

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - October 31**

- 6:30 Hilda Schwab
- 9:00 Janice Goldberg
- 7PM Calogero, Francesca, Concetta, Piero & Rosario Mannino

**Tuesday - November 1 - All Saints**

- 6:30 Edna Chua, Living
- 9:00 George & Doris Held
- 12PM Lazzati & Tesoriero Families
- 7PM Michelina Formichelli

**Wednesday - November 2 - All Souls**

- 6:30 Peter & Gloria Carroll
- 9:00 All Souls Novena

**Thursday - November 3**

- 6:30 Michael Smith
- 9:00 All Souls Novena

**Friday - November 4**

- 6:30 Ronnie Lawlor
- 9:00 All Souls Novena

**Saturday - November 5**

- 9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
- 5:00 Marino & Grillea Families
- 7:00 Biagio & Nancy Detto

**Sunday - November 6**

- 7:00 The People of the Parish
- 8:30 Michael Zura
- 10:00 John & Kathleen Kiernan
- 11:30 Domenica & Antonino Mannino & Antonina DiMaggio
- 1:00 Colleen McNamara, Birthday Remembrance
- 5:30 Agnes Plant

**Readings For The Week**

- Mon. Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14
- Tues. Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12a
- Wed. Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
- Thurs. Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10
- Fri. Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8
- Sat. Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15

**Sun. 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14** *Even their torturers marveled at the heroism of the seven Maccabee brothers who trusted in God and faced death with courage. They believed in the resurrection to life.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5** *Paul prayed that God the Father, who consoled him, would also comfort and strengthen the saints of the Thessalonian church. He asked for their prayer and gave them God's blessing.*

**Luke 20:27-38** *When some Sadducees tried to trap Jesus with some legal questions, he showed them God's power over life and the Lord's love for the living: God "is not the God of the dead, but of the living."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**  
**Weekly Collection 10/23/2016: \$14,957.00**

**Thank you for your great generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours too - "that our God may make (us) worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who help spread the faith by living the faith.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Are most of your prayers more like requests? Try asking God what **He** wants instead of **telling** Him what you want. That little voice in your head could be God, but be careful, the devil is tricky. God's ideas are only for your good or for the good of someone else. The devil suggests things that would lead you away from God. Try saying yes to God and see what happens.

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Be a friend - bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

H.O.P. Club Winners

10/24/16 #405	Ellen Keuling	\$25
10/25/16 #486	Dolores C. Novelli	\$25
10/26/16 #577	Helen Kurlowicz	\$25
10/27/16 #597	Herbert Smith	\$25
10/28/16 #237	Dolores Arato	\$50



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

*Wedding Banns**2nd 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 tomato paste, tuna fish, sweet cereal, white rice, lentils, vegetable soup, boxed milk, Jell-O, cookies, crackers, juice boxes, oatmeal, evaporated milk, icing, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste & diapers size 5.

**PLEASE - NO PASTA OR STRING BEANS UNTIL 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 30 - Nov 5, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of  
Maggio, Montana  
& Crème Families*

*Sanctuary Candle**Week of October 30 - Nov 5, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of  
Peter Loretta*

**Rest in Peace****Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."****Edward J. Steiger, Walter P. Gellweiler**

**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*

### **California Dreamin'**

*All the leaves are brown and the sky is gray/I've been for a walk on a winter's day.  
I'd be safe and warm if I was in L.A./California dreamin' on such a winter's day.*

*Stopped in to a church I passed along the way/Well I got down on my knees and I pretend to pray.  
You know the preacher liked the cold;/He knows I'm gonna stay/California dreamin' on such a winter's day.*

**California Dreamin'**, a song written by the Mamas and the Papas, was a big hit in the mid sixties. I liked the song much very much although I never much dreamt of living in California and I was not even sure that the mention of the preacher meant. I just loved the first line: all the leaves are brown and the sky is gray. When the song was popular in the 60s, I was living in a small town called North East, about a mile from Lake Erie. Winter came early in that area and spring came late. I could certainly relate the gray skies and the brown leaves which would pretty much come upon us in mid-October and the first chills of winter would be soon felt. I guess I associate this music as a November song.

Fortunately, November here on Long Island, is usually not quite as cold as Western Pennsylvania, but we do see mostly brown leaves, gray skies, and the night's darkness drawing upon us earlier in the evening. Although it is getting colder, the threat of snow is still usually several weeks away. (I hope I don't jinx us with a major snow fall). The great American poet, Robert Frost wrote: *Not yesterday I learned to know the love of bare November days before the coming of the snow.* I like the month of November, perhaps because Thanksgiving Day is my favorite holiday and Advent and Christmas will soon follow. I no longer have the stress of the Mets season and as a Jet fan my season is usually over since we have so many losses.

November begins with two feast days that move us to reflect on eternal. On the first day of this blustery month, we celebrate All Saints Day - a day our church gives us to remind us that so many of the people we knew and loved are now home with God. Anyone who is in heaven is a saint. We have famous saints in our faith such as St. Peter, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Joseph, and of course, the Mother of God, the Blessed Mother. But we also have saints in heaven such as our parents, friends, relatives, teachers who taught us, priests who gave us the sacraments and so many other wonderful people known only to God.

**The second day of the month follows up with All Souls Day; this is a day we pray for and remember our beloved deceased. On Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>,** we have one of the most special liturgies of the year: The Mass of Remembrance. All those who have lost a loved one over the past year from our parish are invited to a special Mass to remember and pray for their loved ones. It is a Mass that touches the heart and lifts the spirit.

**During this month, on November 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have Election Day.** I do know some citizens are unhappy with the two major presidential candidates, but we know that it is a blessing to live in a nation where we can go to the polls and vote. That is never to be taken for granted.

**On November 9, 1732, St. Alphonsus Liguori,** along with several companions, journeyed from Naples to a little mountainous village named Scala, where there were many poor people, to found the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, nicknamed the Redemptorists. As you know well (and you better), the priests who serve you here in the parish are Redemptorists.

**On November 11, we have Veterans' Day**, as well as the patronal feast of our parish, St Martin of Tours. We would not have what we have today, our freedom of religion and the other freedoms of the Bill of Rights without the generation of men and women who served so generously in the Armed Forces of our nation, with many paying the ultimate price. St. Martin of Tours was a soldier who lived more than a thousand years ago. He came to know Jesus in a very special way, and served him in others, particularly the poor. As a parish, we will gather winter coats in memory of our saint who cut his coat in half to clothe a man who was freezing from the cold. We have a great model to imitate.

**November 19<sup>th</sup> is the Golden Harvest.** Someone will win \$5,000.00. It is a fun night, with friends and neighbors, eating good food, and listening to the same old jokes from the pastor. It is also a very important fund-raiser for the parish we love.

**November 21<sup>st</sup> also brings us the Feast of the Presentation of Our Blessed Mother** in the temple as an infant, Mary was brought to the temple in Jerusalem by her parents, Joachim and Anne, devout Jews, to recognize their child, as is true for all children, was a gift from God entrusted to them. St. Cecilia, whose feast day is November 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the patroness of musicians. We praise God for the talents and gifts of our musicians and singers, Elena, Dawn, Chris, Nick, Maureen, Claire, Kelly and all the members of our three choirs. We thank them and ask their patroness to bless them always.

And to top off this great month, as the year is slowly drawing to an ending, we turn to God in a very special way as Americans with deep gratitude in our hearts for all the gifts we have as a nation, as families, and as his children blessed in countless ways by his amazing grace. I hope my sister is learning to make sugar free sweet potatoes with marsh mallows, and calorie free pecan pie with vanilla ice cream. I love Thanksgiving Day which is November 24<sup>th</sup>.

The first Sunday of Advent, perhaps my favorite liturgical time of the year, begins on the weekend of November 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, as the Church invites us to make ready the way of the Lord. Advent is a time of spiritual reflection that calls us not to lose the true message of the Incarnation of God's Son, Jesus, the Word made flesh.

November, the eleventh month of the year, is a special time for all of us here in the parish of St. Martin of Tours. Let the Lord wrap you in the warmth of his love as the winds of winter begin to blow.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR

Email: woodscsr@aol.com Website: [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org)



Join us this Sunday, October 30th for our Life Teen Halloween Party from 6:45-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room. Dinner will be served. Grab a costume and come enjoy a great party with food, games, music and more!

**Upcoming Events:**

- 11/6 Life Night 6:45-8:30PM      11/13 Life Night 6:45-8:30PM
- 11/20 Life Teen Thanksgiving Potluck - contact the Office of Youth Ministry for more info!



Our next Edge Night will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 7PM in the OLPH Youth Room - it is our Thanksgiving Pot Luck Family Dinner. Families are encouraged to attend. Please bring a side dish or dessert, enough to share. Contact SMT\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com with any questions.

**Upcoming Events: December 8th - Edge Night 7-8:30PM**

**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](http://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.**

**To see our full schedule, please visit [smtbethpage.org](http://smtbethpage.org)!**

For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Patricia Draghi at SMT\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com



November 1<sup>st</sup> is The Feast of All Saints Day and November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of All Souls Day. **All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Vigil Mass will be at 7:00PM on October 31<sup>st</sup> and Masses will be offered at 6:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:00PM, and 7:00PM.**

Although All Souls Day is not a holy day of obligation, it is a wonderful day to remember your beloved deceased at Mass. The Masses are the usual daily times of 6:30AM and 9:00AM.



## 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!**

**T**he 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	

*We are looking for families in the parish who may be willing to invite a seminarian or two to their Thanksgiving or Christmas table this year. Some of the seminarians live too far to go home for the holidays. Please email Kate Mayerhofer at [kmayerhofer@gmail.com](mailto:kmayerhofer@gmail.com) or leave a message at 516-586-3309 if you are interested. Thank you!*

**Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity News**



- **Saturday, November 5th: Feast of St. Elizabeth.** We will celebrate together at the 9AM Mass. Special indulgences and graces given to all who attend. Reserved seating.
- **Tuesday, November 8th: Thanksgiving Feast.** Turkey provided, but please bring the side dish that you chose for our sharing table. If you did not pick a dish, please call Laurel Rasmussen at 681-4211 to see what sides are still needed. Please bring a non-perishable food item for a Thanksgiving basket for a family in need.
- For your convenience, Janet Dion, treasurer, will be present to collect any unpaid dues (\$12), or send your check payable to the Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity to St. Martin of Tours, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714. If you cannot attend this meeting, please remember the Food Pantry.

***Happy Thanksgiving to all!***

**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.

***The Parish Men’s Club will be meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



**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  
 SGT 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

**NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY:**

Autumn is here and we are ready to be filled with the Spirit as music pours into our church and out of our hearts here at St. Martin of Tours! The following schedule shows the dates that each of our choirs has begun rehearsals. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY!

- ◆ PRACTICE TUESDAYS 7:00 PM IN CHURCH: LIFE TEEN BAND - Sings Sunday 5:30pm Mass  
We encourage high school and college students to join us.
- ◆ PRACTICE WEDNESDAYS 5:00 PM IN CHURCH: CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Sings Sunday 10am Mass. We encourage children in grades 2-8 to join us.
- ◆ PRACTICE THURSDAYS 7:30 PM IN CHURCH: ADULT CHOIRS - Sings Sunday 8:30 and/or 11:30 Masses. We encourage adults 18 and above to join us.



**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**  
**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

**"IN THE NAME OF GOD, RESPECT, PROTECT, LOVE AND SERVE LIFE, EVERY HUMAN LIFE. St. Pope John Paul II**  
 As Election Day grows near, be sure that the candidate of your choice stands for Catholic values and shares your view on the value of human life.

"The care of HUMAN LIFE and HAPPINESS and not their DESTRUCTION, is the FIRST and ONLY OBJECT OF GOOD GOVERNMENT."  
 Thomas Jefferson

*"I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion, has already been born." Ronald Reagan*

*"A person is a person, no matter how small." Dr. Seuss*

*"Even the smallest person can change the course of the future." J.R.R. Tolkien*

*"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

*"This is a debate about our understanding of human dignity, what it means to be a member of the human family, even though tiny, powerless and unwanted." Henry Hyde*

*"The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man." Dr. Mildred Jefferson*

*Sweeter even than to have had the joy of children of my own has it been for me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so that their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them." Susan B. Anthony*

*"I do not believe the promises of the Declaration of Independence are just for the strong, the independent, the healthy. They are for everyone, including unborn children." President George W. Bush*

*"It seems to me clear as daylight that abortion would be a crime." Gandhi*

*"We're all human, aren't we? Every human life is worth the same, and worth saving." J.K. Rowling*

*"The right to life is the first among human rights." Pope Francis*

*"Being pregnant was very much like falling in love. You are so open. You are overjoyed. There are no words that can express a baby growing inside of you, so of course you want to scream it out and tell everyone. Beyoncé*

*And she said hearing her unborn baby's heartbeat, "It was the most beautiful music I ever heard in my life."*

*"It's alright all of us all living saying, "Oh well, there's enough of us, so we won't have anymore, don't let anyone else live. "I don't believe in that." John Lennon*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH is coming to a close. We have posted many aspects of this issue in weeks passed. But, Respect Life should be not just a month when we are made aware of its importance, but a cause we should stand up for every day of the year. So much of life can be a hardship for many. We must remember those that may need our help. We must follow federal and state legislation to make sure that our rights are in place and not threatened.

And may we keep in mind, CHILD & SPOUSAL ABUSE, CARE FOR THE ELDERLY, BULLYING, POST ABORTION HEALING, THE DEATH PENALTY, ABORTION, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, POVERTY, END OF LIFE ISSUES, SUICIDE, SUICIDE AMONG OUR VETERANS, ADOPTION, SORROW OF MISCARRIAGE, CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER, MARRIAGE AND SANCTITY OF LIFE, EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH, GABRIEL'S COURAGE, PROJECT RACHEL. The list goes on and on, but each of them an important subject for the future of our country. Let us pray that the right candidate will lead us forward to more compassion, more kindness and understanding and protection to rights we all deserve as Americans.

Diana Hart Mirando and the Respect Life Committee

### 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).

October 24, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

With Election Day just two weeks away, the decisions you and I will make are important ones. Each and every one of us has a very important role to play. We have to decide who will get our vote. Permit me the opportunity to share with you some thoughts I ask you to consider. First and foremost, pray. Spend time in prayer asking God to guide you and your family and our country during this time. Pray before the Blessed Sacrament, pray to the Blessed Mother, pray the rosary and entrust your decision to our Lord.

Like many of you, I lament the current climate of division, and the mean spiritedness and intolerance of some toward those who do not agree with candidates and positions that do not fit their worldview. If you think you are confused and slightly battered by the noise, public protests and private misgivings, you have every reason to be so. But as responsible citizens and faithful men and women of God, we have to exercise our right to vote in a way that is serious, well-informed and reflective of who we are as Americans and Catholics.

We believe in God. We know He is the creator and thus God is intimately present in all things -- the world, human life, communities, choices and elections. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, "Those who deny God can lead us only in a direction that ultimately is destructive." The human person, made in the image and likeness of God, is the ultimate measure of what is good or bad, right or wrong. Every person is sacred and has inherent rights which political leaders must protect and serve. Those who do not are unworthy of our vote. Those who contradict themselves by saying one thing and doing another are unworthy of our vote.

Many issues are very important in our society today. But none of them can eclipse the centrality of human life, especially innocent human life in the womb or at the end of life. Above all and over all, the number one issue more fundamental and crucial than any other is abortion -- that is the direct taking of innocent life, which is financed by government funds -- the diversion of our tax dollars to abortionists like Planned Parenthood as well as government insistence that we Catholics like the Little Sisters of the Poor, violate our consciences to advance such programs.

Support of abortion by a candidate for public office, some of whom are Catholics, even if they use the fallacious and deeply offensive "personally opposed but . . ." line, is reason sufficient unto itself to disqualify any and every such candidate from receiving our vote. Let me repeat that: Support of abortion by a candidate for public office, some of whom are Catholics, even if they use the fallacious and deeply offensive "personally opposed but . . ." line, is reason sufficient unto itself to disqualify any and every such candidate from receiving our vote.

I have three questions to end this letter! Please reflect upon these as you examine your conscience and prepare to exercise your right to vote.

- Do you think our country is going in the right direction or the wrong direction? I believe it is heading in the wrong direction. If I am right, then,
- Of the two candidates running for President, and of all of the candidates running for elective office, whether federal, state or local, which ones will continue to lead us in the current direction or which are more likely to restore justice in those areas that cry out for such a restoration?
- Which ones are willing to lead us in a direction that is more pro life, more pro family and more pro truth? Which ones will recognize and respect the role of religion in the lives of citizens and the Church's right to mediate the truths of the Gospel and the Church's teaching as part of the public life of our country, in public ministries like health care, education and charitable works, without being forced to adopt and facilitate those cultural practices that are not consonant with Church teaching?

For further insight, I have written two columns on voting in *The Long Island Catholic Magazine*. They are also available on the diocesan website, [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org). In addition, the U.S. Bishops have prepared a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics called "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship". It is also available online. I urge you to consider thoughtfully these resources along with this letter as you go through the process of deciding whom you will support with your vote.

May God bless you and your families and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

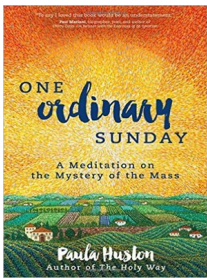


Bishop of Rockville Centre

### 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.



### COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

Next week our parish will take up the collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The guiding mission is to provide the sacraments - and the re-affirming Word of Christ - to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government beyond US borders, and the families of these populations. To provide this service they need your help - the AMS receives no federal funding. Thank you.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

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**BABY BOTTLES WILL BE PICKED UP THIS WEEKEND! THANK YOU, SMT PARISHIONERS, FOR ALL YOU DO EVERY 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).

Nov 2 Chap 27 & 28

Nov 9 Chap 29 & 30

Nov 16 Chap 31 & 32

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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 31: The Parish Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 31: Vigil of All Saints 7PM Mass
- Nov 1: All Saints Day 6:30 & 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM Mass
- Nov 1: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 1: Rectory Office is Closed
- 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

