

Masses For The Week

Monday - February 27

6:30 John P. Cronin
9:00 Patrick Hopkins, Anniversary

Tuesday - February 28

6:30 Robert Baudo
9:00 Raymond Godek

Wednesday - March 1 - Ash Wednesday

6:30 Lucille Regan
9:00 Eugenie Jones
SERVICES AT 12 NOON & 4PM
7PM Rose & Charles True

Thursday - March 2

6:30 Nicoletta Mattariello
9:00 Patrick Hopkins, Birthday Remembrance

Friday - March 3

6:30 Thomas Regan
9:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo

Saturday - March 4

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Gail Cammarasana
7:00 Szmytkowski & Zoitke Families

Sunday - March 5

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Marciano & Theresa DelVicario
10:00 Eileen O'Reilly
11:30 Carmela Fazio
1:00 Sean, Pauline & Barry McCann
5:30 Stephen Timoszuk

Readings For The Week

Mon. Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27
Tues. Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31
Wed. Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
Sat. Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

Sun. Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 *The Lord created Adam and Eve and set them in the garden of Eden. They had all they needed, but the serpent tempted them, and they disobeyed God's command.*

Romans 5:12-19 *Just as through Adam's disobedience all became sinners, through Christ's obedience all shall become just.*

Matthew 4:1-11 *After Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the desert, the devil tempted him in three ways. Through all these, Jesus resisted temptation and remained faithful to the Lord God. When the devil left, angels came and ministered to Jesus.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Regular 2/19/2017: \$16,533.17
St. Vincent de Paul: \$2,095.00

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

St. Paul tells the Corinthians that we are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." Can those around us tell by the way we live that we belong to Christ and all we are and have is His?



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who are steadfast and consistent in their commitment to share their talents and gifts with others.

Charismatic Prayer Group

We all have our own point of view. But that's all it is, your own and only a point, not the whole view. Two people are standing on a mountain top after a difficult climb. One sees the beauty below, while the other only sees the more difficult climb back down. Both are right, but neither sees the other's point of view. Every day we are given the chance to see situations differently. Don't always assume your point of view is the only one!

Our next meeting is Monday, February 27th at 7:30PM in the Church. Maybe you'll get God's point of view!! Wouldn't that be awesome!! Be a friend -- bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

H.O.P. Club Winners

2/20/17	#364	Anthony Cassone	\$25
2/21/17	#444	Dot & Jim Duke	\$25
2/22/17	#374	Jane Von Bevern	\$25
2/23/17	#586	JoAnn Klein	\$25
2/24/17	#375	John J. Mulcahy	\$50



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

No Wedding Banns



*"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 chili, beef stew, tuna fish, coffee, Jell-O, mixed fruit, applesauce, Rice-A-Roni, mac & cheese, Chef Boyardee, paper towels, tissues, wipes.

PLEASE NO STRING BEANS OR PASTA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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 Feb 26 - March 4, 2017

*In Loving Memory of
John R. Moore*



Sanctuary Candle
Week of Feb 26 - March 4, 2017



*In Loving Memory of
Rosa & Giuseppe Giadalivigni
And Family*

Rest in Peace

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

**Mario Villani, Leonard V. Galfano
Stephen Francis Hogan**

**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, Edward Boyce, Ann Adams, Fran Gandolfo Sheila Newmann, Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR, Terrence Lynam Taylor, Lee Berkowitz, Danielle McCarthy, Chris Mitchell 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, Kurt Hamilton Dorothy Eisenstadt, David Drohan, Martin Lee, Joe Zarou Maryann Miller, Ralph Caputo, Joan Morezzi Benita Mickens, Gilda Tornato, Michael Vigotty, Vinny Vanturini Kristen Smith, Pat Murphy, Tarabokija Family

Pastor's Letter And so I appeal on this day of my Installation as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre to every inactive Catholic in the Diocese to come back to the power of the Word of God, the power of the Sacrament of Penance, the power of the Catholic Mass. I am so very sorry if you have been hurt or disappointed by the Church in any way and we stand here today to support you, to love you and to listen to you. In turn, I am asking every active Catholic of every age in the Diocese of Rockville Centre between January 31st (today) and Ash Wednesday (which is March 1st) to invite one inactive Catholic friend or family to come with you to Mass and to gently, humbly, compassionately, non-judgmentally witness to the beauty of your intimacy with Christ and your love for the mission of the Catholic Church and how it has enriched and inspired your life. The power of these gentle and compassionate invitations are enormous. They always plant a seed of grace. And now's the time to make these invitations. Let's all do it together and realize that it is the kindest thing any of us could do for anyone.

The above quote is from Bishop John Barres' homily at his installation Mass. His entire homily was inspirational, but I found this section particularly challenging. As I heard this call to pray for inactive Catholics before Ash Wednesday, I said to myself we will do that in my parish. But like other ideas I have, they get lost somewhere in the mystery of my mind. Evangelization is the mission of the Church. Jesus gave us our mission statement before he returned to his heavenly Father: **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.** Mt. 28:19. We realize that we live in an increasingly secularized society, with many people drifting away from the faith or not discovering the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a parish community, in all our efforts and ministries, celebrating the Eucharist and the other sacraments, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the religious education of our young and teens, and the parish outreach to name a few, are about proclaiming the Gospel to others. Through the grace of God, we see some great blessings; still we often find ourselves discouraged by the response we receive. I recall an old saying of the Redemptorist missionaries when we do not see numbers at a mission: Jesus said, feed them; don't count them. (We would sometimes add don't fleece them either!) Our ministries and service call us to do what we can do, to the best of our abilities, and leave the rest in the hands of the Lord. For the past several years, I, along with a variety of parishioners, have been reading and evaluating various evangelization programs. There are many exciting and creative programs that have been developed to reach out both to help Catholics deepen their faith, and to encourage others to rediscover the path to Jesus. I have decided that the program I would like to implement here at St. Martin's is called Alpha. I know many of you have heard this mentioned in the bulletin and during the preaching on Sunday Masses. Here is a description of Alpha:

The Alpha program calls for congregations to rethink their approach to evangelism. Instead of offering church-based community events or services that might expose nonbelievers to a congregation, Alpha instructs leaders on how to use an invite-your-friends model to stimulate interest in Christian doctrine. "We don't try to get people who are not interested," Gumbel, a leader of Alpha, says. "The reason they have an interest is not because they have an interest suddenly in Christianity, but because of what happened to their friends on a previous Alpha. The Alpha system at first blush seems overly simplistic. The acronym stands for: A—Anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith; L—Learning and Laughter; P—Pasta (eating together gives people the chance to know each other); H—Helping one another (small groups are used for discussion of issues raised during the lectures); A—Ask anything. No question is seen as too simple or hostile. However, Alpha, in the hands of skilled church leaders, has succeeded in many cases in turning faithful churchgoers from an inward focus on church work to an outward focus on evangelistic outreach through relationships, networking, and invitations to Alpha events. In Gumbel's words, Alpha stimulates a "virtuous circle" that spreads outward, allowing churches regularly to break into new networks of un-churched, un-evangelized people.

Alpha is a ten week program. It begins with a simple meal, a video, and a discussion. Anyone over 18 is invited. **We are planning on starting on Thursday, April 20, 2017. We will soon be opening our first Alpha to parishioners and anyone else who is interested. So, I ask parish leaders to do their best not to have programs that will conflict with our Alpha meetings on Thursdays from April 20th to June 29th. We have more than 50 parishioners who have volunteered to assist in helping put on our first Alpha. More volunteers would be welcomed. We hope to keep Alpha as an ongoing aspect of our parish life.**

I am proud of the very fine programs that our parish conducts that enhance our knowledge and spirituality. I do see Alpha as more than a parish program. To run Alpha at a parish is a major commitment for the parishioners of the parish. I would compare it by analogy to our recent capital campaign, *Paving the Way to Christ*, which involved almost 900 donors and well over 100 volunteers. I would like as many parishioners as possible, to make an Alpha course and to become an Alpha volunteer. Alpha is an excellent program, but it will only be a good tool of evangelization if we have parishioners willing to invite others to try Alpha. Your kind invitation could bring a person to know Jesus. We are called to be evangelists. I will end this letter with a favorite quote of mine from St. Paul:

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15)

In the Redeemer, Father Pat

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**LENT 2017 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:30PM IN CHURCH**

March 3 - Fr. Pat Woods
March 10 - Fr. Ciya Thomas
March 17 - Fr. Jim McCabe
March 24 - Deacon Tom Hennessy
March 31 - Fr. Pat Woods
April 7 - Fr. Ciya Thomas

PLEASE NOTE: On Good Friday, April 14th we are offering Stations of the Cross at Bethpage State Park at 10AM and also in the Church at 10AM. You are free to come to either service.



**Annual Soup Supper
Wednesday, March 29, 2017
from 6PM - 8PM**

Emmaus Hall located in the school

It's time to think about making soup for this annual Lenten event! To make soup or to volunteer, please call Pat Ricci at (516) 796-1320.

Any leftover soup will be brought to the homebound and the sick. This is the gift of our faith reaching out to others during this sacrificial season!





Life Night: Sunday, February 26th from 6:45-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room in the school after the 5:30PM Mass. **All high school teens welcome!**

Upcoming Events: Life Nights on the following dates: March 5, 12 & 19. The Life Teen Retreat is from Friday, March 24 to Sunday, March 26. Please contact Patricia Draghi at 870-5669 for more info.

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.

**26th Annual Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade
Honoring Thomas McKeon, 2017 Grand Marshal
Sunday, March 5, 2017**



Schedule of Events:

- 1PM Mass at St. Martin of Tours Church
- 2PM Parade begins: Central Ave - Stewart - Burkhardt - Broadway
- 3PM Ceremony honoring 2017 Grand Marshal Thomas McKeon at the Showmobile
- 4PM Reception immediately following at St. Martin of Tours Auditorium and Cafeteria with entertainment, refreshments & lots of good cheer!

Admission is \$5.00 per person
Children under 12 are free

We will publish all donors supporting the 2017 parade in next week's bulletin!

**HARTIGAN MANOR OPEN HOUSE MEMBERSHIP EVENT
THURSDAY, MARCH 9 FROM 7-10PM
Knights of Columbus, 517 Central Avenue Bethpage**

Knights of Columbus are Catholic men 18 years of age and older who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their Church. If you are already a Knight and have not attended our council for a while, please come and acquaint yourself with our officers and members. The Hall is newly renovated with free food and beverages provided compliments of Mastrantonio Caterers. A cash bar is also available. If you would like to join us but can't attend this open house, please email gk@koc5033.com and I would be happy to arrange a time for us to meet. Thank you and I hope to see you there!

Steve DeRosa, Grand Knight

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH - ALVEDA KING**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH, also known as AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH in America, is an annual observance in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom for remembrance of important people and events in the history of African diaspora. The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week." This week was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14, both of which Black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century.

ALVEDA KING: AMERICAN, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, CHRISTIAN MINISTER, CONSERVATIVE, PRO-LIFE ACTIVIST, AND AUTHOR. Alveda Celeste King is an American activist, author and former state representative for the 28th District in the Georgia House of Representatives. She is a niece of civil rights leader MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and daughter of civil rights activist Rev. A.D. King and his wife Naomi Barber King. She recently appeared with President Trump at the Smithsonian Institute in honor of Black History Month and is a Fox News Channel contributor, and appeared on the O'Reilly Factor last week. She once served as a Senior Fellow at the Alexis de Tocqueville Institution, a conservative Washington, D.C. think-tank. She is the founder of Alveda King Ministries.

Alveda King has been a PRO-LIFE SPEAKER since 1983 and often speaks on college campuses about abortion issues and her personal experiences with abortion. She joined the PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT, pushing to offer women ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION. She is the Pastoral Associate, Priests for Life. DIRECTOR, CIVIL RIGHTS FOR THE UNBORN. She currently serves as a Pastoral Associate and Director of Civil Rights for the Unborn, the African-American Outreach for Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries. She is also a voice for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, sharing her testimony of two abortions, God's forgiveness, and healing. Evangelist King is a former college professor and is a recipient of the Life Prize Award (2011), the Cardinal John O'Connor Pro-Life Hall of Fame Award (2011) from the Legatus organization and the Civil Rights Award from Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) (2011). She is a bestselling author, among her books are King Rules: Ten Truths for You. It is impossible to list her credentials in this limited space, please go to: GOOGLE: Evangelist Alveda C. King, Pastoral Associate, Priests for Life.

On a personal note: I have had the honor to speak to Alveda during one of the many visits she made to the Life Center of Long Island. She is a devoted warrior for the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. We, at the Life Center, held hands and prayed outside of Planned Parenthood in Massapequa. Her prayers of healing and consolation were so inspiring and left me with a true understanding of her mission with life issues. When she left, she hugged me and said, "We are not alone in this, our Lord stands with us!" Diana Hart Mirando

**BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICE
ST. BERNARD, LEVITTOWN AND ST. BRIGID, WESTBURY**

There is a one time registration fee of \$20 for all groups. Registration required; forms will be mailed home. Contact Sr. Christine Sammons at St. Bernard's at (516) 731-6074 or Maria Piniero at St. Brigid at (516) 334-0021.

General Groups (meets weekly)

St. Bernard's Parish	Thursdays	March 30 - June 1	6:30-7:45PM
St. Brigid's Parish	Wednesdays	March 29 - May 31	7:30-8:45PM

Group for Bereaved Parents (meets every other week)

St. Bernard's Parish	Mondays	March 13 - ongoing	7-8:15PM
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Group for Survivors of Suicide (meets every other week)

St. Bernard's Parish	Mondays	March 6 - ongoing	7-8:15PM
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Homily of Deacon Thomas Hennessy 2/19/17

In today's Gospel, Jesus leaves us with these words: ***"Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."***

Human Experience: In our common discourse, one with another, we often hear the words ***"get real"*** ... Over the last few weeks we've been listening to the Sermon on the Mount, which begins with the beatitudes and continues with the admonition to be perfect in imitation of our heavenly Father who is all perfect. Those of us who are serious about conforming our lives to Christ have to be constantly plagued by the seeming impossibility of his demands: Offer no resistance to evil, turn the other cheek, love your enemies, give to those who ask expecting no return, pray for your persecutors, harbor no grudges. When we reflect seriously on the Sermon on the Mount, I think the only words Christians in this day and age, or any day and age for that matter, can come up with is ***"get real."*** ... We can't do all that stuff! No doubt, being a serious Christian is a daunting task and we all fall short of what we're called to be... Look at the head guys, the Apostles themselves, they we're right there with the Lord day by day and they heard what can easily be called the Constitution of the Christian faith, laid out in very clear language by Jesus, and were they able to follow it?... Not that well if at all.

Globalization: So what should our thoughts be as we listen to those graced words of Jesus today?... Here's a little helpful story to illustrate a point. When Jesus arrived in heaven, a vast host of angels greeted him. After the formalities, they asked him who he had left behind on earth to finish the work he had begun? Jesus replied: "Just a small group of men and women who love me."... "That's all," asked the angels, astonished... "What if these people should fail?"... Jesus replied: "I have no other plans." ... What does that mean except we're all Jesus has to continue and complete his work on earth even if we can't do it perfectly.

The Word of God: Without a doubt, the theme of today's scripture readings is personal holiness... We are called to be holy in imitation of God's holiness, and that's a tall order for all of us because we're human and we live in a very human world beset by sin and evils of every kind. Let's look at the word holiness for a moment... I think the meaning can best be summed up by the word ***"complete."***... Holiness of life completes us as human beings created in God's image and likeness

We're called to act like God as difficult as that might be. We know that the world is centered on revenge, sectarianism, hatred, selfishness and greed... Christians, you and me, God's holy people, must march to a different drummer and not the beat of the world. In fact, the very word ***"church"*** is a derivative of the Greek word ***"ekklesia"*** which best means the assembly of those called out... Called out from the world and into God's eternal kingdom which starts right here on earth. Respect, forgiveness, mercy, peace and love is the call of the indwelling Spirit of God residing in the Church and in each one of us by virtue of our baptism.

We are indeed holy precisely because we bear God's Spirit of love within our bodies. That's an awesome thought but a reality nevertheless... As the Apostle John tells us: we are in the world but not of the world. Jesus breaks down the meaning of holiness and sets the ideal for us to follow in the Sermon on the Mount, but how can we understand it much less follow it?... My own reflection leads me to believe that the key to understanding what Jesus is trying to get across lies in us being like our heavenly Father who makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust... His very nature is to do good even to those who are evil. So in our struggle against the powerful influences of our contemporary culture we need to hear the words in our first reading from the book of Leviticus: ***"Be holy for I the Lord your God, am holy."***

Practical Application: But it can easily happen in some sensitive souls, who compare their own sins and failures to what Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount, an overwhelming sense of guilt and failure... Guilt itself is a healthy attribute, but carried to the extreme it is stunting, paralyzing and a gateway to hopelessness and despair. God certainly doesn't want that for us!

To those struggling Christians I would say, keep in mind the words in today's Responsorial Psalm: ***"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in kindness... As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."***... Yes, God sets a high ideal but is most merciful to us in our frail humanity... Think about this and take it away with you today: **Success is in the struggle.** I say it again for emphasis: **Success is in the struggle...** We are a work in progress; we're not finished yet. God loves us... After all, he gave us his own Son... He loves us as we are, but he loves us too much to let us stay that way... We are challenged by God's ideal for us which draws us ever forward towards godlike holiness.

Eucharist: So as we approach the table of the Lord today, keep in mind the heavenly angels who questioned Jesus: "What if that small group of men and women who love you should fail?... And how did Jesus reply: **"I have no other plans!"** So we're it: the men, women and children who love Jesus... We're all he has... So let's all strive to be perfect in love as our heavenly Father is perfect in love and not be discouraged by failure.

You now have my reflection on the Sermon on the Mount as I see it, and I thank you for listening and for your courtesy and attention. And may God bless us all in our efforts to love, serve and follow Jesus.

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
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 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
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 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
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 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
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 SSG George Howard, US Army
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 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army
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 PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY
TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH AT 7:30 P.M.
HEART HEALTH AWARENESS**

Dr. Salvatore Trazzera will speak about HEART HEALTH in St. Alphonsus Hall. He will include exercise, non-invasive cardiac imaging and cardiac CT. Specific information regarding differing symptoms of heart attacks in men and women will be discussed.

Ms. Elizabeth Schewind, representing St. Joseph's Hospital, will distribute informational handouts on the subject and on St. Joseph's most up-to-date services and equipment. **ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME, PLEASE BRING A FRIEND.**

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets for our April 18th Bingo fundraiser will be on sale!

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**LAST LOOKS!
MEMORIAL PLAQUE INSCRIPTIONS**

Since the list was printed in the February 12th bulletin, we have edited and updated any changes or additions per your request. We are giving you the opportunity to look through the list one last time for any modifications. Please call the Rectory at 931-0818 and speak to Genny should you find any errors. **The final list will be submitted to the engravers on March 1, 2017.**

**NOTICE FROM THE
YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GROUP**



Join us for a memorable trip to the Villa Roma Resort in the beautiful Catskill Mountains of Callicoon, NY from Wednesday, May 31st to Friday, June 2, 2017.

The cost is \$287 per person, double occupancy. The trip will include all meals, nightly entertainment, a full schedule of daily activities and much more. For complete details, please contact Martha Martini at 822-2213. Don't miss out on such a great experience!

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

We will be discussing ***“Around the Table: Retelling the Story of the Eucharist through the Eyes of Jesus’ First Followers”*** by R. Scott Hurd on Friday, April 7th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. (**Resources:** Amazon: Kindle \$11.99; paperback \$14.02 16 used from \$7.50; 31 new from \$7.43.)

SMT REGULAR BOOK CLUB

“A Man Call Ove: A Novel May 5, 2015” by Fredrik Backman. Discussion will be on Friday, April 21st at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. (**Resources:** Amazon: paperback \$9.97 - \$16.00. More buying choices: \$5.60 - 103 used & new offers. Kindle \$11.99)

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We are in the process of organizing a small parish library consisting of spiritual books in the backroom of St. Alphonsus Hall. There are videos and tapes available. It is my hope that a group can meet and watch a video or listen to a CD that might enhance their spirituality. Also, I would hope that people could take a book or video home with them and return afterwards.



I am looking for a person or two to volunteer to organize the books by theme or topic, such as the Scriptures, the saints, children's books and so on. The library would be open on Sundays, and work on an honor system of people writing their name and phone number on a card when they borrow a book.

You would not have to be there very often since I hope the lending library would work on a self-service basis. After it is organized, I would just need someone to check each week for an hour or so to make sure it is not getting disorganized.

PLEASE NOTE: I am not looking for more books because we would not have the space for them.

Please email me at woodscsrr@aol.com if you are interested to take on this project. Thank you! - Father Pat

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 26 Coffee Sunday after the 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Masses St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 28: Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament 3PM Church
- **Mar 1: Ash Wednesday Masses 6:30, 9AM & 7PM.
Services Only at 12Noon & 4PM**
- Mar 3: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Mar 4: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Mar 5: St. Patrick's Mass 1:00PM Church. Parade and reception in Emmaus Hall to follow.
- Mar 11/12: Introduction Weekend for SMT's Mission Week by Father Charles Coury, CSSR
- Mar 13-16: MISSION WEEK with Father Charles Coury, CSSR
- Mar 14: Christian Mothers 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall with guest speaker from St. Joseph Hospital
- Mar 19: Pre-Cana Closing at 11:30AM Mass
- Mar 21: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Mar 26: Coffee Sunday after the 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Masses St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 29: SOUP SUPPER 6PM-8PM Emmaus Hall (Cafeteria)
- Apr 2: Mass for Special Needs Children, their friends and families 3PM Church