

Masses For The Week

Monday - September 26

6:30 Salvatore Scarfo
9:00 Harry Smith

Tuesday - September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

6:30 Leonor Guerra
9:00 Robert Preziosi & John Lynch

Wednesday - September 28

6:30 Angelina Martin
9:00 Ronnie Lawlor

Thursday - September 29 - Feast of the Archangels Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

6:30 Noreen McColgan
9:00 Pigott & Elliott Families

Friday - September 30 - St. Jerome, Doctor of the Church

6:30 Jean Riccardello
9:00 Michael Dezervos

Saturday - October 1 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Kathy Ann Watson
7:00 Mary & Walter Maj

Sunday - October 2 - Respect Life Sunday

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Otto Gutbrod
10:00 Salvatore & Maria Accardi & John & Carolyn Lynam
11:30 Patrick M. Hanrahan
1:00 Ray & Helen Manetta
5:30 Agnes Plant

Readings For The Week

Mon. Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
Tues. Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56
Wed. Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
Thurs. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
Fri. Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16
Sat. Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
Sun. **Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4** *The prophet learned that his hopes would be fulfilled, even though it may take longer than he expected. He is told to wait in confidence, for just people will live.*

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 *Paul reminded Timothy that God bestows a spirit that makes the people strong, loving and wise. That Holy Spirit dwells in Christians.*

Luke 17:5-10 *Jesus taught the apostles that faith gives power: a person with faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot a mulberry tree and transplant it in the sea.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly Collection 9/18/2016: \$13,258.16
2nd Collection (Education) \$1,365.00
Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who work to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and hungry in our community and beyond through our Parish Social Ministries.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Watch where you're going!!

How many times have you heard or said that?!! We are used to saying it to our kids when they're little but now with texting EVERYONE needs to be reminded. The internet is full of people walking into walls, pools traffic while texting. Are you watching where you are walking spiritually? Satan can pull you off course quicker than you can send a text!! Be careful & pay attention. We can help you avoid the traps Satan sets.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 26th at 7:30PM in the Church. Be a friend - bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

H.O.P. Club Winners

9/19/16 #65	Jeanette Maiello	\$25
9/20/16 #277	Ann Weingarten	\$25
9/21/16 #358	Kevin Courtney	\$25
9/22/16 #241	Josie Cahillane	\$25
9/23/16 #344	James & Anne Hoenig	\$50



Saint Maria Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

Wedding Banns

3rd Richard Sculco & Nina Scullo
 3rd Christopher Pittman & Lindsay Widmann
 1st Edward Amato & Kristen Meister
 1st William Brenner & Michelle Gruber



**"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 white rice, whole corn, chili, beef stew, tuna fish, pasta sauce, mixed fruit, peaches vegetable soup, oil, boxed milk, hot chocolate, sugar, dish soap, laundry soap, tissues, paper towels, diapers size 6. We also collect empty egg cartons! 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 Sept 25-Oct 1, 2016
 In Loving Memory of
 Robert Preziosi



Sanctuary Candle
 Week of Sept 25 - Oct 1, 2016
 In Loving Memory of
 Constance & Matthew Volpe
 & Thomas Volpe, Jr.

Rest in Peace

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

**Charles Calio, Debra Barbine
 Dominick A. Petrelli, Frances S. Segretario
 John Thomas Lawrence**

**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 Gandolfo, 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 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, Ann Adams Ed Ingels
 Liam Escaniel Gus Kunze, Eddie Morales, Tom Miles
 Debra Dowdell, Elizabeth Hill, Louie Gandolfo, John Anderson
 Tara Maune, Daniel McCullough, Mary Lafauci, Gerry Russo
 Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki, Jerry Berkowitz, Bill Monahan
 Maureen Roberts, Francis Meehan, Mary Cohan
 Marylou Mascolo, Trish Berge, Kathleen Palumbo
 Brendan Donahoe, Dolores Lordahl, Mary Donahoe
 Noelle Eichenlaub, Krystyna Stasiewicz, Janet Scarpelli
 Glen Clements

Pastor's Letter

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of our stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light . Luke 16

One of the oldest Catholic jokes I know goes like this: a man comes to confession and confesses what we might call of the usual sins such as being impatient, getting angry, using bad language. These are all sins that they confessor was very familiar with. Then, the man says, *He stole a house*. The priest have never heard that sin before and he asked the penitent how he could possibly steal a house. The man said, *Well, I work at a lumber company; one day I took some nails, another day some lumber and then some paint I did this for years and I was eventually able to build myself a lovely house*. The priest said to the penitent: *That is a pretty serious sin. I am going to ask you so make a novena as your penance. Do you know how to make a novena my son*. Out housebuilder replies, *Father, If you got the plans, I got the wood*. I think of that joke from time to time when someone confesses that they took a little something from work.

The show *Law and Order*, which has been on television for many years, has an expression: *this story was ripped form today's headlines*. Well, I think it would be fair to say that the parable we hear Jesus tell in today's Gospel is as current and real today as it was two millennia ago. Financial shenanigans among political leaders, government workers, pension directors, corporate executives, leaders of non-profits, and religious officials are, sad to say, commonly reported in the newspapers. Although there are countless politicians who serve to help others with great dignity and honor, it is often said *that many came to do good and they ended up doing very well*. Several times a week, I get emails telling me that someone in a foreign country wants to give me \$20,000.000.00 or some such staggering sum of money. All I have to do is send them a \$1000.00 dollars to free the money.

There is a challenge to be an honest person. It seems that cheating in school is a common issue facing educators, and there are times when some administrators and teachers change test scores to advantage their own careers. People speak about *fudging a little bit on their taxes*, or *telling a few white lies* to get ahead. The expression *everybody does it* seems to an excuse for such behaviors. It has become a cliché based on lived experience to hear, *it is not the wrong doing that was the problem, rather it is the cover up that gets so many people in trouble* as they refuse to face their own wronging doing. My beloved game of baseball that so values its history has suffered greatly from ballplayers taking illegal steroids to heighten their skills. Still, I do think we have well-developed consciences and know when we are doing wrong; we may be able to fool others, but we cannot hide from ourselves.

Even though it is not easy for us to follow, we know that honesty is the best policy. So the parable we hear today is rather strange since corruption and bad behaviors benefits a cheater to the point that he is commended by his boss for being a skillful con artist. A quick review of the parable might help. A man is about to be fired. It seems he is an accountant of some kind and responsible to paying the bills and running the financial operation of the owner of the land. He is getting the pink slip because he has been cooking the books. The employee has been given his notice and he has a short time left on the job. He is in a panic. He is incapable of doing manual labor and too proud to beg. If he doesn't come up with a scheme to make some money, he will find himself hungry.

So, this ancient Madoff comes up with a great plan; there are several people who owe the owner of the property large sums of money. Our corrupt official calls each of them into his office to settle accounts. He gives each of the debtors significant discounts and each person leaves happy. What is going on? Our financial official is actually brimming these men so they will be good to him in the future. He is putting them in debt to himself. Those who get the great reductions in bills will take care of the soon to be fired bookkeeper since they are now in debt to him. It is a pretty good con job. What is most surprising about this parable is the reaction of the owner. His words are: *And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.* Is Jesus commending sin and greed? Is he in support of criminal behavior? Of course not. The key to understanding this story is the following sentence that Jesus speaks: *For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.*

You and I have to live in world of work, bills, finances, insurance, mortgages, tuitions, rents, and health insurance. Our Lord expects us to use our skills and talents to meet these obligations in prudent ways. But the parable is raising a very serious question for us: am so concerned about my finances and resources that I am deadening my spirit? Am a child of the light or of the darkness? Do I put as much energy into being a disciple of Jesus as I do with the daily concerns of my life. Maybe a few examples might help:

- Most of us have little problem sitting through a two hour movie or watching television for several hours. Does participating in worshipping God for an hour on Sunday feel like it is too much time?
- I am busy as are you. Yet, I jokingly say I am never so busy that I miss a meal. Can I become so busy that daily prayer relationship with God is forgotten?
- Does reading my text message and time on the internet far outweigh my reading of the Bible or other spiritual books?
- Do I value the Eucharist as much as I do my new iPhone?
- Which would suffer more if I am having financial troubles: my cable television bill or my support of my parish?
- Can I cry and feel sad for a television story and not see or know the needs of the poor and suffering around me.
- I don't like these questions? They are cutting too close to home for me. But the parables of Jesus are suppose to both challenge and shock us. *For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.*

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

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Life Teen Kick Off - All High School Teens
 Sunday, September 25th from 7PM - 8:30PM
 OLPH Youth Center - School Building
 Weekly meetings follow the 5:30PM Mass.

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

Please email us at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com with any questions you have about Life Teen or our Kick Off Event.



I am very grateful that our parish was able to send a full bus to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX entrusting the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorists in 1866 with the words, *Make Her Known*. I thank those who made the long day trip to Washington.



We Redemptorists were honored by your presence at this occasion, and many of you have told me that you were very moved by the Mass and enjoyed seeing the 1,500 other pilgrims who filled the Church. From what I understand, the food was also very good!

A word of thanks to our now retired finance manager, Barbara Amoroso who made many of the arrangements and to Genny Mitchell who also worked on this project. I regret that I could not make the trip, and especially want to thank both Deacon Tom and Father James who were excellent trip leaders!



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY
Tuesday, October 4, 2016
CMRC's October meeting will be held in St. Alphonsus Hall at 7:30 p.m. Rosary and CMRC prayers will be followed by Investiture of New Members. Our guest speaker will be Father Ciya. If you would like to become a member, please call Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408. All women are most welcome.



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RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

CHILD AND SPOUSAL ABUSE IN AMERICA: DID YOU KNOW?

- A report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds.
- More than 5 children die every day as a result of child abuse.
- Approximately 80% of children that die from abuse are under the age of four.
- It is estimated that between 50-60% of child fatalities from maltreatment - **not** recorded on death certificates.
- More than 90% of juvenile sexual abuse victims know their perpetrator in some way.
- Child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions, at all levels of education.
- About 30% of abused and neglected children will later abuse their own children, continuing the horrible cycle.

REPORT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT: IF A CHILD IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER - CALL 911.

IF YOU SUSPECT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, CALL THE N.Y. STATE CENTRAL REGISTER (SCR)

CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT HOTLINE, 7 DAYS A WEEK, 24 HOURS A DAY 1 -800 342 3720. THEY WILL NOTIFY THE LOCAL CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES. CPS WILL INVESTIGATE AND ACT TO PROTECT THE CHILD AND HELP THE PARENTS.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE: 1 800 4-A-CHILD 1 - 800 422 4453

CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION GATEWAY: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

ALL CHILDREN DESERVE TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT. IF YOU SUSPECT THAT A CHILD IS BEING NEGLECTED...MAKE THAT CALL!!!!

CHILD ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

- Domestic Violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors, including, physical/sexual, and psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion that adults or adolescents use against their intimate partner. 1/3 of domestic violence assaults involve the use of a weapon/or result in serious bodily injury. Of all female victims of homicide in the U.S. 30% are killed by husbands or boyfriends, a total of almost 1,500 women each year.
- Between 50 - 70% of men who abuse their female partners, physically abused their children.
- Children who witness domestic violence are:
 - In constant danger. May be caught in the middle - hurt or killed.
 - Stressed and fearful.
 - Confused at home. They learn that hitting and violence solves problems.
 - Feeling hopeless. Often blame themselves for the violence, yet they feel powerless to prevent, stop or escape from it!

CHILD ABUSE VERY OFTEN OCCURS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. CHILDREN MAY BE AFRAID OR ASHAMED TO TELL SOMEONE THAT THEY ARE BEING ABUSED. OFTEN, THEY THINK THAT ALL CHILDREN ARE TREATED IN THE SAME WAY. IF YOU SEE SIGNS OF ABUSE, CALL ANY OF THE ABOVE NUMBERS AND BE INSTRUCTED AS TO WHAT TO DO NEXT.

sources: NYS Child Protective Services (CPS) Tennyson Center for Children



John Phelps died on Sunday, September 11th. Those who knew him called him Jack. I did not know him well other than to say *Hello Jack* and ask how he was doing. He attended almost every parish event and gathering and seemed happy to part of this faith community. He was around my age and he had a speech impediment that made it a bit difficult to communicate with him. He lost his mother several years ago, I think in 2008, and attended the parish bereavement group to help him deal with his loss. Usually people attend the group for several months, but Jack never left it. Perhaps he was seeking to support others in their loss by his presence since he so appreciated the assistance he received from the members. He was a regular at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday evening Life Teen Mass. The band always prays before the Mass begins, and I noticed that Jack, while not a member of the band, would also join them in their circle of prayer.

Jack did not have an immediate family in our area. Some very kind cousins from out of town planned his burial at Holy Rood Cemetery, but there was no funeral Mass or wake. At the invitation of the family, I did go to the cemetery and say the funeral prayers of the Church over Jack's deceased body. Deacon John Lynch, from Marie Regina, and his wife also attended the burial. Deacon John leads a prayer group here in our parish that Jack faithfully attended. He was also present at communion services that were held in nursing homes. Many people did not know about his death or the time of his burial. However, a few parishioners found out and attended the burial service.

All death is sad, but something about Jack Phelps' death hit me hard. I thought of a piece I wrote a long time ago that I called the *Grave of the Unknown Priest*. I have attended many funerals of priests and very often there is a great outpouring of love from family, friends, and parishioners. However, I also attended the funerals of priests where they outlived all their siblings and had been retired or ill for many years. Almost no one was present, other than a few Redemptorists to remember and mourn. I know this is not only true for priests and religious. I have celebrated funerals here at St. Martin's where there were only a handful of mourners.

At the cemetery, I met two people named Rosanna and George who were deeply devoted to Jack and loved him very much. They both wept for Jack Phelps and felt a deep sadness. It was so clear to me that they loved him. Although I felt bad for their pain, I was consoled that there was someone to weep for Jack. He deserved that, as do we all. As parishioners found out about Jack's passing, they asked if we could have a remembrance of him at Mass since they did not know of his death.

I have discovered that I was wrong to assume that Jack only had a few people who knew and mourned him. He had his Church Family who loves him. **We will remember Jack at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, October 30th.**



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
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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
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LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC	MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF

The Blessing of the Animals will take place on **Sunday October 2nd at 2:30PM** in the driveway between St. Alphonsus Hall and the back of the rectory. In honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, all God's creatures will receive a medal.



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 **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.

The Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at St. Martin of Tours on October 1, 2016, the First Saturday of the month. First Saturday Devotions begin at 8:30AM.



There will be refreshments after the 9AM Mass in St. Alphonsus Hall.

Everyone is welcome!

This letter was given out at the Masses on the weekend of September 17th - 18th. I am placing it in this week's bulletin for those who might not have had the chance to pick up the letter. Thank you.

September 18, 2016

What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me? – Psalm 116

Dear Parishioners,

Perhaps, because my first ministry as Redemptorist was as a teacher, I tend to see September as the beginning of a New Year more than I do the date of January 1st. As this *new year* begins, I wanted to share some thoughts with you on a sensitive topic. Since I first came to St. Martin's, I was told that the parishioners here are very generous and will respond to what is needed for the parish. I certainly have found this to be true as I consider the excellent response to the *Paving the Way for Christ*, our capital campaign, that will end this coming December.

I write to you today about my concern for the operating budget of our parish. These expenses to operate the parish: salaries, fuel, electricity, church supplies, regular maintenance, taxes to the diocese and support of diocesan schools are always present. At various times, in particular during the summer and any periods of poor weather, the collection drops and paying our bills can be a serious challenge.

I can assure you that the parish financial office, the financial council of the parish, and I seek to steward our financial resources well. Our expenses, in line with the cost of living and inflation, are pretty stable, but our collections do not often meet the budgeted goal. If we cannot meet our budget goals over time, our ability to function well as a parish suffers.

I believe the key issue here is that some of our regular donors have moved to warmer climates, to assisted living, nursing homes, or have gone home to the Lord. God bless them all for their generosity! I also know that each individual person and family faces significant financial challenges in terms of taxes, tuitions, health care and so on.

As the capital campaign ends, I will be working with the staff and both the pastoral and financial councils to consider how we might address these challenges with the possibility of a stewardship program being conducted in our parish. Many parishioners responded very generously to our call for sharing their time and talent with the parish. The next step may be the third *T* of stewardship which is treasure.

In the meantime, I would ask you to consider the following:

1. After prayer and reflection, decide on what sacrificial offering you wish to make regularly to the parish collection. If you do not presently take envelopes or use checks, I ask you to consider doing so. If you are traveling or unable to make Sunday Mass for some reason, I ask you to try to donate for the Sunday you were not here since our regular expenses continue.
2. There are many second collections mandated by the American Bishops and the local diocese. I would confess that I need to do a better job in explaining what these collections are for before they are taken. The second collections are important needs of the Church and society and help many people. Still, when there is a second collection, I think it is only natural for a person who, let us say, donates \$20.00 a week to the parish collection, gives \$15.00 to the parish and \$5.00 to the second collection. Although this is an understandable choice, I would ask you to maintain your regular collection sum, and then decide what you are able to give to the second collection. There is a clear trend that our regular collection drops when there is a second collection. I hope we can address that pattern.

3. The Golden Harvest and the HOP Club are two important fund raisers of our parish. We count on the money contributed to these two fund raisers for our operating budget. If you are at all able to support these two programs, it is very helpful to the parish. It has been several years since we have sold the 500 tickets needed to maximize the funds of the Golden Harvest.

4. Two years ago due to a car accident to T.J. Hance, our maintenance manager, we had to pay the unexpected expense of snow removal, and I asked you to increase your weekly donation by \$2.00 during the winter. You did and the parish was able to handle the challenge. If you donate \$5.00 regularly, might you consider \$6.00; if you donate \$10.00, might you consider \$12.00; if you donate \$20.00, might you consider \$25.00? You get the idea. I am asking for a slight incremental raise on what you regularly donate.

I firmly believe that the collection taken at the Saturday night and Sunday Masses is a spiritual moment as we offer to God, along with the bread and wine, a gift from our financial resources, be they limited or plentiful.

Psalm 116 speaks to this: *What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?* If you have any thoughts on the concerns I raise, please contact me at woodscsr@aol.com or 516 931 0818. Again, I thank you for your generosity in sharing your time, your talent, and your treasure with the Lord and our parish community.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR, Pastor

On Sept. 28th Father James will be leaving our parish to resume his studies. He has been with us for six months and has been a great blessing to the parish. Many parishioners said that they enjoyed his preaching and way of presiding at Mass very much. He was a great help to us by taking extra Masses while we were on summer vacations and during Father Ciya's recovery from knee surgery. Father James was a delight to live with and had a great sense of humor and a very generous heart in serving.

There will be a reception after the 9AM Mass on Wed., September 28th. God bless you, Father James! We hope you will come back to the parish again.



Dear Fathers and all the parishioners,

I can't believe that it is almost 6 months since I have been with you!! Time flies like anything! Missionaries are like passing birds, always on the move. It is time for me to fly away from here. I am leaving Bethpage on 28th of this month and will spend a couple of months in India and then move to Italy for some years. I did enjoy my stay in Bethpage. During my stay here I felt loved and appreciated by all of you. Father Pat was very generous in many ways with his time and resources. He let me take a vacation with my sister in Jamaica, Caribbean island. It was my dream wish to visit Grand Canyon and Sedona and Father Jim took the initiative to make all the arrangements so that the trip was not only possible but also enjoyable and relaxing. I enjoy playing badminton, volleyball, soccer, basketball, cricket and tennis. Ciya and I were regular in playing badminton, but unfortunately Ciya was injured in July and we missed the game since then.

A word of appreciation to the staff, sacristans, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers and other office bearers of the parish. Thank you Rita and Amy for the wonderful meals you prepared. Finally I thank Deacon Tom Hennessy and each and every one of you for your love and encouraging words. Though I depart, I hope to see you some day, because we missionaries are always on the move and the world is round!! Keep me in your prayers. If you wish to contact me or keep in touch, you are welcome. My Facebook ID is: James kizhakkeyil WhatsApp number is: 0091 9400992777. My email ID is: jamescsrc@gmail.com God bless you! - **Fr. James**

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Baby Bottle Campaign

UPDATED INFORMATION



The Life Center of LI will be holding its Annual **Baby Bottle Campaign on the weekend of Oct. 1 & 2.**

Bottles will be handed out at the end of each mass. We will pick up all bottles during the weekend of October 29 & 30. Our thanks to Father Pat for the opportunity to help these mothers and their babies each year!

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility Fund

On September 24/25 we will have our special second collection for the retired priests of our Diocese who reside, or are recuperating at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

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SMT Parish Men's Club

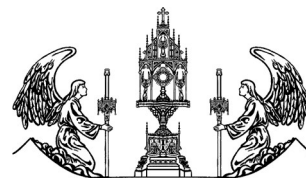
**Wednesday, September 28th at 7:30PM
St. Alphonsus Hall - Small Room**

We gather for about an hour and pray, presentation by Father Pat, and reflect together on living the Catholic faith.

All men 18 and older are invited and most welcome. No Dues!

Holy Hour

Tuesday, September 27th from 3PM - 4PM



Come Let Us Adore Him!

Everyone is welcome to all or any part of the Holy Hour!



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).

Sep 28 Chapters 19 & 20	Nov 2 Chapters 27 & 28
Oct 5 Chapters 21 & 22	Nov 9 Chapters 29 & 30
Oct 12 NO SESSION	Nov 16 Chapters 31 & 32
Oct 19 Chapters 23 & 24	
Oct 26 Chapters 25 & 26	

SMT PARISH BOOK CLUB

***The Midnight Watch: A Novel of the Titanic and The Californian* by David Dyer**

The Midnight Watch by David Dyer was the book club selection that was chosen in June for the SMT Book Club.

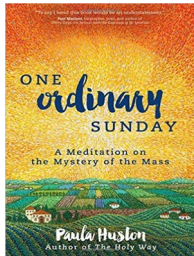
We will meet on Friday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall. All are invited to discuss this novel.

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB - November 4, 2016 - 7:30PM

"One Ordinary Sunday: A Meditation on the Mystery of the Mass" by Paula Huston

Paperback - March 11, 2016 - Ave Maria Press

All are welcome to any gathering of the Spiritual Book Club. This book is highly recommended whether you come to the club or not. It is a wonderful and realistic reflection on the Mass. For Catholics, the Mass is the "source and summit of the Christian life," as the documents of the Church put it. Yet many Catholics might confess to not understand in any depth what goes on in an "ordinary" celebration of the Eucharist. In perhaps her most compelling and original book to date, novelist and spiritual writer Paula Huston guides us through a Mass on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time at her home parish in Arroyo Grande, California. Huston's personal and spiritual reflections offer fresh and often unexpected insights into the profound mystery at the heart of the Catholic faith. A natural storyteller, Huston deftly illuminates what might seem either mysterious to those unfamiliar with the Mass or overly familiar to those who have lost an appreciation of its mystery. In the Mass "we are healed and restored and spiritually fed," she writes. "We are handed strong armor against evil. We are unified and made whole as a people and as a Church. We get a little taste of heaven."



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 26: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Sept 27: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Sept 28: Reception for Father James following 9AM Mass St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 28: SMT Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Small Room
- Oct 1: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church will include the Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. There will be refreshments after the 9AM Mass St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 1 & 2: Respect Life Sunday & Distribution of Baby Bottles
- Oct 2: Knights of Columbus/Catholic War Vets 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 3: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- Oct 3: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Oct 7: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Oct 7: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 18: Respect Life Holy Hour 3:00PM Church
- Nov 4: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall