

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 6

6:30 Lucy Speelman, Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 Deacon Eugene Capobianco, Anniversary

Tuesday - March 7 - Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

6:30 Michael Smith
 9:00 Theresa Steubing

Wednesday - March 8

6:30 Lourdes Ocampo
 9:00 Deceased Members of the Hospitality Ministry

Thursday - March 9

6:30 Louise Smith
 9:00 Margaret & Nelson Miles

Friday - March 10

6:30 Carmen Russo
 9:00 Marie DiSimone

Saturday - March 11

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Delia Connaughton, Anniversary
 7:00 Margaret E. Stoll

Sunday - March 12

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Mary Veronica Cocoman
 10:00 Patrick, Sarah & Padraig McCann
 11:30 Charles Viagas
 1:00 Vincent Cesareo
 5:30 Connie & Michael Maggio

Readings For The Week

Mon. Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
 Tues. Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
 Wed. Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
 Thurs. Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
 Fri. Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
 Sat. Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
Sun. *Genesis 12:1-4a* Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make of him a great nation, and all would be blessed because of him.

2 Timothy 1:8b-10 God saves all people and calls them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus went up to a high mountain. With Moses and Elijah at his side, he was transfigured before the eyes of his disciples Peter, James and John. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Regular 2/26/2017: \$16,441.17
Propagation of the Faith: \$ 6,346.00

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us.



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who embrace their discipleship, using the ashes as a reminder to share their own gifts at home, work, school, our parish and in the wider community.

Charismatic Prayer Group

G. I. F. T.

God Is Forever True -- and isn't **that** the greatest gift!! His words, promises, grace and love are all true. He always was and will always be. How many **other** things in your life can you say that about? Open your heart and let God move in. Feel the gift that is God!

Our next meeting is Monday, March 6th 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

2/27/17	#608	Barbara Kelly	\$25
2/28/17	#254	Choisez Family	\$25
3/1/17	#429	Brian & Maryann McGrath	\$25
3/2/17	#311	Peggy Epstein	\$25
3/3/17	#379	Marion DeZervos	\$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 Rice-A-Roni, egg noodles, chili, beef stew, tomato sauce, canned chicken, mac & cheese, juice boxes, salt, sugar, tissues, dish soap, toilet paper.

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 March 5 - 11, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of
Marty Laraia*



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



*In Loving Memory of
Kevin White, Sr. and
Virginia Kane*

Rest in Peace

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

**Emil Schwarz, Henry R. Soluk, Sr.
Loretta Pennise**

**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 Baciuska, 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 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, Philip Marino

Pastor's Letter

I like Ash Wednesday. I wish I could say that this statement reflects my love for penance and fasting. I struggle with both categories. What appeals to me about Ash Wednesday is the great number of people who pour in and out of St. Martin's (and many other Catholic Churches) on this day. I would say that, with the exception of Christmas and Easter, it is the busiest day of our parish. I think it would be fair to say that several thousand people come to hear the words, *Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return*. These are severe words to hear and then to have them followed by a smudge of ashes on your head, is equally sobering. It occasionally happens that when a priest or Eucharistic Minister is giving out Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, he or she hears: *I don't want communion; I want the ashes*.



I have a favorite Ash Wednesday story about a good friend of mine who has now gone home to God. It was about 10:30 p.m. and this senior priest was comfortably attired in his pajamas, watching television in his bedroom. A bell on the rectory door kept ringing persistently. Rather grumpily, he gets out of bed, puts on his bathrobe and goes to the door. He is greeted with the desperate words of a young man, *Father, none of us got our ashes! You must come and give them out!* Since the young man was on the staff of the restaurant where the priest rather regularly dined, he found the request hard to deny. After all, he loved their sauce. But the thought of getting dressed and walking several blocks in the cold night air was not too appealing to him. So, he got a little plastic bag, put some ashes in them, and told the young man that he was authorizing him to go and give out the ashes to the rest of the staff, and perhaps some remaining patrons of the establishment. I wonder to this day what words the young man said when he put the ashes on the heads of those to whom he was ministering!

What is it about Ash Wednesday that leads so many Catholics, people of other faiths as well as people who may be atheists, to get their ashes and to wear them proudly through the day? I think those who are bit cynical might say that there is some aspect of superstition to this. A person may feel he or she needs the ashes to protect or bless them. Maybe a few feel that way, but I do not think this is really what brings people to Church on Ash Wednesday. I do know some people refer to certain Catholics as *A and P Catholics - ashes and palms*. I knew a priest who concluded Christmas Mass with the farewell message of *have a Blessed Christmas and I will see you all again at Easter*.

I really do not like that kind of thinking. I am happy whenever anyone turns to God with a prayer, a quick sign of the cross at shocking news, or a *Thank God* at good news. Whatever brings a person to Church, be it to receive ashes or palms, to hear the song *Silent Night* at Christmas, to see their child make First Communion, or to attend a wedding or a funeral, I truly think they have faith in God or that they may be searching and seeking to find Him. All people are spiritual. However, for many, their hunger and desire for God remains hidden or is difficult to experience in the rush of life. No one can avoid the questions of *Why am I here on earth? What is the meaning of my life? What will happen to me when I die? Is this all there is or is there something to come?* We can run from these questions but we can never completely hide from them.

This past Ash Wednesday, we distributed flyers about the upcoming Alpha program that our parish is committing to this April. If we give out all 2,000 flyers, will people respond? I can't say. Perhaps, many of the flyers may not have even made it out of parish parking lot. Still, I believe those of us who are reading this bulletin have the call to keep on inviting others to come to know Jesus.

When we see a good movie, we tell others, *you must see this show*. I am a great promoter of *Blue Bloods* and *This Is Us*, two of my favorite shows on television. We recommend doctors, bakeries, and restaurants to others. I am not asking you to be pushy or aggressive, but a kind invitation to another to consider making Alpha may be a great gift you can give to someone.

Alpha is not so much about giving answers to those ultimate questions that I spoke about earlier; it is about seeking to awaken one's desire for meaning in life and to see Christ as the one who satisfies that hunger. Alpha is not preachy or *teach-y*. It is inviting and welcoming. Even though you know and love Jesus, I invite you to consider making the Alpha program. Many people are afraid to go to a new experience alone. Perhaps, you can promise a friend or relative that you will make the program with them. Have a beautiful and grace-filled Lent!

FAST & ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Father Pat Woods, CSSR
 woodscsr@aol.com website: smtbethpage.org

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

- 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!



The Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank the following donors for supporting the 2017 Parade.

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SAINT PATRICK'S DAY – FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Bishop John Barres has given a dispensation from the obligation of abstaining from meat to all Catholics in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on the feast of Saint Patrick.

The obligation to abstain from meat can be fulfilled on another date or Catholics can adopt another form of penance of the individual's choosing. (source: Long Island Catholic Weekly Update 3/1/17)

Don't forget to download My Parish App on your iPhone or android. You will be connected to the parish on all the latest news and so many other great links to St. Martin of Tours!





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2017

Dear Friends:

Lent 2017 is a time for us to pray for *dramatic missionary growth* in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Part of that dramatic missionary growth is stimulated by our willingness to invite our inactive Catholic friends back to Mass.

I put it this way in my Installation Mass homily on January 31: *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, and 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 and Ash Wednesday (which is March 1, 2017) 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 is 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.

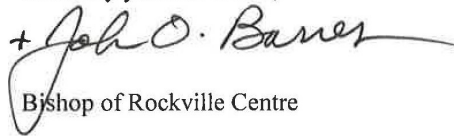
For those who have made those invitations since January 31st, thank you! For those of us who need an extension, let's give ourselves till Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017 to make that compassionate invitation to our friends. And let's open ourselves to making these invitations more frequently and consistently.

When we die, we will all look lovingly into the merciful eyes of Jesus and review our life with him. The people whom we have helped to invite back to Mass and their Catholic faith will be standing around us with radiant smiles. And we want a big crowd!

We connect our Lenten 2017 prayer, fasting and almsgiving together to this intention and to our constant intention to pray for our brothers and sisters who are poor, hungry, suffering from war, violence or persecution in our world.

You and your families are all daily in my prayers and Masses. Thank you for your witness of "holiness and mission" to the world.

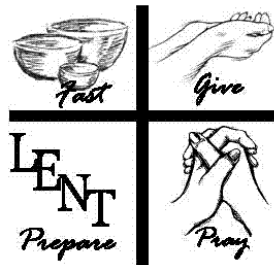
Sincerely yours in Christ,


Bishop of Rockville Centre

LENTEN MISSION WEEK

Father Charles Coury, CSSR will be conducting a Lenten Mission at St. Martin of Tours from Monday, March 13th to Thursday, March 16th. He will be speaking at all weekend masses on March 11th & 12th to introduce you to what he has planned each night.

A Lenten Mission is a wonderful way to connect deeper to Christ. The psalmist writes, *“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned...A clean heart create for me O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.”*



After threats to Jewish centers, Bishop Barres calls for 'constant vigilance against hatred'

In a statement released on February 28, the day after threats were made against a number of Jewish centers and schools locally and nationally, Bishop John O. Barres issued the following statement:

The disheartening recent news that a number of Jewish centers and schools here on Long Island have received threats of violence is a sobering reminder of our need for constant vigilance to guard against any forms of hatred or prejudice which may exist among us.

Last November, Pope Francis met with leaders of world religions and invited all people of good will to unite so we can be delivered from such acts. He said, “May there be clear condemnation of these iniquitous attitudes that profane the name of God and sully the religious quest of mankind.”

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre unequivocally condemns these threats and most especially asserts that such actions are completely inconsistent with a genuinely Christian way of life. We stand in solidarity with our Jewish friends and neighbors and promise them our support and prayers.



Life Night: Sunday, March 5 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 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.

Lenten Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 26, 2017
9:30 - 11:30AM in St. Alphonsus Hall

The Hartigan Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast which will also include eggs, sausage and baked goods! All Parishioners are invited. Free will offering.



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 reacquaint 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

CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES GIANNA CENTER AND PREGNANCY WEBSITE

www.chsli.org/gianna-center-long-island

Catholic Health Services (CHS) now offers a dedicated, interactive website section for the GIANNA CENTER and its pregnancy support services. The GIANNA CENTER based at GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER offers highly specialized restorative reproductive medicine in accordance with Catholic teaching, under the medical direction of Paul Carpentier, MD, CRCMC. Also assistance is available for anyone with unexpected or crisis pregnancy through a one-call outreach program connecting to community resources.

At www.chsli.org/gianna-center-long-island, extensive information is provided, which was inspired by St. Gianna Beretta Molla, a wife, mother and physician who heroically chose to preserve the life of her unborn child. Site visitors can become informed on the Creighton Model Fertility Care System and NaProTECHNOLOGY, both of which are central to the scientifically-based restorative reproductive medicine treatment. There are also testimonials, background on staff, additional resources and more.

Having an online presence will help to endure that women across the region have access to these vital services, enabling them to get treatment that upholds the SANCTITY OF LIFE and honors the dignity of procreation. At the GIANNA CENTER exceptional, holistic medical care is given to women of all ages, and male infertility is successfully treated as well.

Available to women and couples of all faiths, the GIANNA CENTER is located at CHS's GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, 1000 Montauk Highway, West Islip, and can be reached at (631) 376-3232.

LENTEN PRO-LIFE PRAYER

Father of all mercy, we thank you for this season of grace and light.

Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance.
Give all your people a clearer understanding of the profound dignity
of every human life, including the children in the womb.

As we prepare to celebrate the death and Resurrection of Christ,
strengthen our joy in the fact that life has already conquered death.

As we prepare to renew the promises of our own baptism this Easter,
grant that we may live more faithfully as the children of God and the People of Life.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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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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.



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| PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG | 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy |
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**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!

VIRTUS TRAINING

St. Martin of Tours will host Virtus Training on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.** Training is mandatory for anyone who volunteers or works for a parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

To register, please go on line to www.virtus.org or through the Diocese website at drvc.org and click Virtus on their home page. If you are not able to register, please call the rectory office at 931-0818 for assistance.

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**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!

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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)

WELCOME TO MORNING PRAYER - THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

During the weekdays of Lent, Monday through Friday, we will be saying the Morning Prayer of the Church at 8:30 a.m. (before the 9:00 a.m. Mass). This will start on Monday, March 6th.



“Why should people say an Office? The special value of the liturgy is that it is the official prayer of the Church, the voice of the Mystical Body in which all our poor voices intermingle with the voice of Our Lord and take on the quality of His prayer. This places liturgical prayer on an eminence above our own individual prayers.

But there is another vitally important aspect. In itself, and quite apart from that other official value possessed by it, the Office is a supreme form of pure prayer. It puts us facing God, using the words of the Holy Spirit. Secondly, as the words are those of the Holy Spirit, we can rest content with them. We do not have to distract ourselves by having to work out phrases of our own. We lie in the arms of God, just as a child would in the arms of a beloved parent, holding our effortless chat with Him.

Every line of the Psalms affords food for thought and love. All the emotions and the trials of life are covered. All the time we can readily apply the words to our own personal circumstances. Either we are pleading with God in regard to our necessities or we find He is replying to us about them. The Breviary therefore offers us all the ingredients of a perfect prayer. This commitment is psychologically important. It tends to ensure the fulfilment of the duty with regularity, fitting it into the daily schedule and not permitting it to be elbowed out by all sorts of secondary things. It establishes its own place in the life of the Church.

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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.

Anna Grace, an avid reader of the bulletin says, *“Father Pat is better than Dr. Seuss’ Green Eggs and Ham!”*





**St. Martin of Tours celebrates
Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month!!!**

**Please join us for a Mass dedicated to the individuals,
families and friends of people with Autism/Special Needs.**

Sunday, April 2nd at 3pm

**St. Martin of Tours Church
Celebrant, Pastor Patrick Woods**

The Mass has been planned by a sibling of a child with Autism to celebrate Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month. It has been adapted to make it a more sensory friendly experience for children and adults.

The following helpful hints may help to make this a good experience for you and your loved ones:

- Duration will be approximately 30 minutes.
- Soft music will be played throughout the mass to minimize transitions and reduce stress.
- Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharist Ministers will be familiar with Autism.
- Chairs will be set up in the gathering area for families who are more comfortable and/or unable to move into the main area of the church.
- St. Martin's will provide a small token for anxious children to fidget with.
- Please feel free to bring items that will help your loved one to have a positive experience.
- Social Story will be available to assist in preparing your loved one for the mass. You can find the social story on the St. Martin's Facebook Page, Piece By Piece Bethpage Facebook Page or you can email Kathryn Clyne at piecebypiecebethpage@gmail.com for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 5: St. Patrick's Mass 1:00PM Church. Parade and reception in Emmaus Hall to follow.
- Mar 6: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- 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: Hartigan Council Lenten Pancake Breakfast 9:30-11:30 St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 29: SOUP SUPPER 6PM-8PM Emmaus Hall (Cafeteria)
- Apr 1: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Apr 2: Mass for Special Needs Children, their friends and families 3PM Church
- Apr 7: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel

