

Masses For The Week

Monday - July 4 Independence Day

NO 6:30 MASS

9:00 William Eichenlaub

Tuesday - July 5

6:30 John Domin

9:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo

Wednesday - July 6

6:30 John Patrick Brennan

9:00 Dorothy Walker

Thursday - July 7

6:30 John Patrick Brennan

9:00 Mildred McKenna

Friday - July 8

6:30 Tess Steubing

9:00 Anthony Simone, Jr.

Saturday - July 9

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

5:00 Patricia Peters

7:00 Frances & Michael Mondiello

Sunday - July 10

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Marie Rusch

10:00 Salvatore & Maria Accardi, John & Carolyn Lynam

11:30 Thomas P. LaFalce, Sr.

1:00 Carmela Roia

5:30 Mary B. White

Readings For The Week

Mon. Hosea 2:16-22; Matthew 9:18-26

Tues. Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38

Wed. Hosea 10:1-12; Matthew 10:1-7

Thurs. Hosea 11: 1-9; Matthew 10:7-15

Fri. Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23

Sat. Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33

Sun. Deuteronomy 30:10-14 *Moses encouraged the people to follow the law of the Lord their God with all their hearts and all their souls. This command is not "mysterious and remote" but "already in your mouths and in your hearts."*

Colossians 1:15-20 *Christ Jesus is the new image of God; before anything came to be, he was. In him resides the fullness of power to restore to God all things: in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.*

Luke 10:25-37 *A lawyer asked Jesus what a person must do to gain eternal life. Reminded of the command to love God and neighbor, the man inquired, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied by telling him the story about the good Samaritan.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

Weekly Collection 6/26/2016: \$15,435.48

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

"The harvest is rich," Jesus tells the seventy-two in today's Gospel, "but the workers are few." The situation is the same today. How can I help with God's harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food, shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

We are grateful this week for all stewards who accept that mercy is not free. Rather it is paid for with effort, an effort that requires dedication and sacrifice; it requires doing things God's way, not our way.



Charismatic Prayer Group

WHAT...NO POWER ???

Our power went out at work. We sat in the dark doing nothing, except getting hot and uncomfortable. When the power suddenly came back on and all the computers started coming to life, it made me think that it's the same with us. Without the power of Jesus and His Light to show us the way, we are in the dark too, bumping into things and scared to move around. Someone you know needs the Power of Jesus turned on for them. Bring them to a meeting to get plugged in !!

Our next meeting is Monday, July 11th 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

6/27/16	#10	M/M E. Jaworowski	\$25
6/28/16	#145	Khloe Basilicato	\$25
6/29/16	#157	Checchia Family	\$25
6/30/16	#621	John Crofton	\$25
7/01/16	#33	Patricia Gaynor	\$50



Wedding Banns
 1st *Anthony Gatto* &
Jeanette Cutone




“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: pancake mix, boxed potatoes, canned potatoes, carrots, tomato paste, pasta sauce, vegetable soup, coffee, icing, evaporated milk, Jell-O, pudding, sugar, paper towels 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 July 3 - 9, 2016

In Loving Memory of
Helen & Henry Ruff

Sanctuary Candle
 Week of July 3 - 9, 2016

In Loving Memory of
Nicoletta Mattariello

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, 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
 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
 Gerry Russo



As we celebrate the Independence of our Country, may we remember the sacrifices that were made and continue to be made for our freedoms.

God Bless America!

Pastor's Letter

Last New Year's Eve, a good friend of mine, Father Francis O'Rourke, died at the age of 80. We had worked together for nine years as part of the Provincial Council of our province. We loved to tease each other and he often got the better of me. After a New York Jet loss (not an uncommon event), he would have the paper wide open to the pages that described the loss. Ironically, he too, was a Jet fan but he loved to see my reactions to his antics. Frank was very conservative both in his politics and spirituality. He was also a great lover all things Irish since both his parents were from Ireland. In 1996, when Bill Clinton was running for a second term of office against Senator Bob Dole, I asked Frank whom was he voting for. I said to him, "this election must be dilemma for you since Bill Clinton had done a great deal for the Irish." He looked at me with great scorn and said, *I am **Catholic** before I am Irish!*

I think a challenge for all immigrants to our nation is are we good Americans and good Catholics? Most often these two great values do not clash, but occasionally they do. It is said that previous generations of immigrants did all they could when they arrived in America to prove they were good Americans. They wanted to fit in. Interestingly, the people judging them as to whether they were good Americans were also immigrants themselves, even if they came over on the Mayflower. There was serious prejudice against Catholic immigrants in the 19th century with churches being burned down. One of the reasons that the Catholic school system in America started was because many public schools were promoting anti-Catholic bigotry in their classrooms. Even as late as 1960, there was still a strong prejudice against voting for John F. Kennedy, a Catholic. It was said that if he was elected, the pope would be running America. Thank God that bigotry has passed. Joe Biden is Catholic as well as five members of the Supreme Court. Nonetheless, I do think there is still a very subtle prejudice in the media against the Catholic Church because of the Church's commitment to pro-life issues and traditional marriage.

I am very proud to be an American as were my Irish immigrant parents. The flag always hung out from our parlor floor window on national holidays. God has blessed our nation with great natural resources. I have heard it said that states like Nebraska and Kansas could feed the whole world with their great harvests of wheat and corn. I love that our country is quick to respond to natural disasters wherever they occur the world, and we have often shed the blood of our finest young men and women in defense of those oppressed by dictators.

We are not perfect. We certainly know that among our struggles, the sin of slavery still haunts our nation today, and our treatment of Native Americans was not always honorable. I think Catholics tend to be good citizens. Many members of the military, the police and fire departments, the FBI, and other such service professions are Catholics. So many of the 9/11 funerals were for Catholics; yet as patriotic as we are, we still need to discern where "my Catholic faith and my love of country" may clash.

I will mention three areas to look at as we think about being both Catholic and American. The first is the issue of life. As Catholics, it is our conviction that life is a gift from God. We seek to protect life from conception to natural death. There are many of our fellow citizens who disagree with this position. We have every right and obligation to stand up for our convictions in terms of life. I believe there is very strong movement to move away from the constitutional principal of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as natural God-given rights.

The second principle is that of religious freedom. Again, I think the past years have seen an erosion in a commitment to this fundamental American principle. Religious people (with Catholics among them) are sometimes being forced by legislation and the courts to go against their beliefs. Most of us do not even notice this until it might affect us.

The third principle to address is immigration. This is a most complicated topic to address. Our Church teaches that people have a right to better themselves by immigrating to another land, while at the same time, it teaches that a nation has a right to protect its borders. In my own mind, it is far from easy to reconcile the two. I do think that as a nation we have the moral right to vet the people who come into our country so that we are not accepting criminals and terrorists. Yet, we are also called to see the poor and suffering as our brothers and sisters. We have a right to protect our nation while at the same time an obligation not to fall into bigotry and resentment against all immigrants.

We American Catholics, as we celebrate the 4th of July, love our nation and we are committed to our faith. Most times, both values stand side by side. We can be good Americans without compromising our core values.

The carved sun on George Washington's Chair

Is the sun rising or setting on America?



It began in Philadelphia in May of 1787. The purpose of this convention was to create a constitution by which the 13 American colonies could construct and maintain a federal government. By September, the 55 delegates had reached agreement upon a system of federal government and the means of adopting it, by giving each state the opportunity to vote for ratification.

As the final signatures were being placed upon the document, Benjamin Franklin, the most senior member of the convention, offered a commentary to the members seated nearby. Throughout the proceedings in Philadelphia, Franklin had noticed that George Washington, the presiding chairman, was seated in a high-back chair that had a gilded sun carved at the top. Noting that painters often found it difficult in their art to distinguish a rising sun from a setting one, Franklin commented that he had similar concerns about the future of America. Was the sun rising or setting upon this nation?

But as Franklin saw the finished Constitution taking form and the system of government it would produce, he stated, "Now, at length, I have the happiness to know that it is a *rising* sun and not a setting sun."

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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	

Prayer for Independence Day of the United States of America



God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





Our parish is beginning a weekly program called Symbolon every Thursday evening from July 21st to Sept. 29th in St. Alphonsus Hall at 7:30PM.

This program is based on the scriptures and the Catechism of the Catholic Church for the purpose of reviewing our Catholic faith which has been handed down by the Holy Spirit through the centuries.

More information to follow.

A Good Day's Work



Vincentians and helpful husbands: In front - Anne Marie Schmidt, Kathy Devine; Kay O'Brian in the middle; Patricia Roe, Florence Schiff, Kevin Ross and Kathy Froehlich complete the team. (Not in photo, Jim Devine - helpful husband!)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's mission is to help the poor and those in need through "practical works of charity." Our mission varies according to people's needs.

Several weeks ago, members and spouses of St. Martin of Tours Conference helped clean out the home of a man whose father had passed away leaving the son with a house full of (to be polite) memorabilia and junk. This home was both a health and safety hazard.

Tina O'Donnell was able to get a large dumpster to put the refuse in and the hard working Vincentians and caring neighbors worked non-stop filling it to capacity. Then they started filling up large contractor bags until the job was completed. Their bodies

may have been exhausted, but their spirits were high and filled with joy!

It was a wonderful feeling to know that now this man has a safe, uncluttered and habitable place to call "HOME."

They will know we are Christians by our love!



I grew up in the shadows of the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn. Wednesday was novena day and the chimes played the hymn to Our Lady of Perpetual Help throughout the neighborhood. In those days, no one would dare complain. I am not sure if we even knew that the Blessed Mother had other titles other than Our Lady of Perpetual Help. As I grew older, I learned that Mary had *many* titles: Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Sorrow, Our Lady of Consolation, Queen of the Angels, Queen of Martyrs, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima, to name but a very few.

Every title of Mary honored some attribute that believers found in her and wanted to celebrate. Of course, her greatest title is that of Mother of God. There was a time when certain people tried to say she was only the Mother of the human Jesus since no human being could have title of Mother of God. At the Council of Ephesus, this heresy was put to an end. The people cried out in Greek in the streets with great delight, "*Theotokas*," which means Mother of God!

In my days in the seminary, we were taught to pray daily to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. In high school, we had a shrine to Mary under the title of Perpetual Help; and it was a custom to stop by the icon several times a day to make a short visit and say a quick prayer. As a freshman, I prayed regularly for three things: 1) that my Mom and Dad live to see me ordained a priest; 2) that I make the basketball team; and 3) that I become, when I was a senior, one of the prefect of students which was a most prestigious position.

I am grateful to Our Lady that my Mom and Dad did live to see me ordained; and they shared in the joy of my priesthood for many years. I did finally make the basketball team in my senior year but I was the fifteenth man on a terrible team and I only played two minutes the whole year. Still, I do not feel cheated by Our Lady of Perpetual Help since, ten years later, I was the coach of the same team. I won't tell you my lifetime record. I never did become a student prefect. In my senior year I was in charge of the pond to prepare it for hockey games. That year in cold Western Pennsylvania, the pond never froze and all the hockey players blamed me. But I might say that Our Lady heard my prayer for a prestigious position by election as Provincial. From that experience, I might say, "be careful what you pray for; you're going to get it!"

There is a cute story I heard about the Blessed Mother. It seems that Jesus saw some people in heaven, and he complained to heaven's gatekeeper, St. Peter, because he thought he was getting soft and letting in some people who did not meet the heavenly standards (probably Yankee fans). Peter responded to Jesus in this way, "Lord, every time I close the door, your Mother opens a window!" It is a charming little story but it is true to our faith. God the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit - the Blessed Trinity - is the source of all compassion and mercy. Jesus in the Gospels shows us constantly his love of sinners.

No one can ever outdo God in his infinite mercy and compassion. Still for whatever reason, particularly in the past and even today, some viewed God as a fierce judge waiting to throw sinners into hell. So Mary became for many the compassionate warm mother who loves her children. We all had a mother. I suspect the bond between mother and child is perhaps the deepest bond that human beings share with one another.

One of my favorite aspects of the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is the long graceful fingers of Mary pointing to Jesus. Whoever loves the Blessed Mother will always be lead to Jesus. I love the Gospel of the Wedding Feast of Cana. Mary notices a need; the party is running out of wine! Jewish



weddings at the time went on for days and they were for the whole village. Hospitality for the Jewish people was of the highest value. To run out of wine would be shameful.

Who would notice such a thing - a mother! Mary goes to Jesus and says, "they have no more wine!" Jesus tells her that it is not yet time for him to publically reveal himself with a miracle. Mary, knowing Jesus would not refuse her request, tells the waiters, "do whatever he says!" Soon there is 150 gallons of water turned to wine. Mary's word to the waiters is also to us, "do whatever he says!"

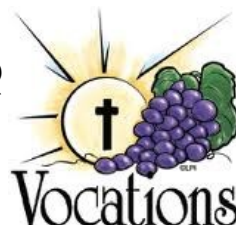
A second feature the icon shows is the humanity of Jesus. He is good but he is fully human, like us in all things but sin. Everyone's favorite detail in the image is the loose sandal. The unknown artist tells a story of Jesus as a child seeing in a nightmare the instruments of his crucifixion being held by the Archangels Michael and Gabriel. Filled with terror he runs so fast into his Mother's arms that his sandal is coming off. The arms of Mary are a good place to run when we face great fear or serious worry.

Through almost a miracle, this ancient icon became entrusted to the Redemptorist Order in 1866 by Pope Pius IX. When he handed the original icon to our superior General, the Pope said three words: "Make her known." And 150 years later, we Redemptorists are so grateful for this grace since countless blessings have come to our Congregation through Our Lady. Wherever we go, we bring Our Lady of Perpetual Help with us. We have also seen her work wonders in the lives of countless people. The Redemptorists brought Our Lady here 30 years ago when we were blessed to come to St. Martin's.

I was thinking of the mission the Pope gave us 150 years ago - make her known. We have done that mission well since this icon is perhaps the most popular image of Mary in the world. As I think about making her known, I think of a friend telling a friend, "oh, you have to go to such and such a restaurant, the food is great!" "You've got to see this movie - it is wonderful!" "Read this book; you will love it!" "You must see this television show!" "Please, go to my doctor; she will help get you better!" Friends always share with friends because they love them.

We Redemptorists love the people we serve. I know that is true of us here at St. Martin's. So in our enthusiasm and because we have felt her love, we turn to you, our friends, and say, "Go to Our Lady of Perpetual Help; she will take care of you!" *Father Pat's homily on the Jubilee of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

PRAY FOR



Vocations

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**SUPREME COURT RULING BLASTED FOR PRO-ABORTION BIAS IN TEXAS RULING**

Washington D.C., June 27, 2016, (CNA/EWTN News). In striking down Texas' regulations of abortion clinics, the Supreme Court showed favoritism toward the supposed RIGHT TO ABORTION over states' interests in the health of women and normal court proceedings, critics said Monday. "The Court has rejected a common-sense law protecting women from abortion facilities that put profits above patient safety," said Deirdre McQuade, assistant director of pro-life communications at the U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

In a 5-3 vote, the Supreme Court struck down a Texas law that included two key regulations of abortion clinics - ABORTIONISTS HAD TO HAVE ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL, AND CLINICS HAD TO MEET THE STANDARDS OF AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS.

THE COURT RULED THAT THE LAW PUT AN undue burden ON A WOMEN'S RIGHT TO AN ABORTION, SAYING THAT IT POSED a substantial obstacle TO THAT RIGHT WITHOUT SHOWING THE NECESSARY BENEFITS OF ITS REGULATIONS TO WOMEN'S HEALTH. The court also said that requiring clinics to meet the standards of ambulatory surgical centers, PROVIDES FEW, IF ANY, HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WOMEN, POSES A SUBSTANTIAL OBSTACLE TO WOMEN SEEKING ABORTIONS, AND CONSTITUTES AND UNDUE BURDEN ON THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DO SO."

Justice Clarence Thomas said that the DECISION PERPETUATES THE COURT'S HABIT OF APPLYING DIFFERENT RULES TO DIFFERENT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS - ESPECIALLY THE PUTATIVE RIGHT TO ABORTION."

Catholics spoke out against the majority opinion: "THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN TEXAS, IN COMMUNION WITH MILLIONS OF CATHOLICS ACROSS AMERICA AND THE WORLD, WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO PROTECT LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH," The Texas Catholic bishops stated. "SURGICAL ABORTION IS AN INVASIVE PROCEDURE THAT POSES NUMEROUS AND SERIOUS MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS," they said. "THE STATE HAS A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN ENSURING THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF SAFETY FOR THE WOMAN SUBJECTED TO THE PROCEDURE AND THAT VIABLE EMERGENCY CARE IS AVAILABLE IF COMPLICATIONS SUCH AS HEMORRAGE, INFECTION, UTERINE PERFORATION, BLOOD CLOTS, CERVICAL TEARS, OR ALLERGIC REACTIONS OCCUR."

The Texas law came after a massive grand jury report on horrific abuses at the Philadelphia clinic of DR. KERMIT GOSNELL, which became the subject of NATIONAL OUTRAGE. This and other reports of abuses in abortion clinics should make state legislatures interested in greater regulation, not less.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SUPREME COURT RULING, www.catholicnews.agency.com/news/supreme-court-ruling-blasted-for-pro-abortion-bias-in-texas-ruling-13457/?utm_source=news.

NOBODY CAN DO EVERYTHING, BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING! HOPEFULLY, WE ALL CAN FIND THE 'SOMETHING' WE CAN DO IN PROMOTING THE RIGHT TO LIFE MESSAGE.

The Respect Life Committee

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.

Jubilee Celebration in Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Saturday, September 17, 2016 - \$25.00 per person

On September 17, 2016, there will be a very special Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 2:00 p.m. We 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. Many Redemptorist parishes will be attending this celebration, and I do hope we can get a full bus.

To Register: 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. Call the rectory office at 931-0818 with your name, phone number and how many attending to reserve a seat on the coach bus. Once the bus is filled, call the Perpetual Help Center at 877-876-7662 or email info@redemptorists.net to make other arrangements or for directions should you wish to drive your own car.

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 paper ware 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.

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
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I will be on vacation from June 30th until July 15. Spending some time in the Virginia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania with family and friends. Father Jim McCabe is the vicar so he is in charge while I am away.

Guest writing for the bulletin on Sunday July 10th is Ann Hughes, leader of the liturgy committee, and on the 17th, Martin Meaney, president of the pastoral council. Enjoy these days of vacation from me, especially the poor Yankee fans who are harassed by the pastor.

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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! You can pick a registration form at the rectory.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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)
- July 20: SMT Blood Drive
- 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.