

Masses For The Week

Monday - November 7

6:30 Andrew McCarthy, Living
9:00 All Souls Novena

Tuesday - November 8

6:30 Angelo Frasson
9:00 All Souls Novena

Wednesday - November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

6:30 Tony Hernandez
9:00 All Souls Novena

Thursday - November 10

St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

6:30
9:00 All Souls Novena

Friday - November 11 - NO 6:30

St. Martin of Tours & Veterans Day

9:00 All Souls Novena

Saturday - November 12

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

Sunday - November 13

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Ann Daly
10:00 George Malico
11:30 Lisa Ann Caniano
1:00 John R. Kirk, Jr.
5:30 Peter Loretta

Readings For The Week

Mon. Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
Tues. Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
Wed. Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
Thurs. Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
Fri. 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
Sat. 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8k

Sun. Malachi 3:19-20a *The sun of justice shines with healing warmth on those who walk in the Lord, but evildoers face a blazing oven, for the day of the Lord is coming.*

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 *Paul urged members of the church in Thessalonica to conduct themselves in a way that befits Christ's followers. He asked them to work in the community and earn their keep.*

Luke 21:5-19 *Jesus urged patient endurance for his followers when they face trial or contradiction. He consoled them and calmed their worries in the midst of war, earthquake, disease and hunger.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly Collection 10/30/2016: \$16,312.38

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who take the time to perform random acts of kindness with a joy-filled heart.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Halloween reminds me that we all dress up in invisible costumes ALL the time. Depending on the situation we are in or the mood, we may be a super hero or a mean, scary witch! What does your "costume" tell others about you?

Our next meeting is Monday, Nov. 7th 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

10/31/16 #226	Richard & Evelyn Velting	\$25
11/1/16 #29	Nina Puma	\$25
11/2/16 #145	Khloe Basilicato	\$25
11/3/16 #419	M/M Gerald Della Rocca	\$25
11/4/16 #301	Eleanor Shaw	\$50



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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wedding Banns

3rd Michael Grimes & Nikki LaPera
1st Joseph Pontecorvo & Rosemary Meister



**"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: sweet and regular cereals, egg noodles, tuna, lentils, boxed milk, shampoo, Rice-A-Roni, oil, diapers (size 4 & 5), white rice and juice.

Please no string beans or pasta until the end of the year. We would be very grateful for adult and children's hats, gloves and scarves.

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 Nov 6 - 12, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
Thomas P. Keegan*



Sanctuary Candle

Week of Nov 6 - 12, 2016

*In Loving Memory of
Kevin White, Sr.*



Rest in Peace

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

Annemarie (Annie) Cheslowitz

**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, 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, Janet Scarpelli Glen Clements, Helen Uhl, Baby Omage-Bianchi Andrew McCarthy, Alicia Manetta, Frank LoPinto

Pastor's Letter

On the missions that I give, Father John McGowan often reads a humorous fictional letter from my cousin Bessie. One of the lines in the letter reads, *Mr. Jones from across the street died recently. He was an atheist who believed in neither heaven or hell. It was funny to see him all laid out in his best suit in the funeral home with nowhere to go.* I heard a story on the news today that was a classic New York City story: *An audience member at the Metropolitan Opera sprinkled a powdery substance — what the police said may have been the ashes of his mentor — into the orchestra pit during an intermission of a performance on Saturday, setting off a police investigation and the cancellation of the rest of that opera and a production that evening.* I remember a priest joking that he wanted his ashes spread in the Jersey City Courthouse since they would never be disturbed. There is no doubt that a fair number of people are choosing cremation for themselves and their families. Cremation was once forbidden by the Catholic Church because some societies and groups who choose this practice in the past did it as an act of defiance toward Jesus' promise that all human beings will one day be reunited with their bodies at the end of time. These atheistic societies were seeking to suggest that not even God could reunite the ashes of a dead person.

Here at St. Martin's we have many funerals where we have the cremains of the deceased near the altar. The deceased may have requested cremation or it may be the choice of the family. In the past, I have had some funerals for Redemptorists who chose to be cremated. This choice involves different factors such as a personal desire, the challenge of space on the earth, and the avoidance of certain costs that go with a burial. You may have heard recently that the Catholic Church has offered some guidance for cremation and the respect due to the ashes of the deceased. Here is part of the recent document from the Vatican:

In circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly-stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus, cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body. The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, "unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine."

When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority. From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church who believes "in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church."

The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect, which eventuality is possible, most especially once the immediately subsequent generation has too passed away. Also it prevents any unfitting or superstitious practices.

For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. Only in grave and exceptional cases dependent on cultural conditions of a localized nature, may the Ordinary, in agreement with the Episcopal Conference or the Synod of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, concede permission for the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence. The entire document can be found at: <http://www.news.va/en/news/vatican-issues-new-document-on-christian-burial-an>.

I have great respect for the military and how they honor their deceased with a flag on the coffin and the rituals that are part of a military service. The Catholic Church has and always is about respect for the human body, even when the person has died. We are temples of the Holy Spirit. I always find it moving when I reverence the body or cremains of a deceased person with the incense as a sign of respect for the person who will one day have a resurrected body.

When I first heard about this new directive, I did wonder why we could not bury a person in our back yard and have the site blessed with holy water by a clergy person. But I find myself very much agree with the idea of the ashes being placed in a sacred place such as a cemetery. Eventually, people sell their houses and move on or die. New owners come in and the place of the ashes is long forgotten. Being in a cemetery, surrounded by others who have died, is a place where the dead are long remembered and prayed by future generations. We are part of a faith community whether we are alive or dead. That is the long held teaching of the communion of saints; we particularly celebrate these days on All Saints Day and All Souls Day, and whenever we remember and pray for the deceased.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR
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Website: www.smtbethpage.org

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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
Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:00PM
St. Alphonsus Parish Hall



Join us this Sunday, November 6th for our Life Night from 6:45-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room.

Upcoming Events:

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.

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!

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

Coming in December

The Life Teen Youth Ministry will be selling Christmas trees again this year at St. Martin's parking lot. Come and pick out a beautiful tree either on **Friday, December 9th from 4:00—7:00 PM** or on **Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. All trees are \$35.00.

The proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry of St. Martin's.



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	

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 or leave a message at 516-586-3309 if you are interested. Thank you!

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity News



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.

Rectory Office will be closed on
Friday, November 11th
in honor of Veterans Day.

God bless our Veterans!



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
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SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
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 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**RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

Respect Life Month has come to a close. We have tried to cover most of the issues involved with all of life issues. We have celebrated a Holy Hour and Rosary for Life along with a Baby Bottle Campaign for the Life Center of Long Island. Due to your incredible kindness and generosity 28 crates were filled with bottles containing your donations. Because of this act of love and concern for a woman alone and afraid, you have helped pave the way for her to bring her child safely into this world. We thank you with all of our hearts.

But Respect Life Month should be every month. We must always be aware of legislation that could change life in America as we know it. We must remain vigilant that Partial Birth Abortion and Assisted Suicide never become law. For this awareness, the Respect Life Committee will work to inform you about legislation, should it come about. We will work along with the DRVC Respect Life Office to bring all notification on life issues to you.

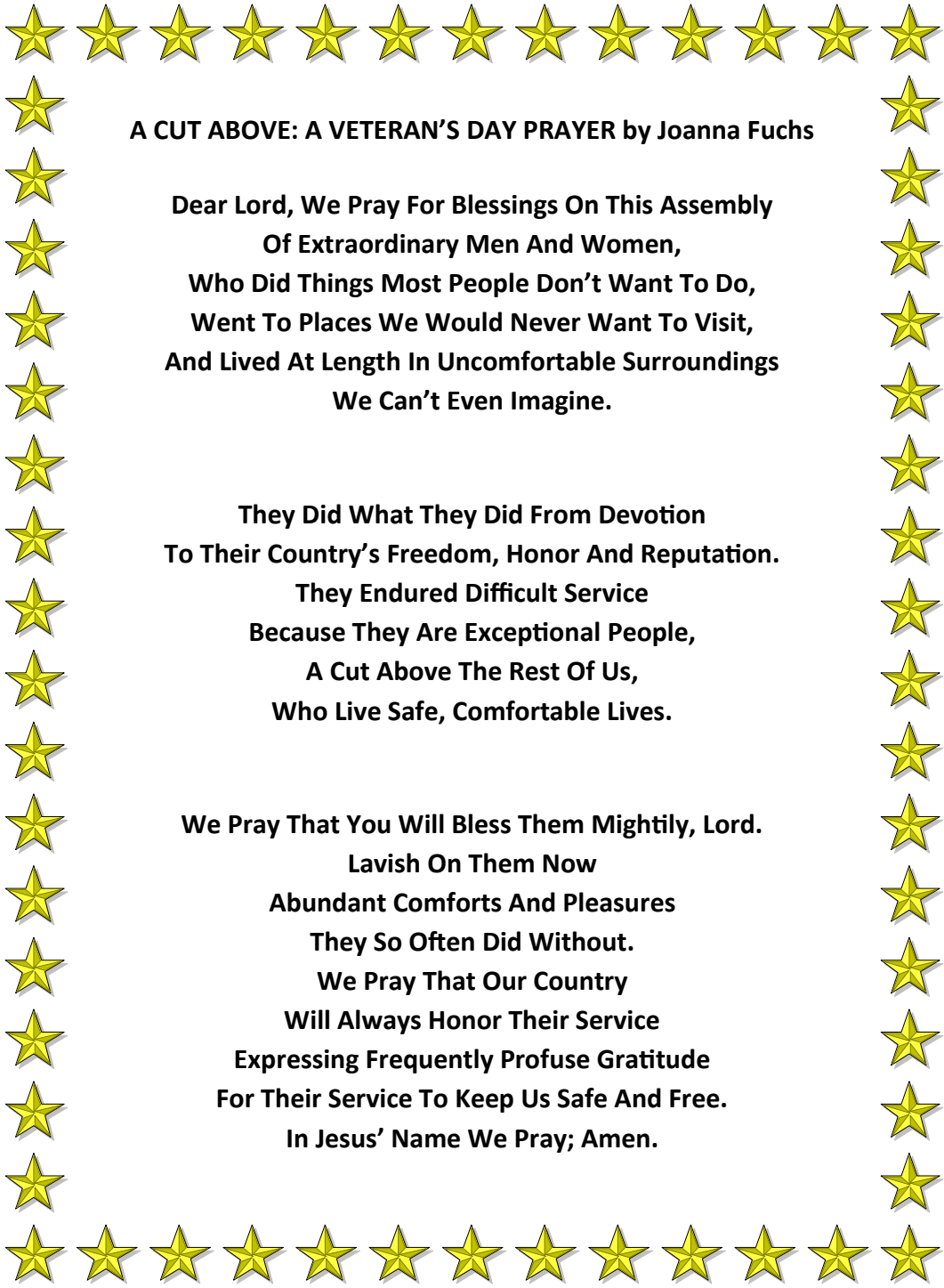
Most of all, we must pray together as a faith community and as a country to respect the life of each and every individual. We must ask our Holy Father to hear us and strengthen us as we work together for the sanctity of life.

The Gospel of Life, of the Servant of God St. Pope John Paul II

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life.
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult
of men and women who are victims of brutal violence
of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives,
and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love
to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

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.



A CUT ABOVE: A VETERAN’S DAY PRAYER by Joanna Fuchs

**Dear Lord, We Pray For Blessings On This Assembly
Of Extraordinary Men And Women,
Who Did Things Most People Don’t Want To Do,
Went To Places We Would Never Want To Visit,
And Lived At Length In Uncomfortable Surroundings
We Can’t Even Imagine.**

**They Did What They Did From Devotion
To Their Country’s Freedom, Honor And Reputation.
They Endured Difficult Service
Because They Are Exceptional People,
A Cut Above The Rest Of Us,
Who Live Safe, Comfortable Lives.**

**We Pray That You Will Bless Them Mightily, Lord.
Lavish On Them Now
Abundant Comforts And Pleasures
They So Often Did Without.
We Pray That Our Country
Will Always Honor Their Service
Expressing Frequently Profuse Gratitude
For Their Service To Keep Us Safe And Free.
In Jesus’ Name We Pray; Amen.**



Elections can raise very strong emotions since the issues facing our nation are so important and have very strong ethical dimensions. While we seek to be highly principled about what we believe, we must obey the law of charity and mercy in our words and actions toward those who disagree with us.

Campaigning, voting, and letter writing are excellent ways to influence the society and the government. Yet, let us not lose sight of the daily good works our parish makes in terms of the life issues such as the baby bottle campaign, our assistance to those in need in our parish outreach center and the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and your generous donations to the food wagon. We are seeking in our way to transform the society around us.

Whatever your feelings are about this election and our government, whether federal, state and local, and in particular if you are perhaps discouraged by the choices we must make, we are a people who have survived a Civil War, a Great Depression, two World Wars, the assassination of some of our leaders, and several horrible terror attacks. We may be divided over our political figures, but our nation and people have and continue to be blessed by the grace of God. We must turn to God for his mercy and grace.

We can draw strength from our Holy Father Pope Francis, as he promised us his prayers.

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service 10.2.2016 5:56 PM ET

Pope Francis and Greg Burke, the new Vatican spokesman, listen to a reporter's question about the U.S. presidential election aboard the pope's flight from Baku, Azerbaijan, to Rome Oct. 2. (CNS) -- *"Catholics facing difficult political choices must study the issues, pray about the election and then vote according to their consciences,"* Pope Francis said. Flying back to Rome from Azerbaijan Oct. 2, the pope was asked by a reporter what U.S. Catholics should do in a presidential election where both candidates hold some positions contrary to Church teaching. Although he was in a relaxed mood and welcomed reporters' questions for almost an hour, Pope Francis said that he would never comment on a specific electoral campaign. *"The people are sovereign," he said. "Study the proposals well, pray and choose in conscience.*

These are the words of St. Paul on the need to pray for our governmental leaders:

I urge you first of all, then, to offer petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgiving on behalf of all persons, for kings and all those in high places, so that we can lead a quiet and tranquil life of the greatest piety and purity, as is good and proper in the eyes of our savior God, who wants all people to be saved and come to the perception of truth. First Timothy 2:1-4

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In Honor of the Feast Day of St. Martin of Tours we are collecting coats, hats, scarves and gloves in good, clean condition the weekend of November 12th and 13th for children and adults. There will be boxes in the shrine area of the Church.

Thank you and those less fortunate will greatly benefit.

COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

Today we support our family and friends who have served this nation with distinction. The collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States armed forces wherever they serve, no matter the circumstances. Please prayerfully consider to be as generous as your means will allow.

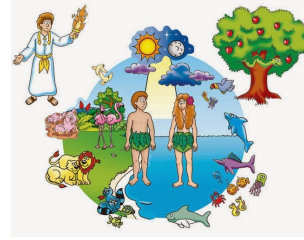
SMT BOOK CLUB: Our next selection will be ***Our Town*** by **Thornton Wilder**. It is one of my all-time favorite pieces of literature. Although not written as a religious work, I have found it to have a deeply spiritual message. You should be able to get a copy of the play in most libraries and it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

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 9 Chap 29 & 30

Nov 16 Chap 31 & 32



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(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.

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

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

- Nov 7: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Nov 11: Veterans Day & the Feast Day of Saint Martin of Tours
- Nov 12 & 13: Coats, hats, gloves and scarves collection (see p. 13)
- 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
- Nov 28: VIRTUS training class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 9 & 10: Youth Ministry Christmas Tree Sale (see p. 6)

