

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 13

6:30 Maria & Pietro Sirianni
 9:00 Joseph De Angelo

Tuesday - March 14

6:30 Dolores Chiofalo
 9:00 Paul James Fidnarick

Wednesday - March 15

6:30 Simon Jambrone
 9:00 Mark & Margaret Ridge

Thursday - March 16

6:30 Margaret Lyons
 9:00 Elizabeth Lucivero

Friday - March 17

6:30 Marty Laraia
 9:00 Andrew McCarthy & Patrick Hopkins

Saturday - March 18

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 John Mitchell, 1st Anniversary
 7:00 Ivy Ostermeier

Sunday - March 19

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Joseph Spoto
 10:00 Raymond T. Young, Sr.
 11:30 Jennie & Frank Juliano
 1:00 Michael Alloggio
 5:30 LT COL Joel Portuese

Readings For The Week

Mon. Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
 Tues. Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
 Wed. Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
 Thurs. Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
 Fri. Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matt 21:33-46
 Sat. Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun. Exodus 17:3-8 *The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty, and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.*

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 *"The love of God has been poured out into our hearts," and that love is immeasurable; "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."*

John 4:4-42 *Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered him water from the well, and he, in turn, offered her the living water of eternal life. As a result, she and many others came to know that Jesus is the Savior.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Regular 3/5/2017: \$17,153.17
Ash Wednesday: \$ 6,017.00
Church In Need: \$ 3,330.00

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

"Bear your share of the hardship which the Gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use the season of Lent as an opportunity to fast, pray and give alms, seeking neither recognition or applause for their effort.



Charismatic Prayer Group

What are your mountains made of? Illness, loss, depression, unemployment, or substance abuse? Every mountain climber should have a buddy climber. Ask Jesus to be yours. He knows all about the hard climbs! Beaten almost to death, He made that climb up Calvary, knowing it would end in His death on the cross. So, bring Him your mountain and climb it together.

Due to the Parish Mission, our next meeting is Monday, March 20th 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

3/6/17	#461	Helen T. Brennan	\$25
3/7/17	#331	Jim Moran	\$25
3/8/17	#286	Geraldine Raab	\$25
3/9/17	#275	Kenneth Sylvester	\$25
3/10/17	#202	Vincent Raab	\$50



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

Wedding Banns
1st Eric Wider & Megan Asher

Social Ministry


“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 sugar, egg noodles, chili, beef stew, canned chicken, canned fruit, Ramen Noodles, cup of noodles, coffee, juice, juice boxes, evaporated milk, icing, cookies, crackers, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, tissues.

PLEASE NO STRING BEANS OR PASTA UNTIL JUNE.

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 12 - 18, 2017

In Loving Memory of
Paul James Fidnarick

Sanctuary Candle
Week of March 12 - 18, 2017

In Loving Memory of
Gloria Waller

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

Harry L. Settino, Lillian J. Dullahan
Charles D. Walsh

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 Carmentate Mary McCarthy, Karen Kilgard, Angela Calendrille Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci, Robert Kennan Corey Voboril, Baby Scarlett, May Duffey, Tommy Johnson Anna M. Bosco, 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 Tom Doty, Lynn Calo, Christine Chiarappa, Connie Burgess Dolores Miller, Susan Carroll-Goyan, Carol Episcopio Samantha McNeil, Patty & Tom Turano, Layla Barr, Nicholas Amato Jesusa Aquino, Joseph McCroary, Nadine Lewin Wall Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan, Geraldine Zeterberg Edward Boyce, Ann Adams, Fran Gandolfo, Sheila Newmann Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR, Chris Mitchell, Terrence Lynam, Taylor Joseph Kostyak, 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, Daniel McCullough, Mary Lafauci Gerry Russo, Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki, Bill Monahan Maureen Roberts, Francis Meehan, Trish Berge, Kathleen Palumbo Brendan Donahoe, Janet Scarpelli, 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, Ralph Caputo, Kristen Smith, Michael Vigotty Vinny Vanturini, Pat Murphy, Tarabokija Family, Philip Marino Henry Hamilton, Libia & Maria Teresa Valdez, Nancy Gerace

Pastor's Letter

Father Pat's homily from Sunday, March 5, 2017

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. **1 Corinthians 12:12**

99.9%

I have always been a bit skeptical about commercials. I remember buying a pair of Air Jordans many years ago, but my leaping ability never really improved. I still could not reach the Paschal Candle to light it. I once bought a book that guaranteed a person to lose weight while sleeping. Perhaps I did not sleep enough to make this promise come true, or perhaps it failed since I tended to use a *Snickers* bar as my nightcap. I bought a book that promised to vastly improve my memory, but I can't remember where I left it! I must say though, that I find the Ancestry.com commercial very entertaining. I loved the commercial where a fellow was learning Swedish and shopping at IKEA because he believed his family came from Sweden. It turned out that he was German, so he started drinking dark beer and driving a Mercedes Benz. I was hooked and decided I must take the bait!

Although I am not advertising for them, I find my results rather interesting and quite believable. I found out that I had 98.5% DNA of an Irish person. I was relieved to read this since both of my parents were born in Ireland. However, my older sister teased me when I was young that because I was born on a Spy Wednesday, the traditional day of Holy Week that we believe Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, she convinced me that I was an adopted spy from Russia. I am not sure if that is good to say these days since associations with Russian seems to be a problem in Washington D.C. I assure you I have not had conversations with the Russian ambassador!

Another 1.3% of my DNA comes from Spain, probably seven or eight generations ago. My parents are both from County Clare, Ireland and there is place on the West Coast of Clare called Spanish Point where some remnant of sailors from a shattered Spanish Armada washed up there in 1588. My Irish father had dark skin, which I wish I had inherited since I find myself making frequent visits to the dermatologist due to my fair skin. I am now proud of my newly discovered Spanish heritage, but I must confess I only got mediocre grades in my high school Spanish classes. I am also happy to report .02% of my DNA comes from Italy, thus helping me understand my addiction to pizza and my admiration for Mike Piazza.

Of course there are debates about how much of our personal characteristics are passed on genetically, and how much come from the environment. Is there a distinct Irish, Italian, Polish, Mexican, Filipino, or German personality? This question, often called the nature/nurture debate, is well worth discussing over a couple of Guinneses a bit later today. Certainly, the Irish are known as story tellers. One of the most important persons in rural Ireland was the *Seanachie*, the community story teller long before television existed. People often say, "to make a long story short..." We Irish *begin* a story with "to make a short story long!" Perhaps that explains this sermon. I once took a class in Irish literature and the teacher said that the three greatest writers in the English language were Yeats, Joyce, and T.S. Eliot and two of them are Irish. Perhaps, she overlooked Mr. Shakespeare. Speaking of Yeats, I always love his quote that *The Irish have an abiding sense of tragedy which sustains them through their temporary periods of joy*. I am not too sure how I feel about Oscar Wilde saying, *The Irish sing happy songs about war and sad songs about love*.

On a more serious note, I have always found the Irish particularly dedicated to people suffering from droughts and famines since they carry the dark memories of the Irish Famine that caused them so much suffering and death in the nineteenth century. Many times when I hear a famine relief worker in a news story, I hear a lovely Irish brogue.

I have no doubt that you could pick any nationality represented here in Church today, each coming up with a list of traits that seem to dominate in personality and culture. By this time, you may be wondering if this is a biology class or a sermon. Be patient. Here comes the message: Whether you hail from China, Africa, India or the Fiji Islands, your genetic make-up is strikingly like that of every other person on Earth. Although scientists have long recognized that despite physical differences, all human populations are genetically similar, the new work concludes that populations from different parts of the world share even more genetic similarities than previously assumed. All humans are 99.9% identical in their DNA. The .1% accounts for the differences among the genetics of human beings, and the success of the television detective shows.

99.9% of our humanity is the same. I really did not need to find that in a science report since we hear this truth in the Biblical account of creation in Genesis. We read: *The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.* Whether you believe the Bible literally or accept the theories of evolution with God sparking a divine spirit in human beings, we come from God. *God* is the source of all human life. Christians believe God is three in one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, quite a complex doctrine that our beloved Saint Patrick used to explain the Trinity. Reflecting our spiritual DNA, we all are called to live as brothers and sisters in community and love, and yet each of us has our own distinct personality. 99.9%!

It may surprise you, the Catholic Church is very reluctant to approve miracles and puts any claim of the miraculous through vigorous testing since people have made false claims about extraordinary events. I recall seeing a video about a consecrated host that was found in 1996 in a church in Argentina. It appeared to look like a piece of flesh. After a time, the local bishops, including our present Holy Father Francis, had a little piece of this host analyzed by scientists who did not know from where this piece of apparent flesh had come from. The doctors and scientists reported that it was AB positive blood, and it appeared to be heart cells from a mid-Eastern man who had suffered severe physical pain. But the DNA was like none they had ever seen before. It had human qualities from a mother, but they could not understand the other aspects of the DNA since they had never been seen before. Even more interesting to me was that they compared the results to another existing miraculous host from an eighth century miracle in Luciano, Italy, and found similar results. If you are interested in this, Google *Eucharistic miracle of Argentina*. Jesus being fully human and fully divine, shared a DNA with us. *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. He is like us in all things but sin.*

At last to make a long sermon short as we Irish like to say, whatever your nationality, your religion, whether you are rich or poor, a native born American or an immigrant, we share the common bond of humanity given to us by our Father through his Son Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We cannot escape the profound truth that we are all brothers and sisters to one another and to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **99.9%!**

Father Pat Woods, CSSR

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DATE CHANGE!!!

Annual Soup Supper **Wednesday, March 22, 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!

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)*

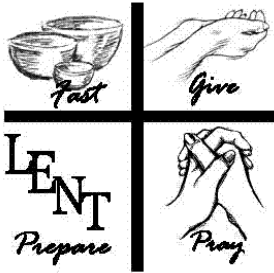
Want to learn more about what's going on at St. Martin's during Lent? Stay up-to-date with Lenten Devotions, Alpha, etc. Download our new free Parish App: Instructions in this link:

<http://mobile.koc5033.com/st.-martin-s-parish-app.shtml>



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."*

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Greetings in the Lord!

My name is Father Charles Gerard Coury, CSSR, a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, better known as the "Redemptorist Missionaries." Hailing from **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**, I began Redemptorist seminary training at age 16. That took me to various venues in the USA for High School, Novitiate, Philosophy and Theology. In 1976, I was ordained with a class of over 20 Redemptorists from different countries and territories, including Thailand, Vietnam and Puerto Rico.

In 1978, my superiors sent me to **Brazil** to join with other Redemptorist Missionaries already engaged in that beautiful "Land of the Holy Cross." During my 26 years in **Brazil**, I served in various Parishes of immense territory in the States of **Mato Grosso do Sul** and **Paraná** as well as formator and director of Brazilian and Paraguayan seminarians who were studying philosophy and theology.

With a view to contribute further to our Brazilian formation system, I was sent to **Rome, Italy**, for higher studies in Spiritual Theology and spent four years in the "Eternal City." This afforded me an additional opportunity to visit and work in other European countries, including a whole summer living with a wonderful family in **Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany**. On returning to **Brazil**, I continued in missionary activity serving in Parish and Shrine ministry, as well as giving retreats and courses to seminarians, priests, sisters and laity.

In 2004, the General Superior of my Congregation asked me to go to **Beirut, Lebanon**. As a preparation, I was sent once again to **Rome** and spent another four years studying the religion of Islam at a Pontifical University established specifically to promote dialogue between Christianity and Islam. Subsequently, I lived almost 5 years in **Beirut** next to Mother Theresa's Nuns who minister to the abandoned elderly and unwanted children with birth defects. Besides serving as chaplain for the good Sisters, I was also spiritual director to youth and came to know both Christians and Muslims.

In 2013, I came back to the USA to reside in the **Bronx, NY**, but soon was sent to **Guadalajara, Mexico**, to learn Spanish. Now residing at our Redemptorist Parish of Most Holy Redeemer in **Manhattan, NY**, I am on call as an itinerant, missionary preacher available for Parish Missions, retreats, Novenas, 40 Hour devotions, conferences, etc. It is a pleasure to be at the service of the Gospel for all of you, the beloved People of God!

I am not a regular reader of the *New York Times* editorial page, but somehow my eyes were captured by the title of an editorial: *The Pope on Panhandling: Give Without Worry*, dated March 3, 2017. If you or I gave to every homeless person we saw, we might end up homeless ourselves! I know that we try our best as Catholics to help those in need. I find Pope Francis' words inspiring, challenging, and Christ-like. They are worth our serious consideration during Lent and any other time of the year. Here is part of the editorial. - Father Pat

New Yorkers, if not city dwellers everywhere, might acknowledge a debt to Pope Francis this week. He has offered a concrete, permanently useful prescription for dealing with panhandlers. It's this: Give them the money, and don't worry about it. The pope's advice, from an interview with a Milan magazine published just before the beginning of Lent, is startlingly simple. It's scripturally sound, yet possibly confounding, even subversive. Living in the city — especially in metropolises where homelessness is an unsolved, unending crisis — means that at some point in your day, or week, a person seeming (or claiming) to be homeless, or suffering with a disability, will ask you for help.



You probably already have a panhandler policy. You keep walking, or not. You give, or not. Loose coins, a dollar, or just a shake of the head. Your rule may be blanket, or case-by-case. If it's case by case, that means you have your own on-the-spot, individualized benefits program, with a bit of means-testing, mental health and character assessment, and criminal-background check — to the extent that any of this is possible from a second or two of looking someone up and down. Francis' solution eliminates that effort. But it is by no means effortless.

*Speaking to the magazine *Scarp de' Tennis*, which means Tennis Shoes, a monthly for and about the homeless and marginalized, the pope said that giving something to someone in need is "always right. But what if someone uses the money for, say, a glass of wine? (A perfectly Milanese question.) His answer: If "a glass of wine is the only happiness he has in life, that's O.K. Instead, ask yourself, what do you do on the sly? What 'happiness' do you seek in secret?" Another way to look at it, he said, is to recognize how you are the "luckier" one, with a home, a spouse and children, and then ask why your responsibility to help should be pushed onto someone else.*

Then he posed a greater challenge. He said the way of giving is as important as the gift. You should not simply drop a bill into a cup and walk away. You must stop, look the person in the eyes, and touch his or her hands.

The reason is to preserve dignity, to see another person not as a pathology or a social condition, but as a human, with a life whose value is equal to your own. This message runs through Francis' preaching and writings, which always seem to turn on the practical and personal, often citing the people he met and served as a parish priest in Argentina.



Life Night: Sunday, March 12 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 Night: Sunday, March 12. 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.

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Religious Ed Students

"Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit; renew the face of the earth."

On Wednesday, March 8th, St. Martin of Tours celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 1:30 and 4:30PM Masses. It was an honor to have confirming prelate, Auxiliary Bishop Andrzej J. Zglejszewski with Deacon Philip Mills assisting him. Also assisting Bishop Andrzej were our Redemptorists, our Deacon Thomas Hennessy, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Server Patrick Dircks, the Adult Altar Servers, and our Sacristans.



The beautiful music was lead by our music director, Elena Scollo and members of the choir - Janet McKenna, Claire Murphy, Kelly Ryan, Maureen Scharen and Dawn Smith.

We especially thank all parents and guardians of the children, coordinators Pat Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, all 8th grade confirmation teachers, teacher aides, office assistants, and monitors for their dedication and hard work in preparing the children for this great sacrament. Many thanks to Ann Hughes, T.J. Hance and Ed Indelicato for preparing the Church for the celebration.

May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with His great love!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE**

TAKE ACTION: ACTION ALERT: URGE SENATORS TO DISAPPROVE PLANNED PARENTHOOD TITLE X FUNDING RULE: We have an opportunity to encourage the Senate to restore the states' ability to stop some of the FEDERAL FUNDING TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD. A river of federal money currently runs to the nation's largest abortion provider. On February 16, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.J. Res.43 to nullify a ruling by former President Obama which prevented states from excluding providers such as Planned Parenthood from receiving federal funds through Title X. Our attention now turns to the Senate. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SENATORS TODAY AND URGE THEM TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF S.J.Res. 13.. It is important to remember that S.J.Res.13 will ALLOW FOR FEDERAL FUNDS TO BE REDIRECTED TO HEALTH FACILITIES that provide comprehensive women's health care. CONTACT YOUR SENATORS and urge them to restore the states ability to stop one stream of our taxpayer dollars flowing to the NATION'S LARGEST ABORTION PROVIDER through the DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS_ and Title X funds.)

TAKE ACTION: OPPOSE DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE: Legislation to legalize doctor-assisted suicide for the terminally ill has now been introduced for the 2017 - 2018 Legislative Session. Please let your Senate and Assembly representatives know that you strongly oppose this dangerous proposal. New York's current law prohibits assisting in suicide by anyone, including doctors who prescribe lethal doses of drugs to end the lives of terminally ill patients who wish to die. This law was challenged in 1994 and upheld as constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in (Vacco vs. Quill in 1997). Two pieces of legislation have been introduced in the New York Legislature to legalize physician-assisted suicide, and they are equally dangerous. In addition, a new lawsuit has been filed by an assisted suicide advocacy organization to overturn New York's ban. The Catholic Conference seeks to maintain New York State's current prohibition on assisted suicide while ensuring increased support, resources, palliative and hospice care, appropriate pain relief and treatment for the terminally ill. PLEASE LET YOUR SENATE AND ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES KNOW THAT YOU STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS DANGEROUS PROPOSAL AND URGE THEM TO VOTE "NO" SHOULD THE BILL COME BEFORE THEM FOR A VOTE.

TAKE ACTION: OPPOSE LATE-TERM ABORTION EXPANSION: New legislation has been introduced in the State Assembly that would increase LATE-TERM ABORTIONS, empower non-doctors to perform abortions. PLEASE URGE YOUR ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE TO OPPOSE THIS EXTREME MEASURE. It would empower non-doctors to perform abortions, eliminate protections against unwanted abortions, 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. (a.1748,gLICK/s.2796, Krueger: in relation to ABORTION EXPANSION. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: www.nyscatholic.org.)

**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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| CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army | SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC |
| MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army | E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy |
| PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG | 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy |
| SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC | PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy |
| PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army | MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army |
| CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC | SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army |
| L CPL James Kruper, USMC | BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy |
| SPC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army | PO3 James Fischer, US Navy |
| CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC | LTC John Evans, US Army |
| 1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp | ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy |
| PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy | PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC |
| CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF | SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army |
| SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC | 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy |
| 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army | SSG George Howard, US Army |
| SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army | LT Mario Lopes, USMC |
| SGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army | PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army |
| PFC William Corrigan, USMC | CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN |
| PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF | MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army |
| LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG | PVT Edward Morales, US Army |
| PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army | MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF |
| LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC | PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC |
| 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF | |

**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!

**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). All are welcome!

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

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.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:

**2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY
(516) 746-8250
(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

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(631) 858-0380
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

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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.



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

Please use the form below to register for the 10 week ALPHA course by April 6, 2017.

An opportunity to explore the meaning of life.

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April 20 – June 29
7:00 pm
St. Alphonsus Hall



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REGISTRATION FORM
Registration deadline
April 6, 2017

To participate in the upcoming ALPHA program, please complete this form and return it by email, regular mail or drop off at St. Martin of Tours Rectory, 40 Seaman Ave., Bethpage NY 11714. You will receive notification confirming you as a participant.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

*To return the registration form or for more information
alphasmot@gmail.com
Or call 516 931-0818*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 22: SOUP SUPPER 6PM-8PM Emmaus Hall (Cafeteria)**
- Mar 26: Hartigan Council Lenten Pancake Breakfast 9:30-11:30 St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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

