Masses For The Week

Monday - September 12

6:30 Connie Campisi

9:00 Joseph Spoto

Tuesday - September 13

6:30 Loretta Sattler

9:00 Rose Provenzano

Wednesday - September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:30 Thomas Kennedy

9:00 Richard Henn

Thursday - September 15

Donald J. Dillon, 13th Anniversary 6:30

9:00 Kathleen Pigott

Friday - September 16

6:30 Elaine & George Fryer

9:00 George & Doris Held

Saturday - September 17

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

5:00 Francis X. Pendl

7:00 Frederick Walters

Sunday - September 18

7:00 The People of the Parish

Dorothy Greaux 8:30 10:00 **Evelyn Jones**

11:30 Stephen Marano, 38th Birthday Remembrance

1:00 Don Cavanagh 5:00 Jeffrey Greco

Readings For The Week

Mon. 1 Corinthians 11:17-26. 33: Luke 7:1-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17 Tues. Numbers 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 Wed.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 19:25-27 Thurs. Fri. 1 Corinthians 15:12-10; Luke 8:1-3

Sat. 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15

Amos 8:4-7 Amos the prophet of God warned Sun. that greedy people who cheat the poor or take advantage of others' misfortune do not escape God's justice.

1 Timothy 2:1-8 Paul urged Timothy to preach truth and justice: leaders should respect the dignity of all, and everyone should pray to God with blameless hands.

Luke 16:1-13 Jesus encouraged his disciples to have an enterprising spirit. He also warned them: "No servant can serve two masters...You cannot serve both God and mammon."



Divine Mercy Novena

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00 Weekly Collection 9/4/2016: \$16,631.16 Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

We can hear God speaking to us today in the



Stewardship words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours."

What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give not because they possess a lot and can afford it, but rather a desire to share what they have with others.

Charismatic Prayer Group

It doesn't matter how many steps away from God you have taken, it's only 1 STEP back to Him!! He's been right there beside you all along. Maybe you have felt his presence but tried to ignore Him, thinking that "He could never forgive me or love me." Well, you'd be WRONG! We can help you take that first step back.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 12th at 7:30PM in the Church. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information. If you are reading this and feel it's not meant for you, then maybe you know someone who needs to come back to God. Be a friend and let them know how much God loves them!

H.O.P. Club Winners

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The winners for September 5-9 will be published in next week's bulletin. Please see page 12 for the three bonus winners for the end of the HOP Year 2015-16. Congratulations to each of them!

Wedding Banns

3rd Emmett Mc Cullough &
Sophia Karavasilis
2nd Andrew Falco & Alana Famiglietti
2nd Mikhal Polan & Cassandra Gucciardo
2nd Frank Castagna & Raffaela Conte
1st Richard Sculco & Nina Scollo
1st Christopher Pittman & Lindsay Widmann



"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

Rest in Peace

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

Mario Lopes, John R. Moore, Ann Paulsrud Virginia Terracciano, Mayra T. DiDomenico Martin Patrick Laraia



Altar Bread & Wine Week of September 11-17, 2016 In Loving Memory of Bernie Lavin

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 Battiata, 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 Gandalfo, Sheila Newmann Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR, Terrence Lynam, Taylor Angelo Pennestri, Lee Berkowitz, Danielle McCarthy, Charles Drew Kevin Connors, Joseph Kostyak, Lorie Penafiel, Johnny D. Anthony Morello, Anthony Krich, Cynthia & Don Mirabel Michael & Marge Siegler, 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, Brendan Donahoe Dolores Lordahl, Mary Donahoe



Sanctuary Candle
Week of September 11-17, 2016
In Loving Memory of
Catherine & Silvio Sita

Pastor's Letter



As I write this letter, I am both looking back and forward. (I hope I don't fall!) Last Sunday was a great day for the Catholic Church and for all the world as Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa of Calcutta a Saint of the Catholic Church. Her feast day will be September 5th. The canonization process has a very detailed methodology to study the life of a person before he or she will be declared a saint. Still I think the people of the world had long ago decided that Mother Teresa was a saint. Her love of the poor and her spirit of joy inspired both believers and non-believers alike.

Last week was also the first anniversary of the death of Deacon Jim Biggin, a beloved man in our parish who served us so generously as a deacon through three decades. I miss him very much and I can only imagine the pain that his wife Carmela, their children and grandchildren feel.

This coming weekend, as you read this bulletin, we are marking the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks by Islamic radicals on our nation. The darkness of the events of that day will never be gone from our memories, nor will we ever forget the courage shown by so many ordinary people. We continue to live with the fear of further attacks and are so grateful for the sons and daughters of our nation who stand on guard in our nation's military and those who serve as first responders. Mother Teresa was an incredible woman who did great things for God, but she constantly reminded us that not everyone can do great things for God and others, but we can all do small things with great love. Jim Biggin in his life as a police officer, a husband, father and deacon and the men and women of 9/11, both first responders and civilians, acted with great love on that day. And it is so with the present generation of those in the armed forces and first responders as they serve us.

Mother Teresa described herself this way: "By blood I am Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus."

I thought I would try to write something in a similar format for Deacon Jim. This is what I wrote: Jim Biggin, a Brooklynite by birth, a committed parishioner of St. Martin's by geography, a dedicated police officer by career, a loving husband by a wise choice, a caring father and grandfather by the grace of God, a suffering Jet fan by fate, a faithful deacon by the call of God, and man who gave his best to Christ.

I found writing in this format about a person's life challenging so I decided to write my own. Here it is: By birth a Brooklynite, by heritage an Irishman, by vocation a Redemptorist Priest, pastor to St. Martin's, a preacher, a suffering loyalist to the Mets/Jets, by God's grace blessed with a loving family and caring friends, and an imperfect man who seeks to be faithful to Jesus.

I invite you to give it a try as you reflect on the life that God has given you and how you are living it. It is a simple little tool that enables us to look at ourselves and where we are in life and what motivates us to live as we do,

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR
Email: woodscssr@aol.com Website: www.smtbethpage.org



Life Teen Kick Off

All High School Teens Are Welcome!

Sunday, September 25th

7PM-8:30PM

OLPH Youth Center - School Building

Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 5:30PM
St. Martin of Tours Church
Central Avenue, Bethpage

Weekly meetings follow the 5:30PM Mass.

Grab a friend and come for music, fun, food and glow sticks!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Friends of the Poor 5K Walk

Vincentians are available in the gathering this weekend, September 10th and 11th to register walkers and receive pledges for anyone who would like to be a sponsor.



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Come, join us as a walker or pledge your support to raise money to help the poor and needy in our parish. Please make checks payable to **St. Martin of Tours - SVdeP.** If you wish, you can mail your check to St. Martin of Tours, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714, or leave it in the parish office or see one of the Vincentians this weekend.

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

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2016

Where: Bethpage Community Park, 1001 Stewart Avenue

Look for the Town of Oyster Bay Ice Skating Center

Time: Registration at 9:00 AM – Walk begins at 10:00 AM

Thank you for your support!

he Redemptorists ask your prayers for our seminarians as they discern their vocations as Redemptorist priests or brothers. Thank you very much for this blessing to us. Below is the list of all seminarians, separated into the 3 stages of formation:

Pre-Novitiate (Bronx): Novitiate (Toronto): Theology (Boston & Chicago):

Augustus Riviere Michael Vo Ako Walker

Ivan Dzhur Royce Thomas Michael Cunningham (Bethpage)

Jesus RuelasVincent NguyenKen StignerGreg BenjaminTrung-Tin HuynhGuy MierAngel MartinezTony Moreno

Romero Radix Chung Tran Huy Vu Quy Duong

The formators are Brother Larry and Father Frank Mulvaney.

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 23, 2016



Magazines often write stories about the ten most famous people in the world. Recently we experienced the death of Muhammed Ali - a man that many considered the most famous person in the world. We could also ask who is the most powerful person in the world. I think most would point to President Obama. I have also heard the second most powerful person in the world is the captain of a submarine with nuclear weapons. American society loves celebrities, some of whom become famous just because they are famous. I am not sure if it is proper to mention Kim Kardashian in a Sunday homily, but it does seem to me she is a celebrity because she is a celebrity. It would be dangerous to

ask who is the most disliked person in the world.

For a long time, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was at the top of many lists as the most admired person in the world. She even won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. Additionally, she was made an honorary citizen of the United States. Today Pope Francis will canonize her a saint. To become a saint in the Catholic Church, one's life is reviewed in a most vigorous way. Although the term the devil's advocate is no longer used, a person is appointed by the Vatican to try to prove why the nominated candidate for sainthood should not be considered. Additionally, a team of medical experts has to approve two miracles granted through the intersession of Mother Teresa. As I speak to you about Mother Teresa, some of you may have had the same thoughts that I have: we did not need to do all this examination since it was clear from the way she lived her life that she was a woman who loved God very much and who cared for the poor and suffering in an extraordinary way. I love the way Saint Teresa of Calcutta described herself: "By blood I am Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus."

Our Church has always had a deep respect and admiration for those who followed Jesus with great commitment and fidelity. In the earliest days of the Church, the graves of martyrs were honored and the stories and writings of our faith community were remembered in words, in art and in statues. Some people accuse us Catholics of worshipping saints. We do not worship saints, but we do turn to our saints to inspire us, to listen to us, to speak to Jesus on our behalf, and most especially, to be models to us that we can imitate. Saints are not made of plaster or stained glass; they lived in the same world that we do, had the same struggles and sorrows that we have in our lives, and seek to follow Jesus.

Mother Teresa, whose birth name was Agnes, was born in Albania in 1910. When she was 18 she felt a call to become a nun and entered the Sisters of Loreto. She took the name Teresa. She loved her religious order and was a teacher in India of high school students for fifteen years. Over time, Teresa began to have deeply intense personal experiences of Jesus and to hear his voice internally. She said, *I was to give up even Loreto where I was very happy and to go out in the streets. I heard the call to give up all and follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor.* Thus began her lifelong work of caring for the poor and dying and the founding of the Missionary Sisters of Charity, an order which still thrives today all over the world working for the poor. Mother Teresa became an icon to the world of caring for the poor and abandoned.

When I think about her incredible life, I am intimidated. How could I imitate her? What can we learn from her life and try to put into practice? The first aspect of her spiritual life I would mention is that Mother Teresa did not always feel the presence and love of God in her prayer. She had what she called *years of darkness* where she experienced almost no spiritual consolation. She simply prayed and cared for the poor in faith, one day at a time. Following Christ with total dedication was not easy for her. She had long periods of not feeling the love of God and even had doubts of his love. Yet, she persevered.

I *Googled* Mother Teresa and up came up with 299 quotes that are deeply moving. Here are a few that might guide you and me in our following Christ:

- "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."
- "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."
- "Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person."
- "A life not lived for others is not a life."
- "If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one."
- "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."
- "Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat."
- "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve."

Mother Teresa's spirituality is one that we can live. We do not have to love everyone in the world and solve all the problems of society. We need to seek to be kind and loving to each person who comes into our lives. Her spirituality is an echo of the words of Jesus: a cup of water given to one in need will be rewarded. We pray for the intersession of Mother Teresa on all parishioners of St. Martin's and in particularly on the staff of our parish outreach center that is named after this great saint - that we love Christ by loving others.

Father Pat's Homily from Sunday 9/4/16

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

DO IT ANYWAY

Prayer of Saint Teresa of Calcutta - It brings her soul to us!

People are unreasonable, illogical, self-centered...love them anyway.

People will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives....do good anyway.

If you are successful, you win false friends, and true enemies...be successful anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow...do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable...be honest and frank anyway.

People love underdogs but follow only top dogs...follow some underdog anyway.

What you spend years building, may be destroyed...build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you try to help...help people anyway.

If you give the world the best you have, you may get kicked in the teeth

...give the world the best you have anyway.

7:30AM DEPARTURE FROM BETHPAGE

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

TO THOSE WHO HAVE RESERVED A SEAT ON THE BUS: We are expecting OMPH stickers to be given out to each person the day of the trip. Stickers indicate a person has paid for the reception and should be visible the day of the event. Once at the Basilica, parishioners should "check in" at one of the registration tables in the Basilica vestibule. Each will receive a goody bag with tour book/Basilica floor plan, the Mass program and prayer cards, etc. There is a cafeteria and gift shop on site. Pews will not be reserved for each parish, but individuals can "save seats" if that's important to them. Basilica tour info can be found at this link:

http://www/nationalshrine.com/site/c.osJRKVPBJnH/b.4764157/k.CGAF/Tours.htm

Anyone who has reserved a seat on the bus, should have submitted \$25 to the rectory office for the luncheon in Washington DC. If not, please mail or come by the office at 40 Seaman Avenue before September 17th. Thank you!

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.

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows, patroness of the Christian Mothers, will be celebrated on *Thursday, September 15th* at the *9AM Mass.* Reserved seating for CMRC members will be in front of the pulpit. Many graces and blessings are bestowed for attending this special feast of our patroness.

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 woodscssr@aol.com

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 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC L CPL James Kruper, USMC SPC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC 1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army PFC William Corrigan, USMC PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC

2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army **BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy** PO3 James Fischer, US Navy LTC John Evans, US Army ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy SSG George Howard, US Army LT Mario Lopes, USMC PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army PVT Edward Morales, US Army 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.*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) UPDATE

We will have our first meeting on Thursday, September 29th at 7:30PM in the Mother Teresa Outreach building, 208 Broadway in Bethpage. If there is anyone in need of Sacraments, please attend whether you have called previously or not.

This is an introductory meeting to explain the journey and to answer any questions that you may have.

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 <u>in addition</u> 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

EM Session B

October 29, 2016; 9AM - 1PM

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

MILLENIUM ROOM - AROUND BACK OF SCHOOL

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

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.

<u>Current members</u> 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 OF 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. Ever after the September 1st date, you can still join H.O.P. Your support is much appreciated to help our operating budget. Thank you!

BONUS WINNERS FOR THE H.O.P. CLUB END OF YEAR 2015-2016 **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS!**

\$1,000	#497	John & Kathy Brolly
\$1,000	#343	Ann Schmidt
\$500	#427	Suzanne Braband

LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING

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his Sunday, September 11th, we will bless the new statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that stands at the side entrance to the gathering area of the church. This beautiful statue was donated to the parish by the family and friends of the late Harry Smith. The plaque reads:

In Loving Memory of Harry R. Smith God's Ambassador Alleluia Donated by his Family and Friends

The parish is very grateful to Harry's wife, Louise, their family and their friends who chose to donate the statue to the parish. Anyone who attended the Easter Vigil, would always hear Harry proclaim in a very strong and powerful voice - *Alleluia!* - as the East-

er Message of Jesus' resurrection was celebrated. I particularly like that the family chose the statue of Jesus with his arms outstretched in welcome. Harry's love of God, his family, his parishioners and his students truly earned him the title of "God's Ambassador."

The veneration of our Lord's Heart, insofar as it honors Christ as the source and substance of our redemption, is no ordinary devotion. It is truly a devotion which is rendered to God alone. For the Heart of Christ occupies a central position, as the focal point through which everything passes to the ultimate center in the Father.

It is a devotion of tremendous theological richness, containing a complete synthesis of faith. It is a devotion that is at once theocentric and anthropocentric, Trinitarian and Christocentric. It emphasizes love of God and calls eloquently to the fraternal apostolate. It may also lead to that sound Eucharistic love so greatly desired by the Second Vatican Council. This is especially true since the Eucharist as Pope Paul VI observed, is the "outstanding gift" of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The third Friday after Pentecost is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Although the revelations to St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque in the 17th century promoted this devotion, the origins of the honoring Jesus and His love for humanity trace back to Scripture and many other saints and sacred writings throughout the history of the Church.

And the devotion is not outdated, but actually for our time. The 20th century saw almost every pope promote the devotion to the Sacred Heart, including the encyclical *Hauerietis Aquas* (On the Sacred Heart) by Pius XII in 1956. The Sacred Heart enables us to get a deeper understanding of the infinite mercy and calls us to reparation, yet the Divine Mercy now calls us to live that message in a hurting world.

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 I 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.



FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Hart Mirando (C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

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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

Baby Bottle Campaign

The Life Center of LI will be holding its Annual Baby

Bottle Campaign on the weekend of

Oct. 22 & 23.

Bottles will be handed out at the end of each mass. We will pick up all bottles during the weekend of November 12 & 13. Our thanks to Father Pat for the opportunity to help these mothers and their babies each year!

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

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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 <u>Bethpage residents only</u>.

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 2: Blessing of the Animals 2:30PM at the side of St. Alphonsus Hall (in front of the garage)
- Oct 22 & 23: Respect Life Distribution of Baby Bottles Weekend

od of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless. Be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance. Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit give rise in us to broad sympathy for all the peoples of your earth. Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace. Bless the people and leaders of this nation and all nations so that warfare, like slavery before it, may become only a historic memory. We pray in the strong name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

