

Masses For The Week

Monday - February 6

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita
9:00 Rita Burke

Tuesday - February 7

6:30 Esther Abad
9:00 Deceased Members of the Mannino Family

Wednesday - February 8

6:30 Virginia D. Mackenrodt
9:00 John Nappi II, 1st Anniversary

Thursday - February 9

6:30
9:00 Andrew McCarthy, Birthday Remembrance

Friday - February 10

6:30 Carl DiSimone
9:00 Anthony Biscardi

Saturday - February 11

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 John Motylinoki
7:00 Andrew McCarthy

Sunday - February 12

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Anthony Seminerio
10:00 Sadie Della Croce
11:30 Dr. Santiago Granada, Jr.
1:00 Marie Moran
5:30 Michele Rita Barone

Readings For The Week

Mon. Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56
Tues. Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13
Wed. Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23
Thurs. Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30
Fri. Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37
Sat. Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10
Sun. Sirach 15:15-20 Immense is the Lord's wisdom. The Lord God sees every created thing and understands every human deed. Human beings have life and death before them, and they receive whichever they choose.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Paul wrote that real wisdom is God's: hidden, mysterious, planned and prepared from the very beginning for the glory of those who love the Lord.

Matthew 5:17-37 Jesus said he came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. He described such fulfillment as a matter not of legal argumentation but of holiness, reconciliation and the obedience of faith. Jesus encouraged the disciples to let their "Yes" mean "Yes" and their "No" mean "No."



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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Regular 1/29/2017: \$16,350.17

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

The Gospel reminds us that our lives and our deeds must serve as examples to others, pointing the way to the Father. Not for our own benefit do we labor, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose giving - whether of alms or of service - will be an expression of gratitude for what the Father has given them.



Charismatic Prayer Group

I love watching nature shows. It's like God is proudly showing me all of His creation - the vastness, complexity and spectacular order of the universe - the uniqueness of each animal, bird, fish and insect - the beauty of the thousands of trees and flowers - the mountains, the waterfalls and the deserts!! Everything is made for a reason. Each one exists because of another creation - including us! That same God knows me personally and loves me! What an awesome God!

Weather permitting, our next meeting is Monday, February 6, 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

1/30/17 #488	Concetta Montepaone	\$25
1/31/17 #223	Ryan Baumbach	\$25
2/1/17 #67	Tom & Roseann Niczky	\$25
2/2/17 #250	Steve & Carole Kaiser	\$25
2/3/17 #159	Charles & Rosemary Russo	\$50

*Wedding Banns**2nd Casey J. Darnley & Amanda K. Banes*

**"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 sweet cereal, pancake mix, Raman noodles, egg noodles, white rice, beef stew, chili, tuna, pasta sauce, canned fruit, mac and cheese, Jell-O, sugar, brownies, coffee, applesauce, juice boxes, toilet paper, tissues, baby wipes.

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 February 5-11, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of
James Joseph O'Connor*

*Sanctuary Candle**Week of February 5-11, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of
Mary Donahoe*

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

**Louise G. Smith, Sylvester J. Brady
Ralph A. Cuomo, Lena Zizzo**

**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, 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, Vinny Vanturini

Pastor's Letter

Father Pat's Homily of January 29, 2017

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

I was channel surfing the other night and a movie called *Up In The Air* was on. It starred George Clooney and was made in 2009. I had seen it when it came out in the theatres, but I started watching it. Clooney plays a man named Ryan Bingham who works for a corporation that specializes in downsizing companies. So his job is to go into a company and individually tell employees, some who have worked for the companies for more than thirty years, that they are being fired. He does this efficiently, professionally, and without any human emotion. It is painful to watch these scenes. The movie is titled *Up in the Air* since "Ryan" spends most of his life on airplanes. He has little contact with any family members, mostly lives in hotel rooms, and has no serious loving relationships. I think the movie seeks to challenge some of the emptiness that can be found in our disconnected age where business comes first and family life and values are considered old fashioned by many. Ryan is a wealthy, successful man whose life is totally empty. In perhaps the saddest truth of all, is that he does not even know how empty his life is. The movie ends with several people of various ages and backgrounds speaking about how painful and difficult it was to be unemployed. Yet, each person mentions that he/she could not have survived the ordeal without their spouse, or a parent, or their children. These people, while devastated, find strength and support in the love of others. Their commitments are a striking contrast to Ryan Bingham's, whose life is one of complete detachment from others.

As I was reading and praying over the Gospel today of Jesus delivering the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes, I thought of this movie. The Beatitudes are central to the message of Jesus. Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive the ten commandments. These commandments were the law of God for his sons and daughters. The commandments today are still a fundamental part of Christian living. They are the most basic principles for human beings to interact with God and with one's neighbor. It is fair to say that if the vast majority of people in the world followed these commandments to honor God and his name, to respect our parents, to not hurt one another by acts of lies, theft, adultery, and violence, what a different world you and I would live in!

Mountains often have significance in the Scriptures. When we read that someone has gone up a mountain, we know that there may well be an encounter with God. Like Moses, Jesus too goes up a mountain, not as high as Mount Sinai, but a significant elevation. Having seen the Mount of the Beatitudes, we were told by our guide that it was more like a natural auditorium, with the crowds below Jesus so they could sit and hear him. Unlike Moses, Jesus does not receive any commandments from God. Rather, since he is the Son of God, he proclaims what we today call the Beatitudes. Rather than say, *thou shalt not kill or steal or lie*, Jesus says, *Blessed are you when you are poor in spirit, when you are meek, when you mourn, when you are a peacemaker, when you are merciful, and yes, even when people ridicule and persecute you for your beliefs and principles*. Our Lord Jesus is not outlining a plan to avoid sin. He knows that the ten commandments have been revealed and are written in the human heart. Jesus is giving us the path to happiness in life. Unlike Ryan Bingham who finds only emptiness and sadness in life, Jesus is telling us that living the Beatitudes will lead one to peace and contentment.

...are you kidding me? How can being poor in spirit or meek bring me joy?

As we read the Beatitudes, we may ask, *are you kidding me? How can being poor in spirit or meek bring me joy? How can mourning in any way be equated with happiness?* Jesus is not saying being poor makes one happy. He is telling us that being consumed with wealth is not the path to peace. I think we may think meekness is weakness. I am struck that our age is an angry age with so many people trying to outshout one another. To my mind, strength is found in gentleness, forgiveness, peacemaking and compassion. Although I find it hard not to let go of anger toward someone who has hurt me in any way, I also know that I am not happy or at peace within myself when I am fighting with someone or holding a grudge toward them.

Mourning is painful, but at the same time, being surrounded by family and friends at a time of loss, and knowing that there is a life beyond that which we can see, is a great blessing. I have often heard people say at a time of loss or tragedy: *where would we be without our faith*. Blessed are the peacemakers. I can't make peace in the Middle East or with the ISIS terrorists, but I can, if I choose by the grace of God, work to bring healing and understanding in my home, in my family, with my co-workers or in my parish. *Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God*.

If we seek to live these Beatitudes people may think us foolish, overly religious, out of touch with the modern world. *Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven*. What a blessing to know where my life is ultimately heading. Perhaps, you might pray over these Beatitudes. Listen to them with your heart and not just your ears. Choose one of them for a look inside yourself and ask yourself how your life might change if you let those words of Jesus spoken to people on a crowded hillside two thousand years ago, become a blessing to you.

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Welcome Bishop John O. Barres!



**The Most Reverend Bishop John O. Barres
the Fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre
respectfully requests your presence
at a special Mass to be celebrated
at St. James Church, Seaford
on Monday, February 27, 2017
at 12:10 PM.**

**Bishop Barres would like to take this opportunity to begin
to meet the priests, deacons, parish staff members and parishioners
of the Churches in Deanery Five:**

**Holy Family (Hicksville)
Our Lady of Hope (Carle Place)
Our Lady of Mercy (Hicksville)
St. Bernard (Levittown)
St. Brigid (Westbury)
St. Ignatius Loyola (Hicksville)
St. James (Seaford)
St. Kilian (Farmingdale)
St. Martin of Tours (Bethpage)
St. Pius X (Plainview)
St. Raphael (East Meadow)**



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

Upcoming Events:

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

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



Upcoming Events:

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.



**Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade 2017 Grand Marshal
Captain Thomas McKeon
Bethpage Fire Department**

Tom and his wife Nancy, parishioners of St. Martin of Tours, have lived in Bethpage for thirty-six years. They have two daughters and now are the very proud grandparents of a little girl. Tom is a decorated member of the New York City Department of Corrections. He is retired but continues to be active in the Department's Emerald Society.

Mark your calendars

26th Annual Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Beginning with the 1:00 PM Mass

St. Martin of Tours

St. Patrick's Parade to follow

Downtown Bethpage

Reception after the parade in the school.



The Most Reverend John Oliver Barres, S.T.D., J.C.L., D.D., was installed as the fifth Bishop of the Rockville Centre Catholic Diocese on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in the Cathedral of Saint Agnes. Bishop Barres succeeds Bishop William Murphy who has retired.

The principal installing prelates were Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of the New York Province and Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America.

Here is an article from Newsday about our new Bishop.

He may become known as the “point guard bishop.” Bishop John O. Barres, the pope’s choice to be the next bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, is a basketball guy — big-time. He loves the game, played on Princeton University’s junior varsity squad for three years, and plans to draw upon his experiences on the court in leading Long Island’s Catholics. “My experience as a point guard, even at the JV level at Princeton, was one of the ways the Holy Spirit formed me to be a point guard with the Catholic Church as the bishop of Rockville Centre,” Barres, 56, said Friday on the Telecare news program “Everyday Faith Live.” Playing on Princeton’s team was a lesson in “radical unselfishness, radical death to ego, team chemistry, team fundamentals — and the beautiful pleasure of executing a back-door cut-and-pass beautifully,” he said later at a news conference. Telecare on Friday broadcast a video of Barres holding basketball clinics with young people and making a 20-foot jump shot that was all net, showing he still has good shooting form. Just as a point guard sees the whole floor and works with every player as an extension of the coach, I am looking forward to that beautiful role here,” Barres said.

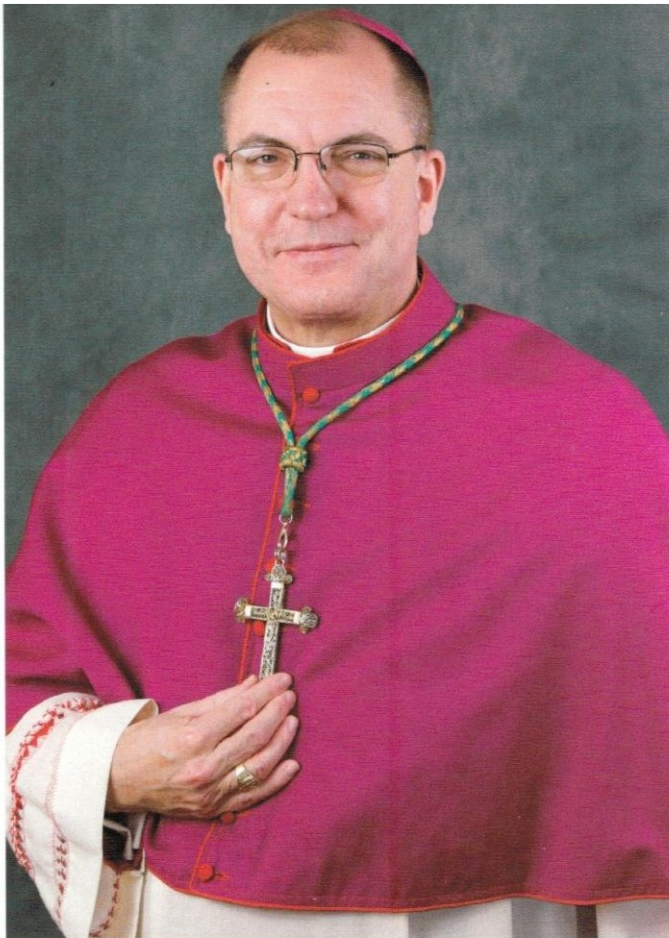
Growing up in Larchmont in Westchester County, his Catholic Youth Organization basketball team made “pilgrimages” in the early 1970s to Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum to watch “the Doctor” — future Hall of Famer Julius Erving, of Roosevelt — “perform midair surgery with a red, white and blue ABA ball,” he said. Today, he counts among his friends Steve Mills, president of the New York Knicks, and David Blatt, who used to coach LeBron James on the Cleveland Cavaliers. He thinks his former Princeton coach, the legendary Pete Carril, may attend his January 31 installation as Bishop of Rockville Centre.

Barres’ personal connection to Long Island goes back to childhood, he said, recalling the beaches not far from St. Agnes Cathedral — seat of the diocese that spans Nassau and Suffolk counties. “One of my greatest family memories is of my parents packing their six children, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and celery sticks into an overcrowded blue Ford Galaxy car to head to Jones Beach, with a preference for either Field 6 or Field 9!” he said. And from Larchmont, he noted, “I had a clear vision across the Sound of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, never knowing that God’s vision and providence would one day bring us together.”

Barres' late parents, Marjorie and Oliver Barres, were Protestant ministers who met each other at the Yale Divinity School and later converted to Catholicism. In 1960, Barres was baptized by Bishop Fulton Sheen. He earned an undergraduate degree in English literature at Princeton and a master's degree at the New York University Graduate School of Business Administration. He studied theology at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Barres was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Wilmington in Delaware in October 1989.

Pope John Paul II named him a chaplain to His Holiness in July 2000 with the title of monsignor. Pope Benedict XVI named him a Prelate of Honor in November 2005. In Allentown, Barres started a diocese wide St. Thomas More Society for lawyers aimed at promoting the issue of religious liberty. He also started a program for young men considering the priesthood, and has the diocese sponsor a weeklong summer camp for high-school-age boys who may have a vocation to the priesthood. Barres is a proponent of using social media to promote the Catholic faith. He has a video blog on the Allentown diocesan website and has opened a Twitter account. On a national level, he serves on the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We, the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours, promise our prayers and support for our new Bishop!



"By taking on these very human features of Jesus, the Bishop also becomes the model and promoter of a spirituality of communion, carefully and vigilantly working to build up the Church so that all that he says and does will reflect a common filial submission in Christ and in the Spirit to the loving plan of the Father. As a teacher of holiness and minister of the sanctification of his people, the Bishop is called to carry out faithfully the will of the Father."

Pastores Gregis

**THE MOST REVEREND
JOHN OLIVER BARRES, S.T.D., J.C.L., D.D.**

Ordained a priest on October 21, 1989
Episcopal Ordination on July 30, 2009
Installed as the Fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre
January 31, 2017
Saint Agnes Cathedral
Rockville Centre, New York

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP - Round #1
BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 TO 14**

Forty boys and girls shot free throws. When the dust settled, the winners were:

9 year old girl.....Summer Becker

9 year old boy.....Daniel Anicito

10 year old girl.....Tiffany McCann

10 year old boy.....Joseph Mayal

11 year old girlErin O'Boyle

11 year old boy.....Jayden Diaz

12 year old girl.....Shannon Hughes

12 year old boy.....Vincent Trovato

13 year old boy.....Patrick Dalton

14 year old boy.....A.J. Verde

Congratulations to the winners! Next round will be Saturday, February 11th at St. Brigid's School in Westbury at 9:30AM.

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.



PART TIME RECEPTIONIST WANTED

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church in Lindenhurst, NY is seeking a Part-Time Receptionist. Hours are Tuesday evenings, 5:00PM - 9:00PM, Fridays, 9:00AM - 5:00PM, and every other Sunday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM.

The position also requires flexibility to cover additional hours when necessary. Essential responsibilities involve greeting guests, answering phones, and light clerical duties. Requirements include a basic knowledge of computer skills. Must have an upbeat personality and enjoy working with people. Send Cover Letter and Resume to: Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco at msgjrjoe@oloph.org

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

2017 MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON D.C. LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC

ROCKVILLE CENTRE FAITHFUL AMONG JUBILANT CROWD AT MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON: More than 2,000 people from the Diocese of Rockville Centre traveled to Washington D.C. to witness the Gospel of Life and stand up for the rights of the unborn at the annual March for Life. www.licatholic.org. About 10,000 young people from across the United States, including many groups from the Diocese of Rockville Centre, gathered at the D.C. Armory January 27 to rally, pray and attend Mass before the annual March for Life. Arriving at the D.C. Armory in the predawn darkness, some traveled as much as 10 hours to come to Washington to stand in defense of life. For the Mass, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, was the principal celebrant. "We are going to offer ourselves as an expression of the beauty of life in a throwaway culture," the Cardinal told those gathered at the Mass.

EWTN: NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER: LIFE IS WINNING

Washington D.C. The March drew hundreds of thousands of peaceful pro-life supporters, and for the first time was attended by the Vice President. After more than four decades of marching and gathering across the nation to protest the catastrophic 1973 Supreme Court ruling Roe v. Wade, the pro-life movement witnessed something unprecedented on January 27, 2017. For the first time, the sitting Vice President of the United States, Mike Pence, took part, brought the best wishes of President Trump and delivered a speech pledging the new administration's commitment to the cause.

CARDINAL DOLAN: ABORTION UNDERMINES EVERYONE'S HUMAN RIGHTS: CNA/EWTN NEWS: "In a culture where abortion is prevalent, no one's rights are safe." Cardinal Timothy Dolan of N.Y. insisted at a national pro-life Mass before the March for Life. "We come together this sacred evening in a church we claim as a sanctuary, on a planet the Creator intended as an environment of sanctuary," said Cardinal Dolan, chair of the U.S. Bishops pro-life committee, in his homily at the March for Life vigil Mass. "Why?" he asked. "To reclaim the belief that the mother's womb is the primal sanctuary, where a helpless, innocent, fragile, tiny baby is safe, secure, nurtured and protected."

Saint Martin's held a Holy Hour for Life on Thursday, January 26, the day before the march. Father Pat read the Litany for Life before more than 30 people who came to pray. The hour was a beautiful testimony to all who honor the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. The hour was filled with prayer for the safety and dedication of those that made the trip the next day.

RESPECT LIFE OFFICE: DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE: Jan. 25, 2017

TAKE ACTION: OPPOSE LATE-TERM ABORTION EXPANSION

New legislation has been introduced in the State Assembly that would increase late-term abortion in the state, empower non-doctors to perform abortions, eliminate protections against unwanted abortion and even jeopardize live-born children who survive abortion attempts. The bill has been fast-tracked and can be voted on in the Assembly at any time. Please urge your Assembly representative to oppose this extreme measure. This extreme measure has now been sent to the Senate Health Committee.

Please write, email or text your state Senator now! OPPOSE: S.2796/A.1748 LATE TERM ABORTION EXPANSION.
FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.nyscatholic.org.



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

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Please feel free to join us at the
Respect Life Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
11:00AM
Saint Alphonsus Parish Hall

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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.

Workshop**The Message of Fatima and Divine Mercy: Refuge for Sinners****April 8, 2017 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.****Cardinal Spellman High School – Bronx, N.Y.**

Eucharistic Adoration * Confession * Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Q & A Panel of Divine Mercy Experts

Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR Author of *Fatima for Today*Sponsored by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception (MIC) and
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)*For Further information and to register: TheDivineMercy/Bronx.org**1 800 462 7426***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 on Wednesday, February 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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Call Diana Hart Mirando
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Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place at
1 (877) 796-HOPE

Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services
Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE
1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

St. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:

2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY
(516) 746-8250
(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)
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1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
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(631) 385-1226 OPEN MON-SAT 9-5

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

You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

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

- 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 15: Respect Life Committee Meeting 11AM 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.

