

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - December 5**

6:30 Stanley Lomot, Nicholas & Ustina Drobig  
 9:00 Paul Infantino

**Tuesday - December 6**

6:30 Esther O. Abad  
 9:00 Stanley Szymkowski

**Wednesday - December 7 - St. Ambrose**

6:30  
 9:00 William Granville  
 7:00PM Katherine & Michael Healy (Vigil Mass)

**Thursday - December 8 - The Immaculate Conception**

6:30 Theresa Fulton  
 9:00 George & Doris Held  
 12Noon Bridget Ridge  
 7:00PM Ernest Sardi

**Friday - December 9**

6:30 Mary Donahoe  
 9:00 Rose Provenzano

**Saturday - December 10**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
 5:00 Thomas T. Trappasse  
 7:00 Anthony Detto

**Sunday - December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Helen & Henry Ruff  
 10:00 Joseph Gemmo  
 11:30 Bernardo Mantilla  
 1:00 Edward & Shirley Miller  
 5:30 Eileen Horan

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26  
 Tues. Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14  
 Wed. Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30  
 Thurs. Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
 Luke 1:26-38  
 Fri. Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19  
 Sat. Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sun. *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10* The deserts exult and burst into flower. The hills ring with joyful song. The feeble grow strong; the frightened take courage. The Lord comes to save us.**

**James 5:7-10** "Be patient until the coming of the Lord," said the author of the letter of James. "The judge is standing before the gates." Take the prophets as your models in facing hardship. They spoke in the Lord's name.

**Matthew 11:2-11** John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus answered them affirmatively, pointing to the blind who see, the lame who walk, the lepers who are cured, and the poor who hear from him good news of hope.

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**

**Collection for 11/20/2016 \$15,805.16**

**Collection for 11/27/2016 \$16,951.16**

**Thanksgiving Day Collection \$1,272.00**

**(Half to St. Vincent de Paul & Half to Outreach)**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to consider how they are fulfilling God's purpose to be of service to our parish and to the wider community.



**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Did you have company for Thanksgiving or were you the company? Seeing people you haven't seen for a long time is always fun. Either way, you welcomed family and friends or you were welcomed by them. *Welcome* is more than a word; it's a feeling! Sounds familiar? God is welcoming us to His house. He invites us in to talk, find comfort and eat! Stop in anytime! Plus you can never overstay your welcome.

**Our next meeting is Monday, December 5th at 7:30PM in Church. Be a friend - bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

**H.O.P. Club Winners**

11/21/16	#169	Mary Ann Smith	\$25
11/22/16	#637	Cheryl & John Sullivan	\$25
11/23/16	#61	Bill & Joann Veltri	\$25
11/24/16	#559	Terrence J. O'Brien	\$25
11/25/16	#305	Ted Rose	\$50
11/28/16	#165	Mary Thomas	\$25
11/29/16	#601	Joan Constantine	\$25
11/30/16	#352	Terry & Christine McCormick	\$25
12/1/16	#517	Susan Renee Kilkenny	\$25
12/2/16	#513	John Reilly	\$50

*Wedding Banns**2nd Carl Wong & Mary Lehtzger*

*"Whatever you do for one of these,  
the least of my sisters and  
brothers, you did it for me."*

**Thank you** for your tremendous generosity to those in need and most especially for all you did and donated for the Thanksgiving Holiday!

This week the Pantry could use sweet cereal, white rice, Chef Boyardee pastas, lentils, icing, pudding, Jell-O, tomato paste, boxed milk, laundry soap, dish soap and shampoo.

**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 Dec 4 - 10, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of  
Monica Szmytkowski*

*Sanctuary Candle**Week of Dec 4 - 10, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of  
Alfonsa & Michael, V.A. Maggio  
Sr. & Jr.*

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

**Elizabeth J. Balducci  
Robert Patrick Crocitto**

**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  
Nadine Lewin Wall, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan  
Geraldine Zeterberg, Stephen Hogan, Edward Boyce, Ann Adams,  
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, 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, 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, Glenn Miller & Mom, Helen Uhl  
Baby Omage-Bianchi, Andrew McCarthy, Alicia Manetta  
Frank LoPinto, Declan McCollough, Pat James Joseph  
Michael Hance

## *Pastor's Letter*

*Therefore, stay awake!*

*For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.*

My first assignment as a Redemptorist priest was to teach English at what was our high school seminary that has since closed. It was a boarding school with about seventy five young men who were considering becoming priests. Our seminary was located on the shores of Lake Erie and most of the students were from cities such as New York, Boston, Baltimore where our parishes were. So they were far from home and eagerly looked forward to the coming of Christmas when they would go home to their families for a Christmas break. At our daily Masses, we encouraged the students to call out their prayer intentions at the time of the prayer of the faithful. One freshman prayed a prayer that I have never forgotten, and I think of it every Advent. He prayed with great enthusiasm: *O God, we pray that Christmas may come sooner! We pray to the Lord.* I had this image of God spinning the sun around earth like a top so that the days would pass faster. I loved the innocence of that prayer.



What is your prayer as Advent begins? Some may join with the young student and be eager for the coming of Christmas, perhaps with the return of a son or daughter home from college or the armed forces. Maybe a few are dreaming of a Christmas Eve engagement wedding proposal and have flutters in their hearts. No doubt, there are those of us who may pray that Christmas would come slower, rather than faster, and that we have enough time to do our decorating, our shopping, our card writing, and most of all our baking of sugar free cookies for the pastor! There are some who may be mourning the loss of a loved one and wish that Christmas would pass by very quickly and without notice so that the pain of missing a loved one at this special time may not be so intense. There will be those who will complain that Christmas is too commercial and that it has lost its meaning, and others who will be upset at how a secular culture may try to diminish the sacredness of the this holy time by banning the words *Merry Christmas* and the singing of any hymns in our schools. We all approach this time of Advent with many feelings.

Quite honestly, we would recognize that the season of Lent which begins with ashes has far more impact on most of our lives than does Advent. It is hard to focus spiritually on the Good News of Jesus Christ and his birth when we have so many things that go into our celebrating of this upcoming feast. If we are not careful we can arrive on Christmas Day, exhausted, stressed out, feeling unappreciated, worried about upcoming credit card bills, and feeling that we might have gained ten pounds. So how do we integrate the spiritual season of Advent with the hectic pace and glittering sounds of Christmas preparations?

I offer a little review of what is the Christian meaning of Advent. We are **not** preparing our hearts for the coming of the newborn baby Jesus. I am sure I will say that in some talk or sermon this month but it is not correct. Jesus did take flesh two thousand years ago. He came among us. He was born and lived among us for thirty-three years, was crucified and rose from the dead, sent forth the Holy Spirit, and returned to the Father. We will say these words in the creed.

**A**dvent prepares us to celebrate the day that makes the most amazing moment in human history: the birth of Christ. Christians are the only religion in history that believe and celebrate that God chose to become a man and live among us. All the lights, all the wrapping paper, all the foods and presents are to celebrate and mark that extraordinary moment of human history. The Son of God has come among us.

Yet, Advent does bring us into a spirit of yearning. We think of the generations after generations of people who longed for the coming of the Messiah. Throughout the entire Old Testament, God is continually speaking to the people about a time when he will come. Today we heard some very beautiful words from the prophet Isaiah: *They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.* This is a yearning of the human heart that cries out for a time when all weapons will be turned into instruments for feeding one another. We all long for a time when there will be no more war ever again. We have been living through the longest American war in history in the Middle East. We daily live with the threat of terrorism. We can bring this desire for peace into our homes and families. Many have someone (perhaps more than one person in our family or among someone we once called a friend) with whom we are alienated and not at peace. We wish this was not the case and we do not feel good about it. The yearning we have for a better world and for peace in our own families comes from God. Advent is a time to listen to that yearning and take whatever simple steps we can take to make the world we live in touched by the presence of God.

Advent is also about waking up. Every couple of months I misread my Mass assignment and I find Sue our sacristan at the door of my room saying, *Father wake up, you have the 6:30 a.m. Mass! Father, wake up!* We heard the call to wake up in our reading from St. Paul to the Romans: *You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.* Jesus is present among us and we often miss him. Some of us may be sleep walking through life and miss the presence of God in whom we live and move and have our very existence. Jesus is here at this Mass, in the act of dying and rising with us. He will feed us with his body and blood. Scripture tells us that wherever there is love, there is God. Wherever we experience love from another person, be it our spouse, our child, our mother, or even a stranger, we are encountering the living God. Writing a Christmas card with some kind words to someone can be an act of love, as can a gift to someone that comes not from obligation but a desire to express what is in our hearts.

So Advent offers us many themes and I invite you today to focus on two of them: allow yourself to dream and yearn for a more loving world, country, society, family and parish and think about what steps you might take to advance the love of Jesus. Secondly, be awake. See how present God is to you. I love the lights and decorations of Christmas. We are invited not to miss the brightest light of all - **Jesus** who has come into our hearts and the hearts of others. Have a great Advent! *Homily of November 27, 2016*

**Father Patrick Woods, CSSR**  
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**Website: [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org)**

### Golden Harvest Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the Golden Harvest Raffle.

Louise G. Smith	Danielle & Yvonne Iovieno	J. Nolan	Stuart Bistany
Carol Mennona (YAH)	Donna Reardon	Dircks Family	Andy Macchio
Kristine De Micco	Lucille Ventura	John Cronin	Tina Kennedy
JoAnne Fina	Kathleen Speelman	Rose Shackleton	Mary Burfeind
G. Zuniga	Kevin Vevante	Lois Lovisolo	Laura Keuling
Katherine Nappi	Jean Axmacher	Gloria Masci	John Speelman
Rina Armano	James Belmonte	R. Collins	Linda & Kevin Ross
Cheslowitz & Comiskey Families	Ellen Keuling	Marty Stack	Joseph Giugliano
Elsie Barone	F. Camera	Kim & Scott Lieberz	Noreen Joyce (The Pantry Ladies)
Betty Pope (YAH)	Eva Lane	Carol & John McGlynn	George & Ellen Johnson
Marion & Stephen Hogan	James & Charles Sheridan	Kevin Murphy	Lawrence Steubing
Jane Wojcik	Janice Fiscina	Ken Selvester	CSSRs of St. Martin of Tours
M & P Sangirardi	Robert Smith		

**This past month of November has shown the great generosity of our parishioners. Here are four thank you's:**

#### **Golden Harvest**

Ticket sales	\$45,925.00 (extra \$25 given)
50/50 proceeds	<u>185.00</u>
Total	\$46,110.00

#### **Expenses**

Prizes distributed	\$16,800.00
Dream Street Caterers	\$3,813.75
Incidentals	\$414.42
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$21,028.17</b>

**Net revenue**                    **\$25,081.83**



This \$25,000.00 is so very helpful in assisting the parish with our operating budget. Thanks to all who were able to buy a ticket and to the many volunteers under the excellent leadership of Tony and Ronny Ciarniello.

#### **Thanksgiving Day Mass**

We received \$1,272.00 in the Thanksgiving Day collection at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. As announced, this money will be evenly divided and given to the Parish Outreach Center and to our Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thanks to all who were able to contribute.

#### **Winter Coat Drive**

We donated more than 25 full bags of clothing to *Big Brothers & Big Sisters*. The quality of the clothing was excellent and most appreciated. Thanks to all who contributed.

#### **Holy Land Christians**

Also, I want to thank those who were able to buy something from the Catholics from the Holy Land. I realize what they had was both beautiful and very expensive. They told me they were most appreciate of your welcome and asked me if they could return next year. Having been to the Holy Land, I have a special place in my heart for the Catholic minority who seek to maintain the sacred sites of Jesus and our faith.

12/4: Life Night 6:45-8:30PM after the 5:30PM Mass in the OLPH Youth Room.  
Contact SMT\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com with any questions.



**Upcoming Life Teen Events:**

12/9 & 10: Christmas Tree Sale (see details below)  
12/11: Life Night 6:45-8:30PM



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

**Upcoming Edge Events:**

12/8: Edge Night 7-8:30PM 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.



**Our Youth Ministry will be selling Christmas trees at St. Martin's church parking lot on Friday, December 9th from 4:00—7:00 PM and on Saturday, December 10th - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Every year we are supplied with beautiful, full trees. All trees are \$35.00.**

**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.

As you know from recent sermons and from the bulletin, the parish is preparing to enter into a program called Alpha. It is focused on both deepening the relationship that many of us have with Jesus, and also inviting others to explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus. On the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we invited parishioners to let us know whether they would consider making such a program. Additionally, some also said they would consider volunteering for such a program. I was delighted with the response. We are planning the program for April which may seem a long way off but it will come quickly.



I know some of you may not have had the opportunity to fill out the flyer we had at the Masses to gauge an interest. We are not yet signing people up, but we would like to stay in touch with those who might be interested. You are welcome to email me ([woodscsr@aol.com](mailto:woodscsr@aol.com)) or phone the rectory at 931-0818 with your name and number. If you would like to consider volunteering to assist in the program, you can also email me or phone your name to the rectory. We are having some preliminary volunteer meetings to learn more about what it might mean to volunteer. The information about these meetings is in the second email that was sent to those who filled out the form. All are welcome!

**This letter was emailed to all those showing an interest in the Alpha Program. However, for those who do not use email, I am providing it below.**

*Dear Parishioner of St. Martin's,  
Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!*

*As you recall, our parish had two weeks of Sunday preaching on the Alpha Program this past October. Alpha is a worldwide program that many Christian and Catholic communities are using to help parishioners to deepen their relationship with Jesus; it is also an evangelization program to reach out to those who may have drifted away from a formal relationship with Christ.*

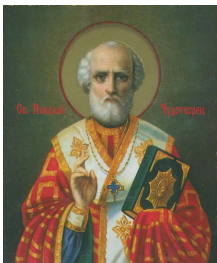
*I am delighted that you, along with more than 250 other people, expressed interest in such a program. I recognize that you were not asked to make a commitment to making Alpha but were invited to consider if you might be interested in Alpha.*

*I write to you to let you know that we are making plans for introducing Alpha into our parish sometime toward the end of April. We feel that the weather will be better at that time and it will give us the necessary time to have a core team prepare the program.*

*I also appreciated very much that you stated that you might consider helping in some way in our parish to conduct Alpha. To have this program run well, we need a group of dedicated volunteers. At this point, I am not asking you to make a commitment to assisting, but **I would invite you to attend an information session that will be offered twice: on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall or Saturday January 14th, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall.***

*I thank you for your interest in Alpha. I think this is a very exciting time in our parish. - Father Pat*

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY  
CHRISTMAS MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016**



On December 6th at 7:30PM we will celebrate Christmas together. Following the Rosary and Christian Mothers' prayer, we will exchange gifts. All women are welcome! If you wish to participate, bring a \$10.00 wrapped present. You will be given a gift number and **keep your present!**

Please bring finger foods, cheese and crackers, cookies, etc. for the sharing table. We have been shopping for raffle prizes so there will be a 50/50. This is the feast of Saint Nicholas, and we hope to see you there!



**Attention Angels, Shepherds and Kings!  
Children's Christmas Eve Pageant Mass 6PM**

We will have **one rehearsal** for the Children's Christmas Eve Pageant on **Thursday, December 15th at 4PM in the Church.** Please fill out the form below and mail/drop off at the rectory office before December 15th.

PLEASE LIST EACH CHILD & AGE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CHOOSE: ANGEL SHEPHERD KING

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_



## **RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

### **SUICIDE AMONG OUR VETERANS**

Each day approximately 20 of our VETERANS COMMIT SUICIDE IN THE U.S. When you take into account that these are our country's heroes, men and women that put their lives on the line each and every day for our protection, we must do everything we can to get them the help they need. Here are some of the facts:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: V.A. CONDUCTS NATION'S LARGEST ANALYSIS OF VETERAN SUICIDE. July 7, 2016

The Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.) has undertaken the most comprehensive analysis of VETERAN SUICIDE RATES IN THE U.S., examining over 55 MILLION VETERAN RECORDS from 1979 to 2014 from every state in the nation. The current analysis indicates that in 2014, an average of 20 VETERANS A DAY DIED FROM SUICIDE.

- 65% of all Veterans who died from suicide in 2014 were 50 years of age or older.
- Veterans accounted for 18% of all deaths from suicide among U.S. adults.
- Since 2001, the rate of suicide among U.S. veterans who use VA services increased by 8.8% while the rate of suicide among veterans who do not use VA services increased by 38.6%.
- Since 2001, U.S. adult civilian suicides increased 23% while veteran suicides increased 32% in the same time period. After controlling for age and gender, this makes the RISK OF SUICIDE 21% GREATER FOR VETERANS.

**VETERANS CRISIS LINE 1-800 273-8255 PRESS (1) [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)**

If you are a vet or know someone who is and are experiencing extremely negative behaviors against yourself or others, please reach out for counseling. RESPONDERS ARE STANDING BY TO HELP! TEXT 828255 - CONFIDENTIAL VETERANS CHAT LINE.

### **Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Second Collection December 10th & 11th**

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medications and other necessities. The senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have offered their lives in service and prayer. They have educated the young, cared for the sick and spoken for the oppressed. Some continue to serve while others need assistance. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Thank you!

**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 Battiatia, USAF  
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG  
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army  
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC  
 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF

SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC  
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy  
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy  
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy  
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army  
 SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army  
 BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy  
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy  
 LTC John Evans, US Army  
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy  
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC  
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army  
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy  
 SSG George Howard, US Army  
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC  
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army  
 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN  
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamiele, US Army  
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army  
 MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF  
 PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC



*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**December 7th: Vigil Mass 7PM**  
**December 8th: 6:30 & 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM**



*Saint Maria Faustina*

**Divine Mercy Novena**

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



## 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.**

The movie ***A Christmas Carol*** will be shown on Friday Evening, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Bring a Christmas goose for poor Tiny Tim.

**The Men's Club** will be meeting on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the small room of St. Alphonsus Hall.

**Advent Prayer Service** on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in church.

**Advent Prayer Service** on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in church.

You are invited in the midst of the preparations for Christmas to take some quiet time and reflect on the wonder of our God who chose to take flesh and come among us.

**Dealing with Grief and Loss During the Christmas Season.** Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall and will be presented by Mary Vitti and Father Pat.

**The Spiritual Book Club** will be meeting on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10AM to discuss Timothy Keller's book *Hidden Christmas*.

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**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
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Jesus Ruelas	Vincent Nguyen	Ken Stigner	Eumir Bautista
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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
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Kevin Zubel	Chung Cao Tran	Quy Duong	Damien Dinh
		Joaquin Garcia-Romanillos	

**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.



**St. Martin of Tours Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree with tags is in the Gathering Area. **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.** Please we ask for only gift cards and no presents as we have no place to store boxed or bagged gifts.

As always, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Parish Outreach are grateful for the compassion and support of our parishioners!

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**To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk).**

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**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**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Dec 5: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Dec 7: Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception 7PM Church
- Dec 8: Mass of the Immaculate Conception 6:30, 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM Church
- Dec 9: Movie "A Christmas Carol" 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 9 & 10: Youth Ministry Christmas Tree Sale (see p. 7)
- Dec 13 & 20: Advent Prayer Service 7:30-8PM Church
- Dec 14: BLOOD DRIVE 2:30-8:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 15: Children's Pageant Rehearsal 4PM Church
- Dec 15: Grief & Loss Presentation 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 17: Spiritual Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- No Padre Pio Holy Hour in December
- Jan 11: Alpha information session 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 14: (repeated) Alpha session 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall

