#### Masses For The Week

Monday - December 26 - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr **NO 6:30 MASS** 

9:00 **Bob Coveney** 

Tuesday - December 27 - Saint John the Apostle

6:30 Joseph Spoto

9:00 Terri Marie Minett & Flynn Families

Wednesday - December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

6:30 Joseph Sicurella

9:00 Girolamo DiMaggio, Anniversary

Thursday - December 29

**Gonzalo Cantos** 6:30

9:00 Robert Branston

Friday - December 30 - The Holy Family of JMJ

6:30

9:00 Deceased Members of the Serventi Families

Saturday - December 31

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

5:00 Louis Ruggiero, John & Gertrude O'Rourke

7:00 Dec'd Mbrs of the Speelman & Pedro Families

Sunday - January 1 - Mary, The Holy Mother of God

The People of the Parish 7:00

**Anthony Romano** 8:30

10:00 Michael Russo

11:30 Deacon Jim Biggin

1:00 Gerald Meehan

NO 5:30PM MASS

### Readings For The Week

Acts 6:8-10: 7:54-59 Mon.

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8 Tues.

1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 Wed.

Thurs. 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

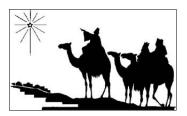
Fri. Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 Sat.

Numbers 6:22-27 "The Lord bless you and keep Sun. you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

Galatians 4:4-7 When the time had come, God sent the beloved Son born of a woman, so that we might become adopted children. We are no longer slaves but heirs of God whom we call, "Abba, Father!"

Luke 2:16-21 On the eighth day, Mary's child was circumcised and was given the name Jesus, that is, "God saves." Mary "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."



## **Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00 **Collection for 12/18/2016** \$17,999.16

Thank you for your great generosity!

# Reflection & Living Stewardship

For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response Stewardship to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have



given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love

and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to you.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who rejoice because the Word became flesh and dwells among us! O come let us adore Him!

# Charismatic Prayer Group

The birth of a baby is always a special, exciting and life changing event. For the 2016th time, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Let us not forget that His birth changed the WORLD not just a few lives. It was the beginning of the promise of salvation. Don't let the presence of Jesus take second place to the presents under your tree. Have a blessed Christmas!! Our next meeting is TUES-DAY. December 27th at 7:30PM in the Church. Call 516 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



### Divine Mercy Novena

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

H.O.P. Club Winners Bonus Winner - One Week Before Christmas			
12/18/16 #524 Nancy Schimmel	\$500		
12/19/16 #536 Marie Mascia 12/20/16 #370 John & Linda DeMartinis 12/21/16 #520 Maria C. Barrelli 12/22/16 #187 M/M Ben Picinic 12/23/16 #610 Louise Smith	\$25 \$25 \$25 \$25 \$50		



"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 pancake mix, egg noodles, tuna fish, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, lentils, catsup, boxed milk, sugar, mayonnaise, pudding, cookies, crackers, apple sauce, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, wipes & tissues.

All of us at the Food Pantry and Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for your continuous support and prayers for all those less fortunate. A Blessed and Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!

### **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 25 - 31, 2016

In Loving Memory of Rosa & Domenico Badolato





Sanctuary Candle Week of Dec 25 - 31, 2016

In Loving Memory of Mary O'Neil

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

Antonietta Del Monaco, Paul R. DeSantis Michael G. Siegler, Richard Pollock Anthony J. Borzell

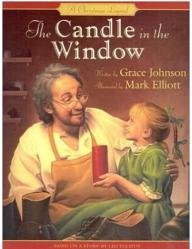
# <u>REMINDER</u>: Please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list.

### 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 Aguino Joseph McCroary, Guido Penafiel, Barry Monteleone Nadine Lewin Wall, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan Geraldine Zeterberg, Stephen Hogan, Edward Boyce, Ann Adams, Fran Gandalfo, 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, 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, David Iovieno, Pasqua Giannuzzi, Robert Daniel

# Pastor's Letter

For many years, I have been blessed to give more than well over a hundred retreats and missions with a very dear friend of mine named Father John McGowan. We have given retreats in many states and even



traveled to Ireland for three programs of preaching. We are both from Brooklyn, root for the Mets and Jets, both Irish, and like to eat so we get along very well. Father John is a man known for having a tremendous sense of humor. When we work together I sometimes call him *Kramer* from the nutty role Michael Richards played in *Seinfeld*, and he returns my greeting with the name of *George Costanza*, the highly neurotic friend of *Jerry Seinfeld* on the show.

A few years ago, we were giving a parish retreat here in Long Island a few weeks before Christmas. As we were preparing for the retreat several weeks prior, we had been asked if we would say a Mass for the children of the parish who attended the Catholic school and the religious education program. We agreed, and I bought a copy of a book entitled *The Candle in the Window* by Grace Johnson. It was a children's book that had a story I

liked very much. When the book arrived, I found that the story was a bit long for a homily so I highlighted with a yellow marker what I felt were the key parts of the story that I would read to the children at the Mass. I figured I could ad-lib the story from what I had highlighted, and both entertain and inspire the almost 500 children, ages five to thirteen, who were going to attend this pre-Christmas Mass. I told Father John to not worry about the children's Mass since I had a story that I would read as the homily.

This children's picture book is based on a story by Leo Tolstoy and the true meaning of Christmas. A lonely, unhappy shoe cobbler, who has lost his closest loved ones to death, finds no joy in life as he encounters the holiday proceedings awaiting the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child on a Christmas Eve. In the version of this story, the characters all have German names.

Gunther is the main character, the lonely unhappy shoe maker, who is working on Christmas Eve. His cousin, Griselda, visits him and tries to cheer him up by giving him a gingerbread house made by her children. Soon a woman named Carrie comes into the shop and tries to bring some Christmas spirit to Gunther by decorating his shoe shop. She lights a candle in the window and tells Gunther that the candle in the window means that you want to welcome Jesus into your house.

Soon, an old woman attracted by the burning candle comes into his shop. She sees Gunther's Christmas crèche that Carrie has put out for display. Gunther sees how much the old woman admires the crèche and gives it to her. Her visit is followed by a poor man who is both cold and hungry. Gunther feels bad for him and gives him food, a coat and pair of brand new boots. Next, a homeless girl named Maria sees the candle burning on Christmas Eve and comes into the shoemaker's store. Gunther finds out she has no home nor family and calls his cousin Griselda to come and take care of her. Griselda, who has six of her own children, says that Maria will now be part of her family. Before she leaves, Gunther gives Maria the beautiful gingerbread house that had been given to him.

You just heard the gist of the story that is almost 32 pages. Well, the day of our Christmas Mass, I had a bit of a sore throat but was okay. Father John would say the Mass and I would be the preacher. I was all set with my story. When I went into the pulpit, I saw the eyes of 500 excited children (the excitement was more over the fact that Christmas was only a few days away than over me). I opened the book and prepared to read my story, but no words came out...I had developed, for the first time in my life, laryngitis, and could not say a word! I tried a few times but I could not say a word! I handed the book to Father John and sat down. My poor friend was completely unprepared, did not know what sections of the book to read or not read, as he struggled to pronounce some of the strange sounding names of the book. The kids grew restless and the homily was a complete disaster. Poor Father John's face was redder than a Santa suit!

As I was preparing a Christmas homily for today, I thought of that day and the story that really never got told. I am sure you know the story already. At the end of the day, Gunther blows out the candle in the window and is sad. Jesus never came into his shop that Christmas Eve. Then he hears a voice in his heart. Gunther, I was lonely and you welcomed me, I was cold and you gave me a coat, I was homeless and you found me a home. Gunther is awed by the voice of Jesus and he says, Jesus, when did I see you today? Our Lord responds, Gunther, I was the old woman you gave the Christmas crèche to, I was the man you gave the new boots to, I was Maria the child for whom you found a home. As long as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me. You welcomed me three times today. My brothers and sisters, you will see Jesus tonight, tomorrow, and every day of the New Year coming. Don't miss him.

One last word about the story. When I came home from the retreat, I went to the pharmacist and I whispered that I had laryngitis. I asked what was good to make it better. The pharmacist said the only real cure was to rest your voice and not talk. I told him that I was a priest and had to give a homily. He said, rest your voice and I am sure the people will be happy!

Merry Christmas, Father Patrick Woods CSSR

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#### MASS STUDY PROGRAM

Program: A Biblical walk-through THE MASS Study

Written by: Dr. Edward Sri, who also wrote and appeared in the Symbolon DVDs

Presented by: Father Pat Woods, CSsR and Rita Verow

Where/Time: Saint Alphonsus Hall at 7:30PM

When: Beginning Friday January 20, 2017 continuing for the next five Fridays

Suggested

Donation: \$10.00 for a participant workbook

Look for a sign up sheet in an upcoming bulletin for anyone who is interested. We will be exploring the Biblical roots of the Catholic Liturgy. After viewing a DVD, we will break into small discussion groups. You will come to understand the Mass like never before, thus providing a more fruitful worship experience!

# DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2017 FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017 WASHINGTON D.C.

We all are God's children made in His Image and Likeness and that wherever life is threatened - violence, poverty, hunger, discrimination, abortion - God's people defend it! The birth of every child changes the world. Let every child be born for a better world.

The annual March for Life has been changed from January 22nd to January 27th due to the Presidential Inauguration.

### **Events:**

**Friday January 27, 2017 Noon March Rally** - grounds of the Washington Monument near 15th Street and Constitution Avenue.

Friday, January 27, 2017 3PM - Silent no more testimonies outside U.S. Supreme Court.

**Friday, January 27, 2017 - Rose Dinner 6PM at Renaissance**. For information please go to www.info@marchforlife.org.

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AS THAT INFORMATION COMES IN.



# **Dear Heavenly Father,**

Love brought Jesus to the earth, and love brings us to this Christmas table. Today as we share this holiday feast, may we also share with one another a joyful heart and a warm smile. May our Christmas dinner be filled with kindness. And may the memories of today warm our hearts for years to come. Amen.



#### Life Teen:

# **Upcoming Events:**

12/25 - No Life Night- Merry Christmas! 1/1 - No Life Night- Happy New Year!

1/8 - Life Night- 6:45-8:30pm



#### <u>Edge:</u>

### 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, <u>all</u> 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 <a href="mailto:SMT\_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com">SMT\_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com</a>.

# Have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!



# What good is it that Christ was born?

"Meister Eckhart once said: 'What good is it that Christ was born 2,000 years ago if he is not born now in your heart?'

"Lord, we do far too much celebrating your actual coming in our hearts. I believe in God, but do I believe in God-in-me? I believe in God in heaven, but do I believe in God-on-earth? I believe in God out there, but do I believe in God-with-us?

"Lord, be born in my heart. Come alive in me this Christmas! Amen."

# Christmas Tree Blessing

Holy Creator of Trees,
bless with your abundant grace
this our Christmas tree as a symbol of joy.
May its evergreen branches be a sign
of your never-fading promises.
May its colorful lights and ornaments call us

to decorate with love our home and our world.

May the gifts that surround this tree
be symbols of the gifts we have received
from the Tree of Christ's Cross.

Holy Christmas tree within our home,
may Joy and Peace come and nest

in your branches and in our hearts. Amen.





# A Christmas Prayer

#### Loving God.

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

-- Robert Louis Stevenson

# Notes from the Music Ministry

Please join the St. Martin of Tours Musicians and Choir for a Pre-Midnight Mass Concert on Christmas Eve at 11:00 P.M. in the Church.

WE WILL BE PERFORMING SONGS, OLD AND NEW, THAT WE ARE SURE YOU WILL ENJOY INCLUDING O HOLY NIGHT, THE CHRISTMAS CANON AND TU SCENDI DALLE STELLE, THE ITALIAN CHRISTMAS SONG WRITTEN BY THE FOUNDER OF THE REDEMPTORISTS, ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE BEAUTIFUL MASS AT MIDNIGHT FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD. DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR.

WISHING YOU ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR... FROM ALL OF US IN THE ST. MARTIN OF TOURS MUSIC MINISTRY.

# APrayer Before Opening Presents



Lord and Giver of all good things, the magi travelled for miles to bring the Christ child the first Christmas presents. So may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us, especially the gift of life itself. Amen.



The blind will see, the deaf will hear and the dead will live again, The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb.

Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?

Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?

This sleeping child you're holding is the great I am.

Mary did you know, Mary did you know, Mary did you know.

written by Buddy Greene, Mark Lowry

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, WISHES EACH AND EVERY ONE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON FILLED WITH LOVE AND PEACE.

### 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

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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:

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Garvey Blanc	Huyen T. Nguyen	Chung Tran	Toan Lai
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Today, we celebrate the good news of our salvation: the birth of Jesus Christ as one of us, a human being.

# Christmas and New Year Schedule of Masses

### **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





Christmas brings with it the message that Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. May the Prince of Peace grant you a most Joyous and Blessed Christmas.

The Entire Clergy, Staff and Ministries of Saint Martin of Tours

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Dec 26: Rectory Office Closed
- Dec 27: Charismatic Prayer 7:30PM Church (Tuesday)
- Dec 31: Rectory Hours: 9AM 4PM
- Jan 2: Rectory Office Closed
- Jan 4: Charismatic Prayer 7:30PM Church (Wednesday)
- Jan 11: Alpha information session 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 14: (repeated) Alpha session 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 20: Mass Study Program 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall

