

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - September 5 - Labor Day**

**No 6:30 Mass**

9:00 Leonard Parine

**Tuesday - September 6**

6:30 Nancy Waters

9:00 Deacon James A. Biggin, 1st Anniversary

**Wednesday - September 7**

6:30 William Eichenlaub, 25th Anniversary

9:00 Peter Grudzinski

**Thursday - September 8 Nativity of the Blessed Mother**

6:30 Angela Cappelli

9:00 Sean Meehan

**Friday - September 9**

6:30 Rev. Eugene Rooney

9:00 Florence A. Leach, 5th Anniversary

**Saturday - September 10**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

5:00 Marino & Grillea Families

7:00 Madeline & Lou Fisher

**Sunday - September 11**

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Antoinette Diana

10:00 Preziosi & Casey Families

11:30 Salvatore & Maria Accardi & John & Carolyn Lynam

1:00 Thomas Volpe, Jr.

5:00 Frances Tralli

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. 1 Corinthians 5: 1-8; Luke 6: 6-11

Tues. 1 Corinthians 6: 1-11; Luke 6: 12-19

Wed. 1 Corinthians 7: 25-31; Luke 6: 20-26

Thurs. Micah 5:1-4a; Matt 1:1-16, 18-23

Fri. 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22b-27; Luke6: 39-42

Sat. 1 Corinthians 10; 14-22; Luke 6: 43-49

**Sun. Exodus 32:7-11,13-14** *The people of Israel forgot God's goodness and turned to idols. Moses pleaded with God for mercy, and the Lord God showed kindness to them.*

**1 Timothy 1:12-17** *The apostle Paul described to Timothy why he gave thanks to the Lord. Despite Paul's sin, Christ Jesus treated him mercifully and strengthened him.*

**Luke 15:1-32** *Jesus taught that God loves a sinner as a loving father receives back a wayward son. Repentance leads to joy, celebration, music, dancing, gifts and food.*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

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

**Weekly Collection 8/28/2016: \$15,292.36**

**Louisiana Collection: \$4,398.00**

**Thank you for your great generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

In today's first reading from the book of Wisdom, we are encouraged to keep our minds on God, and not on worldly concerns.



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who take up their cross and follow Jesus each day through works of mercy and charity. Doing so requires that we love him above all other people and things in our lives. It also requires a willingness to let go of anything that may hinder us in growing in our love for the Lord.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Back in the "olden days" when Mass was said in Latin, there was a joke that God's phone number was "*Ecum spiritu tuo!*" There's no app or technology to use to talk to God on your cell phone or any other device, but we can still call upon God and he DOES speak to us! No technology required...just a few minutes of silent prayer. He's just waiting for you to start the conversation.

**Due to Labor Day, we have scheduled our next meeting on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:30PM in the Church. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information. Better yet, bring your requests and a friend!!**

**H.O.P. Club Winners**

8/29/16 # 46	Bob & Pat Astarita	\$25
8/30/16 #234	M/M Edward Pecinka	\$25
8/31/16 #602	Joann Steiger	\$25
9/1/16 #181	Rita & Charles Farrell	\$25
9/2/16 #289	Julie Ann Tomeo	\$50



**Divine Mercy Novena**

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

*Wedding Banns*

3rd John Marmara & Andrea Azabache

2nd Emmett McCullough &

Sophia Karavasilis

1st Andrew Falco & Alana Famiglietti

1st Mikhail Polan & Cassandra Gucciardo

1st Frank Castagna & Raffaella Conte

**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 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 Ba-  
by 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 The-  
resa DuRoss, Bob Baciуска, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder  
Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall  
Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Charles Boyce, Elsa Ryan Sa-  
rah 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, 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, Betty Maggi  
Elsie Ann Zinno, Olivia LoRusso, Betty Mara, 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, Elizabeth Hill  
Louie Gandolfo, John Anderson, Daniel McCullough, Mary Lafauci  
Gerry Russo, Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki, Jerry Berkowitz  
Bill Monahan, Maureen Roberts, Kristen Marino, Francis Meehan  
Mary Cohan, Marylou Mascolo, Tara Maune, Trish, Kathleen Palumbo



**"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 potatoes, white rice, canned corn, carrots, tomato paste, tomato sauce, Chef Boy-r-dee canned pastas, hot chocolate, evaporated milk, peas, vegetable soup, brownie mix, cake mix, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, baby wipes, laundry soap, tooth paste, shampoo, juice, and juice boxes.

We are so grateful for all that 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

*Altar Bread & Wine*

*Week of September 4-September 10*

*In Loving Memory of  
Deacon James Biggin*



*Sanctuary Candle*

*Week of September 4 - Sept 10,*

*In Loving Memory of  
Thomas McCabe*



**Rest in Peace**

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

**Mary Pereira & Raymond E. Pendergrass  
Shirley M. Daglian**

## *Pastor's Letter*

**Jesus said, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 14**

Those of you who have a spot of gray hair in your head might recall an old Country Western song by Mac Davis entitled, *it's Hard to be Humble*. Part of the lyrics go like this:

*Oh Lord it's hard to be humble/when you're perfect in every way./I can't wait to look in the mirror/  
Cause I get better looking each day/To know me is to love me/I must be a hell of a man./  
O Lord it's hard to be humble/but I'm doing the best that I can.*

I think that the songwriter wrote these lyrics with a smile on his face. No doubt he was poking fun at himself and the rest of humanity who struggle with pride. It is no surprise that the first sin, Original Sin, was the story of Adam and Eve eating a piece of forbidden fruit. Just for the record, the word *apple* was never used. Very often this sin is called a sin of disobedience because God told our first parents that they could eat of anything they desired in the Garden of Paradise except the fruit of one tree. Actually, I believe this was more a sin of pride that brought them to be disobedient. Satan, (who knows something about pride since his fall into hell came when he was told that someday God would become human), seduces Adam and Eve with the temptation, *if you eat that fruit, you will be like God*. Although these two creatures had every delight in the world, they wanted more - they wanted to be God. The great irony is that in the desire to be God they lose what is most important to their humanity: their *relationship* with God.

I think there is something in most people who like to see the high and mighty brought low. We often talk about someone being "knocked off their pedestal." Sometimes when my niece Claire questions something that I have said, I remind her, perhaps half kiddingly, that I have four masters' degrees. As I struggle to open a milk carton, she is quick to say, *So much for the man with the four masters!* I recall a few years ago parking on a street where I had to climb over a snowbank. An elderly woman spotted me and rushed to offer help. She said, "can I help you Poppy?" I was humiliated and told her in no uncertain terms, I was fine and that I did not need help! It is hard to be humble.

Recently we celebrated the death of Muhammed Ali. I think his popularity grew as he began to grow older and suffered from the ravages of Parkinson's disease. He became an American icon and a beloved figure. When he was young, some Americans despised him because he was constantly proclaiming, *I am the greatest!* Many wanted to see "*The Greatest*" knocked to the ground. I find it annoying when I see football players doing all sorts of celebrating when they score a touchdown. I think of the words of the late Vince Lombardi who told his players, *When you score a touchdown act like you have been there before*. I believe the world fell in love with Pope Francis when as the newly elected Pope, he carried his own suitcase, paid his own bill at the hotel where he stayed, and rode the bus with the other cardinals. His humility moved a world.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is dealing with some very proud men. They are the religious leadership of the Jewish community. A banquet is being held and they are jockeying to see who can sit at the best table. They want to be seen and honored. When my sister was planning weddings with her daughters, she insisted our family be next to the band so no one would complain about their seats since we were all in the process of losing our hearing. I suggested when it comes to another party, let's at least sit near the bar or the bathrooms. Jesus is actually teasing these proud rabbis and poking a bit of fun at them. He tells them to take a poor seat and then you will be invited to come up higher and everyone will be impressed. I think they did not like his subtle humor.

I agree with Mac Davis, *It is hard to be humble*. The word *humble* is rooted in the word *humus* which means from the earth. Remember the message of Ash Wednesday: *Remember that you are dust and unto to dust you shall return*. We come from the earth and shall return to the earth. So, can we say it is hard to be human? Certainly there are many times when it is hard to be humble or human. When we grow ill and infirm, there is a strong temptation to ask God why this is happening! Naturally, when someone we love dies, we wonder about God and his ways. We may grow angry and doubt his love. To be human is to face sickness and death, but most of us think these struggles are for other people. Today, August 28, would ordinarily be the Feast of St. Augustine, one of the greatest minds that the Church ever had. He told a story of walking along a seashore pondering the mystery of God and seeking to understand the Blessed Trinity. He saw a little child playing by the ocean with a shell. He said to the young boy, *little boy, what are you doing?* The boy responded that he was trying to get the whole ocean in his shell. Augustine smiled and said, *that is foolish-the ocean is too great for such a small shell*. The boy responded in turn, *so true for you who thinks your mind can understand the mysteries of God*. No doubt, the great saint was humbled a bit.

I honestly think most gossip and pettiness is about pride. Most of us, in our heart of hearts, do not think we are so great. We know well our sins and weaknesses. But if I can speak about your faults, your failures, how you look, how smarter my kids are than yours, how much better I keep my house than you do, I can for a moment, feel better about myself. I have always found that most people who do a great deal of bragging are people who suffer from poor self-images and are hurting very much inside.

To be humble, does not mean we do not have gifts and talents. We all do. Some people have worked very hard to develop their talents and it is fine to be happy about them and to use them. But, the challenge is to see that these gifts come from God and do not make me any better than any other person. To be humble, does not mean that I should allow other people to mistreat me. Jesus did tell us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

I have read that humility is truth. A truly humble person knows the truth that all gifts, starting with my very life, come from God. A humble person knows the truth that God so loves every person in the world - which he came to die for each of us and raise us up to his glory. A humble person knows that he or she will fail sometimes and even sin. Yet, he or she knows that truth that we are God's children wrapped in the arms of his tender mercies. A humble person knows that we all need love and mercy in our loves and seeks to both accept kindness and mercy from others and to render it in turn. In a few minutes we will approach the altar and receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Before we do, we say a most beautiful prayer: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed*. Our power and strength comes from God.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

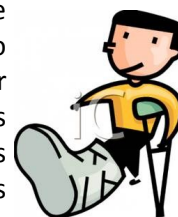
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#### A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.



**A**s most of you know, on August 24th Father Ciya had ambulatory surgery to repair the injury to his right knee that he sustained in a badminton match with Father James. I want to thank Bob and Bobbie Wetherell for the great care and assistance they are giving to Father Ciya as he recovers. His recovery calls for two machines to be applied to his knee at various times and Bob has been terrific in setting them up and keeping them regulated. Father James has also been providing great care for Father Ciya and helping him with all his needs. He is getting around on crutches and is in very good spirits.



Father Ciya is so very grateful for the visits, cards, food and phone calls that he has received while he is recuperating. He thanks you all for your prayers and concerns. We truly are a parish family! With Father Jim being on a well-deserved vacation, Father Ciya recovering, and my being away last weekend in New Jersey, Father James had a great deal of ministry with Masses and funerals, as well as confessions. He never complains and does all his work with a smile and true sense of joy. Our parish has been blessed to have him here with us this summer and he will be with us for much of September.

I also appreciate the generosity of Deacon Tom Hennessy who helped us while on his vacation as we faced some of the challenges to cover all our work. A good friend of mine, Father Charles McDonald, also celebrated some of the Masses these past two weekends. I appreciate his willingness to help! I have heard from several parishioners commenting on how much they enjoyed his preaching. - Father Pat



**Retreatants from St. Martin’s Parish at San Alfonso**

**In the front is Father Brendan Greaney, former SMT parish priest.**

Forty eight people gathered last weekend on the Jersey Shore at St. Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, New Jersey for a retreat celebrating the Year of Mercy. The weather was fabulous, the food delicious and the setting wonderful.

The retreat was given by Father McGowan CSSR and some other Redemptorist whose name we cannot remember.

**\*\*\*\*\*UPDATED AUGUST 27\*\*\*\*\***

**Bishop Murphy Authorizes Expanded Special Collection  
to Aid those Affected by Earthquake in Italy and Floods in Louisiana**

Bishop William Murphy asked for prayers and that a voluntary collection be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Rockville Centre to assist those suffering the effects of the severe flooding in Louisiana and the devastating earthquake of Aug. 23, 2016 in Central Italy.

To contribute to the Diocese of Rockville Centre’s Flood-Earthquake Relief Fund, parishioners are asked to contact their local parish or send a donation to the Finance Office, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023. Checks should be made out to the Diocese of Rockville Centre. “Flood-Earthquake Relief” should be marked on the memo section of the check. For more information call 516-678-5800, ext. 633.



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Friends of the Poor Walk

The Society, through its network of Vincentian volunteers, is pledged to help people who have fallen on hard times. Every dollar raised through this walk will be used in fulfilling the Society's mission of charity right here in St. Martin of Tours.

### ***You can help!***

- Be a walker, sponsored by your family and friends
- Sponsor one of our Vincentian walkers

Vincentians will be registering walkers and taking pledges at all the Masses on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Pledges may be mailed to St. Martin of Tours, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714 or left in the parish office.

### **Come join us - support the Society's charitable mission!**

- **Date: Saturday, September 24, 2016**
- **Where: Bethpage Community Park**
- **Time: Registration at 9:00 AM – Walk begins at 10:00 AM**



## **Our Lady of Mercy - Hicksville CYO Track 2016 Fall Registration KINDERGARTEN TO 8TH GRADE**

The Fall Program runs from mid September through October. Practices are held on Thursdays at the Plainview Old Bethpage Middle School. Track meets are held outdoors on weekends at fields throughout Nassau and Suffolk.

If you enroll in the Fall Program, you will automatically be enrolled in the Spring Program which starts in April.

**TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD:** Please contact Gynni Farrell at [ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com)  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** September 23, 2016



### **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](mailto:info@redemptorists.net) to make other arrangements or for directions should you wish to drive your own car.

### **Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity *Bring a Friend Night - All Welcome***

**Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30PM is the Gift Swap Meeting**

Invite a friend to join the fun in St. Alphonsus Hall.

Please bring a NEW \$10 wrapped gift to take part. Refreshments will follow.

We will be collecting \$12.00 dues and enrolling new members for October investiture. Call Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408 or Margo Pigott at 796-5053 for more information.

### **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 your resumes to Father Patrick Woods, CSSR at [woodscsr@aol.com](mailto: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.



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

### 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.***

**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****GETTING HELP FOR VETERANS**

After last week's bulletin article, ***SUICIDE AMONG VETERANS: STATISTICS: In 2014, 20 VETERANS DIED FROM SUICIDE EACH DAY***, it is vital that every veteran get the medical help they deserve and have certainly earned. Top medical treatment should be allotted to every member of the military after they have put their lives on the line to protect us here at home. We sit safe in our homes because of these heroes who have been, or now in combat, or in any situation where their health has become an issue. They should all be awarded the very best medical attention that our country can and should allot them.

**VETERAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE AT NORTHPORT V.A. HOSPITAL: (source: August, N.Y. Times)**

Peter A. Kaisen of Islip, 76 year-old Veteran died on August 24 in the parking lot of the Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northport where he had been a patient. The hospital is part of the Veterans Affairs Medical System, the nation's largest integrated health care organization. Mr. Kaisen served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1962. Our prayers go with him and his family.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS: [https://veterans.house.gov/accountability\\_watch](https://veterans.house.gov/accountability_watch).****V.A. ACCOUNTABILITY WATCH**

The DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS provides a wealth of services for some 22 MILLION AMERICAN VETERANS, but a rash of PREVENTABLE VETERAN DEATHS, infectious disease outbreaks and benefit and construction delays has put the organization under intense scrutiny.

V.A. ACCOUNTABILITY WATCH is dedicated to showing America's Veterans and American tax payers how the department's widespread and systemic lack of accountability may actually be encouraging more Veteran suffering than preventing it.

**WRITE: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

335 Cannon House Building  
Washington D.C. 20515  
OFFICE: 202 225 3527/FAX: 202 225 5486

**TO SUBSCRIBE TO VETERANS AFFAIR NEWSLETTER: Google: HOUSE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS or call 202 225 3527****RESOURCES FOR VETERANS: 2014 Edition of the FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS, DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVORS:**

AGENT ORANGE - ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY - BURIAL AND MEMORIAL BENEFITS - CAREGIVERS - CHAMPVA - CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE - BENEFITS FOR VETERANS - DISABILITY COMPENSATION - PENSION INFORMATION - NATIONAL GRAVESITE LOCATOR - and hundreds of more information is available to any Veteran at this website, just click on: FOR VETERANS.

Those that serve us here in America, sometimes giving their very lives, are entitled to the very best of care and rehabilitation. There should be no Veterans walking homeless in this great country of ours that they have so unselfishly served.

If you know of a Veteran who is homeless, contact:

NATIONAL COALITION FOR HOMELESS VETERANS: 202 462 4822. [info@nationalhomeless.org](mailto:info@nationalhomeless.org).

If you know of a Veteran that may be suffering psychological or physical problems, please refer them to the above information. Reaching out to help save the life of Veteran, may be saving a life that has dedicated themselves to have protected and saved yours.

## 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**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call or stop by the rectory if you are a current member and did not receive a renewal. Even after the September 1st date, you can still join H.O.P. Your support is much appreciated to help our operating budget. Thank you!

The end of the 2015 - 2016 Help Our Parish (H.O.P.) Fiscal Year's bonus drawing will be published in next week's bulletin. There will be three winners: \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$500! Good luck to all our members!!

**LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING**

[www.livingwaterscounseling.biz](http://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**

We are dedicated to the healing of the whole individual. Wholeness is in the four quadrants of our being human: the intellectual; the emotional; the body; and the spirit. At Living Waters, our therapists use their clinical skills but also include a strong spiritual component, much like the 12 Step Programs.

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](http://www.livingwaterscounseling.biz) for more information.

## FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL

FROM DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW



*We ask God's blessings on all the young people who are going to school this year. We pray for them, their teachers and their parents. May this academic year bring each student much growth in wisdom and knowledge. May each child or young person grow in faith. We pray that the angels and saints watch over them and keep them safe. We pray for those who are homesick. We also pray for parents who miss their children who are away at school or find themselves with an empty house. God's blessings on*

*all of you!*

*Lord, thank You for the men and women who dedicate their lives to educating children. I ask You to bless them with strength, joy, favor with students and parents, and a strong sense of purpose. Make them fruitful in every way. Give them wisdom, creativity, patience, insight, and endurance. Give them Your supernatural love for each student, so much so that those kids go home each day with a keen sense of being loved by You. Use these teachers to make an eternal difference in the lives of their students. I pray that their families will have an easy and peaceful transition into the school year.*

*I also pray for all of our students, particularly those who are entering new schools this year. Father, please give them courage, peace, and joy. Let them make friends easily and connect well with their teachers. Let them find their security in You, Lord. Please sharpen their minds and help them learn. Build godly character in them. Use our Christ-following sons and daughters to draw others to You.*

*Help them let go of what others think and to love the unlovely. Help them obey You even when it's really hard. Father, for our sons and daughters who have not yet made decisions to follow You, let this be the year. Let them see their need of You and surrender their precious lives to You. Thank You in advance for the work You're going to do in our teachers and students' lives this year, Lord.*

*I pray all of these things in the strong and mighty Name of Jesus. Amen!*

### BETHPAGE SENIORS

**Bethpage Community Center, 103 Grumman Road West, Bethpage, NY  
(516) 571-9910**

Meeting others seniors can change your personal world! The Bethpage Seniors is a co-ed, active and friendly on-the-go group and opened to the public. We meet every Wednesday at 10AM beginning Sept. 7th. \$5.00 registration fee and pay-as-you-go activities. Bus transportation is available for Bethpage residents only.

**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](http://www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net) or call (631) 587-8000 x 117

**St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School**  
**1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip NY 11795**

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

**ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS**  
**631-243-2373**

**PROJECT RACHEL**  
**WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM**

**Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies Safe Place at**  
**1 (877) 796-HOPE**

**Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services**  
**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](http://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!**

**Diocese of Rockville Centre  
Office of Faith Formation**

**28th Annual Mass for Deceased Children  
Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 12:30PM  
St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre NY**

**For more information, please contact Deacon Darrell Buono  
(516) 678-5800 x200 | [dbuono@drvc.org](mailto:dbuono@drvc.org)**

**Saint Dominic High School  
110 Anstice Street, Oyster Bay NY 11771**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, September 18, 2016**

**1:00 - 3:00PM**

**Presentations at 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, & 3:00PM**

**[hs.stdoms.org](http://hs.stdoms.org)  
516-922-4888 x 5325  
[admissions@stdoms.org](mailto:admissions@stdoms.org)**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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 5: There is no Holy Face Devotion this month.
- Sept 7: Due to Labor Day, Charismatic Prayer will meet on Wednesday 7PM Church
- Sept 11: Dedication of the Sacred Heart Statue after the 11:30AM Mass.  
Reception to follow in St. Alphonsus Hall.
- Sept 13: Christian Mothers Gift Swap Meeting 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- **Sept 17: Departure from St. Martin's at 7:30AM for the Washington D.C. trip**
- Sept 18: Catechetical Sunday 10AM Mass - Reception to follow in St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 20: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel (*we're back to 3rd Tuesday of the month*)
- Oct 2: Knights of Columbus Membership Drive - Sunday Masses
- Oct 22 & 23: Respect Life Distribution of Baby Bottles Weekend