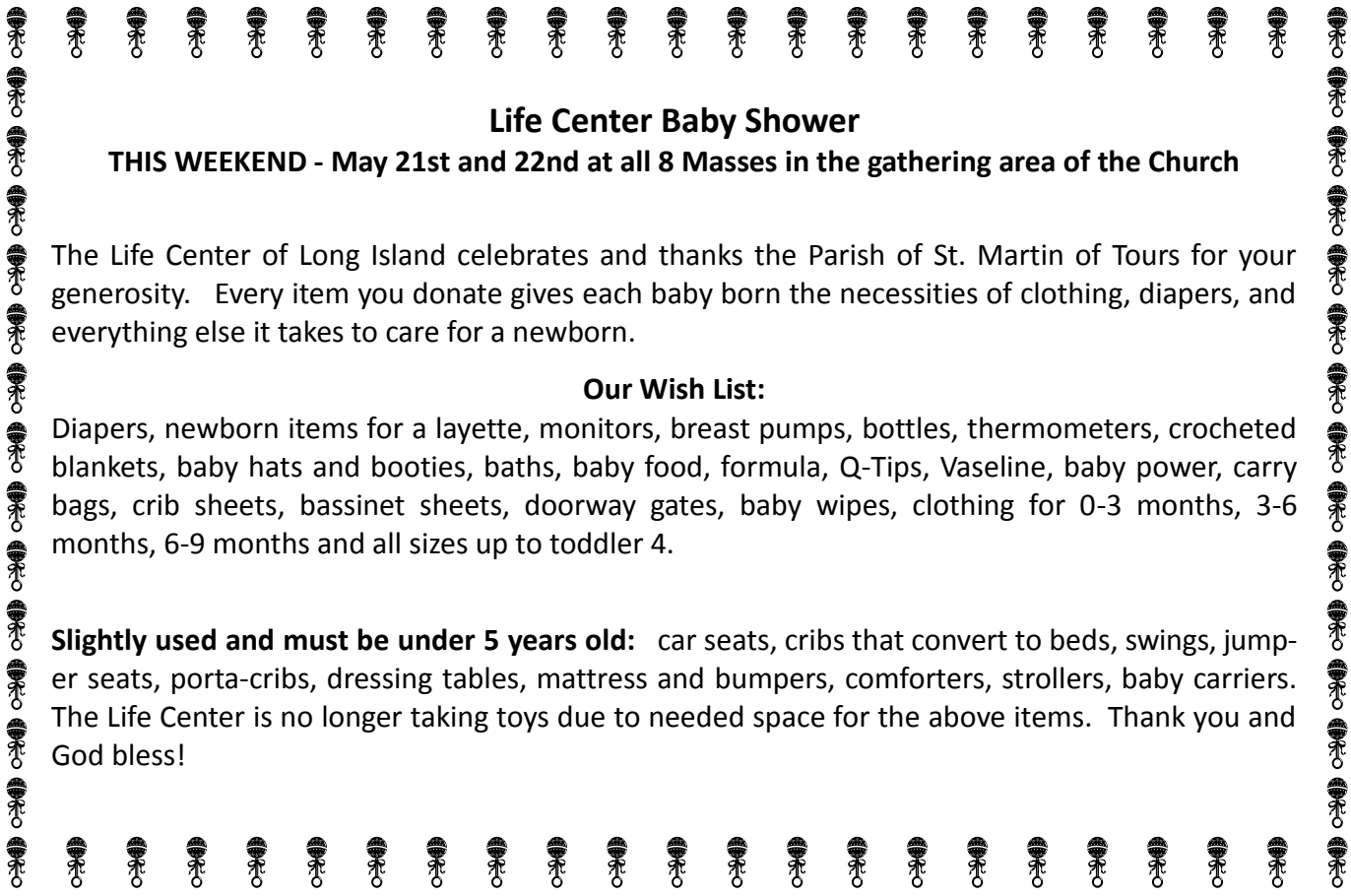
Look at today's scripture. What does it say to us? One of the things we see clearly is that, like us, the disciples were held in the bondage of fear and confusion. And in a precise moment - in **God's** time - the power of the Holy Spirit liberated them. They were emboldened to say very strongly and with persistence that "*Jesus is Lord!*" The promise of Jesus to send his Spirit to be with them forever was fulfilled on that great day of Pentecost 2000 years ago. That very same Spirit is with us today. The Spirit who hovered over the waters at creation. The Spirit who inspired the prophets. The Spirit we received in baptism. The same Spirit who dwells in the Church. The Spirit who inspires all the good we do in life.

And what do we have to be alert to in all of this? That we are open and receptive to the often mysterious workings of the Spirit of God, and that we allow the Spirit to guide us in all our endeavors, both religious and secular. If we don't do this, the oil in our inner lamp can dry up and then are walking in the darkness of sin and indifference - and how pitiable that is for a child of God redeemed by the blood of the Lamb! So the awesome Spirit of Jesus is near at hand and hard at work for us as we allow him to mold and shape us into what *he* wants us to be. Very often emptying us out in the crucible of suffering and defeat in order to fill us with the new wine of beauty, truth, compassion, gentleness, faith, peace, love and all the magnificent fruits of the Spirit. That's what his work in us is all about.

So as we approach the Eucharist today, let us ask ourselves, have we heard the wind and experienced the awesome power of God's Spirit in our lives? Have we seen the fire and has it enflamed our hearts to faith, repentance and good works? And have we, by our lives, even with all our faults and deficiencies proclaimed the message of the risen Christ to others by word and deed?

And so as this wonderful season of grace draws to a close, let us recall, at least, the first words of Jesus in his risen life: *"Peace be with you...Rejoice! Receive the Holy Spirit!"* The promise has indeed been fulfilled...*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...Amen!*

*Homily written by Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy, Pentecost Sunday 2016*



**Life Center Baby Shower**

**THIS WEEKEND - 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!



**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
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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](http://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**
- **Men's and Women's Toiletries**
- **Walmart, Target or Visa Gift Cards**





Something is brewing...

# SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT

SAINT  
ALPHONSUS  
HALL



FRIDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 PM BOTH NIGHTS

MELLOW MUSIC FROM THE SIXTIES TO THE PRESENT  
IN A RELAXED COFFEE HOUSE SETTING  
FEATURING SELECT VOCALISTS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

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SEND YOUR REQUEST TO [ladymusicsmt@aol.com](mailto:ladymusicsmt@aol.com)



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

LIFE NIGHT - May 22nd

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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)  
June 16**

**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.**

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

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Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357

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or 1 800-422-4453**

### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

#### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR: cnsnews.com

The Supreme Court issued its long awaited ruling on Monday in the consolidated challenge to OBAMACARE'S requirement that NONPROFIT EMPLOYERS COLLABORATE IN THE PROVISION OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE THAT INCLUDES ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS AND DEVICES. **In a unanimous opinion, the Supreme Court "VACATED," meaning erased all of the lower court cases and required them to reconsider the claims brought by the LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR and others that the regulations promulgated pursuant to Obamacare violate their religious exercise in light of the government's admission that it could indeed provide contraceptive coverage WITHOUT THE LITTLE SISTERS' COLLABORATION.**

***This is a victory***, not only for the Little Sisters, but for all individuals and organizations who step outside the FOUR WALLS OF A HOUSE OF WORSHIP TO SERVE THE POOR, HEAL THE SICK, OR EDUCATE THE NEXT GENERATION.

#### FORTUNE TELLERS, PSYCHICS CAN'T SEE THE PATH TO ETERNAL LIFE, POPE SAYS.

"Christian life is that easy. **Jesus** is the gate. **He** guides us on the path and we know his voice in the Beatitudes, in the works of mercy and when he teaches us to say, 'Father,'" the Pope said.

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** "Fortunetellers and seers cannot lead people to eternal life, and those who listen to such charlatans are not following Jesus," Pope Francis said. "Only Jesus, the Good Shepherd can SHOW THE WAY and lead his flock to true happiness. Anyone else is a THIEF AND A ROBBER," the Pope said April 18 in his homily during Mass. *CatholicCulture.org. Divinization: Consulting Psychics and Mediums* <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/viewclm?recum=8755>

As more and more psychics and mediums are opening in towns and villages and the shows on T.V., we must keep in mind what Pope Francis and the Faith warn us. Many view it as entertainment, but some may take it seriously and follow the wrong advice. When we pray or say a Novena, our Father hears us and guides us. All of our priests are here to listen and help us with a situation that we may find to be difficult as we search for answers. *Source: L.I. Catholic Weekly Update 4/20/16 [www.licatholic.org](http://www.licatholic.org)*

**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](http://www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net)  
or call (631) 587-8000 x 117

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

### 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 Lucas at (516) 448-4059 or email [lukesartacademy@aol.com](mailto:lukesartacademy@aol.com)

### The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

The Parish Book Club's  
next selection - *The Nightingale*

Meeting to discuss the book is  
June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
St. Alphonsus Hall.

All are welcome!

### 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.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples!

*Looking for the perfect weekend?*

*A weekend that will bring a husband and wife closer together?*



*A WWME weekend is exactly what you are looking for. At a Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the original and continually updated marriage enrichment program, you get away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on each other. Enhance your good marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!*

Weekends are scheduled throughout the Metro New York area. **The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for June 10-12, 2016 at The Immaculate Conception Seminary in Lloyd Harbor, NY.** For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at <http://www.wwme.org>.

**Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday**

The Parish of St. Martin of Tours congratulates the following people who were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016. Thanks to Ann Hughes and Patricia Ryan for their involvement in their spiritual journey toward Full Communion in the Catholic Church.



Congratulations to:

- Lisa Byington**
- Catherine Dietz**
- Joseph Formichelli**
- John Granito**
- Julia Granito**
- Tyler Lagois**
- Matthew Lutz**
- Kamila Roszkowska**
- Ariana Visconti**

**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>

**Holy Hour**



There will be a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament on **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** All are welcome to spend the hour or any part of the hour before the Blessed

Sacrament.

**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.

**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 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 23: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 25: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- 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
- May 30: Memorial Day No 6:30AM Mass/Rectorry Closed
- 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



### 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!***