

Masses For The Week

Monday - June 27 - Our Mother of Perpetual Help

6:30 Katherine Murphy Woener- Bshp Murphy's sister
 9:00 Father's Day Novena

Tuesday - June 28

6:30 Florence & Harry Walker
 9:00 Father's Day Novena

Wednesday - June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

6:30 Harriet Doyle, 10th Anniversary
 9:00 Father's Day Novena

Thursday - June 30

6:30 Rosemary O'Keefe
 9:00 Lena & Giovanni Giannuzzi

Friday - July 1

6:30 Eileen Laverty
 9:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo

Saturday - July 2

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Peter S. Rossello, 70th Wedding Anniversary
 7:00 Raymond Godek

Sunday - July 3

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Anita & Andrew Hoynes
 10:00 Mary Boglioli
 11:30 Patrick Hanrahan
 1:00 Deacon Eugene Capobianco
 5:30 Deacon James Biggin

Readings For The Week

Mon. Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22
 Tues. Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27
 Wed. Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
 Matthew 16:13-19
 Thurs. Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8
 Fri. Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13
 Sat. Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17
Sun. *Isaiah 66:10-14c* *The prophet said, "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her...As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."*

Galatians 6:14-18 *Galatians 6:14-18 Paul boasted only in his acceptance of the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, for upon those who embrace the cross flow the peace and mercy of God.*

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 *Jesus sent out an additional seventy-two disciples to spread the good news and care for the sick. They were to take nothing with them but to rely on those they served. They were to bring the peace and goodness of God's reign.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly Collection 6/19/2016: \$15,989.16
Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: *"Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service."*



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who choose small acts of giving, be it driving an elderly neighbor to the doctor, helping out at the church's festival or giving a hug to someone, just because!

Charismatic Prayer Group

"Thy will be done." We say it so often, but still we question it! And that's when faith kicks in...or should! If you have questions about God's will, read the apostles' stories. Their faith was amazing. Suddenly Jesus was gone, but they kept His teachings alive. They could have split up and gone home, but they trusted Jesus' promises. So don't worry as long as your faith is stronger than your doubts.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 27th at 7:30PM in the Church. 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

6/20/16	#529	Patricia Schmier	\$25
6/21/16	#346	James Fanning	\$25
6/22/16	#328	Joan C. Stauber	\$25
6/23/16	#264	C. & M. Mondiello	\$25
6/24/16	#118	Dorothy Branston	\$50

*Wedding Banns**1st Anthony Gatto & Jeanette Cutrone*

"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: juice boxes, cereal, pancake mix, boxed potatoes, canned potatoes, pasta sauce, rice (white & brown), vegetable soup, evaporated milk, icing, sugar, Jell-O, pudding, laundry soap, tissues, diapers (sizes 1, 5 & 6) and toilet paper.

We have a client who needs a double stroller. If anyone has one to donate, please drop it off at the pantry (see hours below). 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 June 26 - July 2, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
Szmytkowski & Zoitke Families*

*Sanctuary Candle**Week of June 26 - July 2, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
Patsy Carni*



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 Carminate, 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, 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
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
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., 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
Beverly Viselli, Casey, Elsie Ann Zinno, Olivia LoRusso, Betty Mara
Henry Lehmann, Teri Pigott, John Castagna, William Castle
Connie Kane, George Reif, Lawrence Abenanti, Joan DeBona
Ann Adams, Ed Ingels, Liam Escaniel, Gus Kunze, Eddie Morales
Tom Miles, Debra Dowdell, John Anderson, Daniel McCullough

Rest in Peace

***Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
Raymond J. Guinan***

Pastor's Letter

If you are confused this weekend as you try to follow the readings and prayers of the Mass, do not be worried that the missalettes are wrong or that you have lost track of the date. Tomorrow, Monday, June 27th, is the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. It is the icon that we have in the center of the prayer area in our Church. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, also known as Our Mother of Perpetual Help, is a very special patron of the Redemptorists, the religious order that serves St. Martin of Tours. This is a very special year for the Redemptorists and Our Lady of Perpetual Help since it is 150 years since Pope Pius IX entrusted this picture to the Redemptorists. Throughout the world, special pilgrimages and prayer events are being held to honor her. So we chose to celebrate on this very special weekend the Mass of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and to speak about her at all the Masses.

How the Redemptorists became associated with the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is certainly an act of divine providence that almost borders on the miraculous. The story of how this happened will appear in another section of this bulletin. I have used the word *picture* in this letter, but the correct word is *icon* which is Greek an Eastern style of painting. If you have ever been to a Greek Orthodox Church, you will see many icons. The word *icon* itself means image, and such paintings are most sacred. It is said that one does not paint an icon but rather writes one since an icon is full of symbols and rituals that tells a story about God.

Here at St. Martin's, we are marking this Jubilee Year with a novena that has been going on for the past week. We also had Father Philip Dabney, a renowned speaker on Our Lady, speak at all the Masses on the weekend of May 28 and 29. Father Phil spoke so eloquently about the Blessed Mother. Tomorrow we will have a special Mass to mark her feast day.

On September 17, 2016, there will be a very special Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 2:00 p.m. Every year our parish has one second collection for the Redemptorists. You have been very generous to that collection and I have sent the money to Redemptorists in very poor parts of the world to help them in their mission. One year we sent the collection to Father Ciya's province. I saved the collection from last year, a little less than \$4,000.00, to use in part for the pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

I hope to provide a free bus ride for our parishioners. Your only cost would be for a ticket to the reception at \$25.00 per person. This fee includes heavy appetizers and refreshments. I love that word *heavy* since I think it suggests there will be plenty of tasty food. This will be a full day trip which means that we will be leaving St. Martin's around 6:00 a.m. with an estimated return to Bethpage at midnight. One of my sermons will be read so you can sleep on the bus. Many Redemptorist parishes will be attending this celebration, and I do hope we can get a full bus. More information on how to register will follow.



Because the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is such a powerful symbol of God's mercy, our Holy Father Pope Francis has issued the following decree:

As part of the celebrations for the Jubilee year of the 150th anniversary of the Redemptorists receiving the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, the Holy Father Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence. The indulgence is available to all who make a pilgrimage, between the 27th of June 2015 and 27th of June 2016, to the Church of St. Alphonsus in Rome or in any Redemptorist church anywhere in the world to venerate the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

A plenary indulgence does not remove unconfessed sins from a person. Rather, after our sins are confessed, there is still the reality of temporal punishment due to our sins. For example, if we confessed a serious sin, it is forgiven, but there still may be the possibility of purgatory for committing that sin.

More than 100 people from our parishes in the Eastern United States are on pilgrimage to the original shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rome. If you visit here at our shrine to Our Lady, you can get a plenary indulgence. To obtain the plenary indulgence, you can say a prayer to the Blessed Mother at her shrine, go to confession in a week or two after the visit, receive Holy Communion, and say a Hail Mary, an Our Father, and a Glory Be for the intention of the Pope.

Redemptorists believe that our order has been blessed by the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help since we first were entrusted with the icon in 1866. Wherever we go, we bring Our Lady of Perpetual Help with us. She came with us here to St. Martin's thirty years ago, and we hope you have experienced the same graces and blessings as have we through her intercession.

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

May we be true witnesses to the world that love for one another really matters. May our daily actions proclaim how fully our lives are modeled after yours, Mother of Perpetual Help.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Pray for us!

PRAY FOR





PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

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



CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
 CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC
 L CPL James Kruper, USMC
 SPC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
 1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
 SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
 PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
 PFC William Corrigan, USMC
 PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC
 MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF

2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
 SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
 PVT Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
 BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
 LTC John Evans, US Army
 STS2(SS) James McDevitt, US Navy
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
 SSG George Howard, US Army
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army

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

\$300 for the cost of the program.

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**

Our Lady of Mercy Academy is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam. The actual date of the exam is October 29th.

**Saturday, September 10th, 17th and 24th
 October 1st, 15th and 22nd**

10AM - 12 NOON

\$300 for the cost of the program.

For additional information or to register,
 please call Mrs. Lucille Fitts (516) 921-1047 x 110

**Our Lady of Mercy Academy
 815 Convent Road, Syosset NY 11791
 Www.olma.org**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Redemptorists The History of the Icon



Many names have been given to me. I have been called the "Virgin of the Passion," "the Golden Madonna," "the Mother of the Redemptorist Missionaries," "the Mother of Catholic homes."

The name of my own choosing is "Mother of Perpetual Help". It is also the name by which Pope Pius IX requested the Redemptorist Missionaries to make me known.

My story is of how Heaven hallows human happenings for purposes divine. It is a history that appears complicated and adventurous, but seen 'from above' it is a simple, straight line drawn through human history.

It is the story of an unknown artist, a repentant thief, a curious little girl, an abandoned church, an old religious and a Pope.

And above all, it is the story of my presence in the apostolic life of the Missionaries of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer.

The Merchant Who Stole "Our Lady"

There is a tradition from the 16th century that tells us about a merchant from the isle of Crete who stole a miraculous picture from one of its churches. He hid it among his wares and set out westward. It was only through Divine Providence that he survived a wild tempest and landed on solid ground. After about a year, he arrived in Rome with his stolen picture.

It was there that he became mortally ill and looked for a friend to care for him. At his hour of death, he revealed his secret of the picture and begged his friend to return it to a church. His friend promised to fulfill this wish, but because his wife did not want to relinquish such a beautiful treasure, the friend also died without fulfilling the promise.

At last, the Blessed Virgin appeared to the six year old daughter of this Roman family and told her to tell her mother and grandmother that the picture of Holy Mary of Perpetual Help should be placed in the Church of St. Matthew the Apostle, located between the basilicas of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran.

The tradition relates how, after many doubts and difficulties, "the mother obeyed and after consulting with the clergy in charge of the church, the picture of the Virgin was placed in St. Matthew's, on the 27th of March, 1499". There it would be venerated during the next 300 years. Thus began the second stage of the history of the icon, and devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help began to spread throughout the city of Rome.

Three Centuries in the Church of St. Matthew

St. Matthew's Church was not grand but it possessed an enormous treasure that attracted the faithful: the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. From 1739 to 1798, the church and adjacent monastery were under the care of the Irish Augustinians who had been unjustly exiled from their country and used the monastery as a formation center for their Roman Province. The young students found an asylum of peace in the presence of the Virgin of Perpetual Help while they prepared themselves for priesthood, the apostolate and martyrdom.

In 1798, war raged in Rome and the monastery and church were almost totally destroyed. Several Augustinians remained there for a few more years but eventually they, too, had to leave. Some returned to Ireland, others to new foundations in America, while the majority moved to a nearby monastery. This last group brought with them the picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Thus began the third stage of her history, the "Hidden Years".

In 1819, the Irish Augustinians moved to the Church of St. Mary in Posterula, near the "Umberto I" bridge that crosses the Tiber River. With them went the "Virgin of St. Matthew's." But as "Our Lady of Grace" was already venerated in this church, the newly arrived picture was placed in a private chapel in the monastery where it remained, all but forgotten, but for Brother Augustine Orsetti, one of the original young friars from St. Matthew's.

The Old Religious and the Young Altar Boy

The years passed and it seemed that the picture that had been saved from the war that destroyed St. Matthew's Church, was about to be lost in oblivion.

A young altar boy named Michael Marchi often visited the Church of Sancta Maria in Posterula and became friends with Brother Augustine. Much later, as Father Michael, he would write:

"This good brother used to tell me with a certain air of mystery and anxiety, especially during the years 1850 and 1851, these precise words: 'Make sure you know, my son, that the image of the Virgin of St. Matthew is upstairs in the chapel: don't ever forget it... do you understand? It is a miraculous picture. 'At that time the brother was almost totally blind. "What I can say about the venerable picture of the 'Virgin of St. Matthew' also called "Perpetual Help', is that from my childhood until I entered the Congregation (of the Redemptorists) I had always seen it above the altar of the house chapel of the Augustinian Fathers of the Irish Province at St. Mary in Posterula... there was no devotion to it, no decorations, not even a lamp to acknowledge its presence... it remained covered with dust and practically abandoned. Many were the times, when I served Mass there, that I would stare at it with great attention. "

Brother Augustine died in 1853 at the venerable age of 86, without seeing fulfilled his desire that the Virgin of Perpetual Help be once again exposed for public veneration. His prayers and boundless confidence in the Virgin Mary seemed to have gone unanswered.

The Rediscovery of the Icon

In January of 1855, the Redemptorist Missionaries purchased "Villa Caserta" in Rome, converting it into the general house for their missionary congregation that had spread to western Europe and North America. On this same property along the Via Merulana, were the ruins of the Church and Monastery of St. Matthew. Without realizing it at the time, they had acquired the land that, many years previously, had been chosen by the Virgin as her Sanctuary between St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran.

Four months later, construction was begun on a church in honor of the Most Holy Redeemer and dedicated to Saint Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Congregation. On December 24, 1855, a group of young men began their novitiate in the new house. One of them was Michael Marchi. The Redemptorists were extremely interested in the history of their new property. But more so, when on February 7, 1863, they were puzzled by the questioning from a sermon given by the famous Jesuit preacher, Father Francesco Blosi, about an icon of Mary that "had been in the Church of St. Matthew on Via Merulana and was known as The Virgin of St. Matthew, or more correctly as The Virgin of Perpetual Help."

On another occasion, the chronicler of the Redemptorist community "examining some authors who had written about Roman antiquities, found references made to the Church of St. Matthew. Among them there was a particular citation mentioning that in the church (which had been situated within the garden area of the community) there had been an ancient icon of the Mother of God that enjoyed 'great veneration and fame for its miracles.'" Then "having told all this to the community, a dialogue began as to where they could locate the picture. Father Marchi remembered all that he had heard from old Brother Augustine Orsetti and told his confreres that he had often seen the icon and knew very well where it could be found."

The Reception of the Icon by the Redemptorists

With this new information, interest grew among the Redemptorists to know more about the icon and to retrieve it for their church. The Superior General, Father Nicholas Mauron, presented a letter to Pope Pius IX in which he petitioned the Holy See to grant them the icon of Perpetual Help and that it be placed in the newly built Church of the Most Holy Redeemer and St. Alphonsus, which was located near the site where the old Church of St. Matthew had stood. The Pope granted the request and on the back of the petition, in his own handwriting he noted:



"December 11, 1865: The Cardinal prefect will call the Superior of the little community of Santa Maria in Posterula and will tell him it is Our will that the Image of the most holy Mary, of which this petition treats, be returned between St. John's and St. Mary Major's. However, the Superior of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer is obliged to substitute another suitable picture.

According to tradition, this was when Pope Pius IX told the Redemptorist Superior General: *"Make Her known throughout the world!"* In January, 1866, Fathers Michael Marchi and Ernest Bresciani went to St. Mary's in Posterula to receive the picture from the Augustinians. Finally on April 26, 1866, the image was again presented for public veneration in the Church of St. Alphonsus on the Via Merulana. Since this time of 1866, Redemptorists have spread devotion to the Mother of God through this icon. It would be fair to say that this icon may be the most well-known image of Mary in the world. We Redemptorists celebrate 150 years of preaching about Our Lady of Perpetual Help ever since Pope Pius IX called us to make her known.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

CELEBRATION OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP JUBILEE YEAR

On JUNE 27,2016 the Redemptorists worldwide will celebrate the 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE PIUS IX entrusting the Icon of *OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP* to the *REDEMPTORISTS* with the mission to *MAKE HER KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.*

MARY PRAY FOR US!

Saint John Paul II left us with the words, *"IN THE NAME OF GOD, RESPECT, PROTECT, LOVE AND SERVE LIFE, EVERY HUMAN LIFE."* Those words stay with us as we see more and more violence throughout the world, and here in our beloved America. As we come together in a MINISTRY OF LIFE, we celebrate all life, the UNBORN, the ELDERLY, the SICK and DISABLED. We stand for RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY, THE POOR, THE HOMELESS, MENTALLY ILL, OUR VETERANS RIGHTS, AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE, CHILD ABUSE, SPOUSAL ABUSE, BULLYING, VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, RIGHTS OF THE SICK AND DYING, and the list goes on.

We stand together, we write our REPRESENTATIVES to change unjust laws, we lobby in Washington, we call, email and write our President if we disagree with legislation that may violate these rights. We do everything we can as a Catholic, an American and a VOICE OF THE PEOPLE to make these rights known. But, there comes a time, when we must lift all of this in prayer. There comes a time, when we have to reach out to our Mother Mary for help and strength to follow in the footsteps of her Son. As we pray the rosary, her name continues, on and on as she whispers to our Lord, our deepest needs.

How lucky are we, that we have our devoted Redemptorists, here in St. Martin's. How lucky are we that we have the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help watching over us, waiting for our prayers within the walls of our church. We are blessed here in St. Martin of Tours. We have had the guidance and dedication of the Redemptorist Order, helping us through tears, uncertainty, weddings, and the baptisms of our babies.

And so we bless them, and celebrate them during this 150th Jubilee of OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP. We also ask Our Lady to pray for our current Redemptorists, Fathers Pat, Jim, Ciya and James. We remember all those who have served our parish both here and in heaven. We pray for the strength for all Redemptorists to carry the name of OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP throughout our country and the world, so that we may feel her presence within our hearts as we face life and all of its challenges.

A TRAINING SESSION TO OPPOSE PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL - PARISH CENTER, 29 QUEELY PLACE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE

THIS TRAINING WILL INFORM, PREPARE AND ASSIST YOU TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE CATHOLIC VOICE IN THE DIOCESE AND IN YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY TO OPPOSE PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM RALLY

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2016 beginning at 6:30PM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL, WEST ISLIP

ALL WITH GATHER IN PRAYER OUTSIDE ON MONTAUK HIGHWAY.

CHAIRPERSON FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE USA WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER.

BISHOP MURPHY WILL ALSO SPEAK.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 516 431-2192

Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ Redemptorist Spirituality

August 26th to August 28th

Begins Friday at 6:00 p.m. with Supper
concludes with Dinner at 12:00 p.m. Sunday

Cost: \$ 210.00 per person

Fathers John McGowan CSSR and Pat Woods CSSR have given this retreat for the past fifteen years. All are welcome, but we offer a special invitation to those who are part of the Redemptorists as family members, as friends, as co-workers in our various ministries, as parishioners in a CSSR parish or someone who has shared in a Redemptorist mission or retreat. We seek to make the retreat spiritually refreshing while at the same time, give the participant time to relax and enjoy the wonders of God's creation.

TO REGISTER:

Contact the office at San Alfonso, Monday to Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 1-732-222-2731 or 2738.

If you want to register through our parish office here at Bethpage, you are most welcome to do so by calling 931-0818. We may be able to get some rides for people.



Our Annual Parish Block Party

Friday Night, August 12th

This annual event is one of the highlights of the year as we gather to celebrate the summer, our love of our parish community, to meet other parishioners and to eat! In the coming weeks, we will be gathering the numbers for those who will be attending. Very soon we will be seeking volunteers and reaching out to those in the Simeon Ministry. The prayer warriors of the parish are assigned to pray for good weather.



My hope is that this be like a family gathering where many pitch in to help, as such a spirit creates a wonderful sense of community. I know the St. Clement Bakers will be baking which is reason enough to come to the party. So what can you do now? If anyone would like to donate paperware such as cups, small plates and napkins, that would be a great help.

If anyone has something to donate such as gift cards, tickets to an event like a METS/Yankee game, a Broadway show, a trip to Ireland, a bottle of wine or some other delight for our basket of cheer, that would be most welcome.

We will need:

- volunteers to sell raffle tickets at Sunday Masses
- volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets on the night of the party
- volunteers to make coffee and tea
- volunteers to serve the food
- volunteers to supervise water and juice table
- volunteers to supervise the blow-up jumper
- volunteers to be available for other ad hoc jobs (classy way of calling one to be a go-fer)

The Knights of Columbus will be cooking. (There is a rumor of filet mignons being served this year!) Looking for my snow cone man and the lady who made such lovely fans.



Our dear Deacon Jim at the Block Party



RECTORY SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
From Monday June 27 to Friday September 2, 2016
Weekday Hours: Monday through Friday - 9AM to 3PM
Evening Hours: Monday through Friday - 3PM to 7PM
Saturday Hours: 9AM to 7PM
Closed on Sunday


Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St. Martin of Tours **on July 12, 2016**. It will be held in **St. Alphonsus Parish Hall**.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

**Fishers
of
Men!**




**Notice MASSIVE fluke
caught by the Pastor!**

(It's there. Look harder!)

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(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6

1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
(631) 858-0380
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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
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Widows and Widowers
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New Member Orientation
 Non-Denominational - All are welcome!

June 28th 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.
 Refreshments served after meeting.

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

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Call Diana Hart Miranda
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**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! If you didn't get a registration form from last week's bulletin, you can pick one up at the rectory.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 27: Feast Day of Our Lady of Perpetual Help 9AM Mass
- June 27: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- July 1: First Friday devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- July 2: First Saturday devotions 8:30AM Church
- July 4: Independence Day - NO 6:30AM Mass
- July 4: Rectory Office Closed
- July 12: Life Line Screening at St. Alphonsus Hall (please register with them)
- Aug 6: Defensive Driving Course 8:30AM - 3PM St. Alphonsus Hall
To register, please call Marty Hirschfeld at (631) 360-9720
- Aug 12: SMT Parish Block Party
- Aug 15: The Assumption of Mary - NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. 6:30 & 9AM Masses Only
- Aug 15-19: Bible Camp Week
- Aug 26-28: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House. Registration required.