

Masses For The Week

Monday - January 23

6:30 Christopher Mazurkiewicz
9:00 Dorothy Trimble

Tuesday - January 24

6:30 Mary & Patrick Foley
9:00 Carolyn E. Campbell

Wednesday - January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul

6:30 Mary O'Neil
9:00 Mario Gervasi

Thursday - January 26

6:30 Charles A. Cisco
9:00 Michele Barone

Friday - January 27

6:30 Catherine & George Ruff
9:00 Mary Donahoe

Saturday - January 28

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Louis Ruggiero, Anniversary
7:00 Marie Rehill

Sunday - January 29

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Stella Agnese, Anniversary
10:00 John & Carrie Lynam & Maria & Salvatore Accardi
11:30 Lazzati & Tesoriero Families
1:00 Frances Petralia
5:30 Doris & Alfred Urbanski

Readings For The Week

Mon. Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30
Tues. Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35
Wed. Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
Thurs. 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:21-25
Fri. Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34
Sat. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41

Sun. *Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13* "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth," said Zephaniah the prophet. Do what is right. "Seek justice." Those who take refuge in the Lord shall pasture their flocks.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 The weak of the world are chosen by God. "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Matthew 5:1-12a Jesus upset the standards of worldly justice in this charter of the heavenly reign: It belongs not to the rich but to the poor in spirit, not to the powerful but to the lowly, not to warmongers but to peace-makers.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Regular 1/15/2017: \$16,784.17

St. Vincent de Paul: \$403.00

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talent in His service as those first disciples were!

We are grateful this week for all stewards who work in parish-based advocacy groups to bring Gospel values and Catholic social teaching to the wider community.

Charismatic Prayer Group

TAPE THIS TO YOUR BATHROOM MIRROR

What if for today--

- I make someone smile
- I do a kind deed
- I make someone feel good about him/herself
- I treat others with respect
- I trust that God is in control

I don't just read this; I do this! Don't give up. The more you do it, the easier it gets. And it's CONTAGIOUS!

Weather permitting, our next meeting is Monday, January 23, 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

1/16/17 #178	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien	\$25
1/17/17 # 36	Margaret Ruggiero	\$25
1/18/17 #497	John & Kathy Brolly	\$25
1/19/17 #593	Carol Asch	\$25
1/20/17 #584	Marion C. Hogan	\$250



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

*Wedding Banns**2nd 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: egg noodles, white rice, beef stew, chili, canned chicken, tuna fish, pasta sauce, coffee, boxed milk, brownie mix, icing, evaporated milk, sugar, boxed juice, oil, mayonnaise, tissues, toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap, 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 22 - 28, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of
Maggio, Montana & Crème Families*

*Sanctuary Candle**Week of January 22 - 28, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of
Thomas Pope*

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

**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, David Drohan, Martin Lee
Joe Zarou, Maryann Miller, Ralph Caputo, Jeannie's mom
Benita Mickens, Andrew Tyranski, Gilda Tornato

*Pastor's Letter***Father Pat's homily of 1/15/17**

A couple of years ago, I was able to fulfill a wish I had for many years - I went the Holy Land and visited the places where Jesus was born, raised, preached, died, and rose from the dead. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life, and one that I believed helped deepen my faith and love for Jesus. There were many moments that have stayed with me such as visiting Bethlehem and saying Mass in the Church of the Shepherds, standing in the Jordan River in a place that tradition holds Jesus was baptized by his cousin, John the Baptist. I was able to visit both the Mount of the Beatitudes as well as the Mount of Transfiguration. Perhaps, the most moving experience was to celebrate Mass in the tomb where Jesus was buried and from which he was raised from the dead by the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. I remember well, as we stood outside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, our guide, a Palestinian Catholic, saying to us: *This is where Jesus was buried and rose from the dead on the third day. I believe that because my father told me that. My father believed that because his father told him that.* His point was both simple and profound. One of the primary ways the Holy Spirit passes on faith is from one person to another. Certainly, we have the sacraments, the Bible, the Mass and all are powerful ways that God speaks to our human heart. We can sit quietly and look at the heavens and earth, the majestic mountains and the magnificent oceans and seas, and God speaks to us just as does in the quiet of our hearts in a simple moment of prayer. The Scriptures tells us that wherever there is love, God is present. So, God comes to us in the loving actions and words of others. The Holy Spirit seeks to make Jesus very alive to us each moment of our lives. I am thinking of how people witness to us about God and invite us to hear their words and listen to their goodness. Today's Gospel, we heard a man, John the Baptist, witness to generations to come about Jesus with these words: *"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me. 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'* Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

The first witnesses to Jesus were the men and women who met him, heard him teach and saw him do great miracles. After seeing him resurrected, they were willing and ready to die for Jesus since they saw him nailed to a cross, die a brutal death, and then rise from the dead. These were the men who wrote the Gospels. Paul the apostle, a man who was persecuting the early church, had his life changed when he met Jesus in a vision. He then went on to spend his life preaching about Christ. Through the centuries, innumerable martyrs gave up their lives as witnesses to their faith. This still is happening today as Christians are being executed by terrorists for not giving up their belief in Christ. We have seen men and women over the past two millennia, spend their lives in services of the poor and the neglected because this was the a primary mark of being a follower of Jesus. We think of St. Anthony feeding the poor with bread, St. Francis of Assisi kissing the wound of a leper, St. Vincent de Paul seeking out the poor, and Saint Mother Theresa embracing the dying poor in the streets of Calcutta. Generations of faithful disciples of Christ have gone before us and have helped keep the church alive, faithful to her mission to show us the Face of Jesus, and to inspire us by their actions to follow them in loving the Lord.

You and I know also many un-canonized saints: men and women, no doubt with the same flaws and struggles of the great saints, who followed Jesus and did their best to love their neighbors. Such unrecognized saints who lifted us in faith may be our parents, a family member, a teacher or priest, a neighbor, someone we read or heard about in the news, or even a stranger. The Holy Spirit is constantly raising up men and women by his abundant grace to inspire us and guide us in our own living of faith.



This Sunday my thoughts are very much of Police Officer Steven McDonald who just recently died. The former police commissioner Ray Kelly said many times that Steven McDonald is a living saint. His story is well known to us here in Long Island. As a young police officer he was shot and almost killed by a fifteen year old teenager. Gratefully, Officer McDonald lived, but he was a paralyzed from the neck down and could not breathe completely on his own. Married to Patti Ann, and with a son on the way, his whole life was instantly changed from a young, vigorous man to a man who would spend the next thirty years without ever holding his son in his arms or embracing his wife.

I never met this good man but I often saw him from a distance at the St. Patrick's Day parade, at a New York Ranger game, and read about him often. From this horrible injury, one could easily understand if this young man chose to turn bitter and angry at life, and to give up living a life of joy and meaning. Denis Hamill in the New York Daily News wrote the following: *McDonald literally rose Christ-like from the dead after taking three .22-caliber slugs to preach a gospel of forgiveness and unity in New York had a profound effect on the cops and citizens of this hemorrhaging city. McDonald became the living embodiment of what could happen to any good cop doing his job on any tour in any precinct of the city. He also became a living legend as one of the most courageous people to ever don a police uniform. Because it might take even bigger guts to forgive your shooter than it does when you're facing his gunfire.*

On the 25th anniversary of the shooting, McDonald had not become cynical. *My simple understanding is that God has asked me to be a witness to do His will in this world, he told The Daily News. And I think that's my life.* Cardinal Dolan wrote: *"Steven was also a marvelous example of the dignity of all human life. Prior to his injury, he was a strong, strapping, young man, a proud police officer, full of energy and vigor. The future held endless possibilities for him. He lost all of that in an instant. But, at a time when, in the eyes of the world, he might have seemed weak, helpless, suffering, unable to offer anything of value to society, he showed that our worth never rests on what we can do, but in who we are, sons and daughters of a loving God who endows each of us with His image and likeness. This was all reflected in Steven's remarkable Catholic faith.*

McDonald delivered a stunning public absolution of his shooter on the day of his son's baptism. He famously forgave the young man who shot him, and even testified in his favor at his parole hearing. He became a strong advocate for peace, and spoke movingly and often on the need to show mercy to others. I have no doubt that his wife Patti Ann was a rock and grace to Steven throughout his life and bore her struggles with grace and dignity. His son Conor, named after Cardinal O'Connor, is now a detective in the New York City Police Department.

My homily is not to declare Steven McDonald a saint. That is well beyond my pay grade. The way he lived his life inspires and challenges me to work to be more forgiving and accepting of the challenges of life and to continue to seek to follow Jesus. Reading about his life was - for me - an experience of grace.

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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

<p><u>OPEN HOUSE</u></p> <p>Maria Regina School 4045 Jerusalem Avenue, Seaford Thursday January 26, 2017 from 6PM to 8PM Grades Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten</p>	<p><u>OPEN HOUSE</u></p> <p>Maria Regina School 4045 Jerusalem Avenue, Seaford Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 12 Noon to 2PM Grades Nursery through Grade 8</p>
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Holy Family School, 17 Fordham Ave., Hicksville 11801 * 516-938-3846 x329 * hfsli.org
Open House - Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 11:30AM to 3:00PM

We offer full and half day Nursery and Pre-K, Kindergarten - Grade 8 and morning and after care for all grades including Nursery. Come see if Holy Family School is the right choice for your family.

1st Trimester Honor Roll - 2016-2017 School Year
Kellenberg Memorial High School

Congratulations to the following members of SMT Parish who have achieved Honor Roll status:

Elizabeth Allhusen, Olivia Binder, Michael Dux, Vincent Fariello, Joseph Foley, Sarah Haley, Allison Kennedy, Anthony Marino, Sarah Pancoast, Alexis Poggio, Justin Saldana, Daniel Settino, Geena Sullivan, Gavin Williams, Megan Zabrowski

1st Trimester Honor Roll - 2016-2017 School Year
Chaminade High School

Congratulations to the following members of SMT Parish who have achieved Honor Roll status:

Sean W. McCann, Kyle P. Krummenacker, Matthew J. Meneses, Patrick R. Imbornoni, Alec P. Brutschin, Ben R. Caruso, Kevin T. Fischer, Eric M. Spiegel



1/22: Life Night 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:

1/28: 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.



*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, American 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.

**Monthly Ministry Coffee Sundays
in St. Alphonsus Hall**

Beginning today, 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!



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, Bethpage in 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/**

**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.

The Respect Life Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 11AM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall.

Come join us as we watch films, discuss life issues, pray together and share a cup of coffee and a donut.

There will be Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, January 26th, at 3:00 p.m. This 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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

STANDING UP FOR LIFE

Since Roe V. Wade in 1973, 58,586,256 abortions in America. The NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE estimates that since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion 43 years ago in ROE V. WADE and DOE V. BOLTON, more than 58 million unborn children have lost their lives. Each one of those abortions is a tragedy, not just because an innocent child died, but because of the lasting impact the abortion itself had on the mother of those children.



As of November 2015, figures released from the CDC show that the number of abortions are dropping by an additional 4.2% in 2012. That means more than 31,000 fewer abortions in just one year's time. This decline shows that more and more women are rejecting abortion as a solution to unexpected pregnancy.

There will be thousands of buses heading for Washington D.C., on January 27 carrying the pro-life message. Among these activists, will be teenagers from all over our country, carrying signs, and braving the weather conditions to show their support for life. 43 years have passed, but the passion to bring abortion to an end in our country is stronger than ever.

Abortions in America are on the decline. Some of the reasons are because there is help if faced with an unexpected pregnancy. Crisis Pregnancy Centers around the country are spreading the message that there are other options. They are reaching out with sexual integrity programs, maternity housing, counseling and choices to keep their baby or place the baby for adoption. Women no longer have to be afraid. There is hope, help and understanding to support them through this difficult time. This new generation is strong on Pro-Life values, and the majority of Americans are Pro-Life.

So once more the buses will come to Washington D.C. filled with the Message of Life! These people, young and old, will stand together for hours in snow, rain or freezing temperatures, listening to Pro-Life representatives update them on issues and cheer them on. They will start that long walk up to Capitol Hill and meet with their representatives once again. And as the day comes to an end, they will take the long ride home knowing that they have made a difference.

WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Not everyone can make that ride to Washington D.C. Instead, each of us can write, email or text our representatives that we support LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH.

We can take part in STAND UP FOR LIFE (ROE V. WADE MEMORIAL) SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 IN FRONT OF NUMC, 2201 HEMPSTEAD TPKE., EAST MEADOW. 1:30 - 3:00pm.

Please see page 8 of this bulletin for more information regarding Respect Life events.



Naturally, we Redemptorists are very proud of the new Cardinal of Newark, Cardinal Joseph Tobin CSSR. He is a Redemptorist who led us for twelve years as our Superior General. Some of us studied with him in the seminary and I consider him a friend. I found his words and thoughts offer a very inspiring and hopeful message for Catholics. Father Pat

Cardinal Joseph Tobin used his installation Mass as archbishop of Newark on January 6th as an opportunity to call on Catholics to move away from rancor over “hot button” issues and toward contemplating how to live out their faith in a more holistic way. Standing before a massive crowd inside Newark’s Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, which included scores of clergy and local officials, including New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Cardinal Tobin said he was recently asked which issue worried him most about the future of the church. His answer? What he dubbed “the chasm between faith and life”—and not the culture war issues that “dominate the discourse, both inside and outside the church,” he said. “As noisy and divisive as those questions might be,” he continued, “they don’t worry me as a growing trend that seems to isolate us, convincing us to neatly compartmentalize our life, subtly seducing us to go to Mass on Sunday and for the rest of the week, do whatever we think we need to do to get by.”

Here is an interview with Cardinal Tobin from the Jesuit magazine *America*: He said that Christians must be marked by their willingness to show “kindness to all: to the searching young and the forgotten elderly, to the stranger and the voiceless, to the powerful and the cynical.” Cardinal Tobin’s appointment to Newark came as something of a surprise, given that Pope Francis announced in October that the then-archbishop of Indianapolis would be made a cardinal in November. Just weeks after that announcement, the Vatican announced that he would be transferred to Newark to lead the archdiocese’s 1.5 million Catholics.

Cardinal Tobin is a member of a religious order and is viewed as someone open to dialogue and discernment. “I think Redemptorists always like to look on the other side of the tracks and care for people that maybe the church isn’t able to care for,” he told *America* in October. “Our founder spoke of the most abandoned poor and that can take different forms in different areas. The way I hear it, and the way I would speak of it when I was superior general, was basically we must go where the church isn’t able to go.”

He is also willing to take on difficult political questions, as evidenced by his 2015 refusal to comply with then-Gov. Mike Pence’s request not to resettle a family of Syrian refugees in Indiana, which brought him national attention. In a speech at the University of Notre Dame last October, he said Catholics must “urge public officials to avoid reactions that politicize events abroad, or in this country, and to avoid misplaced blame that creates an atmosphere of fear.”

Ordained a priest in the Redemptorist Order in 1978, Cardinal Tobin, who speaks five languages, worked in parishes in Detroit and Chicago. By 1997 he was head of his religious order, based in Rome, and in 2010 Pope Benedict XVI promoted him to archbishop, assigning him the task of managing the Vatican office that oversees religious life.

Around this time the Vatican had launched two investigations of Catholic Sisters in the United States, apparently the result of the dissatisfaction among some church officials at what they saw as a drift away from traditional church teaching on contentious social issues among U.S. women religious. For his part, then-Archbishop Tobin emerged as an advocate for the Sisters, ruffling the feathers of some church leaders. After serving just two years of a five-year term, he was appointed to serve as archbishop of Indianapolis, traditionally not a premier post in the American church.

Then, with Pope Francis, he was named a cardinal and sent to Newark, a meteoric rise after falling out of favor during a previous pontificate. And he echoed the words of the pope during his homily, laying out his vision for the church. Speaking to an audience that included six other cardinals and more than 60 other bishops, he said the church is “neither an elite club nor static container of truth,” calling it instead a “place where believers speak and listen to each other, and it is the community of faith that speaks with and listens to the world.” Using language borrowed from the pope, he said “the church senses a responsibility for the world, not simply as yet another institutional presence or a benevolent NGO, but as a movement of salt, light and leaven for the world's transformation.” For this reason, our kindness must be known to all,” he said.

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



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
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For those who were not able to attend on January 20th, we will have **a repeat meeting on Monday, January 30th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.** 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

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

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 on Saturday, Feb 18th at 10AM, St. Alphonsus Hall.

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.



MY PARISH APP KICKOFF WEEKEND COMING SOON!

On the weekend of February 4th and 5th, we will be kicking off **MyParish App**. Anyone with a smart phone will be able to easily download this app onto their cell phones or ipads. The best news of all is that it has not cost our parish any money. **MyParish App** decided as a pilot program in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, to offer their services to a deanery. The diocese is divided into several deaneries, each consisting of seven or eight parishes. Our deanery was chosen as the first to have this program, and it is being offered free of charge. It is my hope that in the months and years to come that **MyParish App** will become another tool in our desire to spread the Gospel and to assist all of us in being informed as to what is happening in the parish on a day-to-day basis. We already have the parish bulletin, our parish website, Facebook, and Mass announcements as good tools of communication. I am not a high tech person. I sometimes wonder why my cell phone does not work until it is explained to me that I have to turn it on! Even I found this app pretty easy to work with. **So, for the one and only time that it will happen in Church, you will be invited at some point of the Mass to turn you phone or tablet on during the weekend of February 4th and 5th!**

“Today in Church, Please Turn Your Cell Phones On!”

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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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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

“CRAZY” is normal for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Please consider joining an evening Bereavement Support Group, with trained facilitators.

The group will meet for *seven Wednesday evenings, beginning March 8th*, at Holy Family Parish (O’Dea Center), 17 Fordham Ave, Hicksville.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

CALL: Sister Carol, 516-938-3846x331 for more information.

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, January 24, 2017 at 7:00PM
St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

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.

Father Ciya Thomas, CSSR left on Tuesday, January 17th for his annual vacation and will return on March 2nd. Father does not have the opportunity to see his family and friends while serving here in Bethpage. Since he rarely takes much time away from the parish, it is important that he uses this opportunity to visit his home in India. While there, he will also be making a retreat and meeting with his superiors. I know we all wish him a wonderful trip and very much look forward to his return. He is a dedicated missionary who shares his gifts and talents with us so generously and is a delight to live with in our Redemptorist community. With him away, Father Jim and I will have to be poor substitutes for Father Ciya as the best looking priest on the staff. We wish him a very happy and restful vacation. - Father Pat

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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.

**2016 Contributions**

If you require a statement of your 2016 contributions, please call the rectory at 516 931-0818 to speak with Susan Oliver, our parish finance manager, or email her at smoliver825@hotmail.com. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 22: Coffee Sunday after the 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Masses St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 23: Charismatic Prayer 7:30PM Church
- 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
- Jan 30: Repeat ALPHA meeting 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 3: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Feb 4: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Feb 4/5: MyParish App Kickoff Weekend
- 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 12: Pre Cana Opening 7:30PM 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
- Mar 5: St. Patrick's Mass 1:00PM Church. Parade and reception in Emmaus Hall to follow.

