

Masses For The Week

Monday - October 24

6:30 Manuel Dorego
9:00 Joseph Castora

Tuesday - October 25

6:30 Joseph Spoto
9:00 Otto Gutbrod

Wednesday - October 26

6:30 Marty Laraia
9:00 Mary & Peter McMahon

Thursday - October 27

6:30 Helen M. Draghi
9:00 Rose Provenzano

Friday - October 28 - Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

6:30 Mary O'Neil
9:00 Robert McCarron

Saturday - October 29

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Keith G. Meehan
7:00 James Fanning

Sunday - October 30

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Frances & Anthony Valenti
10:00 Christine Bassyouni
11:30 Deacon Jim Biggin
1:00 Harry R. Smith
5:30 Montana & Maggio Families & Jack Phelps

Readings For The Week

Mon. Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17
Tues. Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21
Wed. Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30
Thurs. Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35
Fri. Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Sat. Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11

Sun. Wisdom 11:22-12:2 *The Lord, who can do all things, spares all things. God's imperishable spirit is in all things, and the Lord God overlooks "people's sins that they may repent."*

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 *The name of Christ is to be glorified in you, and you in him.*

Luke 19:1-10 *When Jesus passed through Jericho, Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree in order to see him. Jesus went home with Zacchaeus and blessed his house, for the "Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly Collection 10/16/2016: \$17,611.66

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Today's Gospel calls all of us - not just the apostles - to "go...and make disciples." If we cannot actually go to the missions, we can answer Jesus' call by giving generously of our prayers and financial resources to support those who can and do.

We are grateful this week for all stewards who support our Diocesan Missions through their generosity of prayer, financial giving, material gifts or personal service.

Charismatic Prayer Group

When life's troubles bring you to your knees, **don't get up!** You are in the perfect place to talk to God. Give Him your pain, worries and troubles and ask Him to show you the way. By worrying, you are telling God that you don't trust Him. It's hard because it's human nature to worry when things go wrong or not as we expect. We can help.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 24th 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

10/17/16	#502	Yvonne & Danielle Iovieno	\$25
10/18/16	#519	Roy Keuling	\$25
10/19/16	#56	Pat & Frank Foley	\$25
10/20/16	#294	Tillie Krupitsch	\$25
10/21/16	#63	N. Grosser	\$250



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

*Wedding Banns**1st Michael Grimes & Nikki LoPipero*

*"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 tuna fish, egg noodles, chili, oatmeal, tomato paste, vegetable soup, evaporated milk, boxed milk, Jell-O, sugar, cookies, crackers, juice, juice boxes, shampoo, tooth paste, paper towels, diapers size 5.

PLEASE NO PASTA OR STRING BEANS UNTIL AT LEAST 2017.

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 23 - 29, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
Richard McKenna*

*Sanctuary Candle**Week of October 23 - 29, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of
John & Nicoletta Mattariello*

**Rest in Peace****Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."****Patrick J. Simoniello, Carolyn Spronck****Ines P. Vitale**

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

Pastor's Letter

With fear and trepidation, I am entering into the discussion of the upcoming elections on November 8th. To do so is to break the cardinal rule of never speaking about politics or religion. As a priest, it is hard to avoid speaking about religion, and as a Brooklyn Irishman (granted we do not have the political know how of the Bostonian Irish), I cannot resist the topic. On a more serious note, our faith in Jesus Christ and our Catholic Church should enter into all our thinking and decision making.

I would assume there are some parishioners who are excited and happy to voting for Hillary Clinton and others who have the same enthusiasm for the possible election of Donald Trump. Some of you may have grown weary about the presidential election and just wish it would end. Others may still be undecided or are choosing to vote with little enthusiasm for one of these two candidates of our major political parties. Some may have decided not to vote at all. I do not mention third party candidates since I think there is almost zero chance of their being elected.

I am finding it very difficult for me to consider voting for either Mrs. Clinton or Mr. Trump. I say that because I find that both candidates have said and done things that I am in total opposition toward, and I have serious concerns about the personal characteristics of both of them. Feeling this way saddens me, and I am not sure if I will vote for either of them. But I will go to the polls and vote. I am not trying to change anyone's opinions on whom they will vote for in this upcoming election. If you are making a decision of conscience for either candidate, and one that is informed by your Catholic values, I have great respect for your voting choice.

The website of the United States Conference of Bishops has excellent information on the formation of conscience and faithful citizenship. It is well worth reading. The website is: <http://www.usccb.org> I am giving a very brief summary of some of the information on the site, and I will also include a very recent statement from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Washington - October 13, 2016. It will appear at the end of this letter.

- A voter should have a well-informed conscience. To put it simply, it is to be able to say to God that I am voting for _____ because I believe this is the best choice I can make at this time. I know the issues of the election and the teachings of my Church, and I make this decision before you, my God.
- Certainly, the protection all human life, from conception to natural death is the most important issue since all human life is a gift from God.
- Freedom of religion is another very important issue. The government (be it federal, state, or local) should not put me in a position where I am forced to act against my religious beliefs.

There are many other key issues that should influence a voter since they too can affect life and liberty. Here are a few that we should be concerned with as we vote for a particular candidate:

Just treatment of immigrants; Fairness in education; Housing issues; Assistance to those in need of help, both home and abroad; Medical care for all our people; The economy and how it offers work for its citizens; How to deal with the racial tensions we face as a nation; Our foreign policies, terrorism, and war as a last option of choice; The death penalty; Future appointments to the Supreme Court; Reduction of crime; A review of our policy of prison terms; Addiction concerns and treatment.

I am sure there are some major issues I missed. By listing them as I have, I do not want to minimize the importance of any one of them. I am not smart enough to address each of them. Many of these issues concern the poor and vulnerable in our society. Jesus stressed we will be judged by how we treat one another, in particular the poor. They are complicated and difficult challenges for us as a nation. No one candidate can satisfy us on all the topics. Voting is not easy. Still, when I say voting, I am not only referring to the presidential election. There are many other governmental offices on the federal, state and local levels that will impact all of us.

I find it challenging not to give into discouragement, but we live in a great nation. We had an election once in 1861, that of Abraham Lincoln, that led to eleven states succeeding from the union. It took a great Civil War to restore our nation. I think back to the presidential election of 2000, Al Gore vs George W. Bush that led to trying to decipher hanging chads and valid votes. That election was only resolved by the Supreme Court several weeks after the November vote.

We pray for our nation and for all of us who are seeking to know who best to vote for in this election.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR

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Washington D.C., Oct 14, 2016 / 11:56 am (CNA/EWTN News). Following a leaked email from prominent political actors about a possible “Catholic Spring” movement to plant “seeds of the revolution” within the Church, the U.S. Bishops' conference has rebuked interference in the

Church and a political discourse that marginalizes the faithful and demeans women. USCCB president says the Gospel serves the common good, not political agendas. A statement from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

At this important time in our nation's history, I encourage all of us to take a moment to reflect on one of the founding principles of our republic -- the freedom of religion. It ensures the right of faith communities to preserve the integrity of their beliefs and proper self-governance. There have been recent reports that some may have sought to interfere in the internal life of the Church for short-term political gain. If true, this is troubling both for the well-being of faith communities and the good of our country.

In our faith and our Church, Christ has given us a precious gift. As Catholics, we hold onto our beliefs because they come to us from Jesus, not a consensus forged by contemporary norms. The Gospel is offered for all people for all times. It invites us to love our neighbor and live in peace with one another. For this reason, the truth of Christ is never outdated or inaccessible. The Gospel serves the common good, not political agendas.

I encourage my fellow Catholic brothers and sisters, and all people of good will, to be good stewards of the precious rights we have inherited as citizens of this country. We also expect public officials to respect the rights of people to live their faith without interference from the state. When faith communities lose this right, the very idea of what it means to be an American is lost. Politicians, their staffs and volunteers should reflect our best aspirations as citizens. Too much of our current political discourse has demeaned women and marginalized people of faith. This must change. True to the best hopes of our founding fathers, we are confident that we can and will do better as a nation.



Edge Kick Off - Thursday, October 27th from
7PM - 8:30PM - OLPH Youth Center

All Middle School Kids in Grades 6, 7 & 8 are Welcome!

Grab a friend and join us for snacks, music, fun and glow sticks!

For any questions about our Edge program, please contact Patricia Draghi
at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 - 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 Life Teen 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 ARE NOW ON SALE
 in the Gathering Area
BEFORE *and* AFTER ALL MASSES
(including the 5:30PM on Sunday)

As well as in the Rectory Office during the 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	

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

This 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!***



The Parish Men's Club will be meeting on October 31st at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. The Men's

Club has no rules nor dues. We simply pray a little bit and talk awhile about our faith and some of the challenges we face in life. All are welcome whether you have previously attended or not.

GLUTEN, PEANUT & 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.

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



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. Mangiamiele, US Army
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army
 MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
 PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC

I am very happy to announce that Ms. Patricia Draghi has been hired as our parish youth coordinator. She will be leading the Life Teen program for our high school teens and the Edge program for our middle schoolers grades 6 to 8.

Patricia was a member of Life Teen when she was in her teens, and as a young adult has served as a volunteer core member for several years. I know she has many gifts and talents that will serve our young people and all of us in the parish. May God bless her in this important ministry.

I am also very grateful to our volunteer core members, Fran Mayerhofer and Matt Goldstein who, together with Patricia, have worked hard to get our youth program up and running while I was in the process of seeking a part time youth minister. Our Life Teen program seems to be off to a good start thanks to them.

Welcome, Patricia, to the staff of St. Martin of Tours!

(Please see page 6 of the bulletin for more information on our Youth Program)

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO LIFE, YOU DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO ANYTHING ELSE!

EWTN'S THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE (CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES OF VOTING) is presenting a program on the Catholic Church's breakdown of what we should know about our vote in this extremely important presidential election. (www.EWTN.com.vote.) The program explores what is NEGOTIABLE, and NON-NEGOTIABLE in the voting process among Catholics. If you don't have computer access, you can check EWTN's programming schedule and plan to catch this incredible information based discussion. It discusses NON-NEGOTIABLE such as ABORTION, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, etc., to listing things that are NEGOTIABLE, such as immigration. It lays clear the road we should take in this divisive election 2016. Also, as was posted in the bulletin, the DRVC has CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES on line that you can go to. Or, call the DRVC Respect Life Office for a copy.

REGISTERED? VOTE!! ABSENTEE BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS: If you will NOT BE IN THE COUNTY of your residency on ELECTION DAY, you may vote ABSENTEE BALLOT. In order to vote by absentee ballot, you must obtain an absentee ballot application. All absentee ballot application is available on the Nassau County or Suffolk County Board of Elections website. You may also call the Board of Elections and request an absentee ballot application. Complete the application and return it to the Board of Elections no later than one week before Election Day. THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THIS YEAR IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016. The Board of Elections will send a ballot to you, on which you mark your vote,. If you are planning to submit your absentee ballot in person, it must be returned to the Board of Elections Office and postmarked/ no later than MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016.

NASSAU COUNTY: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/566/Board-of-Elections>. 516 571 8683 Lifenews

As promised, we would let you know more about PROJECT BLUEPRINT. A MODEL FOR ENGAGING MEN IN A HEALTHCARE SETTING. The LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND'S new program, PROJECT BLUEPRINT, is an exciting new program for MEN! In 2014 at the HEARTBEAT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, they introduced this new program for MALE COUNSELORS. Project Blueprint has all the training information that men need to counsel other men, one who want an abortion for his girlfriend or wife. The Project Blueprint program teaches a male volunteer how to speak with the father of a baby our pregnant client is carrying. In addition, our male volunteer counselors will be taught by our own female counselors by accompanying them into the counseling rooms and listening and learning. A male volunteer counselor will be expected to attend the training we give our female counselors as well.

WE ARE FOLLOWING OUR LEADER, JESUS CHRIST. When Jesus first began to minister, He called his apostles one by one by name. If you have the time, 10am - 4pm, ONE DAY A WEEK, Monday through Friday, pick your own center location (Massapequa) and call FRANK GARIBOLDI at (516) 523-0586 so we can get you started. This is all God's work and we need your help. Women will change their hearts and minds especially when we change the men from their central vision thinking that abortion is good for their girlfriends or wives.

GET INVOLVED WITH GOD'S WORK. We ask that you make a commitment of four hours a week. IN THOSE HOURS YOU CAN CHANGE HEARTS AND SAVE LIVES - THE BABY'S LIFE!

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.

ATTENTION: BOYS AND GIRLS FROM GRADES 3 TO 8:

Father Jim McCabe, CSsR is inviting any child who has received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion to join the Altar Servers Ministry. Parents or Guardians, please complete the form below and either drop off or mail to the rectory office, Attention: Fr. Jim McCabe, CSsR, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714.



FACT SHEET Altar Servers Ministry

PLEASE PRINT

Child's name _____ Age: _____

Street _____

Town _____

Phone _____

email: (print clearly)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

Please check off all Mass times you are able to serve:

- 5:00 pm Saturday
- 7:00 pm Saturday
- 7:00 am Sunday
- 8:30 am Sunday
- 10:00 am Sunday (Family Mass)
- 11:30 am Sunday
- 1:00 pm Sunday
- 5:30 pm Sunday (Life Teen).



Taken in part from Father Pat's homily of October 16, 2016

I love St. Martin of Tours Parish. As your pastor, and as pastor to so many others who rarely if at all come into this church, I want to offer you an invitation to consider entering into a program called **Alpha**. For the past two years, several parishioners and I have been seeking ways to help us all know Jesus. For some of us, this would mean falling even more deeply in love with him. For others, it may be renewing and refreshing our life with him, and for some it may be really knowing him for the first time. I am convinced this program is a good tool, an instrument which can provide a graced atmosphere that will help us meet the living God. We do that now at Mass as we hear his Word and receive His Body and Blood. I believe Alpha will help us to love Jesus even more and enrich our journey of life.

Alpha was begun by an Englishman named Nicky Gumbel. He had been an atheist who scorned religion. Through the grace of God, he found faith in Jesus Christ and that changed his life. This life-changing experience led him to want to share Christ with others, and thus began **Alpha**. It has now spread all over the world. **Alpha** focuses on the most basic questions of life: Who am I? Why am I on earth? Where is my life going? Who is Jesus Christ? What does Jesus have to say to me? The Catholic Church has begun to see **Alpha** as a fine tool for evangelization.

The program goes for ten weeks with each session being about an hour a half. Every session begins with a simple meal (this is my favorite part of the program). It is then followed by a video, and then a discussion. The ten weeks scared me since that is quite a commitment. But I watch the Jets every week for sixteen weeks, even though it causes me suffering. I watch *Blue Bloods* for an hour every Friday night at 10:00 p.m. I have eaten supper thousands of times in my life. We do what we value.

There were handouts in the pews last weekend giving **Alpha's** email address. If you missed it, you can go on the **Alpha** website at <http://alpha.org>. This weekend, we have guest speakers at the masses giving you an overview of the program. The planning committee and I are seeking to discover if we have enough interest and support to conduct this spiritual program. We may not begin it until the late spring of 2017. At that time, we will ask you how you feel about these three questions:

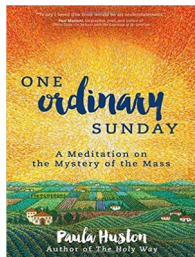
- *Would I want to consider making such a program to deepen my relationship with Christ?*
- *Would I consider assisting in helping this program to run in our parish?*
- *Are there people I know whom I might consider recommending to this program?*

In closing I ask that you please pray in petition to the Holy Spirit to guide our parish in discerning if **Alpha** is the tool for *all* His people - those who worship every week, occasionally or not at all - to experience a deeper and more personal relationship with our Holy Redeemer and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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."



Help America - Help the World Pray the Rosary



SMT BOOK CLUB: Our next selection will be *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. It is one of my all-time favorite pieces of literature. Although not written as a religious work, I have found it to have a deeply spiritual message. You should be able to get a copy of the play in most libraries and it is quite inexpensive online and well worth buying.

We will have the next SMT Book Club meeting to discuss the book on Friday, November 18th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Whether you have attended other gatherings of the book club or not, you are most welcome to attend. It is a great play to read!

LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING

www.livingwaterscounseling.biz

Melville location: Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church

175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747 Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914

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**Capital Campaign Memorial Plaque
PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE**

There are still a number of donors from the Capital Campaign that we haven't heard from. **Please contact us whether you plan to have an inscription or not.** The inscription can be either in your 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

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 **NEXT weekend October 29 & 30.** Our thanks to Father Pat for the opportunity to help these mothers and their babies each year!

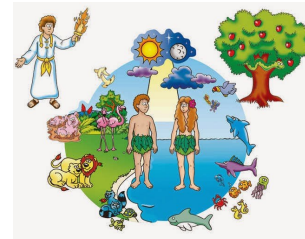
Father Jim McCabe will continue his workshop on the **Book of Genesis from 7:30 - 8:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall** on the following dates: (all Wednesdays).

Oct 26 Chap 25 & 26

Nov 9 Chap 29 & 30

Nov 2 Chap 27 & 28

Nov 16 Chap 31 & 32



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**

Catholic Charities' VIP Center in Lynbrook needs volunteers to assist in driving visually impaired people to and from this center on Thursdays. We have needs for drivers in Massapequa, Bethpage, Seaford and Levittown. If you are interested and available in these areas or in any other volunteer opportunity with Catholic Charities, please contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator at 516 733-7044.

Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 24: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Oct 25: Virtus Class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 27: Edge Kick Off - For Middle Schoolers 7PM OLPH Youth Center
- Oct 31: The Parish Men's Club 7:30PM 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 16: Respect Life Committee Meeting 11AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 18: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 19: Golden Harvest Festival and Raffle - Reception 8PM School Cafeteria
- Nov 24: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM Church

