

Masses For The Week

- Monday - July 18**
 6:30 Godofredo Carreon
 9:00 Jake Froehlich, Jr.
- Tuesday - July 19**
 6:30 Nancy Waters
 9:00 Edward Naughton
- Wednesday - July 20**
 6:30 Anthony & Lucy Rose Masino
 9:00 Stanley Szymkowski
- Thursday - July 21**
 6:30 John & Valerie Masino
 9:00 Amanda Henderson, 1st Anniversary
- Friday - July 22**
 6:30 Harry Demeo
 9:00 Eleanor Pignataro & Girolamo Giannuzzi
- Saturday - July 23**
 9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Thomas McCabe
 7:00 Marie, Fred & Maria Corrado
- Sunday - July 24**
 7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Tess Steubing
 10:00 Louis Della Croce, Jr.
 11:30 Joseph Woodstock
 1:00 Amanda Henderson, 1st Anniversary
 5:30 Amanda Henderson, 1st Anniversary

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42
 Tues. Micah 7:14-20; Matthew 12:46-50
 Wed. Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9
 Thurs. Jeremiah 2:1-13; Matthew 13:10-17
 Fri. Jeremiah 3:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18
 Sat. Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

Sun. Genesis 18:20-32 *The Lord was outraged at the sinfulness of Sodom and Gomorrah and was determined to destroy them, but Abraham interceded on behalf of the innocent who lived in those towns.*

Colossians 2:12-14 *The author of Colossians wrote, "You were buried with him in baptism...also raised with him." God has forgiven all our transgressions and "removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross."*

Luke 11:1-13 *Jesus taught his disciples the "Abba" prayer. He encouraged them to pray with persistence and to keep knocking on the door. "For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly Collection 7/10/2016: \$16,337.00
Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire - a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who "give drink to the thirsty" by donating to help build wells for water for those in need or making an effort not to waste water, especially in regions suffering from drought.

Charismatic Prayer Group

From the moment we are born, we are learning machines! The first and BEST thing we learn is "if I cry, someone picks me up, feeds me, cuddles me, cleans me, comforts me, or just holds me." That's a lesson that will last a lifetime! God always holds you, comforts you, calms your fears, soothes your pain and best of all - He FEEDS you!!

Our next meeting is Monday, July 18th at 7:30PM in the Church. God knows what you need. Come and bring a friend. 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

7/11/16	#360	Barbara Hayes	\$25
7/12/16	#512	Helen Dowd	\$25
7/13/16	#178	Gerald O'Brien	\$25
7/14/16	#317	Carolyn Bernhardt	\$25
7/15/16	#229	Fiore Family	\$250

Wedding Banns

3rd Anthony Gatto & Jeanette Cutone

2nd Joseph Aniano & Maria D'Agostino

1st Anthony Tarantino & Anna DiMaggio



"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, chili, beef stew, salmon, Chef Boyardee, tomato soup, vegetable soup, mac & cheese, Jell-O, cookies, canned potatoes, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, baby wipes, toilet paper. We are so grateful for all you do for those in need!

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage/Phone 516-931-7332

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY
WHOLE FOODS PICK UP ON SATURDAYS!**

We are in need of volunteers for our **Whole Foods Pick Up Program**. Heavy lifting (20-25 lbs.) may be required. You will be asked to serve one Saturday per month from approximately 3:30-5:30PM. If interested, please call Jack Raha at 935-7093 for more information.

Altar Bread & Wine
Week of July 17 - 23, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
Christopher DiPaula*



Sanctuary Candle
Week of July 17 - 23, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
Dorothy Froehlich*

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, Joan DeBona, Ann Adams, Ed Ingels
Liam Escaniel, Gus Kunze, Eddie Morales, Tom Miles
Debra Dowdell, John Anderson, Daniel McCullough
Gerry Russo, Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki

Rest in Peace

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

**Natalie Rossello, Martha A. Giacoia
Tracy Simmons**

Pastor's Letter While I am on vacation, Martin Meaney is the columnist this week! Enjoy! -- Father Pat

JUST DO IT!

Writing an article for the bulletin can be a daunting task. But when that article will appear under the Pastor's banner (especially someone who writes as well as Father Pat), it is downright frightening. Last year Father Pat asked me to write something and I told him (truthfully) that I was just too busy to do it. This year he didn't give me the opportunity to refuse. (Which I would have!) It was more like something out of the "Godfather." After the twisting of the arm and my signature on the contract, he told me not to worry, no one is going to read it any way. His formulation was actually, "It's well known that if you want to keep something a secret in St. Martin of Tours, put it in the bulletin!" So... knowing that I could write almost anything coupled with the bonus that very few people will actually read it, I felt liberated as I sat at the keyboard. And yet, what should I write about? As I pondered what to write, my sense of liberation turned to dread. What do I say? Then the NIKE slogan came into my head. JUST DO IT! So here goes...



I was thinking of all the things Father Pat never writes about in his column. Like the New York Football Giants! I am looking forward to great things from the Giants this year. On paper they have a great receiving corps and have been really trying to shore up the defense. The running game is a question mark, but hey, in July every team is a Super Bowl contender. Except maybe the Jets...

There's something else I noticed Father Pat doesn't talk much about. His exercise routine! As for myself, I notice that it's time to start exercising when I have trouble buttoning my suits. When that happens, I have a conversation with myself. "Self" I say, "you either lose some weight, or you have to spend money on some new suits!" Deep in my DNA that large inherited chromosome of cheapness gets the mitochondria working, and I find massive amounts of energy to say *no* to Hershey Bars and *yes* to sit ups. After a few weeks the suits slip on easier, I can button my shirt collar and thankfully the taste of *Oreos* and milk hasn't changed. It seems that my spiritual life can be like my exercise routine - a bit of a roller coaster - such as feeling the presence of the Lord strongly one day and then being super-grateful that the holyday of obligation lands on a weekend. Like anything else, I need to work at things that are important to me. If I want my Spanish to be better, I need to practice. If I want my marriage to be stronger, I better find some time to take a moonlight walk on the beach with my wife. If I want my spiritual life to be better, I need to find time to listen to the Lord. Sounds like decent advice. I hope I listen to it!

There's something else Father Pat never talks about, alcohol...Oh wait!...never mind!

There is something else Father Pat never talks about - his children. I think it's because he doesn't have any. But I do. There are three little ones running around our house, although my son is technically bigger than I am but that's only because of the hair. I myself, was one of five children. A tiny Irish Catholic family from the Bronx. When I was born my siblings were 11, 10, 9 and 8. My uncle used to say that after my sister Marian was born, my parents bought a T.V. I never understood that. Being so much younger than my siblings, I was given the great gift of learning from their mistakes. "Don't take Dad's car without permission!" "Don't come home after curfew!" "Don't drink too much at the Christmas party!" Before I was married, I had a long conversation with my sister Regina. She had two teenage children at the time. We were talking on the phone and she muttered something about *understanding why some animals eat their young!* Needless to say, I was taken aback. She talked about the joys and pains of parenting. I recognized then even something as wonderful as children comes with a price. Luckily, I have been very blessed. And what price I have had to pay so far is miniscule compared to the joy I find in my family. Maybe as a result of that, I can't think of Jesus, especially after the resurrection, without a big smile on his face. Jesus without joy seems to me to be missing the point. I am frequently trying to get my kids to laugh at dinner, or on a car ride, or just about anywhere. Mostly, I've succeeded in getting a lot of groans. But at least they are listening.

Now, if you have read this far, maybe I can get a groan out of you too...

Two men walked into a bar. The third one ducked.

What kind of shoes are made from bananas skins?

What kinds of rooms have no walls?

When is a door not a door?

What happened to the boy who drank 8 cokes?

Why do golfers wear two pairs of pants?

Heard of the new restaurant on the moon?

I wondered why the Frisbee was getting bigger...and then it hit me.

A horse walks into a bar. The bartender says, "why the long face?"

A priest, a rabbi, and a minister walk into bar. The bartender looks up and asks, "What is this, some kind of joke?"

Slippers.

Mushrooms.

When it's ajar.

He burped 7-Up.

In case they get a hole in one.

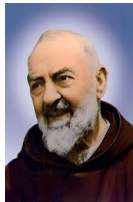
The food is amazing, but it's got no atmosphere

Try and keep *joy* in your life! We can never fully BECOME without pain.... or joy..... or focus!

Martin Meaney

**St. Martin of Tours
Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour**

Please join us on **Wednesday, July 20th at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel** for the Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated.



**"Healing Mass" Wednesday, July 20th at 4PM
St. Kilian Church, Farmingdale**

Celebrant: Rev. Augustine (Gus) Fernando
Assisted by: Deacon Michael Vicinanza
Music by: Tony Owen
For more info, call Marie Gilmore
at 516-249-8536

**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.

Please 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.



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	ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF	PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
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1LT Brian McGrath, US Army	2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army	SSG George Howard, US Army
PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army	LT Mario Lopes, USMC
PFC William Corrigan, USMC	PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF	CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG	MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army	PVT Edward Morales, US Army
LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC	MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF



Our parish is beginning a weekly program called **Symbolon** every Thursday evening for **five sessions** on **July 21, 28, August 4, 11 and 25**. The meetings will be 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.

St. Brigid's Church, 75 Post Avenue, Westbury will be celebrating a mass in honor of the Blessed Mother on Monday, August 15th at 5PM. Immediately following, the members of the Maria SS. Dell'Assunta Society will lead the procession from St. Brigid's Church and up Post Avenue to the Feast grounds. All are welcome to attend the mass and to join in the procession.

Our 106th annual feast begins on Thursday August 11 through Monday August 15 at St. Brigid's School Parking Field on Maple Avenue, Westbury. For more information email us at dellassunta@aol.com.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, RESPECT, PROTECT, LOVE AND SERVE LIFE! EVERY HUMAN LIFE!"

Saint Pope John Paul II

ALL LIVES MATTER - CNS Catholic News Service: USCCB PRESIDENT SAYS, "VIOLENCE CALLS FOR A MOMENT OF NATIONAL REFLECTION!"

"The shooting of police officers on July 7th near the end of a demonstration in Dallas to protest fatal shootings by police officers in Louisiana and Minnesota earlier in the week, CALLS US TO A MOMENT OF NATIONAL REFLECTION," said the president of the U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS.

"TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOODWILL, LET US BEG FOR THE STRENGTH TO RESIST THE HATRED THAT BLINDS US TO OUR COMMON HUMANITY," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, in a July 8th statement. The archbishop described the sniper attack on the Dallas police officers as "AN ACT OF UNJUSTIFIABLE EVIL."

He said "the POLICE ARE NOT A FACELESS ENEMY" but are people offering their lives to protect others. He also noted "the SUSPECTS IN CRIMES OR ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOPS ARE NOT JUST A FACELESS THREAT" but members of families in "NEED OF ASSISTANCE, PROTECTION AND FAIRNESS."

"WHEN COMPASSION DOES NOT DRIVE OUR RESPONSE TO THE SUFFERING OF EITHER, WE HAVE FAILED ONE ANOTHER," Archbishop Kurtz said. He said that "the tragic shootings are reminders of the need to PLACE EVER GREATER VALUE ON THE LIFE AND DIGNITY OF ALL PERSONS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR STATION IN LIFE," and hoped that "in the days ahead people would look to ways of having open, honest and civil dialogue on issues of RACE RELATIONS, RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, and addressing the question of pervasive gun violence."

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia similarly pointed out "VIOLENCE IS NOT AN ANSWER." "BLACK LIVES MATTER BECAUSE **ALL** LIVES MATTER, beginning with the poor and marginalized, but including the MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL RACES WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE TO PROTECT THE WHOLE COMMUNITY."

On a personal note: I am the wife of a retired Nassau County police officer who served 23 years with the force. During those years of service, and each time he walked out the door, I said a prayer that he would come home safely to me and our children.

The life of a police officer is not an easy one. Any man or woman that spends between 8 to 12 hours a day carrying a gun at their side, has the responsibility to hold life in their hands. That responsibility is in safe hands for the majority of law enforcement officers in America. But, as in any profession, sometimes that responsibility can be misused or misjudged. For those that are guilty of such abuses, we look for appropriate trials and punishment.

But for those of our law enforcement officers, like those in Dallas that ran *towards* impending danger to save the lives of protesters that were in harm's way, and not away from it. To those that go to out each day that will now be a target, let us lend them our prayers. Let us pray for a better understanding between police and community.

Let us pray for peace here in America, so we can be an example of fairness and healing involving violence around the world.

Diana Hart Miranda

National Safety Council

THE Defensive Driving Course

The Insurance Discount

Complete the Defensive Driving Course (DOC) through one of our approved training agencies and become eligible for the following motor vehicle insurance discounts, each year, for a full 3 YEARS!

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~ A 10% Discount on LIABILITY Premiums including:

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Bodily Injury (BI)

Personal Injury Protection (PIP)

Your 3-year discount will apply to premiums for all vehicles for which you are listed as principal operator, including: Automobiles, Recreational Vehicles, Trucks, Motorcycles

Who is Eligible?

~ YOUTHFUL DRIVERS

~ EXPERIENCED DRIVERS

~ MATURE DRIVERS

~ ASSIGNED RISKS - Reduction in liability base rate regardless of driver record

~ COMMERCIAL VEHICLES- Please Contact your insurance carrier to determine if a discount will be provided. Although the discount is *not* required, improved driving performance may result in a reduction greater than the 10% required by law for passenger vehicles.

The Point Reduction

Up to four (4) points will automatically be deducted from the total on your driver record, if you have incurred violations during the 18-month period prior to completing DOC. The point reduction could help you avoid a license suspension! However, it will *not* cancel a mandatory suspension or revocation, e.g. 3 speeding convictions within 18 months; *not* will it cancel any action that is already being taken against a motorist's driving privileges.

The Point/Insurance Reduction Program

New York has long been recognized as one of the most progressive states in the area of highway safety programs. The Point/Insurance Reduction Program is offered to New York drivers as an incentive for their involvement in a driver improvement course. The goal is to achieve a significant reduction in the number of reportable accidents that occur on New York highways each year.

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What is The Defensive Driving Course?

The DOC 6-hour classroom course is presented by the National Safety Council-certified instructors who, with the help of modern, multimedia techniques, offer you a new approach to learning accident prevention skills. You'll receive a course guide to use in class and to keep for future reference. Even the most experienced drivers find the course interesting and filled with valuable safe driving tips. It's also great for new drivers, about-to-be drivers, and of course, family involvement is encouraged.

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THIS COURSE WILL BE HELD:

St. Martin of Tours at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714

Date: Saturday, August 6, 2016

Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm

For registration questions and more information, please call (631) 360-9720



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St. Martin of Tours

EMERGENCY  **New York**
BLOOD SHORTAGE Blood Center

Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

2:30pm - 8:30pm

St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage

Thank You for Caring!

Donor Requirements -

Bring valid ID

Age Requirements: 16-75 (over 75 need to have a doctors note)

Minimum weight 110 lbs

Eat well & drink fluids before donating

No new tattoos for the past 12 months.

This offer cannot be combined with any other promotional offers for blood donations through July 20

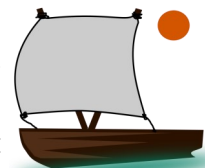
For questions regarding medical eligibility, call (800) 688-0900.

For more information or to schedule an appt. please call: Genny Mitchell 516-931-0818.

An Invasion of Grace

So picture this...Peter, owner and captain of his fishing boat, has been out all night with his crew. He returns in early morning and as they row into shallow water, you can see the disappointed faces at the small amount of fish caught. Suddenly Peter looks up toward shore and catches sight of Jesus wading in the water toward his boat. As Jesus reaches the boat, he extends his hand for a lift up. Peter obliges. But now to Peter's astonishment, Jesus is giving orders to "go back out into the depths to catch some fish." At first Peter is a tad annoyed. He's thinking that he and his crew are experienced fishermen. They certainly would have caught a lot more fish, but they just weren't out there!

Again Jesus tells Peter, "go out into the depths to catch some fish." This time Peter commands his crew to "do what Jesus says." He could read the looks on their faces as if to say, "what? are you nuts! We've been out all night and you're actually listening to this man who knows nothing about catching fish!?" But they also could read their captain's face..."do it...NOW!" Well, you already know the results...they went out into deep water, dropped their nets, and were overwhelmed at the overabundance of fish. Jesus jumps onto the boat...An Invasion of Grace!



So now picture this...A baby boy, Pier Giorgio Frassati, born in Turin, Italy on April 6, 1901. His mother, Adelaide Ametis was a painter. Nice lady, a baptized Catholic, but not so much in practice. His father, Alfredo, an agnostic, was the founder and director of the newspaper, "La Stampa." He was influential in Italian politics, holding positions as an Italian Senator and Ambassador to Germany. So, yeah, this guy is powerful and very rich. Nice for Pier Giorgio to be born into such wealth! As he grew into maturity, you can tell immediately that this kid was very handsome, very smart and best of all, very rich – an heir to the influential Frassati family. You can say this kid was set for life! Cool beans, huh?

But now here's the "Invasion of Grace" part! Jesus kinda did the same thing...he extended his hand for a lift up into Pier Giorgio's life. But unlike Peter and his crew's first reaction, Pier Giorgio happily grabbed onto Christ's Hand with gusto! By accepting this invitation to "leave the shallows and go out into the depths," he was able to serve the Master with the courage of his convictions and complete devotion. He wasn't afraid to share his love of God and the Blessed Mother with his friends. He got his strength through daily reception of the Holy Eucharist and frequent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of 17 he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his spare time to serving the sick and the needy, caring for orphans and assisting the demobilized servicemen returning from World War I.

He was a young, energetic man who loved mountain climbing, the theater, music, art and museums. He was greatly influenced by the writings of St. Catherine of Siena which impelled him in 1922 to join the Lay Dominicans (Third Order of St. Dominic). Like his father, he was strongly anti-Fascist and did nothing to hide his political views. He physically defended the faith at times against anticlerical Communists and later with Fascists.

Impressive, huh!? I could go on and on about “this kid,” which would end up being pages long. Unfortunately, this amazing young man’s devotion to the sick and poor caused his own demise. He contracted poliomyelitis from those he served which was a very aggressive form of polio. He died very quickly at the age of 24 on July 4, 1925. But his funeral was a triumph! The streets of the city were lined with a multitude of mourners who were unknown to his family. They were the poor and needy whom he had served so unselfishly for seven years. Many of them were surprised to learn that the saintly young man they knew so well had actually been the heir to the Frassati family.

On May 20, 1990, Pope John Paul II beatified Pier Giorgio Frassati, calling him the “Man of the Eight Beatitudes.” His mortal remains were exhumed on March 31, 1981 and were found to be completely intact and incorrupt. His body was transferred from the family tomb in Pollone to the cathedral in Turino. Many pilgrims, especially students and young people, come to the tomb of Blessed Frassati to seek favors and the courage to follow his example.

To all our young, pray to Blessed Frassati and ask him to intercede for you in your life! And then picture this...Jesus extends His Hand out to you and jumps onto your boat...Another Invasion of Grace!

- Genny Mitchell



“Verso l’alto!” “Toward the heights!”

Get to know him!
Go to you tube and type in Pier Giorgio Frassati

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati pray for us.
Watch over us especially our young!

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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; Ends with Dinner at 12:00 p.m. Sunday

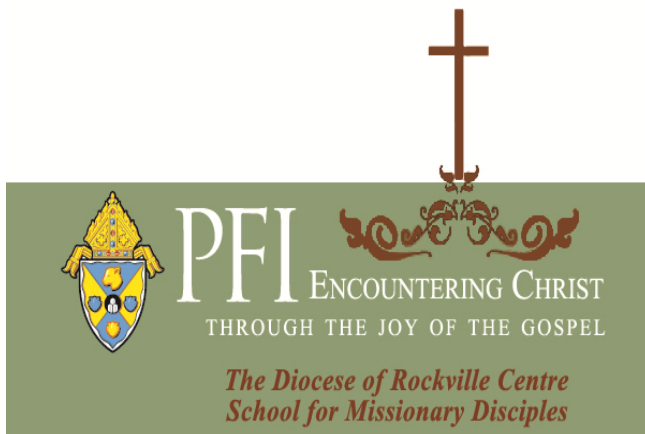
Cost: \$ 210.00 per person

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.



**Join us to learn more on PFI
Wednesday, July 20 at 7PM
St Brigid, Westbury**

St. Anthony's Hall (Opposite St. Brigid Church on Post Ave). Parking in rear of St Anthony's Hall or in the lot on Fifth Avenue.

IS PFI FOR YOU? IT MIGHT BE IF YOU DESIRE... TO EXPAND AND DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND HOLY SCRIPTURE. TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND DISCOVER HOW THEY CONNECT TO YOUR LIFE AND THE WORLD TODAY. TO GRASP THE TRUE MEANING OF LIVING THE GOSPEL IN DAILY LIFE.

PFI is a two year process of personal, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation for adult Catholics that offers an exciting, integrated approach to discipleship through instruction, prayer, faith sharing and development of leadership skills.

For more information, contact Karol X. Garcia, Coordinator of PFI at 516 678-5800 ext. 540
kgarcia@drvc.org
or visit our website www.drvc-faith.org

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

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.

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

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St. Anthony's High School
Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course

To download an application visit www.dactestprep.com
 Or call DAC Test Prep for an application at 631- 663-3303
 For new SAT Courses, see our website.

Space is Limited! Call Today!

**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! You can pick a registration form at the rectory.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 18: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- July 20: SMT Blood Drive - EMERGENCY DRIVE St. Alphonsus Hall
- July 20: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel
- July 21: SYMBOLON - the first of five sessions 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Aug 6: Defensive Driving Course 8:30AM - 3PM St. Alphonsus Hall
To register, see page 8 for complete details
- 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.