

Masses For The Week

Monday - October 10 - Columbus Day

NO 6:30 Mass

9:00 Harry Smith

Tuesday - October 11

6:30 Martin Laraia

9:00 Deceased Members of the DiMaggio Family

Wednesday - October 12

6:30 Emily Meyer

9:00 Filomena & Stephen DeCario & Mary & William Dorsch

Thursday - October 13

6:30 Marty Laraia

9:00 Harry R. Smith

Friday - October 14

6:30 Peter & Gloria Carroll

9:00 Daniel M. Flynn, Anniversary

Saturday - October 15

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

5:00 Reno Pelus

7:00 John J. Wolfe, Birthday Remembrance

Sunday - October 16

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Fred Vonder Heydt

10:00 Thomas Cilmi, 17th Anniversary

11:30 Deacon Jim Biggin

1:00 Regan, Doherty & Chan Families

5:30 Herman Ostermeier

Readings For The Week

Mon. Galatians 4:22-31, 5:1; Luke 11:29-32

Tues. Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

Wed. Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

Thurs. Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

Fri. Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

Sat. Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

Sun. *Exodus 17:8-13* When Moses raised his arms to God in prayer, the battle went well. So Aaron and Hur supported his arms, lest the attackers defeat Israel. By sunset, Israel won the fight.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Paul urged Timothy to remain faithful to sacred Scripture because God inspired it. God's inspired word, the source of wisdom in Christ, helps people learn goodness and holiness.

Luke 18:1-8 Jesus taught a lesson about the power of persistent prayer by telling the story of a persistent widow who wore down a corrupt judge by continually demanding her rights. The judge issued a settlement in her favor, lest she do him in.



Saint Maria Faustina

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 10/2/2016: \$18,831.52

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (10%) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord - indeed, all I am and all I have is gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank Him?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who remember what is truly important in life and give witness by serving others out of gratitude to our generous God.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Life is a lot like a Pillsbury Grands flaky biscuit. Each one has lots of layers! Our "life layers" have God, family, friends and work. But way down at the bottom is the layer we don't want to think about or remember. It's all in there! All the layers put together make YOU grand. However, if God's layer isn't at the top, you need to do some rearranging.

Due to Monday being a holiday, our next meeting is Wednesday, October 12th 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

10/3/16 #24	Evelyn & Donald McLean	\$25
10/4/16 #368	Daniel & Laura Esposito	\$25
10/5/16 #441	George & Eleanor Hoban	\$25
10/6/16 #92	Peter & Virginia Zito	\$25
10/7/16 #108	Rosemary Curtin	\$50

Wedding Banns

3rd Edward Amato & Kristen Meister
 3rd William Brenner & Michelle Gruber
 2nd Matthew Formichelli & Christina Quinta



**"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 chili, beef stew, canned chicken, tuna fish, boxed potatoes, whole corn kernels, mixed vegetables, vegetable soup, boxed milk, chocolate milk, salt, sugar, flour, juice, juice boxes, brownie mix, laundry soap, dish soap, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper and diapers (size 6). 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 October 9 - 15, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
 John J. Wolfe*



Sanctuary Candle

Week of October 29- 15, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
 Francine Foschino*



Rest in Peace

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

**Vito Tralli, Mary Donohoe, Dorothy Trimble
 Eileen Ann Bormann, Mary R. Cohan
 Bernard J. Helldorfer**

**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 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, Marylou Mascolo, Trish Berge Kathleen Palumbo, Brendan Donahoe, Noelle Eichenlaub Krystyna Stasiewicz, Janet Scarpelli, Glen Clements, Helen Uhl

Only An Old Beer Bottle

*It was only an old beer
bottle/A-floating on the
foam/It was only an old
beer bottle/A million
miles from home/Inside
was a piece of paper/
These words were
written on/ Now who-
ever finds this bottle/
Will find the beer all
gone.*

Pastor's Letter

I think I first heard this old ditty at a Halloween party when I was a teenager. Now gone home to God, Father Larry the priest in charge, got up and sang this song and was greeted with great applause. At many Redemptorist gatherings, Father Larry could be coaxed into singing this tune. I believe it was sung at his wake. The image of the beer bottle floating on the sea with a secret message in it, has been used in shows and movies forever. The note is not always about a lack of beer; sometimes it tells a story of lost love, of secret treasure, or of a shipwrecked person on an abandoned island. There is something about a bottle floating in the ocean that makes us wonder where it was, where it has been, and where it was going.

One of the popular souvenirs in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and in other vacation areas by the sea, is sea glass. Sea glass are remnants of broken bottles that wash up on the shore or are found in the ocean, that have been in the water for many years. They are usually colored glass and come in all sorts of shapes. These pieces are used by artists to create earrings, bracelets, and necklaces. The years in the ocean have smoothed the glass and given it a distinct tint. Not so surprising, the pieces of glass from broken and abandoned bottles that somehow ended up in the sea become beautiful and costly treasures. When you purchase such a gift, you can't help but wonder who drank from this bottle, how did it end up in the ocean and how long has it been in the water.

As I saw the baby bottles stacked in our gathering area, I thought of the old song, the floating bottles on the seas, and the sea glass from the ocean. I always find our parishioners embrace the baby bottle campaign with great enthusiasm. My family in Brooklyn even asks me to bring them a few. It is such a simple idea: filling a bottle with our loose change to support the work of the Life Center. We are also reminded to say the prayer in the bottle for support of the great work they do. Over the past several years, our parish has donated more than \$10,000.00 a year - all from our change. (although some people choose to put some greenbacks in the bottles and that is always welcomed!)



For years pro-abortion supporters criticized the Pro-Life movement for only worrying about the child in the womb and nothing else. Unfortunately, much of the media also joined in this lie. The donations in our baby bottles are used in countless ways to support unwed mothers and fathers. ***They are used to support them not only during pregnancy but also after the baby is born.*** The pennies and quarters are used for so many good works such as *sonograms by a licensed physician when necessary; crisis Intervention counseling; pre-natal and post-natal guidance; cribs, car seats, clothing diapers; abstinence education in private and public schools and various forums; sexual integrity education; fertility awareness and appreciation; post-abortion counseling; assistance with linking to appropriate community resources such as maternity housing, continuing education, and employment opportunities.* **Can you think of a better way to spend a few dollars?** I am so very proud of the generosity of our parish to the Pro-Life movement. We are blessed with such great parish leadership by the work of Jerry and Diana Hart-Miranda and the Pro-Life committee. The beer may be gone from the old beer bottle, but our baby bottles are filled with love for the gift of love that God has given through this great ministry.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR

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The Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 2, 2016



Four envelope-using parishioners



Even our parish cats and dogs love one another!



Father Ciya outshines Mayor DeBlasio



Mayor DeBlasio, left, winces as Staten Island Chuck breaks free and drops to the stage during the 2014 Groundhog Day ceremony at the Staten Island Zoo. Staten Island Advance

The Redemptorists ask your prayers for our seminarians as they discern their vocations as Redemptorist priests or brothers. Below is the list of all seminarians from the communities of Boston, The Bronx, Chicago, Houston and Toronto:

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| Augustus Riviere | Michael Vo | Ako Walker | Thien Hoang |
| Ivan Dzhur | Royce Thomas | Michael Cunningham | Ryan Holovlasky |
| Jesus Ruelas | Vincent Nguyen | Ken Stigner | Eumir Bautista |
| Greg Benjamin | Trung-Tin Huynh | Guy Mier | Mark McMullen |
| Angel Martinez | Brian Vaccaro | Tony Moreno | Hoang Thomg |
| Benchi Lindor | Song Yu | Romero Radix | Lam Tran |
| Garvey Blanc | Huyen T. Nguyen | Chung Tran | Toan Lai |
| Kevin McGraw | Huan T. Le | Vu Huy | Viet Nguyen |
| Kevin Zubel | Chung Cao Tran | Quy Duong | Damien Dinh |
| | | Joaquin Garcia-Romanillos | |

Christmas Cards for the Military

If you would like the parish to send a Christmas card to a loved one currently serving in the military, please either email gamit1946@hotmail.com or call the rectory at 931-0818. Overseas addresses are needed no later than November 1st and domestic addresses, no later than December 1st.

Life Teen is a youth ministry geared toward high school students. We meet every Sunday after the 5:30PM Mass in the OLPH Youth Room located in the school building. Meetings are from 7PM - 8:30PM. Please email us at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com with any questions you may have about Life Teen.



VIRTUS TRAINING

Protecting All God's Children

If you wish to volunteer in any capacity in a parish, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that you **first register** for Virtus by logging on to the diocese website at www.drvc.org. **Virtus registration can be found at the lower right of the home page.** If you have any problems with the process, please call the rectory at 931-0818 and someone will get back to you with assistance.

Next Virtus at St. Martin of Tours
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:00PM
St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

Father Jim and I will be away from Tuesday October 11th until Thursday, October 13th. We will be at San Alfonso Retreat House with the many other Redemptorists from our province to discuss our ministries. Father Ciya will be home and taking care of the parish. He loves ice cream so I am sure you will be good to him. We ask your prayers during this time of discernment. - Father Pat



Praying the Rosary for America

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.



As we mark the 99th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's appearances at Fatima, we will join more than 16,000 other groups across America in prayer, the rosary for peace in the world and for God's blessings our nation.

Where: Saint Martin of Tours at 11:45AM on Saturday, October 15th at the gathering area of the Church. Weather permitting, we will process around the outside of the Church (in the Church if it rains) beginning at 12:00PM as the entire country in all the time zones will be praying at this hour. 12:00PM was chosen because it was about that time in Fatima, Portugal on October 13, 1917 that the miracle of the sun occurred. Light refreshments will be served at the end of our rosary rally in St. Alphonsus Hall.



The Golden Harvest Festival & Raffle

Raffle limited to only five hundred tickets at \$100 each
 ...fifty cash prizes for excellent odds of one in ten!

Let's do it this year! - To sell ALL 500 tickets!!

WHEN: Drawing will be held at a Festival Party
 Saturday evening in the School Cafeteria at 8PM on November 19th.

\$100 per chance - go it alone or share a ticket with others!

LIST OF PRIZES

First Prize	\$5,000
2 Prizes	\$2,000
3 Prizes	\$ 500
4 Prizes	\$ 200
20 Prizes	\$ 150
20 Prizes	\$ 125



50 Prizes!...only 500 tickets!...and a Party, too!



Tickets Go ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND!!!

October 15th and 16th
 in the Gathering Area

BEFORE *and* AFTER ALL MASSES
(including the 5:30PM on Sunday)

As well as in the Rectory Office during the following week!

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
The Lord replied,
"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*

The other night I was talking to my sister Maryanne on the phone. She was very upset and at the point of tears for much of the conversation. A very precious friend of ours had a serious medical test that left us both filled with anxiety since we both love her. Being Irish, or perhaps because our mother was a great worrier, my sister and I are both pessimistic by nature. I tried to calm her down and tell her we still do not know the results of the biopsy and maybe all will be well. Still, her anxiety and worries were touching my own. At the same time, my niece's father-in-law had just died. His two grandchildren who loved their Pop-Pop very much, were naturally very upset. Since my niece was with her husband making funeral arrangements, my sister was trying to console Fiona and Sean. Sean, being younger, was silent and just upset, unable to verbalize his pain. Fiona, a sixth grader told Maryanne that she was really mad at God and wondered why he let people die. Certainly that has been the question that has haunted humanity since its earliest days. Nana explained about Jesus, the resurrection and the promise of eternal life, and in spite of her own questions and doubts, assured Fiona that she would see her Pop-Pop again. A most human scene: a grandmother sharing faith with a granddaughter in the midst of the chaos that life sometimes brings us. Suddenly Fiona, perhaps a budding theologian, said that she was not really mad at God, but mad at Adam and Eve for messing up the world. If I were to add to the conversation, I would suggest that we too have played our own roles in creating a world that oftentimes lacks the loving presence of God.

*Increase our faith...*the words we hear in today's Gospel, is a prayer that probably every one of us here at Mass has voiced. Jesus has been teaching the apostles what it means to be a follower of his. He told them something that they find even more challenging than accepting the death of a loved one - that followers of Jesus are committed to not holding grudges and to forgiving their enemies. The apostles so loved Christ and his message, but the message they hear about forgiveness of others leaves them convinced this *is* all but impossible. Centuries upon centuries have taught people that the powerful overthrow the weak, that you must attack before being attacked, you must not trust others, that turning the other cheek is all but impossible. Sometimes when I am preaching a sermon on the forgiveness of others, I hear a voice inside my soul telling me how often I fail to do this in my own life. So, the apostles ask Jesus for more faith. They are really saying they cannot live as he asks since it is too hard and the price is way too costly. They want to be able to love and forgive without pain. Just like I long for the scientist who can make a pill that will make me lose 50 lbs. while I sleep, we want an injection of faith that will remove from our lives all problems and challenges in living our faith. I want someone to bake a sugar free chocolate cream donut that is calorie free, which does not taste like broccoli. *Increase our faith.*

Jesus tells the apostles that they have enough faith to live and follow him. Even a spark of faith is enough to help them journey through life. He then goes on to tell a story that is difficult for me to grasp. He speaks about a servant who is working out in the fields. When the servant finishes his work outside, if he were to come in and sit down, the boss would say, *don't sit down until you take care of your inside work!* Jesus gives this interpretation to the story: So should it be with you. *When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'* When we read this, it makes God seem like a very demanding taskmaster. It reminds me when I was a kid, if I got a B on my report card, I would tell my mother that many of the students got C's, so a B was pretty good. Her response was: *Compare yourself to the best students not to the worst!* Tough Mom! However, as I researched the meaning of the parable, the biblical scholars suggest it is telling us that God gives us the gifts and tools needed to love him and follow him. He promised us the gift of faith. Our challenge is not to give into discouragement and not to lose heart.

There have been a few moments in my life, when I felt overwhelmed. I found myself saying to myself, *I will never get through this. I can't make it.* But, I did! I am still here. I did survive these dark moments and some of them that seemed so overwhelming and huge, I can no longer even recall. I think of a quote that says that I spent most of my life worried about things that never happened. But there are hard moments in **all** our lives. I am sure you too have had hard times, leading you to say the words, *I will not get through this! I can't make it!* Yet, you did because you are sitting here in Church. Very often, we have far more strength and faith than we know. We have the faith given to us at our baptism, strengthened by a lifetime of holy communions.

I remember making a tape of songs to strengthen me when I was struggling with some issues. I played Bruce Springsteen's *No Surrender*, Gloria Gaynor's *I Will Survive*, and Elton John's *I'm Still Standing*. They are not classic prayers by famous saints, but they are songs that gave me strength and helped me see the depth of faith that God had given me. The prayer of today, *Lord, increase my faith* is a beautiful petition to make daily to the Lord. The words we heard in our second reading from the letter of St. Paul to Timothy give us strength: *For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.* - Father Pat's Homily of 10/2/16



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	SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army	E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG	1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC	PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army	MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC	SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
L CPL James Kruper, USMC	BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy
SPC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army	PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC	LTC John Evans, US Army
1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp	ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy	PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF	SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC	2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
1LT Brian McGrath, US Army	SSG George Howard, US Army
SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army	LT Mario Lopes, USMC
PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army	PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
PFC William Corrigan, USMC	CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF	MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG	PVT Edward Morales, US Army
PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army	MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC	PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC
2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF	

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATE YOU WILL DECIDE TO VOTE FOR: Surely you have seen people interviewed about the current candidates running for president. You have to be amazed at the lack of information that some voters have about each of them. Most frightening, is that some do not even know the name of our vice president, or others not aware of the names and parties that govern our own State of New York.

We as citizens must learn what these candidates stand for. **Brave men and women throughout history have made the supreme sacrifice for our right to vote for a candidate of our choice. But we must stop, listen and learn what they are offering us. We must cut to the facts about each of them. Try to avoid getting caught up in the media, be it left or right wing programming. Instead research the person you will have a hand in bringing your ideals and needs to the Oval Office. We are so divided about who we will make the next President of the United States. You are part of making history. Your vote counts! Make sure you know what and who you want to be your voice in this amazing country of ours. REGISTER: VOTE!**

FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP: CATHOLICS CARE. CATHOLICS VOTE. DRVC. *"We need to participate for the common good, sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true. Good Catholics immerse themselves so that the leader can govern."* Pope Francis 9/16/13

The USCCB of the United States, are pleased to offer once again, **FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP.** This represents guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. Please visit www.respectlife.drvc.org/faithful-citizenship-and-political-responsibilities.

THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE, RESPECT LIFE OFFICE offers many important programs that are available to us: ABORTION/HEALING AFTER ABORTION; CHASTITY; MARRIAGE & NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING; REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES; CONSCIENCE PROTECTION; SUICIDE; DEATH PENALTY; END OF LIFE ISSUES.

GABRIEL'S COURAGE: GOOD SHEPHERD HOSPICE: CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES: PRENATAL COMFORT AND SUPPORT PROGRAM 2016. Expecting a new baby is a time filled with excitement, anticipation and hope for the future. However, for parents who have a Life-Limiting-Prenatal diagnosis, this can be a time filled with uncertainty, fear and devastation. Parents who choose to continue the pregnancy may find themselves isolated, with limited support, information and resources. Parents do not have to WALK THIS JOURNEY ALONE. GABRIEL'S COURAGE OF CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES is a family centered perinatal program, providing comprehensive, multidisciplinary team approach to care, affirming the role of parents and providing support throughout pregnancy, labor, birth, life and remembrance. The team welcomes and honors the life of each child, celebrating his or her uniqueness and place in the world. The team includes nurses, social workers, chaplains and child life and bereavement specialists who partner with medical providers, keeping them informed and involved. **For more information contact: DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE, RESPECT LIFE OFFICE, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 (516) 678-5800 ext. 626 or 381. www.drvc.org/respectlife.**

Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York wrote the following article on Saturday, October 1st in the *New York Post*. It captured the deep bond of faith that we share with our Jewish brothers and sisters. I believe it was Pope Benedict XVI who referred to the Jewish people as “our older brothers and sisters in faith.” Whatever our faith, we are all in need of God’s mercy and love in our lives. God bless our Jewish friends on their holy days.



“Mea culpa! I know I’m violating the teaching of the sacred scriptures we Catholics and Jews both revere, but, I have to confess I’m envious of the Jewish High Holy days. Yes, we have Christmas and Easter, and cherish them. But they come in winter and spring. My Jewish friends celebrate their pivotal solemnities — Rosh Hashanah, their New Year and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement — in the beautiful and uplifting season of autumn.

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What a grand backdrop for a time of renewed faith. In the fall, nature is in transition. As the winds get chillier, the trees more barren and the light of day less radiant, we can’t help think of our own fleeting nature. We, like creation, are constantly on a journey: birth, growth, love, life, strength — then slowing down, aging, sensing frailty and admitting mortality. For a skeptic or one without faith, such an admission of an inevitable personal winter can cause some discouragement, trepidation and anxiety. For a believer, it prompts trust, gratitude and a constant search for the one thing that will never fail, fade or pass: the Lord.

My Jewish friends have the help of this season of change to make their holy days so meaningful. A dear rabbi friend explained to me that every Jewish feast comes down to an interior whisper, in concert with the psalmist, that “only in God is my soul at rest.” God is always there, ever good, constantly faithful. The Holy Days, he added, allow us to admit “we’re not always good or faithful to the Lord.” Rosh Hashanah occasions gratitude and a fresh start; Yom Kippur, sorrow, atonement, renewal. The rabbi concluded that this week he and his congregation would be articulating once more the most ancient longing of humanity: We need God.

It reminds me of the historic Mass Pope Saint John Paul II offered before 2 million Poles on the final day of his triumphant visit home in June 1979. Those Poles, whose hope had been revived after decades of Nazism and Communism lies and oppression, interrupted his sermon with 11 minutes of a three-word chant: “We want God!” They had been through a long autumn and winter and knew by then that God and God alone can quench the thirst of the heart. So we ask, as summer fades and the warmth goes south, what can we really rely on? Is there anyone who does not change, any place where it’s always spring, anything where decline and death does not prevail? My Jewish friends are going to inspire me this week by turning the darkening of October days into the eternal light of faith, the dying of nature into an act of hope in the eternal God of life, the chill of autumn breezes into the warmth of family, friends, tradition, home and prayer.

Do you mind if we Catholics unite with you spiritually? Lord knows we, like you, look around our world and are tempted to autumn sentiments of fear and discouragement. Thanks for this reminder that “only in God are our souls at rest.” Let’s find Him, worship Him, love and serve Him together. Blessed Holy Days. Timothy Cardinal Dolan is archbishop of New York City.”

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)

**Help America - Help the World
Pray the Rosary**



CYO SWIM TEAM AT MARIA REGINA

Boys and Girls - Ages 6 - 18

Registration will be on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:30PM to 8PM in the lobby of the Maria Regina School, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue, Seaford.



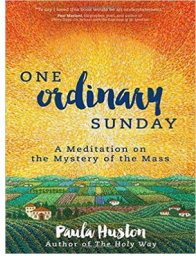
St. Martin parishioners are welcome to join. All home meets and practices are at Farmingdale High School. Please email Helen at swimrcyo@yahoo.com for more information.

GLUTEN FREE, PEANUT FREE, DAIRY FREE ALTAR BREAD

Please see the sacristan before mass begins if you require altar breads that are free of gluten, peanuts and dairy. Let the sacristan know how many for consecration.

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."



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

This fall couples will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. The liturgy will begin at 2:30PM. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory.

Registration must be received by the Office of Worship 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Kilian RCC in Farmingdale is looking for a part time Bookkeeper - 20 hours per week.

Requirements: bookkeeping experience, ADP Payroll, Quick Books & HR Records, Microsoft Office.

Contact: Ed Fronckwicz, Facilities Manager at (516) 249-0127
Fax: (516) 249-7131
Email: edwardf@stkilian.com

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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 for more information.

Capital Campaign Memorial Plaque

We have extended the time for the Capital Campaign Donors Memorial Plaque inscriptions for those who would like to have either their name or in memory of a loved one.

The limit is 30 spaces including punctuation and spaces between words. Call the rectory at 931-0818 with your name, phone number and what you want the plaque to say, or email

smtcapitalcampaign@gmail.com

Thank you to those who have submitted their requests!

Anyone out there who hasn't joined the H.O.P. Club (which stands for Help Our Parish), can do so any time. It is a \$60 membership fee, and runs from September 1 to August 31 of the following year.

The HOP Club has been supporting our parish for many years now and helps to fund our operating expenses to run the parish. For more information, you can call the rectory at 931-0818 and ask for Genny or Janet.

Baby Bottle Campaign



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!

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).

Oct 12 NO SESSION	Nov 2 Chap 27 & 28
Oct 19 Chap 23 & 24	Nov 9 Chap 29 & 30
Oct 26 Chap 25 & 26	Nov 16 Chap 31 & 32



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

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.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 10: Columbus Day - NO 6:30AM Mass
- Oct 10: Rectory Office is Closed
- Oct 12: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Oct 15/16: Golden Harvest Tickets Go On Sale!!
- Oct 18: Respect Life Holy Hour 3:00PM Church
- Oct 18: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Church
- Oct 22: For Donators of the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal:
Thank You Luncheon 12-1:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall. RSVP to the Rectory 931-0818.
- Oct 25: Virtus Class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 4: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 5: Mass of Remembrance 9AM Church
- Nov 11: Veterans Day & the Feast Day of Saint Martin of Tours
- Nov 19: Golden Harvest Festival and Raffle - Reception 8PM School Cafeteria
- Nov 24: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM Church