

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - November 14**

6:30  
9:00 Barry Family

**Tuesday - November 15**

6:30 Marty Laraia  
9:00 Leonard Parine

**Wednesday - November 16**

6:30  
9:00 Robert Preziosi, 7th Anniversary

**Thursday - November 17**

6:30  
9:00 Joan Peterson

**Friday - November 18**

6:30 Mary Rabbitte  
9:00 Deceased Members of the Keegan Family

**Saturday - November 19**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Thomas Joseph Trappasse  
7:00 In Memory of Monica Szymkowski

**Sunday - November 20**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 James Fanning  
10:00 Dominick Agnese  
11:30 Harry R. Smith  
1:00 Stella & John Jankowski  
5:30 Christopher Profita

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43  
Tues. Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10  
Wed. Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28  
Thurs. Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44  
Fri. Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48  
Sat. Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40  
**Sun. 2 Samuel 5:1-3** *Because David was so loved as a leader, the elders of all the tribes anointed him king of Israel at Hebron. King David shepherded the people from then on.*

**Colossians 1:12-20** *God's Son brought the people into the reign of forgiveness and love. He heads the body, the church, and has primacy in all things, making peace through the blood of his cross.*

**Luke 23:35-43** *The soldiers made fun of Jesus on the cross, offered him bitter wine, told him to save himself if he was the Christ. An inscription over his head read, "This is the King of the Jews."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget:** \$17,500.00  
**Weekly Collection 11/6/2016:** \$17,698.16  
**All Saints Day Collection:** \$3,613.00

**Thank you for your great generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who live each day preparing for the coming of the Son of Man.



**Charismatic Prayer Group**

God is having a happy hour - only He calls it the Holy Mass! It is easily the MOST important hour of your week. You have 167 other hours for sleeping, playing and working - plus He gives us the best Food and Drink!

And continue that happy feeling on Monday night at our prayer group meeting. It's a great way to start your week!

**Our next meeting is Monday, November 14th 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**

11/7/16	#93	Eugene Muhs	\$25
11/8/16	#555	Rachel Melito	\$25
11/9/16	#279	Donna Conn	\$25
11/10/16	#363	Kathy & John O'Shea	\$25

**Feast Day of St. Martin of Tours**

11/11/16	#162	Patricia Nicotra	\$500
11/11/16	#501	Loretta Eckhoff	\$500

**Congratulations to all our winners!**



*Saint Maria Faustina*

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

### *Wedding Banns*

2nd Joseph Pontecorvo & Rosemary Meister  
1st Matthew Gilberti & Ashlee Pierce

### **The Crumb Family**

If you would like to make a donation, a **Go Fund Me** page has been established for Tiffany & Robbie Crumb who are suffering from the loss of their mother's tragic death. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.



*"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: rice, tuna, mac & cheese, oil, boxed milk, evaporated milk, cake icing, cake mix, egg noodles, detergent, dish washing soap, bar soap, paper towels, tissues, diapers sizes 3 & 4.

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 13 - 19, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of  
Monica Szmytkowski*



### *Sanctuary Candle*

*Week of Nov 13 - 19, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of  
Robert Preziosi*



### **Rest in Peace**

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

**Frances Abbott, Michael F. Maley  
Margaret T. Callahan**

#### **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 Baciуска, 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 Nadine Lewin Wall, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan Geraldine Zeterberg, Stephen Hogan, Edward Boyce Fran Gandolfo, Sheila Newmann, Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR Terrence Lynam, Taylor, Lee Berkowitz, Danielle McCarthy Joseph Kostyak, Lorie Penafiel, Johnny D., William Castle 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, 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, Bill Monahan Maureen Roberts Francis Meehan, Trish Berge, Kathleen Palumbo Brendan Donahoe, Noelle Eichenlaub, Janet Scarpelli, John Pesiri Glenn Miller & Mom, Helen Uhl, Baby Omage-Bianchi Andrew McCarthy, Alicia Manetta, Frank LoPinto

*Pastor's Letter*

**MEMORIAL MASS, NOVEMBER 5, 2016** I am very grateful that our parishioners have created this beautiful and moving Mass as we remember all those who have died over the course of the past year, and who have been part of our parish family. A few of those who have gone home to God from our parish this past year were young, leaving so much pain in the hearts of those who will always mourn them. Others were in the middle of vibrant lives and have left spouses, children and grandchildren with gaping wounds in their hearts, and there were those who lived full long lives. But I often say, the longer we have someone in our lives, it is so very difficult to let them go. So, today here at this Mass in St. Martin's, we all have something very much in common: we are grieving and mourning.

We have more than a hundred funerals a year here at St Martin's. Our priests and deacon seek to preach and proclaim to you a message of hope as we announce that Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again. This is the core of our Catholic faith. If Jesus was not raised from the dead by his Father, we would not have our belief and hope in eternal life. When I go to a wake, I try to learn about the deceased person from the family, as do our other clergy, so that I can make the funeral homily personal as I try to connect the life of the person who has died to our faith. Still, I know that there are certain patterns and words I often use.

If the deceased was a Jet fan, I always say that the person will not have to go to Purgatory since they have already suffered enough on earth. A little humor at a funeral can help lift our spirits. If they were a Yankee fan, I will say that God is merciful and will forgive this sin. I say this because I am a jealous Met fan. If I am told that the person was a wonderful cook and made the greatest Italian sauce, I often say I wish I had know that since I would have invited myself to dinner. If the deceased was from Brooklyn, I will be sure to say that they were from the best place in the world since that is my home. If they were Irish, I often quote an Irish song since I am Irish and have a love for their music. If they were a teacher, I will speak about how many lives they touched while they were in the classroom. If a nurse, I mention the fact they were like the healing Jesus when they cared for the sick. I give special attention to veterans since I have so much admiration for those who served our nation in the armed forces and protected us from the those who would seek to take away our lives and liberties. I have a special regard for those of the World War Two generation, both men and women, who courageously faced so much evil and have been called the Greatest Generation. I have special words for those who were first responders, police, firefighters, EMS workers and so forth for their service to our community.

Most often the families of the deceased tell me that their husband, their wife, their mother or father was a good and loving person. Maybe he was quiet or she was a great dancer, or he loved to fish or hunt. Perhaps she loved playing cards or traveling, or that they were hard workers and good neighbors who helped everyone, but they always get quiet and simply say he or she was good and loving person. Hearing that leads me to say so often, which is something I believe very much, that there is nothing more important that one can do with his or her life than to spend it in loving your spouse, your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors and friends, and those who are in need, since that is what God asks of each one of us. If the person suffered very much in life, especially in his or her last days, I stress how that person was joined with the suffering Jesus on the cross as they bore the cross of Christ and carried it with courage. If the deceased had serious problems in life, struggled a great deal, I focus on the mercy of Jesus and how his favorite people were those who were considered outcasts and sinners. As is often the case, the deceased in their illness loved and was so lovingly cared for by his or her family, sometimes for days, weeks, months and even years. I make the point that the family is returning the love that they were given by their loved one. The family is helping their dying family member be born again into eternal life.

Every funeral is unique and different as we bring someone to the God who created them. But I have noticed lately that I almost always say the same thing toward the end of my funeral homily. I speak about the first Easter morning and how a few women who loved Jesus went to his tomb to anoint his body with spices and scented oils since they did not have time because of the laws of the Jewish Sabbath. So, as soon as the Sabbath passed, these women go to the tomb to give him a proper burial. As they approach the tomb, they wonder how they will roll away the great stone that has been placed in front of the small cave.

They are surprised when they get to the tomb to find that it has been rolled away. They are nervous and afraid as they enter to anoint the body. They are frightened by two figures who are shining like the sun in the tomb. They do not see the body of Jesus. They are confused. Then one of the figures, no doubt an angel, says *why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has been raised just as he promised.* "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" I look at the coffin over by the baptismal font, or the ashes or picture of the deceased placed in front of the altar. I say something like this: *your wife Mary, your husband Jack, your father James, your mother Sarah is not there. We can see the coffin and know the body is in there. We can see the ashes here on this table and know they are those of our deceased. But they are not there. That which made them who they were, their joys and sorrows, their memories and feelings, their love for you and so many others, their dreams and hopes, their humor and love of life is now alive and with God. We call that their spirit, their soul. The spirit is the life of God within us that never dies. It is what makes us who we are and it is promised there will come a time when our spirit will be reunited with our bodies in the Resurrection. Your deceased are more alive today than they ever were in life, and they are loving you more in a far greater way than when they walked the face of the earth. We do not look for the Living Among They Dead. They are with God.*

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR

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#### November -2015

Geraldine E. O'Brien  
Stephen Spataro  
Joseph Nash  
Louis Familio  
Dorothy Panzarella  
Mario Pintucci  
Stanley J. Szymkowski  
Antonio Nastasi  
Charles A. DeRosa  
Patrick J. Formato  
Patricia B. Craig  
Arthur Latona  
Mary Schmalenberger

#### December - 2015

Catherine Augusto  
George F. Neumann  
Patricia M. Steiger  
Joan Mueller  
John C. Echezuria  
Eileen Duffy Horan  
Magdalen Eibers  
John Enderle  
Eleanor D. Brigante  
Noreen Fleming  
James P. Rush  
Patricia Dyer  
George Lucent  
Rachela Butera  
Salvatore Peter Raucci

#### January - 2016

Krystyna Ferszt  
Debra Pero  
Charlotte E. Scarangella  
Rose M. LaBarile  
Michael C. Arenaro  
Elodia Rich  
Patricia McGlynn  
Joan M. McDonnell  
Lillian C. Quinn  
William J. Berry  
Paul H. Heilig  
Gloria G. Carroll

#### February - 2016

Trudy Di Pasquale  
Gary M. McDonald  
Anne M. Scimeca  
Julia Weglarz  
Joseph S. Sabella  
John Nappi  
Mary Moran  
William A. Hutton, IV  
Esther Di Agostino  
Robert W. Tyd  
Anna B. Coticchio  
John Waage  
Alice Verity  
Gwendolyn A. Miles  
Joan Morrongiello  
Christina Macchio

#### March - 2016

Rosalie Nazzaro  
Elaine Quigley  
Antoinette Yaniro  
John Mitchell  
Audrey L. Chiofalo  
Louis J. Mignone  
Charles Joseph Hoffman  
Daniel A. Greene  
Reinaldo Ray Rivera  
Ledwin Mason  
Anne Capanelli  
John K. Sumakis

#### April - 2016

Thomas Haughney  
Adeline Romano  
Theresa Staack  
Edith Nastacio  
John Domin  
Dominick J. Risolo  
Mary R. Guglielmo  
Nicolette Rulli  
Luke Walsh  
Evelyn Napoli  
Raymond Hickey  
Jean F. Riccardello  
Carmine DiNapoli  
Alyce A. Vaio

#### May - 2016

June B. Boccio  
Maria Ann Spegowski  
Henry "Harry" Dervin  
Dominick Coiro  
Rosemary M. O'Keefe  
John Gannam, Jr.  
Paul J. Berner  
Jane P. Trotter  
Frank Canepa  
Frank DiFazio  
Brian M. Enright

#### June - 2016

Louise Meidinger  
Marie Catherine Rehill  
Joseph Andriano  
John Callegari  
James B. Finnan  
Patsy Iannacone  
Raymond J. Guinan  
Marie Gifoli

#### July - 2016

Maria Cusicanqui  
Vincent W. Cesareo  
Jeanette Gros  
Natalie Rossello  
Martha A. Giacoia  
Tracy M. Simmons  
James J. Judge, Sr.  
Lisa Ann Byington  
Madeline Mellone  
Dominick A. Mellone

#### August - 2016

Catherine "Kay" Dalessio  
Jerome J. Antonucci  
Thomas A. Pope  
Thomas Lazicky  
Joseph Lyon  
Catherine Moench  
Catherine Derr  
Virginia Terracciano  
Angela Guidice  
Mary Elizabeth Isernia  
Anne Teresa Paulsrud  
Beverly A. Bonner  
Maria C. Stefanidis  
Mary Pereira  
Raymond E. Pendergass  
Shirley M. Daglian  
Anna M. Isoldi  
John R. Moore  
Mario Lopes


#### September - 2016

John Thomas Lawrence  
John A. Falco  
Marty Laraia  
Mayra T. DiDomenico  
Doris L. Ethier  
Jack Phelps  
Nicholas J. Biondo  
Charles L. Calio  
Debra Barbine  
Dominick A. Petrelli  
Joan DeBona  
Frances R. Segretario  
Alfred S. White  
Helen Draghi  
Dolores Lordahl  
Michele Rita Barone  
Vito D. Tralli

#### October - 2016

Walter P. Gellweiler  
Mary Donahoe  
Dorothy Trimble  
Eileen Ann Bormann  
Mary R. Cohan  
Bernard J. Helldorfer  
Maria Mincieli  
Patrick J. Simoniello  
Carolyn J. Spronck  
Ines P. Vitale  
Edward J. Steiger  
Ann Marie Albert  
Edith M. O'Shaughnessy



**LIFE**  **TEEN** **11/13:** Life Night from 6:45-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room to follow 5:30PM Mass. Dinner will be served. All high school teens are welcome!

**Upcoming Life Teen Events:**

**11/20 - Life Teen Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner.** Families are encouraged to come and bring a side dish or dessert enough to share. Contact SMT\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com with any questions.

**11/27: No Life Night - Happy Thanksgiving!                      12/4: Life Night 6:45-8:30PM**



**EDGE** All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are welcome to attend. Contact SMT\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com with any questions.

**Upcoming Edge Events:**

**12/8: Edge Night at 7PM in the OLPH Youth Room**

**12/22 - Edge Christmas Party 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 are over 18 and want to know more about getting involved in SMT's dynamic and lively Youth Ministry Programs, please contact us at SMT\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com. There are many different ways to volunteer including joining one of our Core Teams, providing meals or snacks for our Life Teen and Edge programs, or just remembering to keep us in your prayers. ***All are welcome to celebrate with us at the 5:30 PM Life Teen Sunday Mass.*** For 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.

**COMING IN DECEMBER** Our Youth Ministry will be selling Christmas trees at St. Martin's parking lot on **Friday, December 9th from 4:00—7:00 PM and on Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.** All trees are \$35.00.

**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!

**SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB:** Last week the club met to discuss *One Ordinary Sunday* by Paula Huston. The response was very positive. Some felt it helped them understand the Mass and how best to truly enter into this great mystery of God's love. Several said how much more they learned about the Mass even though they had been attending all their lives. It was suggested to get everyone in the parish to read this book, which would be both wonderful and challenging. Still, I highly recommend this book to you. It's an easy read and is available on Amazon and on a Kindle. **Our next spiritual book club selection is *Hidden Christmas* by Timothy Keller.** I just about finished reading it and love it. It is a very readable book that opens up the scriptures of Christmas in a beautiful way. *Hidden Christmas* is a great way to enter into Advent and Christmas. Our meeting is on **Saturday, December 17th at 10AM in St. Alphonsus Hall.** Everyone is welcome to come and discuss this book.





## The Golden Harvest Festival & Raffle Last Week to buy tickets!!

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 THIS COMING  
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. If any tickets are left, we will be selling them the night of the Festival Party!

**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!***

**S**ometimes after reading the Scriptures for Sunday, I pose a question to myself to help me think about how I want to present my thoughts. So for these readings, I asked myself this question: *what was one of the happiest moments of my life?* I thought of the time that occurred on October 26, 1986 when a seemingly harmless ground ball rolled through the legs of Bill Buckner and the Mets made perhaps that greatest comeback in the history of a World Series game. But I said that if I tell the people that was the number one moment of my life, they will think that I must not have had much of a life.

I also thought of a time when I joined some friends for an outing at the Saratoga Race track on a nice August day. There were six or seven of us there, all wearing special tee shirts we had made for the day. I know nothing about horse racing. I usually bet by the names and always choose horses with an Irish name - most of whom still have not finished their races. After losing every bet for the first seven races, I decided to try a combination based on my house number in Brooklyn, 5-2-8. Well, it came in and I was delighted since I won a considerable sum of money. It was so much that I had to have my picture taken for tax purposes and I started to stress out that people would think their priest was at the race track betting their parish money. A happy moment turned to one of stress. My ordination to the priesthood was a glorious day and one that brought me great joy, but I was worried about making sure all my visitors were being taken care of and wondering what my future assignment would be. When I was installed as provincial of the Redemptorists, I was happy to receive well wishes and prayers from so many Redemptorists, but I do remember that I said in my homily that this day would probably be the only easy day that I would have in this position.

When I think of a perfect day, a very ordinary day comes to mind. It was a Sunday in early January many years ago. I was home on vacation from my teaching ministry and had volunteered to say Mass in a parish that needed some help down the Jersey Shore. My family, at that time my parents and two sisters and my sister's three children, decided to come with me and share the day. It was a most unusual day for January. It was balmy with the temperature near 70 degrees. After the Mass, we decided to go to Asbury Park for lunch, then walk the boardwalk. What I remember about that day was that it was the last day that my sister Gerri was healthy. We were together as a family and it would be less than three months before she would go home quite unexpectedly to God. I often think of that day and treasure it. Sometimes God gives you a great gift and you might not even notice it while you are living it. We may not realize that we are having a best day until we look back upon it years later.

What is the happiest day of your life? I am sure some of you would choose the day you were married or the birth of your children or grandchildren. One might think of a special graduation or a great promotion at a job. But I bet if you think hard enough, you will see a day, and probably many of them, that were something like the one I described from that January long ago.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked a *gotcha* question by a group of men known as the Sadducees. They were Jewish leaders, who, we might say, were something akin to a political party. They stood in opposition to another group of Jewish leaders who we know as the Pharisees. These two groups, both of whom followed the Jewish laws and traditions, but they had many debates and disagreements over certain theological questions. The Pharisees believed in the resurrection from the dead but the Sadducees did not think there was any life after death. So one of the Sadducees proposes a question to Jesus about seven brothers, who after the death of a brother, marry the widow. This sounds of course quite strange to us, and it is, but in the Jewish law at the time, required a brother who was not married to marry the widow of his brother if she was childless, so as not to be left destitute.

The questions of the seven brothers getting to heaven and not knowing which one was the true spouse of the wife sounds like some of the questions we used to ask in grade school to try to stump the nuns with our "spiritual expertise." The goal of the question is to get Jesus in trouble with one of the key groups of Jewish leaders. Jesus does not fall for their obvious trap and tells them they have no idea of what heaven is like. He says to them, *those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God.* In heaven we will have resurrected bodies that will be quite different than ours are today. I will be six feet four, one hundred and eighty-five pounds and have beautiful brown hair. Well, we can all dream can't we!

The truth is we do not have any idea what heaven is like other than we will be with God and incredibly happy forever. St. Paul tells us that *eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, the things that God has prepared for us.* I think the word *forever* is incredibly difficult to comprehend. *Forever* means without end. Perhaps, other than our current election, nothing we know in life is without an end. Even a rock or boulder after millions of years will eventually diminish and be changed by the weather. We know there are 60 seconds to a minute, 60 minutes to an hour, and twenty four hours to a day. How can something be forever? We may wonder if we will get bored in heaven. Will we run out of things to do and people to meet? What exactly will it be like? I don't know but I know the best moments that I have had in life were one shared with people I love. Imagine seeing God face to face and being wrapped in his love.

I have a close friend who was bringing Holy Communion to a man dying of cancer. She asked him if he was afraid of dying, and he told her that years before he had been in Vietnam, and was struck by an explosion that left him clinically dead. He told her he saw a beautiful glowing light and experienced the greatest peace he had ever known. Since that time, he had no fears of death because he knew what awaited him.



Occasionally, I find myself reading a book that is so enjoyable that I deliberately slow down because I do not want the book to end. I have been to a few movies that were longer than two hours but they were so captivating that it seemed like no time passed since I first sat down in the theater. I sense that is bit like eternity. Forever is not measured by hours or days, but by the sheer joy of one endless moment of being

loved by God. It is beyond our comprehension and imagination. If you think of a very joyful moment of your life, that would be the tiniest glimpse of being with God who is love.





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

**NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY:**

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 when each of our choirs rehearse. 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 & 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.

**BOY SCOUTS  
 CHRISTMAS WREATH  
 SALE**

Once again this year the Boys Scouts will be selling beautiful wreaths during the weekend of November 26 & 27th after all Masses. Each wreath is \$20.



**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE****GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.**

Hopefully we have watched this past Veteran's Day as our patriots walked in hometown parades. Some are old showing love for this country holding flags that might be a little too heavy for them now. But still they marched. Few, if any from World War II, but many are from Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan and Iraq. Whether they saw action or protected us here at home, they are our heroes. May God continue to keep them in his care and may the Veterans Association continue to make the changes necessary to make sure they are given the very best care as they come home from battle or need care as they grow old.

We have gone through one of the most divisive elections that most have seen in a lifetime. Some of us have stood on very different sides of the issues that are important to us as we head to 2017. America has spoken. The vote is in and we must now go ahead. We are strongest when we stand together. Let us look to the future and pray that America will be stronger as we move forward.

**GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.**

By Lee Greenwood

If tomorrow all the things were gone, I'd worked for all my life  
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife  
I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today,  
cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away.  
And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the brave who died who gave that right to me.  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today  
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land. God bless the U.S.A.  
From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of Tennessee  
Across the plains of Texas from sea to shining sea  
From Detroit down to Houston and New York to L.A.  
Well there's pride in every American heart, God bless the U.S.A.



## St. Martin of Tours Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

2:30pm - 8:30pm

St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage

**ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE A COUPON FOR A FREE LARGE SANDWICH OR SALAD AT MCDONALD'S**

### Donor Requirements -



Bring valid ID

Age Requirements: 16-75 (over 75 need to have a doctors note)

Minimum weight 110 lbs

Eat well & drink fluids before donating

No new tattoos for the past 12 months.

**For questions regarding medical eligibility, call (800) 688-0900.  
To schedule an appt. please call the Rectory Office at 516-931-0818.**



**In Honor of the Feast Day of St. Martin of Tours we are collecting coats, hats, scarves and gloves in good, clean condition this week-end November 12th and 13th for children and adults. There will be boxes in the shrine area of the Church. Those less fortunate will greatly benefit. Thank you!**

### **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](http://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 in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall**

**LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING****[www.livingwaterscounseling.biz](http://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**

We are dedicated to the healing of the whole individual. Wholeness is in the four quadrants of our being human: the intellectual; the emotional; the body; and the spirit. At Living Waters, our therapists use their clinical skills but also include a strong spiritual component, much like the 12 Step Programs. Insurance claims are submitted by Living Waters Center. We participate in many insurance networks and will be glad to work with you in this area. In addition, some insurance plans include our services as out of network providers. Fees are based upon the services provided. Please go to our website at [www.livingwaterscounseling.biz](http://www.livingwaterscounseling.biz) for more information.

**Last Chance to Celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy  
The Great Jubilee Year of Mercy Closing on November 18 & 19**



Some of our parishioners were able to go to our parish pilgrimage at Our Lady of the Island, while others went to the National Shrine in Washington. Still, I know others were not able to travel to such sites. Pope Francis wants to give everyone the opportunity to celebrate the year of mercy and obtain the plenary indulgence he has granted to those who make such pilgrimages.

The sick and elderly who are unable to go on a pilgrimage may receive the Jubilee Indulgence by *“living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication.”*

**Before the 5PM Mass on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m., we will have a prayer service that will enable all who wish to participate in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This will enable them to receive the beautiful graces and indulgences offered as part of the Jubilee Year before this time of grace ends.**

**Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour**

**Please join us on Tuesday, November 15th at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel for the Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated.**

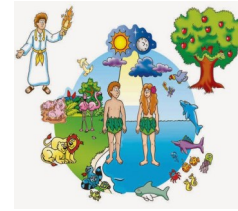
**GLUTEN, PEANUT & DAIRY FREE ALTAR BREAD**

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.

**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](mailto:gamit1946@hotmail.com) or call the rectory at 931-0818. Domestic addresses, no later than December 1st.

Father Jim McCabe's last class is Wednesday, November 16th, Chapters 31 and 32 on the Book of Genesis from 7:30 - 8:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.



**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

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

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Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357  
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE  
1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

**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.

**CONFESSIONS, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

**CONFESSIONS**

**SATURDAY, December 17**

2:00-3:00PM & after the 7:00PM Mass

**MONDAY, December 19**

9:30-10:00AM; 3:00-4:30PM & 7:00-8:00PM

**TUESDAY, December 20**

9:30-10:00AM; 3:00-4:30PM & 7:00-8:00PM



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00PM - Church & Auditorium

4:30PM - Knights of Columbus

Fr. Hartigan Council Hall (Central Ave)

6:00PM - Children's Mass in Church

9:00PM - Life Teen Mass in Church

11:15PM - Pre-Midnight Mass Concert

12:00AM - Midnight Mass in Church

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY**

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM & 1:00PM

*No 5:30PM Mass on Christmas Day*

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**SATURDAY, December 31 at 5PM & 7PM**

**SUNDAY, January 1, 2017**

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM & 1PM

*No 5:30PM Mass on January 1, 2017*





**St. Martin of Tours Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree with tags will be placed in the Gathering Area on Saturday November 26th. **Gift cards must be returned by Sunday, December 11th to allow ample time for distribution, and can be deposited in the rectory door mail slot.** As always, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Parish Outreach are grateful for the compassion and support of our parishioners!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 12 & 13: Coats, hats, gloves and scarves collection (see p. 12)
- Nov 15: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Nov 16: Respect Life Committee Meeting 11AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 18: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 19: Jubilee Year Prayer Service 4:15PM Church
- Nov 19: Golden Harvest Festival and Raffle - Reception 8PM School Cafeteria
- Nov 24: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM Church
- Nov 26/27: Boys Scouts Christmas Wreath Sale
- Nov 26: GIVING TREE in the Gathering Area of the Church
- Nov 28: VIRTUS training class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 9 & 10: Youth Ministry Christmas Tree Sale (see p. 6)
- Dec 14: BLOOD DRIVE 2:30-8:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall