

Masses For The Week

Monday - August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

6:30 Helen Jollon
9:00 Anthony Jr, Angelo & Robert Simone

Tuesday - August 2

6:30 Hao Bui
9:00 Annette Musilli

Wednesday - August 3

6:30 Lester & Clarice Harrison
9:00 Dennis F. Meehan

Thursday - August 4 - St. John Vianney

6:30 Brian Long
9:00 Mario Amato & Carmella Guzzi

Friday - August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

6:30 Bernie Lavin
9:00 Colleen McNamara, 5th Anniversary

Saturday - August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Reno Pelus
7:00 Robert J. Gardner

Sunday - August 7

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Helen & Henry Ruff
10:00 Marcello & Natalie Zadra
11:30 James Lynam
1:00 Dominick Tursi, Anniversary
5:30 Shirley & Harold Peterson

Readings For The Week

Mon. Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21
Tues. Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matt 14:22-36
Wed. Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28
Thurs. Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23
Fri. Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matt 16:24-28
Sat. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28b-36

Sun. Wisdom 18:6-9 *The people of God awaited the salvation of the just with strong faith. They constantly offered sacrifice according to divine laws and carried out God's word with one accord.*

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 *God approves people because of their faith. Abraham obeyed God out of faith. As a result, God assured that Abraham's descendants would be "numerous as the stars in the sky."*

Luke 12:32-48 *Jesus encouraged the disciples to place their trust in God's reign and live less anxiously about earthly things. He warned them to be prepared for the return of the master who would come when least expected.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly Collection 7/24/2016: \$14,836.16
Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves - by wise use of their time and talents - in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ. "If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."



We are grateful this week for all stewards who receive God's mercy in such a profound way that it moves them to share mercy with others, especially during this Jubilee year.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Can You See the Future?

No super power or crystal ball needed! It's not hard - just look at the children. They are the future! We are given the task of shaping them and teaching them how to be like Jesus to others. They will be the leaders of tomorrow's world. I hope they don't learn their values from TV and videos! If they stand with God, they'll never stand alone.

Our next meeting is Monday, August 1st at 7:30PM in the Church. Come and bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Saint Maria Faustina

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

H.O.P. Club Winners

7/25/16	#257	James & Anne Hoenig	\$25
7/26/16	# 78	Ellen Johnson	\$25
7/27/16	#271	Leonarda M. Dear	\$25
7/28/16	#622	Mike & Marge Siegler	\$25
7/29/16	#394	Marliese Coveney	\$50

Wedding Banns

3rd Anthony Tarantino & Anna DiMaggio
 3rd Stephen Giovannello & Courtney Lavin
 2nd Andrew Weinart & Stephanie Cipolla



"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, canned corn, peas, vegetable soup, mixed fruit, peaches, pudding, Jell-O, brownies, macaroni & cheese, cake mix, crackers, napkins and bar soap. Thank you for all you do for those in need. We are so grateful!

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 31 - Aug 6, 2016
 In Loving Memory of
 Mrs. Healey



Sanctuary Candle
 Week of July 31 - Aug 6, 2016
 In Loving Memory of
 Angelina & Paul Pantano

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, Anthony Luisi
 Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio Carmenate, 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
 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 & Marge 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, Mary Lafauci, Gerry Russo
 Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki, Jerry Berkowitz, Bill Monahan
 Maureen Roberts, Kristen Marino, Francis Meehan

Rest in Peace

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

Madeline Mellone

Pastor's Letter

Several weeks ago, I noticed that I was losing weight. That is usually a good thing, but I wasn't trying so I had some mild concerns. At the same time I was very thirsty and drinking lots water like a camel at an oasis. When I was traveling on vacation, I found myself stopping at every rest stop in the Eastern United States. I knew that something was off and I feared it might be type 2 diabetes. This proved to be true when I went to the doctor last week. Even though I had been thinking that was the cause of my symptoms, it was a shock to be presented with this diagnosis. My most recent blood test had shown no signs of this, nor had any other blood tests I had taken through the years, nor do we have any family history of this disease. The doctor was quite surprised but I guess my lifetime weight issues, my age, and love of sweets had caught up with me.

The doctor was very supportive and assured me that he was very confident we could control the diabetes with diet (hard) exercise (even harder) and oral medication. So, I am beginning a serious change in how I eat, and I know I need to do more exercise. I tell you this news since I feel we are a parish family and I want you to know. I am adjusting well and this may eventually prove to be a kind of blessing if it makes me change bad patterns of eating that were not good for my heart and other organs.

I have been reading about what I can and cannot eat. Several times I have read that a diabetic can eat almost anything but with serious moderation and control. So if you see me drinking a light beer or eating a chocolate donut, do not tackle me to the ground. However, if you see me eating *two* donuts, then you are welcome to poke me and give me a good *Mother Superior* look! Actually in my lifetime, I must have lost over 400 lbs. dieting. I once lost a hundred pounds in less than a year. My problem, as is true for many people, is maintaining a steady weight. Losing weight, although never easy, is something I have done in the past. However, I have not mastered the life style changes needed to keep it off. That is now my goal. I know this is a serious issue, but I do believe humor is a great way to lighten a burden.

I am blessed to have a good doctor, supportive family and friends, a wonderful parish community along with the security of good health care. I know not everyone in our nation or the world has such blessings. I also know as pastor how so many of you carry far more serious medical and life challenges than do I, and I am humbled in seeing how much faith you have in the light of your struggles.

I have no symptoms and I feel good and full of energy. I look forward to serving you as pastor in the next three years with dedication and zeal. If you have a recipe for a sugar-free, low-carb, hot fudge sundae, you are most welcome to share it with me!

God bless, and keep me in your prayers as I do you.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR
woodscssr@aol.com
Website - www.smtbethpage.org

Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour

Monday, August 1st at 1PM in the Church in reparation for the wounds to the Holy Face of Jesus. All will be blessed with Miraculous Medal holy oil.

First Friday Devotions

Please come on **August 5th at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel** in reparation for all the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are most welcome!

First Saturday Devotions

You are all welcome to join us on **August 6th at 8:30AM in the Church** which will consist of the Rosary of Reparation, a reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**PLEASE READ THIS UPDATED INFORMATION!!**

We were notified that we can now collect the \$25 for tickets to the reception. All those who have booked a seat on the coach bus can either mail or drop off cash or a check payable to St. Martin of Tours at the rectory office. The tickets will then be mailed to us from the Perpetual Help Center. You will receive your ticket on the day of the trip! At this writing we still have seats available, but book soon!

**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	SPC 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
SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC	SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
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

RACIAL TENSIONS SPARK DAY OF PRAYER, PEACE TASK FORCE WITH US BISHOPS

Washington D.C. CNA/EWTN News: After several shootings and increased racial tensions around the country, the head of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a national day of prayer and appointed a task force devoted to peace and unity. "I have stressed the need to look toward additional ways of nurturing an open, honest and civil dialogue on issues of race relations, restorative justice, mental health, economic opportunity, and addressing the question of pervasive gun violence," said Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, the USCCB president.

THE DAY OF PRAYER AND SPECIAL TASK FORCE will help us advance in that direction. By stepping forward to embrace the suffering, through unified, concrete action animated by the LOVE OF CHRIST, we hope to nurture peace and build bridges of communication and mutual aid in our own communities.

"To all people of good will, let us beg for the strength to resist the hatred that blinds us to our common humanity. To my brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather at the Cross of Jesus. Our Savior suffered at the hands of humanity's worst impulses, but he did not lose hope in us or in his Heavenly Father. 'LOVE OVERCOMES EVIL,'" he said in his July 8th statement.

Alton Sterling, a 37 year old Black man, was shot July 5th after an encounter with police in Baton Rouge. The day after Sterling's death, an African American man in Falcon Heights, Minnesota, was shot by a police officer and later died. He had been pulled over for an alleged broken tail light. On July 7th, five Dallas police officers were killed in what authorities called a SNIPER AMBUSH at the end of a peaceful protest against police shootings of African Americans. In the following days, police officers were also shot and killed in racially related incidents in Baton Rouge and Kansas City, Kansas.

"WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, SO WE MUST WALK WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE HEALING. THE SUFFERING IS NOT SOMEWHERE ELSE, OR SOMEONE ELSE'S; IT IS OUR OWN, IN OUR VERY DIOCESES."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY OF PRAYER AND THE CREATION OF THE TASK FORCE FOLLOWS SEVERAL PRAYER VIGILS AND PEACE EFFORTS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND COMES AT THE END OF A NOVENA FOR PEACE LAUNCHED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOLLOWING THE SHOOTINGS.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRAYER

"During this year of Mercy, let us pray for an end to violence and senseless killings. Through our prayers and good works may we help build a society that is merciful, just and peaceful.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Defensive Driving Course

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Please reserve _____ seat(s) for the next DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Your Name & Tel. No: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ COST: \$45 per person

Payable to: Martin Hirschfield

MAIL TO: DRIVER ED

P.O. BOX 314, DEPT. V

LAKE GROVE, NY 11755

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

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

NEWS FOR 2016-2017

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

RCIA is for those who are thinking about joining the Catholic Faith or who have not received all sacraments and wish to be in Full Communion. The process usually begins in September. Please contact Ann Hughes at 433-6972 if you wish to have a meeting to discuss the journey and its format. You can also leave your name and phone number at the Rectory Office at 931-0818, and they will contact Ann for you.

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!"

Saint Catherine of Siena



Javier Castellano and Father Pat
Which one is the jockey?

Liturgical Ministry Training

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session A is required for **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session B **in addition** to Session A. **Session A must be attended prior to Session B.**

To register, please write a letter to our pastor, Father Patrick Woods, CSSR letting him know your desire to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please indicate your service as either in the Church or service to the homebound/nursing homes/hospitals. Please let him know the date and place of training. The pastor then must send a letter to Bishop Murphy **at least 10 days in advance** requesting the training for each person attending. This letter must mention the date and place of training session the person will attend.

Times and Places for Ministry Training:

In Nassau: EM Session A

ENGLISH AND SPANISH

October 15, 2016; 9AM - 1PM

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale
MAIN ENTRANCE

In Suffolk: EM Session A

ENGLISH AND SPANISH

October 22, 2016; 9AM - 1PM

McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead
MAIN ENTRANCE - AROUND THE BACK OF SCHOOL

EM Session B

October 29, 2016; 9AM - 1PM

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale
MILLENIUM ROOM - AROUND BACK OF SCHOOL

EM Session B

November 5, 2016; 9AM - 1PM

McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead
MAIN ENTRANCE - AROUND THE BACK OF SCHOOL

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St. Elizabeth, Melville

Session A - Wednesday, September 28, 2016; 7PM - 10PM

Session B - Wednesday, October 19, 2016; 7PM - 10PM

Workshop Fees: \$30 per person (paid by St. Martin of Tours Church)

LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING

www.livingwaterscounseling.biz

Melville location: Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church

175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747 Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914

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Insurance claims are submitted by Living Waters Center. We participate in many insurance networks and will be glad to work with you in this area. In addition, some insurance plans include our services as out of network providers. Fees are based upon the services provided. Please go to our website at www.livingwaterscounseling.biz for more information.

HELP OUR PARISH - H.O.P. Club

The HOP Club is a fundraiser that is used to support the operating expenses of the parish. New members are always welcome to join the HOP Club. The dues are \$60 per year beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year. A number is assigned to each member (this number is not the same as your envelope number), and every week there is a drawing. If your number is chosen, a check will be mailed to your home address and your name will be published in our bulletin. You can win as many times as your number is drawn during the fiscal year.

Prizes are awarded as follows:

Monday - Thursday	\$25.00
Friday	\$50.00
Third Friday of Every Month	\$250.00
Feast of St. Martin, November 11	Two \$500 prizes
One week before Christmas	One \$500 prize
Last week of August	Two \$1,000 prizes & One \$500 prize

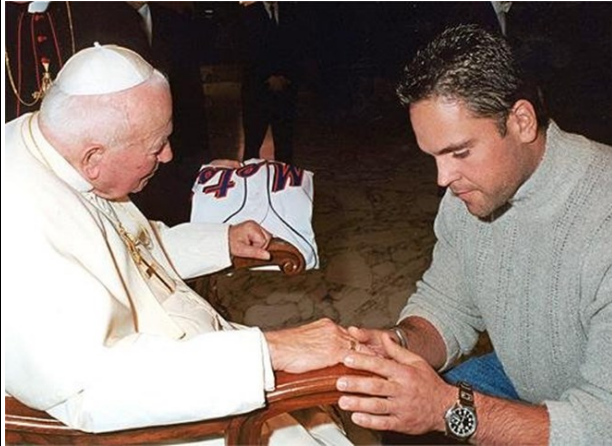
New members please fill out this form and send it to St. Martin of Tours Rectory, HOP Club, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714 along with your check or money order for \$60.

Current members should be receiving their renewal forms in the mail around the second week of August. *Thank you for your support! It is very much appreciated!*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____



Mike Piazza

Mike Piazza, a former player for the New York Mets, was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame this past Sunday, July 24th. Piazza, like all of us I am sure, has his sins and faults. But as I listened on the radio to the speech that he gave as he entered the Hall of Fame, I thought: this is a man who is not afraid to witness to God's role in his life and his deep love of his Catholic faith.

Here are some excerpts from the newspapers:

Piazza's day began early when he attended 7:30 Mass at St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church on Elm Street, a 10-minute walk from the Hall of Fame. As he left the brick church, he met with Father John Rosson, who beamed and said, "We have a celebrity in church this morning." Piazza asked for and received a special blessing from the priest. Piazza signed autographs and took pictures for about 15 minutes with the parishioners. In his speech Piazza credited his mother, Veronica, too.

"She gave me the gift of my Catholic faith, which has had a profound impact on my career and has given me patience, compassion and hope. Pope Benedict the XVI said, 'One who has hope, lives differently.' Mom, you raised five boys, and you were always there for me."

He got long applause when he talked about his healing home run on the first game after 9/11. Part of his plaque reads: "Helped rally a nation . . . with his dramatic home run in the first Mets game in New York following the 9/11 attacks."

"September 11, 2001 is a day that forever changed our lives," Piazza said in his speech. "To witness the darkest evil of the human heart and how it tore many loved ones from their families will forever be burned in my soul. But from tragedy and sorrow came bravery, love, compassion, character and, eventually, healing."

"Many of you give me praise for the two-run home run on the first game back on September 21 to push us ahead of the rival Braves. But the true praise belongs to police, firefighters, first responders, who knew they were going to die, but went forward anyway. Piazza, a Catholic, then added: "Jesus said there's no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. I consider it a privilege to have witnessed that love. Your families and those left behind are always in my prayers. I pray we never forget their sacrifice and work to always defeat such evil."

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.

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.

COMING IN THE FALL!



FATHER JIM MCCABE WILL CONTINUE HIS WORKSHOP ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS FROM 7:30 - 8:30PM IN ST. ALPHONSUS HALL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES (ALL WEDNESDAYS):

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| SEPTEMBER 28 | CHAPTERS 19 & 20 |
| OCTOBER 5 | CHAPTERS 21 & 22 |
| OCTOBER 12 | NO SESSION |
| OCTOBER 19 | CHAPTERS 23 & 24 |
| OCTOBER 26 | CHAPTERS 25 & 26 |
| NOVEMBER 2 | CHAPTERS 27 & 28 |
| NOVEMBER 9 | CHAPTERS 29 & 30 |
| NOVEMBER 16 | CHAPTERS 31 & 32 |

Our Annual Parish Block Party Friday Night, August 12th - 6PM

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.

ManUp
"Be strong and be courageous like a man, and keep your obligation to the Lord your God to walk in His ways..." 1 Kings 2:2-3

The first meeting of our newly formed **Men's Club** was very positive. We had ten participants. We prayed together and then did some reflecting on a section of Pope Francis' words about the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The meeting was about an hour. The only goal our group has is what we did: to pray a bit and reflect on our faith. There are no dues, nor is one required to come to every meeting.

So if you would like to try a meeting, **come on Tuesday, August 9th to St. Alphonsus Hall at 7:30 p.m.** If you like the meeting that is great. If it is not your cup of tea, that is fine also. We are a mellow group!

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

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1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip NY 11795

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

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Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies Safe Place at
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Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE
1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

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 10

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

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!

Congratulations to all the following students who are parishioners of St. Martin of Tours and have achieved high academic accomplishments!

Chaminade High School Final Honor Roll

Junior

Alec P. Brutschin, Ben R. Caruso, Kevin T. Fischer, Eric M. Spiegel

Sophomore

Patrick R. Imbornoni

Freshman

Kyle P. Krummenacker, Matthew J. Meneses

Kellenberg Memorial High School

Elizabeth Allhusen, Olivia Binder, Vincent Fariello, Sarah Haley, Cristen Kurlowicz, Francis Lisa, Anthony Marino, Connor McDonald, Sarah Pancoast, Brooke Perks, Geena Sullivan

A Thank You to Our Parishioners

From the Life Center of Long Island to Fr. Woods, Respect Life Committee and the People of the Parish: Thank you for all your generous donations to the Life Center of baby items, clothes, furniture and blankets. Everything was beautiful making the mothers and their children very happy. May God continue to bless you, your families and your good works. - *Catherine Petruzzi, Life Center Staff*

From United Veterans Beacon House to the Pastor, Ro Malerba and Members of the Parish: We thank you and the community members for your donations and we cherish your continued support and generosity. We appreciate your belief in our work and your dedication to our nation's heroes. Together we are making a significant impact on the lives of Long Island's most vulnerable residents - our homeless veterans. - *Frank Amalfitano, President/CEO of UVBH*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 1: Feast Day of St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Founder of the Order of Redemptorists 9AM Mass
- Aug 5: First Friday Devotions 7PM Church
- Aug 6: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Aug 6: Defensive Driving Course 8:30AM - 3PM St. Alphonsus Hall - To register, see page 8.
- Aug 9: Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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: Children's Bible Camp Week
- Aug 17: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Church
- Aug 26-28: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House. Registration required.

