

Masses For The Week

Monday - December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 Isabel Sangual & Juan Agtuca
 9:00 Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Tuesday - December 13 - Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

6:30 In Thanksgiving to Saint Lucy
 9:00 William Spencer

**Wednesday - December 14 - Saint John of the Cross
 Priest & Doctor of the Church**

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita
 9:00 Joseph Furrey

Thursday - December 15

6:30 Marty Laraia
 9:00 John J. Jauregui

Friday - December 16

6:30 John Enderle, 1st Anniversary
 9:00 Dosalina & Agostino Benasutti & Anne Marie Gallo

Saturday - December 17

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 John & Delia Connaughton & Bernie Lavin
 7:00 Zoitke & Szmytkowski Families

Sunday - December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Padraig & Eamon Fitzgerald
 10:00 Mary O'Neil
 11:30 Mary Rabbitte
 1:00 Robert Hermann
 5:30 Richard Terraciano

Readings For The Week

Mon. Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38
 Tues. Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
 Wed. Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23
 Thurs. Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30
 Fri. Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36
 Sat. Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Sun. *Isaiah 7:10-14* The Lord offered Ahaz a sign. Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!" Nevertheless, the Lord gave a sign: "The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

Romans 1:1-7 Paul told the Romans he was called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God about Jesus Christ. He said to them, "We have received the grace of apostleship" that we may spread the name and bring to faith all those called to belong to Jesus Christ."

Matthew 1:18-24 Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they wed, Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph decided to break the engagement. He changed his mind when an angel in a dream told him to receive Mary as his wife.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Collection for 12/4/2016 \$17,870.16

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who know that each of us has a specific role to fulfill in the building of God's Kingdom and seek to discover it.



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Charismatic Prayer Group

Stress, worry and anxiety do nothing to solve problems. So what does? **Faith, Trust and Prayer.**

Forward All Issues To Him.
 Totally Rely Upon the Savior Today.
 Problem Resolved And You'll Emerge Renewed.

Our next meeting is Monday, December 12th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall - behind the rectory. Be a friend - bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Saint Maria Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

H.O.P. Club Winners

12/5/16	#495	M/M Raymond Landers	\$25
12/6/16	#272	Rev. Patrick Woods	\$25
12/7/16	#455	Teresa Clese	\$25
12/8/16	#425	Eleanor Szmytkowski	\$25
12/9/16	#287	Jean Axmacher	\$50

*Wedding Banns**3rd Carl Wong & Mary Achtziger*

*"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 Chef Boyardee pastas, dry lentils, tomato soup, boxed milk, oil, tuna fish. Please do not buy pasta or string beans till at least the end of January.

Thank you very much for your continuous generosity to those less fortunate.

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 11 - 17, 2016
In Loving Memory of
Catherine & Silvio Sita



Sanctuary Candle
Week of Dec 11 - 17, 2016
In Loving Memory of
Dosalina & Agostino Benasutti
& Anne Marie Gallo

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

**Angelo Sciabarassi, Martha Ryerson
Harold Messina, Gino Di Maggio**

**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, 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, David Iovieno, Pasqua Giannuzzi, Robert Daniel

Pastor's Letter



Thank God I love turkey. Several of our parish societies invited the priests to the pre-Thanksgiving Day dinner. I call it my ministry of eating, which is one of my favorite assignments. Still, I did notice that a few feathers were growing on my arms. Now, we are on to the many Christmas parties in the parish. Again many of societies will hold a party for their members and ask the priest to say a blessing, eat some Christmas cookies, and have a touch of egg nog. Although I am delighted to celebrate with various parishioners, I do worry that I will soon have to face the scale in my doctor's office. After weighing me, he tends to say, I see I do not have to ask you how your Christmas was!

Some preachers rail against how secular Christmas has become. Their sermons tell us that we have allowed ourselves to be caught up in the commercialism of Christmas and fail to celebrate the true meaning of this most awesome spiritual moment: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, becoming fully human in the town of Bethlehem, born in a stable, surrounded by animals, and wrapped in the loving arms of his mother Mary. We are warned against getting too caught up in the holiday spirit to the point that we miss the holy day meaning. Buying presents, decorating our homes, getting a Christmas tree, stringing lights, baking cookies, and attending parties is a distraction to seeing the infant Jesus in the manger.

Bill O'Reilly and others speak about the war against Christmas that forbids Christmas crèches in public areas, that ban the singing of any Christmas carols in our public schools, that promotes that we should not even use the word Christmas but the lukewarm "have a good holiday," and that considers firing employees for saying "Merry Christmas!" Although I am not happy with this secular political correctness, and I always have buttons prepared for our parishioners that have an image of Christ with the words *Merry Christmas* on them, I do not see much value in fighting this battle. I also do not find myself preaching about the dangers of Christmas entering too soon into our hearts.

To be honest with you, I do not think we can have enough glittering lights, singing Santas, wrapped Christmas presents, fresh pine smelling Christmas trees, festive parties with family, baked cookies ((I will pass on the fruit cakes) prepared by grandma and her grandchildren., No, to my mind, you can celebrate Christmas enough because our rejoicing overflows in all this extravagance to mark that God so loved his children, his sons and daughters, that he emptied himself and came among us as a man. I remember as a child watching the *Little Rascals* on our small black and white television, and Spanky was asked by a genie what wish he would like granted. Spanky, after consulting with Alfalfa, said, "I wish it could be Christmas all year long!" I am not sure if any of us could celebrate Christmas all year long. We would end up stressed out, so financially broke that we might have to ask our president-elect for a loan, and perhaps needing a new expanded wardrobe.

We Catholics are good at Lent. We love getting our ashes on Ash Wednesday. Some of us may go to daily Mass during the Lenten Season or say a special daily rosary. We may give up chocolate or desserts. We know we need to do penance and the Lenten season, although challenging, is one that many of us embrace.

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I think we are not sure what we are to do with Advent. It is hard for us to be prayerful and reflective in this time when the world around is so hectic. Advent is a special time that can help us during all our activities, to not miss that which is that heart of the season: the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent is about hope. The prophet Isaiah speaks about a stump. There is nothing deader than a tree stump. It has no life. The dead stump is a symbol of the deadness that has entered the hearts of God's people. In the Old Testament the Hebrews have been battered and beaten by the nations around them. They have abandoned the God who has so loved them. They are a dead stump. Yet, the prophet says life will flow from the dead stump. A new bud shall blossom. Jesus Christ is the new blossom and he promises us new life, both while we live on earth and in eternity.

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The news of the day, especially in a time of joy, can be so disturbing: terror attacks on college campuses, flag burnings, protests that turn to violence and destruction of property, homelessness, the plight of refugees and a litany of human sorrows and pain can wear us down. We also carry our own griefs and losses. This is the time of the year we powerfully feel the loss of loved ones. We may be struggling with family or health problems.

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What human beings need so much of is *hope*. Isaiah proclaims the hope that one day the kingdom of God will take reign: *Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den.* These are not mere Christmas card sentiments - this is the Word of God promising us eternal life. Through the birth of this Child, the world and its people will be saved.

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John the Baptist calls us to change our vision with the words: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Certainly, John is calling us to let go of sin and give our hearts over to Jesus. Advent is a special time to go to confession and bring our sins to the mercy of God. The call of John is to really change our way of thinking. The birth of Christ Jesus changes everything. I have received Christmas cards with the various names we have for Jesus on them: Savior, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Messiah, the Beginning and the End, Mighty God, Light of the World, Lamb of God to name just a few. No words can capture the awesome mystery of the Word made flesh, God becoming man. Each of these titles give us a glimpse into the wonder of the Incarnation.

My favorite name for Jesus comes from the Christmas Gospel of St. Matthew: *Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.* **Emmanuel: God with us.** In every moment of life, the joys, the sorrows, the blessings and tragedies, Jesus is Emmanuel - He is *with* us. To know and live in that truth is to change our vision of life; and we live with joy throughout our lives since He *is* Emmanuel: God with us.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR
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**St. Martin of Tours Religious Education
Keep Holy the Sabbath**

As part of your child’s Religious Education, our program requires that your child attend Mass at least once a month, although it is **strongly** encouraged that Mass is attended **weekly**. This is part of our faith and is a great blessing for your family as you honor our Lord and God. We ask that your child (with assistance from you if needed) complete this form once a month and return it to his or her teacher when they come to class.

Name: _____ Class time: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

I attended Mass on Date: _____ Time: _____

Father _____ celebrated the Mass.

Write two or three sentences saying what the homily was about:

God bless you always,
Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

VIRTUS TRAINING - Protecting All God’s Children

If you wish to volunteer in any capacity in a parish, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that you **first register** for Virtus by logging on to the diocese website at **www.drvc.org**. **Virtus registration can be found at the lower right of the home page.** If you have any problems with the process, please call the rectory at 931-0818 and someone will get back to you with assistance.

Next Virtus at St. Martin of Tours
Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00PM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

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 22nd, 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) 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



Life Teen: Immediately following mass on 12/11 at 7pm, Life Teen will be Christmas Caroling in Apollo Circle. As soon as we are finished Caroling, we will return to OLPH Youth Center for a Holiday Social Night. All high school students are welcome to attend. Contact SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com with any questions.

Upcoming Events:

12/18- Life Teen Christmas Party
12/25- No Life Night- Merry Christmas!
1/1- No Life Night- Happy New Year!
1/8- Life Night- 6:45-8:30pm



Edge: We will be having our Edge Christmas Party on Thursday, 12/22 in the OLPH Youth Room – All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are welcome to attend. Please bring a \$10 gift to participate in the grab bag. Contact SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com with any questions.

Upcoming Events:

1/5- Edge Night- 7-8:30pm
1/19- Edge Night- 7-8:30pm

Camp Veritas Dates have been released for 2017 and sign up is 8am on January 1st! 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.



Gaudete Sunday

Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is one of these. What Is Gaudete Sunday?

Answer: Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philipians 4:4,5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas.

For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored. Gaudete Sunday has a counterpart in Lent: Laetare Sunday.



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

POLICING AMERICA

DEFINITION: A Police Officer, also known as a Policeman, Policewoman or Police Agent is a warranted law employee of a Police Force. Police Officers are generally charged with the APPREHENSION of CRIMINALS, and the PREVENTION and DETECTION of CRIME, PROTECTION and ASSISTANCE of the GENERAL PUBLIC, and the MAINTENANCE OF POLICE ORDER. Police Officers may be sworn to an oath and have the power to ARREST people and DETAIN them for a limited time, along with other duties and powers. Some may be trained for COUNTER-TERRORISM, SURVEILLANCE, CHILD PROTECTION, VIP PROTECTION, CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT and INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES into MAJOR CRIME, including FRAUD, RAPE, MURDER and DRUG TRAFFICKING. Some are plain-clothed in order to dissimilate as ordinary citizens. In most jurisdictions, they are EXPECTED to EXERCISE AUTHORITY WHEN NECESSARY, WHETHER ON OR OFF DUTY!

OFFICERS DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE 2016 FATALITY STATISTICS:

TOTAL 134 UP 14%. GUNFIRE: 60 UP 67%. AUTO: 54 UP 20% OTHER 20 DOWN 46%

On a personal note, having been the wife of a Police Officer in Nassau County for 23 years, the violence against police in general is very upsetting. My husband was an Officer during the assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968, and violence and riots broke out throughout the country along with NYC and here on Long Island. He went to work every day with riot equipment, helmet, bullet-proof vest as our country tried to work its way through racial discrimination, and hopefully bring it to an end. But, sadly, it seems that unrest is again raising its head, and the Police are now targets once more, even to the point of assassinations.

Being the family of a Police Officer, the Military or Fire Department and so many others, saying goodbye each day, brings about the threat that it may be the last time. Any in these professions are hired to take care of and protect us. They have a duty to carry a weapon to protect us, or at times themselves from those that would do harm. When they come home at night, or whenever their shift ends, they bring with them the stress of the day. Even in the saving of a child that may be choking, or a car accident that people are trapped inside, even on fire at times, the Police Officer is usually the FIRST RESPONDER. The excitement of saving a life is incredible, but then there is the fear of NOT GETTING THERE ON TIME! This is when the job takes a toll. The ones that couldn't be saved.

Stress among Police in our urban areas and around our country is at an all time high. There are those that do not wear the badge with honor, and so they should be prosecuted and punished. But the vast majority of our Police is your neighbor next door, the parishioner that sits along side of you at Mass, the coach on your child's sports team. Remember, it is a 24 hour a day job. Although they may not be in uniform, and on their day off, they are expected to react in any situation that requires immediate action. Pray for them. These are confusing times. We see and hear news from the media that is not always complete, jumping to conclusions before proof, or lack of it, becomes truth.

May the joy of this Advent bring about peace and bring us together as Americans. May we reach out to each other and brothers and sisters as our Lord asks us to. May we become colorless, and respect our differences in all ways and see only the beauty in our hearts as we join together.

My daughter-in-law Miyuki, upon us giving our grandson Finn a Santa Advent candy calendar, while he impatiently waited since Thanksgiving to open the first day, wrote to us. "This year, we are doing RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS, on our Advent calendar. They have one kind act each day. Finn will let a person go in FRONT OF HIM ON LINE!

That's the true message! - Diana Hart Miranda



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

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

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!



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

Advent Prayer Service on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30PM in church.

Advent Prayer Service on Tuesday, December 20th 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 15th 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 17th at 10AM to discuss Timothy Keller's book *Hidden Christmas*.

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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:

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| 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 | |

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:

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!

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS

631-243-2373

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WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM

Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies Safe Place at

1 (877) 796-HOPE

Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services

Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

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.

Rejoice in the Lord always; for indeed, the Lord is near.

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 12: Charismatic Prayer 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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

