

Masses For The Week

Monday - January 30

6:30 Barbara Donovan
9:00 Mary Rooney

Tuesday - January 31

6:30 Edward Denave, Living
9:00 John Nappi II

Wednesday - February 1

6:30 Janice Denave, Living
9:00 Sam Malerba

Thursday - February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 Bill Veltri & Lou Fielack
9:00 Ines Vitale

Friday - February 3 - St. Blaise*

6:30 Stanley & Joseph Drobig
9:00 Clarence Carmody

Saturday - February 4

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Michael & Erika Volino, Newly Married
7:00 John Nappi II

Sunday - February 5

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Joseph Del Vicario
10:00 Rose & Jack DiCarlo
11:30 Josefina DeGuzman
1:00 Thomas McTighe
5:30 Bernie Helldorfer

Readings For The Week

Mon. Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20
Tues. Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43
Wed. Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6
Thurs. Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:22-40; Luke 2:22-40
Fri. Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29
Sat. Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34

Sun. *Isaiah 58:7-10* Isaiah prophesied: *Share bread with the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Clothe the naked. Do not turn away from your own. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn."*

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Paul's teaching did not come from himself but from the convincing power of the Spirit. So the faith he passed on rests "not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus called his disciples the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." He cautioned them not to let the salt lose its flavor and not to put a cover on the light but to let it shine. "Your light must shine before others...and glorify your heavenly Father."

***The Feast of St. Blaise:** Blessing of throats at the 6:30 & 9AM Masses on Feb. 3rd. For the weekend of February 4/5, there will be a general blessing, but if you would like your throat blessed, please see the priest or deacon after mass.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Regular 1/22/2017: \$16,152.12

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the Kingdom!* The gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded.



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who help spread the faith by *living* the faith.

Charismatic Prayer Group

We all know how valuable physical therapy is. It gets people back on their feet after an injury or surgery. There's another kind of PT that's just as valuable. Plus there's no equipment, special training or appointment needed. Anyone can do it -- even to themselves!! It's PRAYER THERAPY !! Regular doses of prayer therapy can be amazing. Come get your dose on Monday nights.

Weather permitting, our next meeting is Monday, January 30, 2017 at 7:30PM in the Church. Be a friend -- bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Saint Maria Faustina

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

H.O.P. Club Winners

1/23/17	#369	Rose & Carmine Miranda	\$25
1/24/17	#51	Pat & Mike Sangirardi	\$25
1/25/17	#306	Lois Lovisolio	\$25
1/26/17	#310	Joan Skrypek	\$25
1/27/17	#49	Jack Raha	\$50

*Wedding Banns**3rd 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 pancake mix, sweet cereal, egg noodles, Raman noodles, canned chicken, white rice, pasta sauce, canned fruit, juice boxes, coffee, sugar, Jell-O, tomato sauce, apple sauce, toilet paper, tissues, wipes, laundry 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 Jan 29 - Feb 4, 2017

In Loving Memory of
John Nappi II



Sanctuary Candle
Week of Jan 29 - Feb 4, 2017

In Loving Memory of
Hilda Schwab

Rest in Peace

**Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
Philip Krawchuk, Liboria Gaeta**

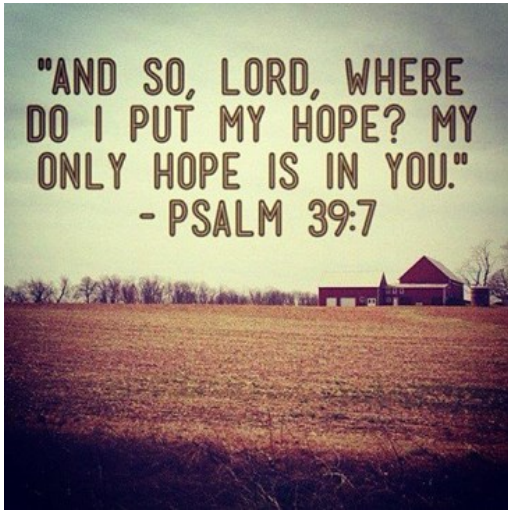
**REMINDER: Please call the rectory at
931-0818 to remove a name from the list.**

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 Baciуска, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Charles Boyce, Elsa Ryan Sarah Messina, 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, Joan Morezzi Benita Mickens, Gilda Tornato, Michael Vigotty

Pastor's Letter

One of my favorite lines from a movie comes from a film that, while critically acclaimed, was never well-known or popular. It was a movie called *Atlantic City*. A key actor in the movie was the late Burt Lancaster. He stars as an aging low-level gangster. The line I love is when he is speaking to a younger person about the Atlantic Ocean: He says, *The Atlantic Ocean was something then. You should have seen the Atlantic Ocean in those days.* I see in myself and in others, as we get older, there can be some tendency to glorify the past in comparison to the present. Sometimes many of us love and long for "the good old days."



We have just been through a very contentious and bruising presidential election. There are a significant amount of Americans who are very disturbed about the results, and seem to have trouble accepting them. And in turn, there are an equally amount of Americans who are angry and disappointed with the words and actions of those who do not want to accept the election. There is a sense among many citizens that we are a very divided nation.

I would say this is true. Still, when one reads our history, we know that our nation fought a bitter Civil War that left hundreds of thousands dead and many severely wounded. My mother often spoke to me about Al Smith. In 1928, Smith, a Catholic and four-time Governor of New York State ran for the presidency. There was incredible bigotry and hatred directed at him because of his religion. In the mid-nineteenth century, there were great attacks on Catholics and some of our churches were burned down because so many of the Catholics were immigrants from Europe. I would suggest, as serious as our divisions are today, they pale in comparison to some in our past.

I just completed a couple of days of meetings in New Jersey with my Redemptorist community. The key issue for discussion was the challenges we face in the future. When I entered the Redemptorist Order almost 50 years ago, there were more than five hundred men in our Province. Today our numbers are about 150 confreres. All three seminaries that I attended in preparing for the priesthood are closed now. It is a bit discouraging. I know that many of you may have similar feelings. You can recall when our parish had a thriving Catholic school, when our Sunday Masses were crowded, and young people and families filled our pews. I know that many of you bear the pain of not seeing your children and grandchildren practicing the Catholic faith that you are so committed to passing on to them.

In our first reading today, we are invited to go back seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus. Already the small Jewish nation has had a serious division and is divided into two kingdoms: Israel to the North and Judah to the South. The powerful nation of Assyria has conquered the North and now the Jewish people in the South await the same devastation. They are living and walking in darkness, fearing for their lives and freedom. They are on the point of despair.

Our Gospel quotes the situation that the people of Judah faced those many years before. We read: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy.* The inspired evangelist is proclaiming a message of hope to the people. The Assyrians did not capture Judah. Judah was spared and saved, and the people rejoiced in moving from gloom and darkness to joy and light.

Jesus is preaching to another generation of Jews as well his future followers. His listeners have been beaten down. The Romans have conquered the Jewish people, and they are in complete control of Judea. They are a people without hope. They are living and walking in darkness. No doubt, they long for "the good old days" when they were a free people. They are looking for a powerful Messiah who will help them rise up and overthrow the Romans.

But God has other plans. He has not come to lead a political revolution but to announce a message of hope and joy. Jesus begins to build his church. He does not seek out the wisest leaders of the Jewish people nor the military leaders of the community. He turns to a couple of very ordinary working men whom he spots in a boat and calls them to be his first disciples. He will later call a despised tax collector, Matthew, who works for the Romans, a doubting Thomas, and two brothers, John and James, who are looking for the best seats in the kingdom of God. What a human church! The first chosen apostle, Peter, will three times deny the Lord. Another will betray him for thirty pieces of silver. The rest of the chosen ones will run away and hide when Jesus is taken captive by the Romans.

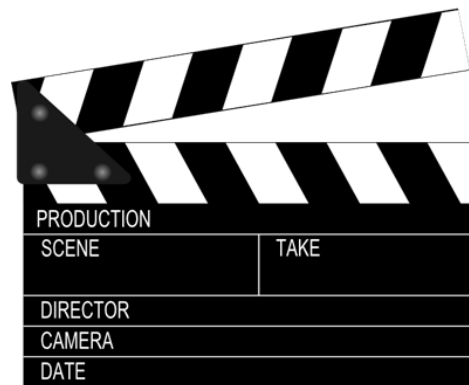
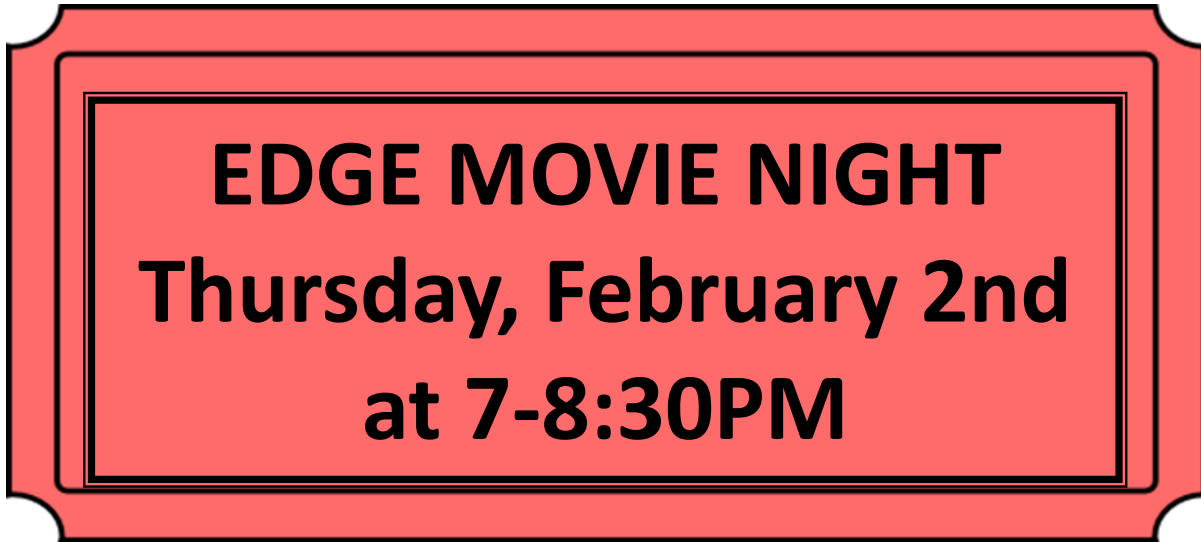
This Christ who is born into a stable, who must flee to Egypt with his parents to survive death from Herod, continues to choose the weak and sinful to preach his message - that God the Father loves his people, that he has loved each of them from the moment they were conceived in their mother's wombs. He is a God of mercy and compassion. Jesus will proclaim that he is stronger than the power of **not** the Romans, but stronger than the power of **death itself** by rising from the dead and restoring to all humanity the promise of the fullness of eternal life.

In this Gospel, the seeds of our faith are being planted. Through 2,000 years of preaching the Gospel, we have had our struggles. There were heresies that almost caused the truth of Christ's humanity and divinity to be lost. Some of the messengers of the Gospel, including some popes, bishops and priests, blinded by sin, greed and ambition, caused scandal in his church. At times, some of the Church's preachers and teachers became overly harsh and legalistic, forgetting the compassion and mercy of their founder, Jesus Christ. There were times when we failed to see the poor and did evil deeds thinking we were doing the will of God. In our own age, we have seen the darkness of sexual abuse and its cover ups. It has always been a very human church.

Yet, it is a Church guided by the Holy Spirit. We take comfort that our Church was founded by the Son of God. Despite all weaknesses and struggles, we always walk in hope. The words spoken by Matthew to the community two thousand years ago, speak today to us. *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy.*

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR
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You're Invited:



Contact Patricia at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com for more information.



1/29: 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: 2/5: NO LIFE NIGHT...Happy Super Bowl Sunday!

2/12: Life Night: 6:45-8:30PM

2/19: NO LIFE NIGHT...Happy Presidents Day!



Upcoming Events:

2/2: EDGE MOVIE NIGHT!! Join us on Thursday, February 2nd from 7-8:30pm for an Edge Movie Night! **All middle school students are invited to attend!** Email Patricia Draghi at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com for more information.

2/16: Edge Game Night 7-8:30PM

3/2: Edge Night 7-8:30PM

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

To see our full schedule, please visit SMTBethpage.org! For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining the team, please contact Patricia Draghi at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com.

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



On Tuesday, January 24th, the Church's liturgy celebrated the feast of St. Francis de Sales. St. Francis de Sales was born in France on August 21st, 1567 and he died on December 28th, 1622. He was the founder of the Salesian Order. He formed a lasting friendship with St. Jane de Chantal who founded the Sisters of the Visitation. Francis has been named a Doctor of the Church, a title which the pope bestows on saints who were very influential in the life of the Catholic Church.

As I was reading about Francis in preparation for the 9:00 a.m. that I was to celebrate on his feast, I did a bit of internet research on his spirituality. Obviously, all saints are holy and have a profound relationship with God. However, some saints develop a path, a way of life, to assist people in how to live a life dedicated to God. Some people follow the *Little Way* of St. Therese of Lisieux, while others would choose to study and follow St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. There are many spiritual traditions in the Catholic Church. Most of us choose to pick and choose our own methods to be a disciple of Jesus, focusing on the Word of God and the Eucharist. Your clergy here at St. Martin's are Redemptorists and we often speak about the customs and traditions of our Congregation.

As I was reading about St. Francis de Sales, I came across an excellent summary of his spirituality that I had copied to share with those who were at the morning Mass on his feast. I liked it so much that I decided to share it in our bulletin. I invite you to read it and see if his ideas might be a path for you. One of St. Francis de Sales' contribution to spirituality is that he stressed *all* people, not just priests and nuns, are called to be holy. He focused on the idea that we are called to live well and faithfully whatever path God has placed us on in our lives. I thought this meditation might even serve as a tool for any of us who are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It would be wonderful way for any of us to examine our consciences.

Salesian Spirituality

"Let us be what we are and be that well, to bring honor to the Master Craftsman whose handiwork we are." – St. Francis de Sales

- All people are called to holiness, not just a select few. It is a "heresy" to banish the devout life from any career or lifestyle.
- Since all people are called to holiness, then the means to achieve that holiness must be readily available. One lives the "devout life" by passionately and joyfully meeting the demands of one's state in life for the love of God. It is not what you do in your life but how and for whom you do it. We are called to do the ordinary "passionately well."
- The devout life is relational. It is in the living out of our relationships in love that one lives the devout life.
- All in life is to be done through LOVE and nothing through force. Love in this case is an act of the will, not a sentiment of the heart. It is seeing good in another and choosing and acting to make that goodness grow. We should accentuate the positive rather than condemn the negative. We should assume a positive stance towards everyone. "The measure of our love is to love without measure."

- HUMILITY – living in self-truthfulness about who we are, both positive and negative, and about who God is towards us – is an essential virtue. “Come and learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart.” A Salesian person is unpretentious, natural and approachable.
- Humility leads us to GENTLENESS towards our neighbor. Because one is so aware of his or her own needs and weakness, one extends to another person similar understanding and compassion. Gentleness is not weaknesses, but rather controlled, directed and loving strength. It might also be described as knowing how to react to life appropriately and proportionately. To quote de Sales: “There is no nothing so strong as gentleness and nothing so gentle as real strength.”
- CIVILITY and RESPECT must mark the behavior of a truly “gentle” devout Christian.
- The PRESENT MOMENT is where a Christian lives life. The past is over. The future is yet to be. “NOW is the time of salvation.”
- Because we have a Savior, we are always OPTIMISTIC. We already know how things are going to end. Sin, death, and the things which deny life will not triumph.
- A truly devout life enhances, does not detract from, one’s life. Real devotion never inconveniences others.
- The devout life is a process. It only happens with grace, perseverance and patience over a lifetime. One is always striving to be devout.
- Salesian Spirituality is primarily a matter of the conversion of the heart. It is therefore something interior.
- We are called to be patient with everyone, especially ourselves.
- We are called to a “liberty of spirit” – something which includes obedience but excludes “constraint, scruples and anxiety.”
- Salesian spirituality flows from the premise that, made in the Divine Image, everyone is called to holiness and that God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, wills that all be saved (cf. 1 Tim 2:4)

These norms were taken from the website: <http://www.oblates.us/our-charism/salesian-spirituality>

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.

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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND CELEBRATES ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

In October of 2016, both Jerry and I came before you for the 12th time, announcing that the Life Center was entering its 31st year as a Crisis Pregnancy Center. We asked you once more, to fill a baby bottle with your spare change. We spoke of how your support would help this ministry continue to flourish and be there for these young women and their babies. We asked you to say the special prayer attached to each and every baby bottle, explaining that it had the direct effect on saving the life of a child. That change of heart is the reason why, 110 babies were brought into this world last year.

Your contribution for the main collection from October, 2016, was \$12,637.00. By far, one of the most generous contributions received by the Life Center. Months passed, and baby bottles continued to come in. To this date, adding on another bottle received yesterday, the new total is \$13,025.32. The Life Center had sent a THANK YOU to Father Pat and the Respect Life Committee back in November 2016 with the first collection amount. But both Jerry and I and the Respect Life Committee would like to once more take this opportunity to thank you, each and every one of you for your kindness and devotion to the life of a baby and its mother.

Over a decade ago, we brought the Baby Bottle Campaign to the attention of Fr. John Tizio. He granted us the opportunity to introduce it to you. The Respect Life Committee was formed shortly afterward. We were blessed to have Father Henry Sattler as our spiritual advisor and volunteer driver of the truck rental at the Baby Showers each year.

When Father Pat first joined our parish, we spoke to him about our Respect Life Committee, and the Life Center Baby Bottle campaign we had each fall. His reaction from the start was with his hand held high and the word, "Yes!" All these years later, his enthusiasm, excitement and encouragement for the life of a child, and the lives of all, has only become stronger. Never was there a time when we asked for an End of Life Seminar, petitioning against abortion laws here in New York, a Baby Shower, and this very column that I write today, was there anything but encouragement. He is a blessing to our parish. His kind heart has helped us all in some way.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the others that helped support our ministry. First, all of our priests and deacons that have made the announcements of our campaign each year. Our ushers, that helped collect and watch over all the bottles as they came in. Sue and her son Nick that gathered the bottles as they were dropped and secured them for us. Our Respect Life Committee that helped plan each event, and were at each mass handing out or collecting bottles and baby items. Let me not forget T.J. who sets up tables, helps load filled bottles on the truck for us on the day of collection, and does it with a smile. And last but not least, Genny, our secretary, who not only puts up with these articles (which are not always on time) but who makes copies, sets up meetings, and is there to help in any way she can. The list goes on, to thank all those who crochet blankets, hats, mittens, and donate baby items given from their hearts.

There will be a poster with the announcement of the Baby Bottle Campaign this weekend in the gathering area.

From the Life Center of Long Island, to each and every one of you,
THANK YOU, GOD BLESS YOU and know THAT YOU HAVE TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE!

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!





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

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

Alpha

Alpha 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 NEXT WEEKEND!

Next weekend, 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. **MyParish App** decided as a pilot program in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, to offer their services to a deanery. 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. **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!”

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 for more information or to pre-register.**

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Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357

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

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(516) 746-8250

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

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.



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!

**GLUTEN, PEANUT & DAIRY FREE
ALTAR BREAD**

Please see the sacristan before mass begins if you require altar breads that are free of gluten, peanuts and dairy. Let the sacristan know how many for consecration.

St. Martin of Tours 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 30: Repeat ALPHA meeting 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 3: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Feb 3: St. Blaise Blessing of Throats at 6:30 and 9AM Masses
- Feb 4: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Feb 4: International Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 4/5: MyParish App Kickoff Weekend
- 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 1: Ash Wednesday Masses 6:30, 9AM & 7PM. Services Only at 12Noon & 4PM
- Mar 5: St. Patrick's Mass 1:00PM Church. Parade and reception in Emmaus Hall to follow.

