

Masses For The Week

Monday - October 17

6:30 Callocchio Family Living & Deceased
 9:00 Harry Smith

Tuesday - October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist

6:30 Helen M. Draghi
 9:00 Vivian McCabe

Wednesday - October 19

6:30 Diane Dillon
 9:00 Jake Froehlich, Jr.

Thursday - October 20

6:30 Linda Teague
 9:00 Deceased Members of the Serventi Family

Friday - October 21

6:30 Vivian McCabe
 9:00 Anna Chiarelli

Saturday - October 22

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Casey & Cuda Families
 7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - October 23

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Sarah Zura
 10:00 Deacon Jim Biggin
 11:30 John & Isabel Carlo
 1:00 Harry R. Smith
 5:30 Pierro Mannino

Readings For The Week

Mon. Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
 Tues. 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
 Wed. Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48
 Thurs. Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
 Fri. Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
 Sat. Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13-19

Sun. Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 *“Though not unduly partial toward the weak,” God hears the cry of the oppressed. God is not deaf to the wail of the orphan or the complaints of the widow. “The Lord is a God of justice.”*

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 *Paul told Timothy that he had fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. Now a crown of victory awaits him when he arrives in the heavenly reign.*

Luke 18:9-14 *Jesus told the story about the Pharisee and the tax collector to help those who placed confidence in their own righteousness while holding others in contempt. Jesus encouraged people to pray with the tax collector, “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly Collection 10/9/2016: \$15,162.15

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Today's theme is perseverance - Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek to discover their own individual gifts and personal vocation/role in this life.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Distractions can be hazardous to your health. Life is a series of distractions. It's like we are walking on a balance beam and things are being thrown at us. Some are good, like flowers and balloons. Others can feel like basketballs or rocks! Don't forget - God is your spotter. He's there to catch you when you fall. Call upon Him everyday to keep you on the straight and narrow beam. What's being thrown at you? Are you feeling alone on that beam?

Our next meeting is Monday, October 17th 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

10/10/16 #271	Leonarda M. Dear	\$25
10/11/16 #160	William Zappolo	\$25
10/12/16 #355	Anthony & Catherine Citrolo	\$25
10/13/16 #392	Joseph R. Giugliano	\$25
10/14/16 #469	M/M Gonzalo Zuniga	\$50



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

*Wedding Banns**3rd 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 16 - 22, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
Anna & Bill Csajko*

*Sanctuary Candle**Week of October 16- 22, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
Catherine & Silvio Sita*

**Rest in Peace*****Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."*****Maria Mincieli, Anna M. Isoldi**

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, Nadine Lewin Wall, Charles Drew
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
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

Pastor's Letter

Jesus said in reply,
"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?
Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"
Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

One of the challenges that I find in preaching here at St. Martin's is that I cannot remember if I told a certain joke or not. The good news is that most people are too polite to tell me, *Father you told us that one, about ten times...!*

So here we go, and if you heard it, try to make like you didn't. A woman comes to the rectory and asks for the pastor. She is quite upset. The pastor asks her what is wrong. She tells him that her husband bought a lottery ticket the other night and she is now holding the winning numbers for the Powerball lottery of 200 million dollars. The pastor says, *That is great news! Congratulations! Why are you upset?* She responds, *Father, you know my husband Joe has a heart condition. I am very afraid that when he finds out this news, he may have a heart attack from the shock of winning so much money.* The pastor thinks for a moment and says, *Don't worry. I have an idea of how I can break the news to Joe in a gentle way that won't startle him.*

That night there is a meeting of the pastoral council of which Joe is a member. The pastor says at the beginning of the meeting as a kind of ice breaker, *I thought I would ask this question: What would you do if you ever won the 200 million dollar Powerball lottery?* Joe quickly raises his hands, and say, *If I ever won that lottery, I would give half the money to our parish.* Hearing those words, the pastor fell over with a heart attack! It is a good story to keep in mind if you ever do win the lottery and want to share half of it with the church, but please be careful how you break the news to me!

I have found that very often gratitude leads to kindness to others. At a wedding, a couple gives out wedding favors to the guests. At the birth of a child, cigars are handed out by the proud Dad. I often ask someone why they want to get involved in some ministry of the parish, and I often hear a response such as *Father, God has been good to me and I want to be good to others.* A 50th wedding anniversary is a time of saying thanks to God, family and friends because He has blessed the couple with a happy marriage. I think the parishioners of St. Martin's are so supportive of the food pantry by their donations because they are grateful to God that they have food on their own tables and want to help others.

I listened to the speech that Mike Piazza gave when he entered into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. He must have thanked well over 50 people by name in his talk, including little league coaches, minor league teammates, and the workers at the stadiums where he played. This is what he said about the 9/11 responders and those who serve in the military: *Jesus said, there's no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. I consider it a privilege to have witnessed that love. Your families and those left behind are always in my prayers. I pray we never forget their sacrifice and work to always defeat such evil.* He had great praise for his parents and family, including these words about his mother: *My mother gave me the greatest gift a mother can give a child. She gave me the gift of my Catholic faith. This has had a profound impact on my career and it has given me patience, compassion and hope.*

True gratitude - having a sense of thanksgiving in our hearts for what we have been given - leads to not only words of thanks but to action and generosity. In today's Gospel Jesus heals ten lepers. Lepers not only suffered from the horrors of their disease, but they were removed from the community and forced to live in isolation because of the fear of the disease spreading. Hearing their cry for healing on the road to Jerusalem, our Lord Jesus tells them to go to the priests, which was Jewish law since the priest could restore them to the community if he saw they were healed. *As they were going, they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.* His healing has led him to return to praise and thank God.

Are the other nine ungrateful? I judge them gently. Perhaps they had not seen their families in years and rushed to them. Perhaps they had a meal of celebration. It is easy to get so overwhelmed with good news that one might forget to say thank you immediately. And then perhaps they came back later to Jesus. But nothing can stop this Samaritan from rushing back to the One who brought him healing. His body has not only been healed, he has found faith in the power of the Son of God. Even greater than physical healing is to experience salvation revealed through Jesus Christ.

A key detail to this story is that the one who returns is a Samaritan. Samaritans in the eyes of many of the Jewish leaders and people were considered renegade - fallen away Jews - people to be despised. Yet like the *Parable of the Good Samaritan*, the hero of this story, the one who is *most* grateful is considered the greatest sinner. Jesus' praising of the Samaritan infuriates the leadership and is another reason for many of them to plot against the Messiah.

There is an oft used expression, *There but for the grace of God go I.* We might say it when we see a homeless person on the street, hear of someone convicted of embezzlement or tax fraud, or judge someone harshly for their lack of religious practice. To truly mean *There but for the grace of God go I* recognizes we are all Samaritans in need of the mercy of God. We do not save ourselves; we stand in awe how blessed we are with God's love and seek to share it with those who do not yet know it. The word *Eucharist means thanksgiving.* Every Mass is a profound act of thanking God for our lives, our loved ones, and our faith. Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul will be healed.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR

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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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 - LIFE NIGHT: All High School aged teenagers in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for a Life Night immediately following the 5:30pm mass in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Youth Center located in the school building. Grab a friend and join us for dinner followed by a fun and exciting Life Night. For any questions about our Lifeteen program, please contact us at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27th - EDGE KICK OFF!

7PM - 8:30PM - OLPH Youth Center

All Middle School aged children in grades 6, 7 & 8 are welcome to come to see what we're all about. We meet every other week from 7 - 8:30PM in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Youth Center located in the school building. This program is a wonderful way for young adolescence to grow in their faith and make lasting friendships.

We will have snacks, games and glow sticks so be sure to grab a friend and join us! For any questions about our Lifeteen program, please contact us at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com

Camp Veritas Dates have been released for 2017! Contact the Youth Ministry office for more information. Also, check out their website for information and videos at www.CampVeritas.com.

Now is a great time to consider joining our volunteer team!

If you want to know more about getting involved in SMT's dynamic and lively Youth Ministry Programs, please contact us at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com. If you are over the age of 18, there are many different ways to volunteer including joining one of our Core Teams, providing meals or snacks for our Life Teen and Edge program, or even just remembering to keep us in your prayers. Youth Ministry is an incredibly rewarding way to get involved with your community and help lead the youth of our parish closer to Christ. Remember, all are welcome to celebrate with us at the 5:30 PM Life Teen Sunday Mass.



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!



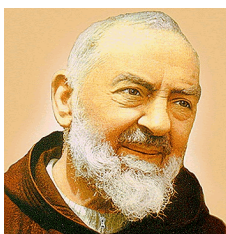
Tickets Go ON BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND!!!
October 15th and 16th
 in the Gathering Area

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

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

The 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:

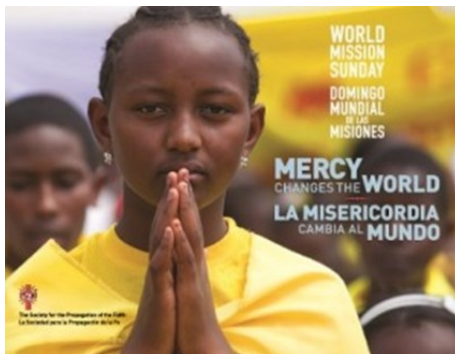
Augustus Riviere	Michael Vo	Ako Walker	Thien Hoang
Ivan Dzhur	Royce Thomas	Michael Cunningham	Ryan Holovlasky
Jesus Ruelas	Vincent Nguyen	Ken Stigner	Eumir Bautista
Greg Benjamin	Trung-Tin Huynh	Guy Mier	Mark McMullen
Angel Martinez	Brian Vaccaro	Tony Moreno	Hoang Thomg
Benchi Lindor	Song Yu	Romero Radix	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	



Please join us on **Tuesday October 18th at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel** for the St. Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

Next Sunday, **World Mission Sunday**, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, calls every Catholic to celebrate at the Eucharist, our vocation to be missionary and to help the Missions. As Catholics around the world, here at home and in the Missions, gather at the Eucharistic table, let us pray for the Church’s worldwide mission and offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for more that 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Thank you for your generosity.





On Sunday, October 9, 2016, Archbishop Joseph Tobin CSSR was named a Cardinal of the Church by Pope Francis. He is the Archbishop of Indianapolis and had previously been the Superior General of the Redemptorists.

We Redemptorists are very delighted with this news since we know him to be an outstanding pastor. I am personally delighted because the Archbishop is a friend of mine since we first met in the seminary in 1975. May God bless him and all those he serves in this new call of his life.



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
 PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH - For those of you that may have missed our speech about the Life Center and the 2016 Baby Bottle Campaign, I would like to take the opportunity to post it here in the bulletin. Eleven years ago, Jerry and I had the honor of coming before you and bringing the message of the Life Center of Long Island. We are celebrating our 30th year. Life is a gift that should be respected every second, moment and hour of the year, so we were especially honored to stand before you in October, Respect Life Month. Both Jerry and I are speakers for the Life Center and have visited, over the last decade, many parishes in our diocese. From St. Agnes Cathedral to parishes in the Hamptons, we are left breathless at the love and concern they show as they reach out to help young women in the midst of a crisis pregnancy.

Then, each October we come home. We come home here to St. Martin's to stand before you once more to thank you for your incredible generosity, both in the Baby Bottle Campaign, and the incredible outpouring of baby items at our Baby Shower each May. Filling a 17 foot truck with baby needs is a GIFT OF LOVE THAT NO WORDS OF THANKS CAN EVER EXPRESS. WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS.

Often a woman wants to love and nurture her baby, but through fear and no place to turn, they feel they have NO CHOICE. THIS IS WHERE THE LIFE CENTER STEPS IN. We have four (4) Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Massapequa, Deer Park, Hempstead and Riverhead. Our dedicated staff of volunteers work long hours to insure that every woman that walks through our doors finds a SAFE HAVEN, requirements and assistance for medical care coverage, counseling, pregnancy tests and someone to listen to her needs through all 9 months. She will be given baby clothes, formula, diapers...you know, all those things you donated, until her baby is 2 years of age. Whatever she may need, the Life Center will be there for her.

Once more, we ask you to take home a baby bottle, fill it with your spare change and RETURN IT ON THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 29 AND 30TH. Would you also say that special prayer attached to each baby bottle. It has a direct effect on saving the life of a child. *It is also bringing about something very special at the Life Center, A CHANGE OF HEART. This change of heart is the reason why in the past 12 months alone, 110 BABIES WERE BROUGHT SAFELY INTO THIS WORLD.*

If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the tag on each bottle and the Life Center will get back to you. MOST OF ALL, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR OWN FATHER PAT, WHO HAS ENCOURAGED, AND CHAMPIONED US EVERY YEAR. HE WAS WITH US WHEN WE WERE NAMED PARISH OF THE YEAR IN 2012. THE AWARD FOR THAT HONOR SITS IN THE GATHERING PLACE, NEAR THE STATUE OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCH ANGEL. HE CONTINUES TO STAND WITH US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AS WE TRY TO BRING ABOUT THE MESSAGE OF LIFE. HIS DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN TO ANY REQUEST WE MAY BRING BEFORE HIM ALONG WITH OUR RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE. HE IS COMMITTED TO THE SANCTITY OF LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH, We are truly blessed.

So once more, we thank you, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU who bring the gift of HOPE, HEALING and NEW LIFE to those we serve. We will leave you with the words of our beloved Saint Pope John Paul II, "IN THE NAME OF GOD, RESPECT, PROTECT, LOVE AND SERVE LIFE, EVERY HUMAN LIFE! If anyone is interested in joining our RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE, we meet monthly and discuss current legislation, share ideas about all phases of life from abortion to end of life issues. One of our members shows a film on the subject we may be discussing at each meeting, and all are dedicated to making a difference! We are not only a Committee, we are friends.

If you may be interested in joining, please contact me: Diana Hart Mirando
(cell) 516 830-5855 (home) 516 605-1979

It is not too late to take home a bottle; there are some available at the exits. Thank you and God bless!

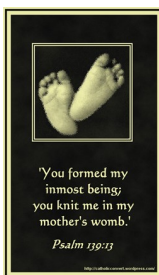
Christmas Cards for the Military

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.

Feast of Saint Gerard October 16th

St. Gerard Majella is the patron of expectant mothers. He was born in 1726 in Muro, Italy to a family of seven. Majella grew up in poverty with a great respect for the poor. He applied to the Capuchin monastery at Muro twice, but was turned down both times. Majella was told his health was not well enough for such a strenuous life. However, Majella did not give up. In 1749 at the age of 23, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Redemptorists, and just three years later became a professed lay brother. Along with his miracles effected through prayers for woman in labor, Majella's last recorded miracle is one that many credit toward his becoming the patron of expectant mothers. Shortly before his death, Majella encountered a young girl. He had dropped his handkerchief and she set out to return it, only to be told to keep it. Majella told her she "may need it someday." Years after Majella's passing, the young girl became married and with child. She unexpectedly went into labor and was on the verge of losing her baby. She called for Majella's handkerchief to be applied to her. Almost immediately, her pain abated and she proceeded to give birth to a healthy child, something very rare during that time. Due to the numerous miracles performed through Majella's prayers, proceedings for his canonization began shortly after his death. In 1893, Majella was beatified by Pope Leo XIII and on December 11, 1904, Pope Pius X canonized this man of God.

Prayer: Saint Gerard, faithful Redemptorist Brother, follower of Jesus Christ, and friend of couples seeking to become pregnant, or women who are with child and seeking a safe delivery, we pray for your blessings on those who come to you for your intercession. Bring their prayers to the Lord who sees the goodness of their hearts. St. Gerard, in a time when the gift of human life is becoming diminished, bless those who so desire and value the gift of a child through pregnancy or adoption, and may Our Lady of Perpetual Help be with those who pray with you and before her icon of love. Amen



Respect Life Holy Hour

There will be a holy hour in the Church praying for the protection of human life from conception to natural death at **3PM on Tuesday, October 18th**. You are invited to come and pray in gratitude for gift of life and for its protection from all threats to God's gift of life.

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 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 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.



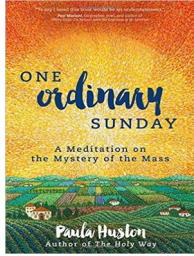
St. Martin parishioners are wel-
come to join. All home meets
and practices are at Farmingdale High School.
Please email Helen at swimrcyo@yahoo.com
for more information.

GLUTEN FREE, PEANUT FREE, DAIRY FREE ALTAR BREAD

Please see the sacristan before mass begins if
you require altar breads that are free of glu-
ten, 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.

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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).

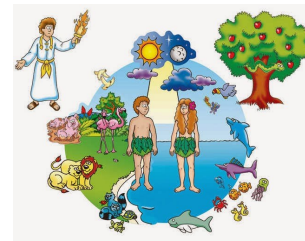
Oct 19 Chap 23 & 24

Nov 9 Chap 29 & 30

Oct 26 Chap 25 & 26

Nov 16 Chap 31 & 32

Nov 2 Chap 27 & 28



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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 15/16: Golden Harvest Tickets Go On Sale this weekend!!
- 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