

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - August 15 - The Assumption of the BVM**

6:30 Barbara McEvoy  
9:00 Mark & Margaret Ridge

**Tuesday - August 16**

6:30 Vincent "Vinny" Costello  
9:00 Clinton J. Pigott

**Wednesday - August 17**

6:30 John Speelman, Birthday Remembrance  
9:00 Gerald Meehan

**Thursday - August 18**

6:30 Rosa Roppolo  
9:00 Mr & Mrs Francis Mayerhofer  
31st Wedding Anniversary

**Friday - August 19**

6:30 Carmine & Jean Veltri  
9:00 Grace Olive

**Saturday - August 20**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Terri Marie Minett  
7:00 Salvatore Scarpinito

**Sunday - August 21**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 J.P. Hederman  
10:00 James Boglioli  
11:30 Amanda Henderson  
1:00 Edwin Rusch  
5:30 Eileen M. Nankeville, 1st Anniversary

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a 10ab  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56  
Tues. Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30  
Wed. Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16  
Thurs. Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14  
Fri. Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40  
Sat. Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Matthew 23:1-12  
Sun. **Isaiah 66:18-21** *The prophet spoke of the Lord's coming to gather all nations together. They would proclaim God's glory, bringing offerings to Jerusalem in clean vessels. The Lord chose some as priests.*

**Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13** *The author of Hebrews offered encouragement: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord...Make straight...that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed."*

**Luke 13:22-30** *Jesus told the people, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." Make yourself known to the Lord so that the door will open for you. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the prophets will be safe in God's reign. "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**

**Weekly Collection 8/7/2016: \$16,200.16**

**Thank you for your great generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us



not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus.

Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose faithfulness is evident, despite uncertain times and certain hardships, to provide continued service to their neighbor in need.

Charismatic Prayer Group

It's a special feeling when a child puts his or her hand in yours. It says, "I trust you. You'll guide me, keep me safe, lead me, protect me." Well, don't forget -- you too are a child -- of GOD! Put your hand in His and He'll do the same for you. He'll never leave you alone!

**Our next meeting is Monday, August 15th at 7:30PM in the Church. Spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, 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**

8/8/16	#105	Kathleen Matykiewicz	\$25
8/9/16	# 65	Jeanette Maiello	\$25
8/10/16	#235	M/M Andrew Draghi	\$25
8/11/16	#224	Kathleen Picinic	\$25
8/12/16	# 88	Marie D'Elia	\$50

*Wedding Banns*

2nd Rubens Netto & Stephanie Carvalho  
 1st Kimberly Durack & Brian Warehime



**"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: canned whole corn, beef stew, canned salmon, pasta sauce, mixed fruit, vegetable soup, coffee, sugar, cookies, cake mix, Jell-O, pudding, mac & cheese, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, diapers sizes 2 & 4 and wipes. Thank you for all you do to help 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 August 14 - 20, 2016  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Patrick Curtin



*Sanctuary Candle*  
 Week of August 14 - 20, 2016  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Ann & Bill Csajko

**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 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, 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, Elizabeth Hill

**Rest in Peace**

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

**Catherine Dalessio, Jerome J. Antonucci  
 Thomas A. Pope**

## Pastor's Letter

### DONOR PLAQUES



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Signature of approval : \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### St. Martin of Tours

Notes:

(2) 29 ½" x 70" Cilantro Corian panels  
900 Donor names in black lettering  
(6) 27" x 3" Metal stakes  
Date: 6/23/16

Dear Parishioners,

It is said that the older you get, the faster time seems to pass by. It just seems like yesterday that we began the Capital Campaign for *Paving the Way to Christ*. It was actually almost three years ago and the Campaign ends in December! A more detailed letter will be going out to all the donors in the coming days.

I have decided to create two donor walls that will list the names of the donors or the names of anybody they wish to remember (up to thirty letters which includes spaces and punctuation). The above picture is a rendition of what I have in mind. The two plaques are a light shade of green. This will take a while to do since gathering all the information will take some time.

Let me outline some points about this remembrance wall:

- I know some donors felt recognition was not needed and said nothing had to be done to recognize their donation. Anyone who wants to remain anonymous will have that option.
- A promise was made when the campaign began that recognition would be given to the donors. I believe that promise should be kept. I have seen people touch the names of their loved ones who are listed on the donor tree in the gathering space of the Church. For people to be so generous in challenging economic times stands as a witness as a great testimony to their love of God and their parish.
- I also know that there were many parishioners who wished to donate to the campaign but were unable to do so because of their limited financial resources. You did support the campaign by your prayers and by volunteering to help with the work of Paving the Way to Christ. I do plan on a listing on the donor plaque that will say something like: *All the parishioners - whether you could contribute money or not, you are very much part of what we have done in the past three years.*
- I know some people would like to have the donor names listed in the Church. I would have liked that but I felt there was no suitable space in our Church. I believe the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, which has long been a part of the parish history, is an excellent setting.
- I am not sure how the names will be listed. Alphabetical order may make the most sense. All donor names will be listed in the same way without noting what they gave to the campaign.
- It is still not too late to donate to the campaign if you have not done so. Any money donated to the campaign, stays in the parish and is not taxed by the diocese. You are welcome to contact me at [woodscssr@aol.com](mailto:woodscssr@aol.com) or call me 516 931-0818.

I continue to be deeply appreciative of the generosity for the part played from **all** our parishioners for the Campaign of *Paving the Way to Christ*. God bless you!

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR  
woodscssr@aol.com  
Website - [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org)

**Father Pat's Homily of August 7, 2016**

*You also  
must be  
prepared,  
for at an hour  
you do not  
expect,  
the  
Son of Man  
will come.*

*Luke 12*

There is an old story that I have probably told before, but I think it captures an aspect of today's Gospel. An old Irish priest goes for a morning walk in the small village where he serves as pastor. As he is walking down the street, he notices a fellow coming toward him. Since the pastor knew everyone in the small village, his curiosity is aroused and he asks the young man who he is. The fellow responds, *I am Jesus, God's Son. I have always wanted to visit Ireland, since they say it is the closest thing to heaven.* The elderly cleric is shocked and frightened to meet Christ face to face, and he makes a bee-line home and called his bishop to tell him that Christ is present in his village. The priest asks the bishop what he should do. The bishop is also startled by this news and decides to call the cardinal of Dublin. The cardinal also is unsure what to do so he makes a direct call to the Pope in Rome. His eminence says, *Holy Father, Jesus is walking down the street of a little village in our country and we are not sure how to respond!* The Pope pauses for a moment and says, *Look Busy!*

I think we have all had such experiences in life. There are a few parishioners who like to knock on the back door of the rectory, which opens to my office. I often yell *Come in* since I may be comfortably ensconced on my New York Met recliner, sitting in my man cave, which is a small room off the side of my office, taking a bit of mid-afternoon siesta. When I see the person, I sit up and announce that I working on my Sunday sermon since I want to appear busy. You can't get away with much these days. There are cameras in many places that we do not even notice. The police use these cameras often to solve serious crimes. They also use them to catch those not making a full stop at a stop sign as I can attest. There are drones and satellites in the sky watching and seeing what is going on. People are amazingly quick to take out their cell phone and record just about anything that catches their attention. There are cell phone apps that can help you see and record what is going on in your home while you are away. In the past, there was a show called *Candid Camera* which recorded people secretly doing funny things. Now it seems we are **all** on *Candid Camera*.

Most of us learned that God is all-knowing and all-seeing. Jesus tells us two parables today about the master coming home unexpectedly to see what the servants are doing. We heard today: *Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*" In the second parable, *But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely.*

Although we do not like to think about it, there is a fundamental truth to these two parables. None of us know the hour or the day when God will call us home. I remember being asked the question, *if you knew that this day was the day you were going to die, what would you do?* Certainly, like those trapped in the Twin Towers on 9/11, you would want to call your loved ones and tell them how much you love them. You would ask yourself, *am I ready to face God today? Do I need to go to confession?* You would certainly pray. You might think with regret at some nasty words you spoke recently to a loved one and wish you could take them back, or you might think of someone you were bitter toward and wish you now had a chance for a reconciliation.

I do not believe that Jesus tells these parables to scare us although the Bible does say that *fear is the beginning of wisdom*. The Scriptures also tell us that *perfect love does cast our fear*. St. Alphonsus Liguori, told his followers that *conversions brought about by fear will not last, but only those brought about by love*. We could ask why we came to Mass today. We might respond that we want to love and worship God and hear his word and receive his Body and Blood. Perhaps, we came because we always come, or I do not want God to punish me for not keeping his commandments. Perhaps, you came because your mother insisted you come. I suppose we would have a variety of motivations, but the hope is that we come because we love the God who loves us.

Through the years, I have spoken to people who have been away from their faith for a long time. They go to confession and celebrate his mercy. But then they begin to say, *Well I forgot to tell this sin or I might not have explained that failure as well as I could have*. I sometimes think we may have a tendency to turn God into a great book keeper with a giant ledger on all of us. Every failure is listed and we better be able to confess each one. This image of the great accountant in the heavens does not fit with the words of Jesus who constantly speaks about the mercy and love that his Father has for each one of us. God is not a "Gotcha!" God waiting to pounce on us for every sin and fault.

These two parable stress to us that the only time, the only moment we have, is the present. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow is not here. The great psychologist Carl Jung described neurosis as a refusal to live in the present. I have read that people who face a terminal disease often come to deeply value every precious moment that they have. Some Catholic writers talk about the sacrament of the present moment. So now is the time to tell our loved one that we love them, to make peace with our enemies, to be disciples of Jesus as well as we can. We trust that God is loving us at this moment rather than watching us to catch us sinning. Today we heard in the Gospel: *Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be*. God's love is our treasure.



## Summer Retreat

at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ

Redemptorist Spirituality

**August 26<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup> - \$20 per person**

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

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:**

**It is preferred that you 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.**

### **7:30AM DEPARTURE FROM BETHPAGE**

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

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 a few seats available, but book soon!

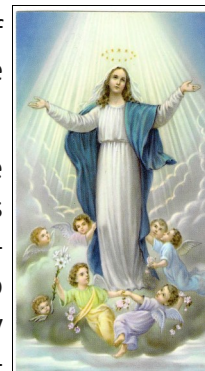


**To Register:** This will be a full day trip which means that we will be leaving St. Martin's **at 7:30 a.m.** and leaving Washington D.C. at 6:30PM. Please call the rectory office at 931-0818 with your name, phone number and how many attending to reserve a seat on the coach bus. Once the bus is filled, call the Perpetual Help Center at 877-876-7662 or email [info@redemptorists.net](mailto:info@redemptorists.net) to make other arrangements or for directions should you wish to drive your own car.

### **The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Monday, August 15th**

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is one of the most important of all Marian feasts.

In dioceses of the United States, it is usually a holy day of obligation. However, if the feast falls on a Monday or a Saturday, it is not an obligatory one. This decision has been made since the shortage of priests can make it difficult to have all the necessary masses required for both Sunday and the Holy Day. This norm also applies to All Saints Day, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and the Solemnity of Mary (January 1<sup>st</sup>). Christmas Day is always a day of obligation even if does fall on a Saturday or Monday.



***Mass will be celebrated at 6:30AM, while the 9:00AM Mass will be celebrated with music accompaniment. All are most welcome to honor Mary on this great feast.***

### **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**



**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

**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](mailto:dellassunta@aol.com).

**Gennesaret Retreat for those facing serious illness.** A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned **September 23, 24 & 25, 2016 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore NY.** This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness and His faithfulness. **To register or receive more information** about this weekend, please call Colette Fanelli at (631) 665-7052.



## RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

### **THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE REPORTS: HOW MANY BABIES DIE THROUGH ABORTION?**

According to John Smeaton, Chief Executive of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, a CONSERVATIVE estimate compiled by "leading researchers from both the pro-abortion and Pro-life lobbies," of the number of abortions committed WORLDWIDE since 1966 is 2 BILLION. Smeaton also acknowledges that, "The number of human embryos destroyed in the past 50 years by abortifacient birth control drugs and devices worldwide is simply incalculable," and the worldwide total number of babies killed as a consequence of IVF is unknown, though we know "in the UK alone, 2 million embryonic babies have been killed as a result of in vitro fertilization procedures since 1990, There are 7 billion human being alive on the planet. That means over a QUARTER OF THE HUMAN RACE HAS BEEN ABORTED OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS. 56 MILLION children have lost their lives to abortion in the UNITED STATES since the LEGALIZATION OF ABORTION IN 1973. *Deacon Nick Donnelly, LifeSiteNews.com.*

**TEEN PREGNANCIES:** In 2011 the teen pregnancy rate hit a record low of 52 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15 - 19. This rate represented a decline of more than 50% from the peak rate of 117 per 1,000 in 1990. In 2011, there were 13.5 abortions for every 1,000 women aged 15 - 19. This is the lowest rate sine abortion was legalized in 1973, and 69% lower than the peak rate in 1988. At THEIR PEAK DECADES AGO, 1 IN 3 PREGNANCIES ENDED IN ABORTION. NOW, 1 in 5 PREGNANCIES IN THE U.S. END IN ABORTION. *Guttmacher Institute Report, June 2016.*

### **JUST THE FACTS: James D. Agrestic, JUST FACTS DAILY, 2016:**

- By 7 weeks, pain, sensory receptors appear in the perioral (mouth) area. *New England Journal of Medicine.*
- By 10 weeks, "All components of the brain and spinal cord are formed, and nerves link the stem of the brain and the spinal cord to all tissues and organs of the body. *Encyclopedia of Human Biology.*
- By 12 weeks, electrical activity of the nervous system is discernible, and ATTEMPTS TO SUCKLE are observed in the utero and in aborted fetuses. *Encyclopedia of Human Biology.*
- By 14 weeks, LIMB MOVEMENTS, become coordinated. (*Before We Are Born: Essential of Embryology and Birth Defects.*
- By 14 weeks, preborn humans exhibit conscious MOTOR PLANNING and SOCIAL BEHAVIOR. (*Plus One.*)
- By 14 - 22 weeks, A PHYSIOLOGICAL FETAL REACTION TO PAINFUL STIMULI occurs. (*Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy.*)
- By 18 weeks, PAIN SENSORY RECEPTORS spread to all cutaneous (skin) and mucous surfaces, and the cerebral cortex (the portion of the brain responsible for higher functions like reasoning and language) has the same number of nerve cells as a FULL GROWN ADULT. *New England Journal of Medicine.*
- By 18 to 20 weeks, the human fetus, ELABORATES PITUITARY-ADRENAL, SYMPATHO-ADRENAL and CIRCULATORY STRESS RESPONSES TO PHYSICAL INSULTS. (*Anesthesiology*)
- By 20 weeks, the FETUS NOW SLEEPS AND WAKES AND HEARS SOUNDS. (*American Medical Association Complete Medical Encyclopedia.*)

*Life News, July/August 2016.*

As we decide on a candidate that will become our next President, be sure to KNOW THE FACTS about Catholic Values, and if that candidate will carry that message to the White House. The balance of the SUPREME COURT is another to take into account as we cast our votes for that candidate. This incredibly divided election is perhaps one of the most important, and it is our responsibility as Americans to get our voices heard. Make sure you are registered to vote this coming November, and know who and what you are voting for.

## 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)

### Diocese of Rockville Centre - Office of Worship For Couples Married 50 or More Years

This fall couples will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Choose the Church most convenient for you. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30PM. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory.

However, registration must be received by the Office of Worship by October 7th for the October 23rd liturgy and by October 21st for the November 6th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the spring (announced at a later time) for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions, you may call the Diocese at 516-678-5800 x207.

### 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.

**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 have received your renewal form in the mail. To All: *Thank you for your support! It is very much appreciated!***

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### Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity The Queenship of Mary



**Monday, August 22nd is the feast of the Queenship of Mary.**

CMRC Members who attend the 9AM Mass will have reserved seats in front of the pulpit. There are special blessings for all who attend. Hope to see you there!

### Padre Pio Holy Hour

Please join us on **Wednesday, August 17th at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel** for the Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated.

## Women Religious call for civility by candidates in presidential race

Source: The Long Island Catholic Magazine, August 2016

**SILVER SPRING, Md. (CNS)** — More than 5,600 U.S. religious sisters have signed a letter asking for civil discourse in the presidential campaign.

The letter was to be sent Aug. 8 to the candidates of the Democratic, Republican, Green and Libertarian parties as well as their vice presidential running mates and the chairs of their respective parties.

“We simply ask that all who seek to lead refrain from language that disrespects, dehumanizes or demonizes another,” the letter said. “We pray that all who seek to influence public opinion will be mindful of the common good and respectful of the dignity of each and every person.”

The letter was written by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), based in the Washington suburb of Silver Spring. LCWR has 1,362 members, who represent 308 congregations of women religious in the United States.

A total of 5,671 sisters have signed the letter. Their ministries include education, health care, and other pastoral and social services.

“We urge you to join us in pledging to engage in careful listening and honest dialogue that honors the dignity of those with whom we disagree and treats all with the respect that is their God-given right,” the letter said. “Please join us in promising to seek the common good, to desire only good for all others, and to offer our own truth with equal measures of conviction and humility.”

The letter quoted from Pope Francis’ address to Congress when he visited the United States last September: “You are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics.”

“Unfortunately, we live in a time when our politics is too often marked by self-interest and demeaning rhetoric. We seem to be caught in a political system paralyzed by ideological extremism and hyper-partisanship,” the letter said.

“Those on all sides of the growing political divide too often appeal to our basest instincts and stoke the fires of fear that tear at the fabric of our nation. We cannot let the voices of hatred and fear carry the day.”

“Unfortunately, it seems in this particular political season commitment to political discourse that preserves the dignity of the human person and promotes the common good is in short supply,” said an Aug. 3 statement by Sister Joan Marie Steadman, a Sister of St. Joseph who is LCWR’s executive director. “This is why LCWR is calling for civility in our discourse and decency in our political interaction.”

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**Saturday, September 24th, October 1st**  
**October 15th and October 22nd**  
**and Wednesday, October 26th**

**6PM - 8:30PM**

**\$300 for the cost of the program.**

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**St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School**  
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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**

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For additional information or to register, please call Mrs. Lucille Fitts (516) 921-1047 x 10

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Aug 15: The Assumption of Mary - Not a Holy Day of Obligation. 6:30AM & 9AM Masses Only
- Aug 15: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Aug 15-19: Children's Bible Camp Week
- Aug 17: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Aug 26-28: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House. Registration required.
- Sept 17: Departure from St. Martin's at 7:30PM for the Washington D.C. trip