

Masses For The Week

Monday - January 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

NO 6:30 Mass

9:00 James Judge, Sr.

Tuesday - January 17

6:30 Eddie Adkins & Karen Ann Adkins

9:00 Donna Steubing

Wednesday - January 18

6:30 Joseph Petroni

9:00 Mary Donahoe

Thursday - January 19

6:30 Marty Laraia

9:00 Florence K. Campbell

Friday - January 20

6:30 Sara Cantillo

9:00 Anthony Segretto

Saturday - January 21

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

5:00 Deacon James A. Biggin

7:00 Paul Heilig, 1st Anniversary

Sunday - January 22

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Agnes Harrison

10:00 James Dishman

11:30 Patrick & John Kenneally

1:00 Margaret Duemmel

5:30 D'Avanzo & Reardon Family, Living

Readings For The Week

Mon. Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22

Tues. Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28

Wed. Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6

Thurs. Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12

Fri. Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19

Sat. Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21

Sun. *Isaiah 8:23-9:3* The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of gloom now have joy, for the yoke that burdened them God has smashed.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Paul wrote to the people of Corinth: let "there be no divisions among you...be united in mind and in the same purpose." I have heard "that there are rivalries among you...Is Christ divided?"

Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus said to Simon Peter and Andrew, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they followed him. Jesus began to proclaim this: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He cured many people.



Saint Maria Faustina

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

Regular 1/8/2017: \$11,579.17

Solemnity: \$ 813.00

Christmas: \$ 350.00

Total for Parish: \$12,742.17

St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 1,882.00

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Today's responsorial psalm is the theme song of



the good steward: "Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will."

May I too stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who stand ready to accept, share and cultivate their gifts for service, beginning with our parish ministries and moving beyond.

Charismatic Prayer Group

I once heard that if you start out from home and only make right turns, you will end up back at home. So if we start out from our home in Heaven and make THE RIGHT TURNS, we will end up back in Heaven!!

But, we do make mistakes, wrong turns, detours, wrong directions. Lucky for us, God knows how to lead us back to the right turns that will bring us back to our Heavenly home! Do you need help making the right turns?

Weather permitting, our next meeting is WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2017 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

1/9/17	#248	Ray Froehlich	\$25
1/10/17	#57	M/M Frank Napolitano	\$25
1/11/17	#457	Josephine Bruno	\$25
1/12/17	#195	John G. Donalds	\$25
1/13/17	#465	M/M Jerome Viviano	\$50

*Wedding Banns**1st Michael Volino & Erika Hernandez*

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

This week, the Pantry is low on: pasta sauce, sweet cereal, egg noodles, white rice, chili, chicken noodle soup, tuna fish, catsup, mayonnaise, oil, juice boxes, evaporated milk, icing, brownies, sugar, pudding, Jell-O, boxed milk, Chef Boyardee, laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, diapers size 6.

PLEASE NO STRING BEANS OR PASTA UNTIL AT LEAST THE END OF FEBRUARY.

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 January 15 - 21, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of
Louis & Inez Serventi*

*Sanctuary Candle**Week of January 15 - 21, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of
Maggio & Montana Families*

Rest in Peace***Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."*****Robert Brewster, Phyllis A. Smolinski**

**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, 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 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 Caroline McNeill, Michael McNeill, Anne Riegal, Louis Fielack Dorothy Eisenstadt, Jan Vanasco, David Drohan, Martin Lee Joe Zarou, Maryann Miller, Ralph Caputo, Jeannie's mom.

Pastor's Letter

Fr. Pat's Homily on 1/8/17 - The Epiphany of the Lord

You know what would have happened if it had been three wise *women* instead of men, don't you?



They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts! Many of us know this day, the Feast of the Epiphany, a Greek word which means *manifestation*, as *Little Christmas*. After this day, if our decorations and tree are still up, it may mean that we still can't let go of the Christmas season, or we may be watching too much football.

A friend of mine tells the story that he once gave his parents a beautiful nativity set as a gift a few days before Christmas. They opened it with delight and quickly began to arrange the figures in the stable. They soon noticed that one of the kings was missing and they were upset and said they would call the company. My friend told his mother not to worry since the kings still had a week to arrive after Christmas. Nowadays, scholars are less likely to use the term *kings* and choose instead to call the visitors from the East, *Magi*, *Wise Men*, or *Astrologers*. Certainly, the Gospel portrays them as men who were searching for God. We really don't know the names of the Magi because the Bible doesn't reveal this. In fact, the Bible is silent on how many wise men visited Jesus. However, tradition has it that the three Wise Men who came to seek and honor the Infant Jesus were called Gaspar, Balthasar and Melchior. We seemed to have settled on *three* Wise Men as the number since there are three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh mentioned in Matthew's Gospel.

The story of the visitors from the East is a very important theological teaching. We know that God revealed himself to the Jewish people in the Old Testament. God formed a very special relationship with this nomadic tribe. They were his Chosen People to whom he would reveal the wonders and mystery of God, beginning with Abraham, then Moses, King David, the great prophets, all the way to the Virgin Mary, her spouse Joseph and John the Baptist. We hear the angels tell the shepherds in the fields to *come to Bethlehem to see the newborn King of the Jews*. Still, this feast marks a new reality: God is not only the God of the Jewish people, he is for *all* people of every race and nationality. Jesus has come to set all people free from the power of sin and grant them the fullness of eternal life.

We know that this idea was not so easily embraced by some of the teachers and leaders of the Jewish community at the time of Jesus. What *we* easily embrace, that is, the idea of God entering a loving, personal relationship with all peoples, was a radically new idea to those who were awaiting the Messiah. In fairness to the Jewish people at the time of Jesus, many of us today find it equally challenging to embrace a new idea that challenges our own belief system. We know well how our nation has experienced a great deal of tension and division on how we are to treat those who seek to come to our nation as immigrants, especially those whose languages, cultures and beliefs may be very different from our own. I would be the first to admit there is no easy answer to this challenging reality.

A few years ago, I went to see the Radio City Christmas Show after not having seen it for many years. As I watched the show with the lovely *Rockettes*, the Nutcracker dance, the singing Santas, and so forth, I became increasingly frustrated that the show had no mention of Jesus or any traditional Christmas carols. I like *Rudolf* and *Frosty* as much as the next fellow, but I wanted *Silent Night*. I felt that this was another example of our society secularizing the sacred day of Christmas.

But I had forgotten about the *end* of the show with the living nativity including live animals. So the last twenty-five minutes ended with a glorious presentation of the birth of Jesus. Some of the most treasured Christmas carols were sung and what truly touched my heart to the point that I had to wipe tears from my eyes, was hearing the song *We Three Kings* as the Magi, gloriously costumed, accompanied by at least one camel, along with the shepherds, sheep and donkeys, came and knelt before the Infant Jesus. It was an act of pure worship. *O come, let us adore him!*

I once served in a parish where the organist, a wonderful fellow, would announce, *please take out your worship hymnals and turn to page 55*. He had the greatest Brooklyn accent I ever heard and the word worship came out *wereship*. As you can imagine, I occasionally teased him about that.

Worship. To worship is to recognize that God is God and so very worthy of my praise and adoration. God does not need our worship, but to adore God is fundamental to our human nature. In all human beings, there is an impulse to make ourselves the center of the universe. What I think and feel is all important like the actress who says, *enough about me, tell me what you think about me!* Original sin, our fallen humanity, has a strong tendency to forget God is God and to see ourselves as a worthy substitute.

Most of us are good at asking God for what we need which is something Jesus tells us to do. We are okay with telling him we are sorry when we fail, and we do say thank you quite often to God when good things happen to us. But, do we *worship*? Do we kneel or stand before God in awe and wonder and give him praise as his creatures made in his image? God is our friend who loves and redeems us. He is also Lord of lords and King of kings. That sense of awe and reverence is not popular in today's world. But to adore and worship God is to know the deepest truth: *God is God and I am created and redeemed by Him.*

Every Mass contains all the elements of prayer: asking, expressing sorrow and thanks, but above all, it is an act of worship. We stand before God in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. When we sing, or say the *Gloria* at Mass, we are singing the hymn of the angels on the first Christmas: *Give Glory to God. Come Let Us Worship the Lord!*

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The Spiritual Book Club: THE SHACK by William Paul Young. Discussion meeting is on Saturday, February 11th at 10AM in St. Alphonsus Hall.

Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever. In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant The Shack wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. You'll want everyone you know to read this book!

Many of you may have read this enormous best seller years ago. It is a novel that seeks to enter into the mystery of the Blessed Trinity in a very creative and touching way. I believe a movie version will be coming out this March.

SMT Book Club: Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance Discussion meeting is on Saturday, February 18th at 10AM in St. Alphonsus Hall.

From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a probing look at the struggles of America's white working class through the author's own story of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town. Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of poor, white Americans. The Vance family story began with hope in postwar America. J.D.'s grandparents were "dirt poor and in love" and moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. They raised a middle-class family, and eventually one of their grandchildren would graduate from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of success in achieving generational upward mobility.

But as the family saga of Hillbilly Elegy plays out, we learn that J.D.'s grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and, most of all, his mother struggled profoundly with the demands of their new middle-class life, never fully escaping the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma so characteristic of their part of America. With piercing honesty, Vance shows how he himself still carries around the demons of his chaotic family history. A deeply moving memoir, with its share of humor and vividly colorful figures, Hillbilly Elegy is the story of how upward mobility really feels. And it is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large segment of this country.

Highly endorsed by Noreen Joyce!

Padre Pio Holy Hour

Please join us on Tuesday, January 17th at 7PM for the Padre Pio Holy Hour in the Eucharistic Chapel of the Church. His first and second class relics will be venerated. All are welcome!

MASS STUDY PROGRAM AND SIGN UP SHEET

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 per person for a participant workbook (checks payable to St. Martin of Tours)

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! Please return to the rectory as soon as possible.

NAME(S): _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL:



1/15: NO Life Night

1/22: 6:45-8:30pm after the 5:30PM Mass. All high school teens are welcome to join us in the OLPH Youth Room of the school.



Upcoming Events:

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

1/28: Edge will be joining St. Rose of Lima for a full day Edge Retreat called *“Be Not Afraid”* at Holy Trinity High School at a cost of \$25 per child. Please contact Patricia Draghi for more information at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com.

Camp Veritas Dates have been released for 2017. Contact the Youth Ministry office for more information. Also, check out their website for information and videos at www.CampVeritas.com.

Now is a great time to consider joining our volunteer team! If you want to know more about getting involved in SMT’s dynamic and lively Youth Ministry Programs, please contact us at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com. If you are over the age of 18, there are many different ways to volunteer including joining one of our Core Teams, providing meals or snacks for our Life Teen and Edge program, or even just remembering to keep us in your prayers. Remember, all are welcome to celebrate with us at the 5:30 PM Life Teen Sunday Mass.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Our Lady of Mercy School, 520 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville

- Jan. 29: Open House 11:45 AM-2:00 PM - Displays, Tours, Refreshments, Registration N-8
- Jan. 30: STEM Lesson Observation (9:00-11:00AM)
- Open House Tours: 1:00-2:00 PM
- Feb. 1: Open House Tours: 9:30-10:30 AM
- Feb. 2: Open House Tours: 9:30-11:15 AM
Faculty vs Students Volleyball Game
(1:45-2:15 PM) Our camaraderie & spirit are contagious...Join Us!
- Feb. 3: Catholic School Week Assembly-8:30 AM
 - . Grade 8 Pinning Ceremony
 - . Service Project—Wrap-Up

For additional information please call (516) 433-7040 or email us at jharrigan@olmshicks.org



Cardinal Tobin greets “mayor” of Plainview and Father Pat.

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART MONTH

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. **We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event 2/8/2017 at St. Martin of Tours Parish at St. Alphonsus Hall.** Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **Call 1-888-653-6441 or go to [www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers]www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers for more information or to pre-register.**

COMING SOON !!!

Monthly Ministry Coffee Sundays in St. Alphonsus Hall

Beginning January 22nd and every 4th Sunday of the Month thereafter, we will be holding a Coffee Sunday after the 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30am Masses in St. Alphonsus Hall.



A different Ministry or two will host each month. What a wonderful chance to visit for a while with old friends and a chance to meet some new friends!

The Respect Life Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 11AM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall. If you are interested in helping or would like more information about the Respect Life Ministry, you are most welcome to join us!

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:

Thursday, January 26, 2017 - Please join us for a Holy Hour in the Church at 3PM to pray for the end of Roe v Wade

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE WEBSITE: www.marchforlife.org.

NOTE: FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE: CONTACT:

RESPECT LIFE OFFICE, DIANA TELLIS (516) 678-5800 www.dtellis@drvc.org.

BUSES LEAVING FROM LOCAL PARISHES WILL BE PUBLISHED AS THAT INFORMATION COMES IN.



*St. Martin of Tours
Annual International Night
Saturday, February 4th St. Alphonsus Hall @ 7:30 p.m.*

This has become a fun tradition as parishioners share culinary delights from all over the world in honor of their ethnic heritage and in the name of good food. We have had Italian lasagna delights, Polish wonders, German sausages, French fries, America hot dogs, Spanish paella, Mexican tacos, Filipino adobo, and Irish soda bread.

Father Pat brings *Beers of the World* to the Party! Just bring a food, any food, but especially an ethnic food. Please call the rectory office at 931-0818 or email gamit1946@hotmail.com and let us know what type of dish you will bring. As always this promises to be a fun night!

PRE-CANA SESSIONS

It is not too late to register for Pre Cana at St. Martin of Tours. The opening is Sunday, February 12 at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall followed by four in-home sessions. The closing mass will be at 11:30AM on Sunday, March 19 followed by a reception in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please contact Frank Mekalainas 516-681-6560.

There will be holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, January 26th, at 3:00 p.m. This is holy hour is to pray for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. The Supreme Court Decision to all allow abortion on demand in our nation was made on January 21, 1973. The annual March for Life this year will be January 26th. Many of us are not able to get to Washington to march for life, but we can all turn to Jesus Christ with our prayers.

Pope Francis speaks on the value of all human life: *Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems.*

Saint Mother Theresa at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington in 1997: *What is taking place in America, she said, is a war against the child. And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another. Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish. **Let us pray together for the protection of all human life!***

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

A BEAUTIFUL LIFE: DETECTIVE STEVEN MCDONALD, GOD'S COP



Steven McDonald
March 1, 1957 - January 10, 2017

The New York State of Bishops mourns the death of NYPD Detective Steven McDonald, as we celebrate the gift that he was to his family and to all New Yorkers. He died of a heart attack at the age of 59. Steven lived his Catholic faith in a truly authentic way, forgiving the man who shot and paralyzed him, loving his family, and speaking out on all human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

On July 12, 1986, NYC Police Officer Steven McDonald, 29, was investigating a bicycle theft in Central Park. Shavod Jones, a 15 year old boy, shot Officer McDonald resulting in his paralysis from the neck down. His wife, Patti Ann, was pregnant at the time with their son, Conor, who was born six months later. Steven remained in the public eye for his spirit in the face of adversity, showing courage and great inspiration to the handicapped. Their son Conor, who was baptized in early 1987 by Cardinal John O'Connor in the Chapel at Bellevue Hospital, is a detective with the NYPD and represents the family's fourth generation to serve on the department.

Steven wrote of his assailant in a statement that was read by his wife, "I forgive him," he said, "and hope that he can find peace and purpose in his life." His assailant was convicted of attempted murder. Officer McDonald sent him stamps and a box of stationery with a note saying, "Let's carry on a dialogue." He later met with Mr. Jones' mother and attended services at a Baptist Church in Harlem with his grandmother.

Detective McDonald was able to speak and breathe with the help of a respirator, making public appearances, telling of his faith as a Roman Catholic and saying that, "If people wanted forgiveness, they have to show it to others." He also praised God for sparing his life. He made trips to Northern Ireland in the cause of reconciliation between Catholics and Protestants, and remained active with the NYPD as a sergeant. He told of his struggle to cope in the book, "The Steven McDonald Story," citing the support he received from fellow police officers and Mayor Koch. He wrote: "*There is more love in this city than there are street corners.*"

On a personal note, both Jerry and I had the honor and privilege to know Steven. Both he and his wife Patti Ann were advisors for the Life Center of Long Island. He was a champion for life, and was present at the Life Center and many Pro-life benefits. He was truly a hero and spread joy and courage as his message to make every life count. Although 30 years in a wheelchair, he used every bit of his life to encourage others to stay vital and support the issues they believe in, no matter what their handicap. One look into those kind eyes and the smile that was there for everyone, made you understand that Steven McDonald was a gift from God and truly led a beautiful life.

Please pray for all the police officers that go to work each day to protect us. It is a dangerous job - now more than ever. Diana and Jerry Mirando

Please pray for the repose of Steven's soul and consolation for his widow, Patti Ann and his son, Conor.

***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in 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 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

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND THE GIVING TREE

Christmas 2016: St. Martin of Tours parishioners donated an astounding \$11,806 in gift cards to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual Giving Tree. Members of the Society and staff from the pantry compiled a list of people who would appreciate a gift card. Every person on the list was known to the Society and/or the staff of the pantry. As each name was read, the question was asked: "Is this a family?" "Do they have children?" "Ages?" "Do they drive?" "Do they need help with their prescriptions?" And so on until we matched the gift cards to families.



To all those who donated gift cards to the Giving Tree - thank you from the more than 300 people (187 adults and 113 children) who received gift cards. Thank you also from the Vincentians and staff in the Mother Teresa Pantry who distributed the gift cards. It was a joy and a privilege to be able to help make the holidays a little brighter, to help ease a financial burden through the distribution of these gift cards.

God bless the parishioners for their generosity. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul extends to you all our Very Best Wishes for a Blessed New Year!

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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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Garvey Blanc	Huyen T. Nguyen	Chung Tran	Toan Lai
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		Joaquin Garcia-Romanillos	

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What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

Our Parish is gearing up for the Alpha Program. We need volunteers to help make this wonderful program a reality at St. Martin's. It is a program that seeks to help believers deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and to help those who do not have a relationship with Jesus to explore the possibility of coming to know and love Him.

We will have two meetings (*each meeting is the same so we are asking you to consider coming to one of them*) to see if you might be interested in helping to make this program come to life. Attending a meeting is not a commitment on your part. It is an invitation for you to consider what it might mean to assist as a volunteer in one of many roles that are needed. - Father Pat

Saturday, January 21st 10:00 a.m. St. Alphonsus Hall
Monday, January 30th 7:30 p.m. St. Alphonsus Hall

Diocese of Rockville - Office of Faith Formation Training of Volunteers in The Ministry to the Sick

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church Parish Center
 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip NY 11795

Presenters: James Spencer, Sr. VP for Mission and Ministry Catholic Health Services of L.I.
 Caterina Mako, System Director of Pastoral Care and Education

Dates: Saturdays, January 21, February 4 & 11, 2017

Time: 9AM to 4PM

Cost: \$40 per person*

Learn more and register online at www.drvc-faith.org. Any questions, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 516-678-5800 x204.

Diocese of Rockville - Office of Faith Formation Liturgy I - Fundamentals and Basic Principles of Liturgy

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
 210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst NY 11757

Presenter: Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, D.Min.

Dates: February 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 2017

Time: 7PM - 9PM

Cost: \$40 per person*

Learn more and register online at www.drvc-faith.org. Any questions, contact Marie Ventimiglia at 516-678-5800 x505.

* St. Martin of Tours will be happy to pay for 5 seats for the Liturgy course and 10 seats for the Ministry to the Sick course.

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Next Virtus at St. Martin of Tours
Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00PM
St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

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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.



The St. Martin of Tours Parish Men's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26th. All men eighteen and over are welcome to attend this time of spiritual reflection and prayer.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - Rectory Closed
- Jan 17: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Church
- Jan 18: Charismatic Prayer 7:30PM Church **WEDNESDAY**
- Jan 20: Mass Study Program 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall (every Friday until March 24th)
- Jan 21: Rescheduled ALPHA Meeting 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall (repeated on Monday, January 30 at 7:30PM)
- Jan 22: Coffee Sunday after the 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Masses St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 24: VIRTUS Training 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 25: Respect Life Committee Meeting 11AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 26: Respect Life Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Jan 26: Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 4: International Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 8: Life Line Screening 9AM - St. Alphonsus Hall. Registration is a must with Life Line Screening.
- Feb 11: Spiritual Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 18: SMT Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 20: Presidents Day - Rectory Closed
- Feb 26 Coffee Sunday after the 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Masses St. Alphonsus Hall

