

Masses For The Week

Monday - August 22

6:30 Nancy Steiniger
9:00 Elizabeth Lafferty, Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday - August 23

6:30 Kenneth Schaller
9:00 Terri Marie Minett, Anniversary

Wednesday - August 24

6:30 Dorothy Torello
9:00 Louis Della Croce

Thursday - August 25

6:30 Kathleen & Ken Hodgkinson
9:00 Joe Vassallo

Friday - August 26

6:30 Angelo Giaccio
9:00 Rose Provenzano

Saturday - August 27

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 James Henson
7:00 Carmela Timpone

Sunday - August 28

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Angelina & Thomas Cilmi
10:00 Evelyn Jones
11:30 Philip & Bridget Fitzgerald
1:00 James & Mary Boglioli
5:30 Bob MacCulloch

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12; Matt 23:13-22
Tues. 2 Thessal. 2:1-3a,14-17; Matthew 23:23-26
Wed. Revelations 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51
Thurs. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24: 42-51
Fri. 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13
Sat. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

Sun. Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29 *Conduct your affairs more humbly, the greater you are, and God will favor you. A wise person always takes joy in listening to others.*

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a *"You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God." The judge of all comes close into our assembly. Jesus our mediator reaches to touch us and invites us to touch him. We join the festal gathering of our living God.*

Luke 14:1, 7-14 *The exalted shall be humbled and the humble exalted. When you have a dinner, invite poor people or persons with disabilities. Have a reception for persons who cannot repay you. "For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly Collection 8/14/2016: \$14,696.16
Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offerings to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gifts of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God - is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who are aware of the activity of the Holy Spirit in their lives - a new baby, a wedding, a spiritual healing or a moment of deep insight or conversion - all leading to greater growth or action on behalf of God's kingdom!



Charismatic Prayer Group

Our lives are like picture puzzles in progress. Some pieces are already in place, some will fit in later but not now and others will never fit in. Those are the things that you ask God for and He says NO! Just as forcing a wrong puzzle piece into a puzzle may destroy it, the wrong piece you want for your life could be very harmful. Trust GOD - He sees the whole puzzle!

Our next meeting is Monday, August 22th at 7:30PM in the Church. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information. Better yet, bring your requests and a friend!!



Divine Mercy Novena

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

H.O.P. Club Winners

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| 8/15/16 #402 | M/M George J. Matulewich | \$25 |
| 8/16/16 #244 | Helldorfer Family | \$25 |
| 8/17/16 # 5 | Janice Fiscinia | \$25 |
| 8/18/16 #537 | M/M George Rivera | \$25 |
| 8/19/16 #558 | Catherine J. Wray | \$50 |

Wedding Banns

3rd Rubens Netto & Stephanie Carvalho
 2nd Kimberly Durack & Brian Warehime
 1st John Marmara & Andrea Szabache



"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: peas, corn, carrots, beef stew, vegetable soup, boxed milk, coffee, cake mix, brownie mix, sugar, Jell-O, pudding, evaporated milk, cookies, crackers, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and baby wipes. Thank you for all you do to help our brothers and sisters 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 21 - 27, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
 Michael & Amelia DeCicco*



Sanctuary Candle

Week of August 21 - 27, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
 Helen & Ray Manetta*

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
 Marylou Mascolo, Tara Maune, Betty Maggi

Rest in Peace

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

**Catherine Moench, Catherine Derr
 Angela Juidice**



Father Ciya before his slide



The Bouncer



What a hunk!

Pastor's Letter

In May of 1917, as Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta watched their flocks of sheep at the Cova da Iria, they met a beautiful lady—they didn't know who she was—who asked them to meet her there on the 13th of every month for the next six months. She promised to tell them who she was and what she wanted. Today, we know that the lady was, as she called herself, "the Lady of the Rosary", the Mother of God. Among the many things Mary said to the children during their meetings, she promised that on the last month of the apparitions—in October—she would perform a miracle "so that all may believe." (Note that she didn't say all would believe. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink!)

Thousands of witnesses, including people from many miles away, saw the sun leave its place in the sky, begin to spin like a top, and come barreling toward the earth. Did anyone find it odd that they could look at the sun without it hurting their eyes? Or were they focused on the fear that it was the end of the world? Many got down on their knees to pray. And then, just as quickly as it came toward the earth, it returned to its spot in the sky and stopped spinning. Everyone was dry, as if it hadn't rained at all.

Last week was very stressful for me as the annual parish picnic approached for Friday, August 12th. More than 400 parishioners had responded that they would attend; and raffle tickets to defray the cost of the picnic had been sold at the weekend Masses for the previous two weeks. A planning committee had been meeting over the course of the past months, cakes and desserts were being baked, food was being purchased, the DJ was hired, and gift baskets were being prepared. We had many wonderful volunteers involved in the stages of preparation. The only thing that was out of our control of course was the weather.

A week before the picnic, I went into full anxiety mode and began checking several weather apps on my Ipad. If I didn't like what they reported, I would turn to another one for a hopefully better forecast. I kept reading predictions for rain and thunderstorms. As August 12th drew nearer, the weather people were saying it would rain early on Friday evening, right as our gathering would begin! Should I cancel or move ahead? What would we do with 400 thawed hamburgers and pounds of macaroni salad? And, along with the rainy weather reports were warnings about excessive heat and humidity. I began to feel like I had my own personal raincloud following me. As Friday morning dawned, the reports said there was a good chance it would rain at 7:00 p.m. There were warnings in red letters about the dangers of excessive heat. Should we cancel the picnic lest I drown everyone and then bake them? I could envision people running with plates of food in the rain and Steve Descovich telling me, "I told you so, Padre!"



Great hat!



Only water...no sugar!



We gather together.



Janice advising Father James



Good Music!



Jump the Hula Hoop



John's grandson - future banker



The Knights: hard working cooks!



Big Crowd!

So I made a contingency plan to have St. Alphonsus Hall and Emmaus Hall (both air conditioned) to hold those of us who could not face the severe heat. It would also protect us from the threatened rain. I figured many would stay home because of the heat and rain forecast. Like the movie *Field of Dreams*, "if you build it, they will come," or if you serve food and desserts they will come...and they did!

As the burgers and hot dogs were being served, I was told there was a major downpour in Plainview. It was raining on A-Rod's last day as a member of the Evil Empire at Yankee Stadium. A great large menacing cloud hovered over our picnic. Rain was reported all over Long Island. Like Captain Smith on the Titanic, I was ready to order all women and children into the lifeboats. We even saw some lightening in the distance. A few sounds of thunder could be heard. The wind began to pick up and almost blew our tent away.



Let's eat!



Hard working young ladies



Great spread!



Enjoying the company



Eamon lecturing on politics. "B" for Brooklyn



Mr. D: the supervisor giving orders

Yet, it never rained over our picnic! Not a drop! As a matter of fact, the wind and sky made the night far more comfortable as the heat diminished. It became a perfect night. It would be far too presumptuous to compare this rain-free night to the Miracle of the Dancing Sun at Fatima, but I will always feel God blessed us in a special way on Friday night August 12th. Our head coordinators, Kim Poulos, Maria Conte, and Maria Venezia do so much to make our picnic happen. They loved LaSalle School, and they continue to honor that great school by their loving service to our parish. The Knights of Columbus from the Hartigan Council made a very generous donation of food, grilling hamburgers and hot dogs in the heat of the evening.

Always a highlight of the picnic are the desserts made by the St. Clement Bakers under the direction of Joanne Veltri. Although I managed to resist them, I did have the enjoyment of some sugar free cookies and cake. I thank Jeff Raman for setting up the bouncer which is great fun for the kids. Charlie Hydo set up his tent and loaned us his hot dog maker. We had many generous volunteers under the leadership of Pat Ricci who set the tables, sliced the onions (and wept), sold raffle tickets and 50/50's, prepared coffee and served the food and desserts. Our head of maintenance, T.J. Hance does an amazing amount of work, setting up the tables, shopping for the food and water, and cleaning up afterwards. Well done, T.J.

I love the picnic since it is a beautiful gathering of parishioners. Just as we pray together and break the Body and Blood of Jesus at the Eucharist, the picnic is a time to gather as a parish family for fun and food and to enjoy the community we share with one another. We are able to do this picnic at no cost to the parish because of the generous gifts that people donate for the raffle, and to all of you who buy chances and support the 50/50. Actually, the parish makes some money on the picnic when all the bills are paid, and the cost went down this year since the pastor only ate one hamburger. Thank you, Lord, for the miracle of the No Rain, and for the parishioners of St. Martin's!

Pope Francis prays for exploited women, Mary's intercession on Feast of Assumption

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Celebrating the feast of the Assumption just three days after visiting a group of young women rescued from the sex trade, Pope Francis prayed for all exploited women and girls.

"The Lord bows down to the lowly in order to raise them up as is proclaimed in the Magnificat," Mary's hymn of praise to God, the pope said Aug. 15.

"Mary's canticle leads us to think of many painful situations today and particularly those of women overpowered by the burdens of life and the drama of violence, women who are slaves of the abuse of the powerful, girls forced into inhuman work, women forced to surrender body and spirit to the greed of men," Pope Francis told thousands of people gathered to pray the Angelus with him.

The pope prayed that exploited women soon would be able to live "a life of peace, justice and love in expectation of the day they finally will feel held by hands that do not humiliate them, but tenderly lift them and lead them on the path to life."

Pope Francis also prayed on the feast day that Mary would intercede to bring "compassion, understanding and agreement" to the many places in the world experiencing war and violent conflicts.



Summer Retreat

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

August 26th to August 28th - \$210 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 are collecting \$25 for tickets to the reception. If you haven't done so already, please 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! **PLEASE NOTE: There are no more bus seats available.**



Please 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.

Part-Time Help Needed at
Our Holy Redeemer Rectory in Freeport

**Parish Business Office Clerk
18 hours per/week**

For more information,
please contact Mrs. Joann Flaherty
at (516) 378 - 0665

St. Martin of Tours Parish Is Seeking a Youth Minister

Our parish has been involved in both the Life Teen high school and Edge middle school programs. We are looking for someone to be the coordinator of these youth programs and the possibility of other ways of ministering to our teens. This is a part-time job of twenty to twenty two hours a week. Most of our youth ministry is done in the evening with occasional weekend retreat experiences. Please send you resumes to Father Patrick Woods, CSSR at woodscsr@aol.com

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.



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| 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 |

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.



**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!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE****RESPECT LIFE OFFICE: REPORTING GIANNA OF LONG ISLAND
CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH AND FERTILITY**

Our highly skilled team offers an exciting approach to women's health care. We provide preventive and specialized obstetrical and gynecologic care to women, honoring their dignity and the sanctity of human life. While we are successfully able to address male fertility as well, we are uniquely qualified to care for women of all ages and stages of life.

Named after St. Gianna Beretta Molla, the Gianna of Long Island Center for Women's Health and Fertility is pleased to feature two unique women's health services. The Creighton Model Fertility Care System and NaProTECHNOLOGY, both of which allow us to provide women with a natural, restorative, scientifically based approach to improving health and respecting fertility.

PROJECT RACHEL HOPE AFTER ABORTION: PROJECT RACHEL website
or call RESPECT LIFE OFFICE CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE: 1 888 456 HOPE

ENTERING CANAAN DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING FOR WOMEN AFTER ABORTION.

PRAYER AND HEALING RETREATS: SISTERS OF LIFE: 866 575 0075 toll free.

hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

www.sistersoflife.org

THE CULTURE PROJECT: DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

The missionaries are available to present inspiring talks on Human Dignity and Chastity to programs and schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. October 1 - October 15, 2016. Cost: \$250.00 DONATION
Contact Ellen Zafonte ezafonte@drvc.org.

CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES CHS GIANNA. Center and Pregnancy Support Services.

www.chsli.org/pregnancy-support-services

The Gianna Center based at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center offers highly specialized restorative, reproductive medicine in accordance with Catholic teaching, under the direction of Paul Carpentier, MD,CFMCMC. Also assistance is available for anyone with an unexpected or crisis pregnancy through a one-call outreach program connecting to community resources. 1 855 301 RCHS, supported by the availability of multilingual interpretive service. Anyone of faith may call or refer to this support line including representatives of parishes, colleges and Crisis Pregnancy Centers, to facilitate safe, nonjudgmental companionship for women and couples in a crisis pregnancy. To speak to someone between 7:00PM and 7:30AM Monday to Friday or on the weekend. 1 800 714 HELP 4357.

CNN Catholic News: BEN HUR - AN EPIC REMAKE! Angelus News RECOMMENDS: STARTING AUGUST 19th, ON THE BIG SCREEN, as Paramount and MGM's BEN HUR, a remake of the 1959 Academy Award winning classic, with Charlton Heston, WILL INTRODUCE A WHOLE NEW GENERATION TO THE EPIC TALE OF FICTIONAL NOBLEMAN TURNED - SLAVE, JUDAH BEN-HUR and his LIFE CHANGING INTERACTION WITH JESUS CHRIST. Look for it in your local theatres!

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. THERE IS NO NEED TO KNOW YOUR HOP NUMBER AS WE HAVE IT IN THE SYSTEM. HOWEVER, CALL THE RECTORY AND ASK FOR GENNY OR JANET AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO LET YOU KNOW YOUR NUMBER.

To All: Thank you for your support! It is very much appreciated!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Father Pat's Homily of August 14, 2016

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

My godfather, Danny, who is now home with God, was a man that I deeply admired. An immigrant from Ireland, he and his wife raised eight children. Danny loved to talk religion with me. At times during his life, he suffered from depression. He found comfort in charismatic prayers groups that helped him deal with this issue. Some of the groups he attended were not Catholic and had ideas that I would not agree with since they were contrary to my faith. Danny always remained a practicing Catholic, but he would often stop by the house to chat with my Mom, his Aunt, and then we would begin to debate about our beliefs. I never took offence at what Danny said, and most of our conversations, although intense at times, were never insulting of each other's beliefs. Danny would often ask me if I had been born again and baptized in the spirit. My mother, who attended Danny's baptism many years ago in Ireland, did not like that her nephew dared argue with her son the priest. She finally told him, *be quiet Danny, I was at our baptism in the Flagmont Church and it was a fierce rainy day and one baptism was enough for you.* She then quoted the wise aphorism, *never talk religion or politics.*

I find that our present ongoing presidential elections between Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton a rather dangerous topic to discuss with someone who feels differently than do you about the candidates. It seems to me that the discussions quickly become personal with words such as *you are an idiot if your vote for that person or how can you look yourself in the mirror and vote consider voting for that candidate.* These discussion quickly move from speaking about ideas to judging the mental and moral competence of the person with whom we are speaking. We know that we live in an age where being politically correct is very important. Say something you might consider harmless and you could lose your job or career. Some of this political correctness has moved to the point of being absurd.

I am reading a book about Alexander Hamilton and the author makes the point that of our first five presidents, four of them were slaveholders. Now, we would all agree that slavery was a great evil in our nation, but there are those who would like to take down the monuments in honor of these founding figures of our nation. I think that if we were establishing a capital today, there would be strong opposition to the name it Washington since our president did own slaves.

Some of the things that go on around Christmas such as not allowing workers to say *Merry Christmas*, to have a Christmas tree in the office, or to not even allow school children to sing secular Christmas songs since we cannot allow our young to be tinged in any way with the spirit of Christmas, bother many people. I do not think we need to spend much time and energy changing the word *manhole to utility hole*. I am happy that we say *One Nation under God* in *The Pledge of Allegiance* even though it offends some. Still, there is virtue to some political correctness. Certainly ethnic stereotypes and derogatory remarks about people because of their nationality, their religion, their immigration status, or their sexual orientation are not in line with our Christian principles to treat others as we wish to be treated.

Today's Scripture readings speak quite clearly about the willingness to not compromise one's beliefs. In our first reading from Jeremiah, the prophet Jeremiah has been telling the Jewish people that they are not being faithful to what God is asking of them. God has called him to this difficult mission. The people reject his message and throw him into the bottom of a muddy cistern. There is a price for speaking courageously about one's convictions. In *The Letter to the Hebrews*, we heard: *Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. Keep your eyes on Jesus.* If you live as Jesus say you may be at best consider odd and at worst you may suffer insults for your beliefs.

Jesus constantly speaks to us about unity and being at peace with one another. So, it is somewhat shocking to hear the following: *Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter.* How do we be faithful to our religious convictions while still loving family members and friends who do not agree with us and our values? One of the consistent issues I hear from so many parents is that my adult children do not go to Mass. What can I do? What are we to do if a family member is living with someone or living a lifestyle that is inconsistent with the Gospel of Jesus that we hold so sacred? Here are a few simple examples:

I recommend that you always act in love toward those with whom we do not agree in matters of faith. Through the years I have been asked if it is ok to go to our daughter or son's wedding in a secular setting. I tell the parents to go because you love your son or daughter; it does not mean that you agree with they have chosen not to get married in the Catholic Church. They are still your child.

You have a right to your principles; if your visiting grandson wants to share a bedroom with his girlfriend, you can lovingly give him the name of the nearest motel.

If a group of people are saying racist or mean things about others, you can choose to gently say you do not want to be part of such a conversation.

If you are at a McDonald's, you can publically bless yourself before you eat your Big Mac.

If a co-worker tells you about an illness, you can say you will pray for them.

You can tell a loved one, who does not go to Mass, why going to Mass is special to you. There is no need to nag or threaten God's wrath. Then, invite them and pray for them.

You can tell someone that you cannot meet them for dinner on a certain night because you are attending a parish event. You can invite them to the event.

Living our faith publically is not always easy. We come here to Mass to receive the Body of Jesus to find strength and support to go. We seek to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as the Scriptures calls us to.

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- Aug 26-28: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House. Registration required.
- Sept 5: Labor Day - no 6:30AM Mass; 9AM Mass only
- Sept 5: Labor Day - Rectory Office is closed in observance of the holiday
- Sept 11: Dedication of the Sacred Heart Statue after the 11:30AM Mass.
Reception to follow in St. Alphonsus Hall.
- **Sept 17: Departure from St. Martin's at 7:30AM for the Washington D.C. trip**