

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 8

6:30 Christopher Mazurkiewicz
 9:00 Catherine, Madeline & Elizabeth Reilly

Tuesday - May 9

6:30 Stan Stachez
 9:00 Hanley & Rochford Families

Wednesday - May 10

6:30 Myra Mandolese
 9:00 Rose & William Thompson

Thursday - May 11

6:30 Robert Harris
 9:00 Anthony Segretto

Friday - May 12

6:30 Anna Ippolito
 9:00 Laurence, Rose & Edward Rasmussen

Saturday - May 13

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Louis Ruggiero, John & Gertrude O'Rourke
 7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - May 14

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Paul James Fidnarick
 10:00 Patrick & Niall Hanrahan
 11:30 The Drew Family
 1:00 Mary O'Neil
 5:30 Michele Rita Barone

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
 Tues. Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
 Wed. Acts 12:23-13:5a; John 12:44-50
 Thurs. Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
 Fri. Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
 Sat. Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
Sun. Acts 6:1-7 *There were complaints that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Seven deacons were appointed to oversee an equitable distribution of food.*

1 Peter 2:4-9 *Christ is the cornerstone, precious to God. All who believe are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" called to proclaim the gospel.*

John 14:1-12 *Jesus told the disciples that he would prepare a place for them in heaven. He explained that, in order to know the Father, one must first know the Son. People of faith will do the works I do and still greater.*



Divine Mercy Novena

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly for 4/30/17: \$16,518.17

Thank you for your great generosity to SMT!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gifts of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who respond and give thanks for God's blessings by sharing their gifts of time and talent in service "to and through" our parish ministries.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Physical injuries are easier to recover from if you are in good physical health. It's the same with spiritual injuries. If you are having doubts, questions or just wondering if God is even listening to you, the stronger your faith - the easier your recovery will be. We all have these moments. Remember, God is closest to you in these troubling times. "...It was then that I carried you."

Our next meeting will be Monday May 8th at 7:30PM in the Church. Be a friend--Bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

Congratulations to our H.O.P. Club Winners

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| 5/1/17 | #246 | Elsie M. Barone | \$25 |
| 5/2/17 | #104 | Lisa & Ray Haller | \$25 |
| 5/3/17 | #531 | Rita Tarry | \$25 |
| 5/4/17 | #376 | Loretta Haack-DeCaro | \$25 |
| 5/5/17 | #125 | Dorothy Mancini | \$50 |

Wedding Banns

3rd Jeffrey Brousseau & Katie Lawrence
 2nd Matthew Mancuso & Jillian Chiarappa
 1st Mario Gambino & Amanda Day



"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 boxed milk, Ramen Noodles, canned potatoes, canned chicken, tomato sauce, mixed fruit, pears, peaches, vegetable soup, coffee, juice, sugar, Jell-O, pudding, crackers, icing, dish soap, diapers size 6, wipes and paper towels.

Due to your tremendous generosity, we were able to help 381 people from 78 families during the month of April. **Thank you!**

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 May 7 - 13, 2017

In Loving Memory of
Angela, Patricia & Sophie Critelli



Sanctuary Candle
Week of May 7 - 13, 2017

In Loving Memory of
Dorothy Froehlich



Rest in Peace
Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
 Vaclav Sourek, Kevin Gorman

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 Battiatia, 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, 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 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 Tom Doty, Lynn Calo, Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller Susan Carroll-Goyan, 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, Taylor, Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR Chris Mitchell, Terrence Lynam, Joseph Kostyak, Johnny D. William Castle, Anthony Morello, Anthony Krich, Aida Gilday Candy DeVita Frank Ballatore, Jr., Anthony Della Croce Christine Orlando, Nicole Carbone, 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, Andrew McCarthy Alicia Manetta, Frank LoPinto Baby Lucia Bianchi, Uncle Ed, Declan McCollough Pat James Joseph, 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, Chris Spinoso Glenn Clentes, Jim Moran, Robert Collelouri, Arthur Baudo Kathy Smith, Jenna Black, Baby Grayson, Michael Leva Veronica McCarthy-Pigott

Pastor's Letter

Here is the funeral homily I gave for New York City Firefighter William *Billy* Tolley. I am putting this homily in the bulletin as a tribute to him, to the New York City Fire Department, to all firefighters and all first responders. Thank you for who you are and your great service.

Along with people of every faith, nationality, and culture, I offer my deepest condolences to you Marie, the wife of Billy Tolley, to your precious daughter Bella, to his mother Marie and her husband Frank, to his father Bob and his wife Marion, to his brother Bobby and his wife Amy, to Marie's sister Kim and her husband Ryan, to her sister Theresa and her husband Steve, to his best friend Chris, to his brothers and sisters of Fire Company Ladder 135 and Engine 286, to the people of New York City, to the members of the band *Internal Bleeding*, and to the thousands of firefighters who have traveled to Bethpage from far and near in memory of their fallen brother.

We New Yorkers cherish the well-earned name given to our firefighters: *New York's Bravest*. Your members have shown that throughout your history. We love and value you for who you are and what you do for us day in and day out, often unnoticed until a tragic moment such as the death of firefighter Billy Tolley on Thursday, April 20th occurs. His death leaves so many pained, confused, and crying out for meaning during their sorrow.

Billy's daughter Bella, named after Billy's grandmother, knew something was wrong before Marie could find the words to tell her about her Daddy. *Mommy, why were you gone all day yesterday? What happened? I know something is wrong!* As courageous, strong and brave as any firefighter who has ever rushed into a burning building, this loving mother, carrying her crushing grief, gently tells Bella that her Daddy has gone home to God. Bella, as wise as any ancient philosopher says, *Mommy, Daddy is too young to die*. Bella, as vulnerable and innocent as any eight-year little girl can be on the Eve of her first communion, cries; *Mommy, I have no Daddy*. In the numbness of her pain, Marie tells her, *Bella, you know Daddy loved to help people. That's what firemen do. They help people. Your Daddy was a good man who died helping people*. In the words of the most difficult conversation a parent can ever have with her child, we hear words of faith. Our second reading today from St. Paul, the great preacher of the Resurrection of Jesus, proclaims the same faith-filled words of Marie: *For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*.

It is true that only with great difficulty does a person die for a good person, though perhaps for such a person one might find the courage to die. Billy, like any firefighter, put his life on the line, for any person who called for help. Creed, color, nationality means nothing to a firefighter. Their goal is to protect and save lives. Jesus Christ, the Son of God and a man like us in all things but sin, was willing to die for everyone who had ever lived. Jesus Christ died out of love for Billy Tolley, and for every one of us.

Billy was a man of passion. His brother Bobby told me that Billy had a passion for being a firefighter. It was not a job to him but a calling, a way of life. Bobby told me his brother cared about everyone and would help anyone he could. Billy was a devoted father. I asked Bella what are some of the favorite things you did with your Daddy. She told me, *I loved to play the drums with him and I love to go to get chocolate ice cream with him*.

The teachers in our religious education program knew him as the gentle father who dropped Bella off for her religion class and picked her up. We knew him as the Dad who sat with Bella and Marie at our 10:00AM children's Mass and clapped along with the song you just sang before the Gospel: *Alle, Alle*. Billy was loved by his fire department family, especially those of his fire company the *Myrtle Turtles*. His wife Marie laughed at the memory of how Billy loved gadgets. He had gadgets to boil eggs, slice eggs and to peel eggs. Recently when Marie was preparing a watermelon to serve, Billy said he would like to look for a watermelon slicer. Billy, the driver of the fire truck, liked to add his personally made gadgets to the truck, but I better not mention that with the Fire Commissioner present here since that is against department regulations! Billy was determined to make the first communion party for Bella perfect, and since Bella loved cupcakes, he was going to get a cross made from cupcakes. He ended buying two cakes since he had forgot that he had ordered one already. Recently, Billy put tin foil on a budding robin's nest on his porch to stop their building there. After his death, the robins continue to use the tinfoil as a roof, and Bella and Marie knew Billy was home with God. They had this sign as he laughed with them in eternity. There was an expression used by both his family and his firefighter family: *that's Billy being Billy*.

He loved playing the drums in the band and going on tour with them. I must confess my music taste runs between elevator music and FM Lite, but it was clear from the outpouring of praise and love that Billy and his band *Internal Bleeding* have received that he was a very talented and gifted man. On the Band's Facebook, they wrote: "Our drummer, the heartbeat of the band, died today." The group wrote on its Facebook page, "*There are ZERO WORDS to describe the loss. He was a good, decent and honorable man who loved his friends, his family and the people he served. There will never be another like him.*"

Zero Words to describe the loss brings us back to Bella's question about why did her Daddy have to die. The last time Billy Tolley was in this church was at the 10:00AM Mass on Easter Sunday. He heard proclaimed the heart of the Catholic faith in the Gospel that morning as he sat with his family. *As the friends of Jesus go to anoint his dead body, they are asked a question by an angel standing in empty tomb. Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has been raised and goes before you in Galilee. Go and tell his disciples.* A few years ago, I was on a tour of the Holy Land and stood in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Our tour guide, a Palestinian Catholic, told us: *This is the place where Jesus rose from the dead. I know that because my father told me that. He knew that because his father told him...and down through the generations we have passed on by the power of the Holy Spirit this truth: Jesus has been raised from the dead. Today, and at every Mass we announce the message as Jesus told us to: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.*

Another question remains: *why do you look for the living among the dead?* Billy's dead body is in the casket, but Billy is not there. Billy's love for his family, his friends, his passions for firefighting and music, his dreams and hopes, his memories, all that made Billy *Billy* we Catholics call his soul, his spirit. That which made Billy *Billy* lives. God breathed that soul into Billy forty-two years ago, and that soul is eternal, that soul is with God and will be one day reunited with his body. Billy is more alive today in the kingdom of God than he was as he climbed that ladder in Ridgewood. He is loving Bella and Marie and all of you right now. Jesus told us, *I am the Resurrection and the Life, whoever believes in me shall never die.* In the famous Gospel passage of John that gives so much hope to Christians, Jesus said, *God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not die but have eternal life.*

Bella, when you receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time this Saturday, tell Jesus you love him and tell Jesus to take the best care of your father. Remember the little book we gave you on Easter Sunday at Mass; *The angel said, Don't be scared. Jesus is no longer dead. Look inside and you will see that He is not here. He is risen. Yes, it's true. Just as he said he would die.* Bella, I know you're sad, but I also know that your Daddy is alive with Jesus and that your Daddy will always be loving you. My brothers and sisters, why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen. Billy Tolley is home with God. I will end with a prayer about remembering Billy:

*BURY MY BODY but don't bury my beliefs
 BURY MY HEART but don't bury my love
 BURY MY EYES but not my vision
 BURY MY FEET but not the path of my life
 BURY MY HANDS but don't bury my work
 BURY MY SHOULDERS but not the concerns I carried
 BURY MY VOICE but not my message
 BURY MY MIND but don't bury my dreams
 BURY ME BUT DON'T BURY MY LIFE. I am with you; I am with Jesus*

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BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, May 15, 2017 from 2PM - 8PM

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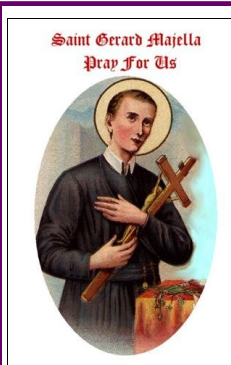
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For more information, please contact Jack Batt (516) 868-8192.



St. Gerard Majella
Patron of expectant parents and
those wishing to become pregnant

We have a very nice image of St. Gerard in our prayer area. I am looking to establish a simple St. Gerard Ministry. My hope is to encourage couples to pray before the image of St. Gerard and to receive a blessing from one of our clergy with St. Gerard's relic.

I hope to develop a photo book of St. Gerard Babies. These would be given to us by grateful parents who prayed for his intercession. I also have holy cards to give to those who pray at the icon of St. Gerard. I do not think this ministry would take too much time. Let me know if you are interested. Father Pat woodscsr@aol.com

VIRTUS - PROTECTING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Anyone wishing to volunteer or work within the Diocese of Rockville Centre must register and attend a Virtus Training Class. **To register, please go to www.virtusonline.org and click on First-Time Registrant at the left of the home page.** If you have any difficulty, please contact the rectory at (516) 931-0818 and someone will get back to you.

Next Virtus Class at SMT
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 @ 7PM - St. Alphonsus Parish Hall
38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage

(a one-story building located behind the rectory office)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING: the pastor of the parish must send a letter to Bishop Barres *at least 10 days in advance* requesting the training for each person attending. **This letter must mention the date and location of the session the person will attend.**

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

In Nassau:

"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 20, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM

St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

In Suffolk:

"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 13, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers at St. Elizabeth, Melville.

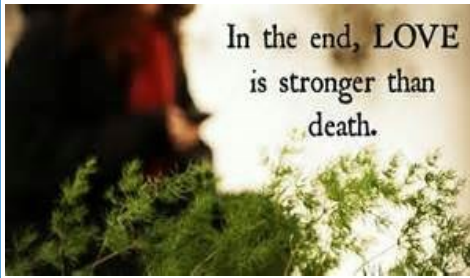
Session "B" - Wednesday, May 10, 2017; 7:00—10PM

WORKSHOP FEES: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: \$30 per person (fee paid by St. Martin's)

The death of Firefighter Billy Tolley was a tragedy. As I reflected on this death, my mind went back to the time of September 11th, 2001. A week or so after the terror attack, there was a memorial Mass at that Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn as there were at churches all over the United States and the world. I was asked to be the homilist for the Mass at the Basilica. The church was filled to overflowing that night and I can still remember firefighters carrying up the bread and wine to the altar in their boots and work clothes since they were on duty if a fire were to be called in. In those dark days, with so much death and pain, the words that I kept hearing in my prayer were, *Love is stronger than death*. Without being conscious of it, it is a scripture passage from *The Song of Songs* (Ch. 8:6) and it kept running through my mind: *Set me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, its jealousy as enduring as the grave. Love flashes like fire, the brightest kind of flame.*

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is stronger than death, its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord.

- Love is stronger than death was the message that I chose to preach on that hot September evening sixteen years ago. As I reflect on the life and death and promise of resurrection of Firefighter Billy Tolley, that ancient refrain echoes again in my mind and heart. *Love is stronger than death.*
- I saw the power of love in the bond shared between Marie, Billy's wife and their daughter, Bella. As broken-hearted as Marie was, her love was so focused on comforting Bella. And Bella's was clinging to Mom as her Mom was holding onto her. In being together, they could take small steps forward. *Love is stronger than death.*
- I saw the power of love in the families of Marie and Billy. Through the days of the wake and funeral, Marie and Bella, as well as Billy's parents and brother, were surrounded by a circle of loving and compassionate support from family and friends. *Love is stronger than death.*
- I saw the power of love in the New York City Firefighters. Like Marie and Billy's family, they, bearing their own deep sorrow, did everything they could to assist the family and comfort them. The wake and funeral were rites that were carried with great dignity in heart-felt testimony to their fallen brother. *Love is stronger than death.*
- I saw the power of love in the thousands of firefighters and first responders that came from all the United States and from other countries witnessed to their respect for Billy Tolley. *Love is stronger than death.*
- I saw the power of love in the people who posted red ribbons, who made signs, who welcomed the firefighters as they showed support and kindness. Many people made donations to help support the education of Bella. *Love is stronger than death.*
- Bishop John Barres cleared his calendar, and with a Confirmation Mass still to celebrate, came in support of the family of Billy Tolley. *Love is stronger than death.*
- I saw the power of love in the presence of so many civic officials who came to represent the people of New York City and Long Island. *Love is stronger than death.*



- I saw the power of love in our parish community. Several members of our parish staff and ministries had very important roles to play in the planning of the liturgy, the music, serving at the Mass, hosting the visiting dignitaries, helping with setting up and preparing spaces for those participating in the funeral, cleaning the church, and many other details. They worked long hours, in addition to their regular duties, in providing a welcoming spirit to all who came to St. Martin's and in support of our parishioners, Marie and Bella. As I parish, you can be most proud of those who are on staff and those who serve in our various funeral ministries. I know Bella took comfort in seeing two of her religious education teachers at the funeral. *Love is stronger than death.*
- I saw the power of love at the First Communion service we had on Saturday. Being sensitive to make sure there were enough seats for all the families of the children making their First Holy Communion, several firefighters from Billy's company came into church. When I thanked them for coming at the end of the Mass, the entire church rose and gave them a standing ovation. How wonderful are our parishioners? *Love is stronger than death.*

Carnation Sale!

The SMT Youth Ministry will be selling carnations after all Masses on Mother's Day, May 14th! 1 for \$2; 3 for \$5 and 12 for \$15. All proceeds go to benefit our youth programs.



Life Night: 5/7/17 6:45-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Center. All high school teens welcome! Email Patricia Draghi at SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com for more information.



The next Edge night is Thursday, May 11th from 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Center. All middle schoolers are welcome!

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.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

MARIJUANA SCORES BADLY IN "ENTIRELY PREDICTABLE" REPORT : Excerpts from CNA/CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY: A recent report shows that traffic deaths, crime, emergency room visits and youth usage of marijuana increased significantly in the first two years following the legalization of recreational pot in the state of Colorado. Released by the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area in September, the report compared marijuana-related statistics from previous years in Colorado to data from 2013 - 2015, the first years after legalization of recreational marijuana. About one in five more youth are now reporting having used marijuana in the past month since its legalization. Marijuana related hospitalizations in the state nearly doubled from 6,305 in 2011 to 11,439 in 2014. The biggest health concern for YOUNG PEOPLE using marijuana is its HARMFUL EFFECT ON THE BRAIN, WHICH CONTINUES its DEVELOPMENT WELL INTO A PERSON'S 20s. The main active ingredient in marijuana, THC, binds to receptors in the brain and can cause a SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN IQ over time. A 2012 study published in the NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES found that ADOLESCENT EXPOSURE TO MARIJUANA can lead to an 8 POINT DROP IN IQ, on par with the drop seen in CHILDREN EXPOSED TO LEAD. Marijuana can also be addictive, with one in six adolescent users developing a dependence over time.

A SECONDARY HEALTH CONCERN is TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, which make up the leading cause of death in teens - 20 year olds. According to the report, in 2009 marijuana related traffic deaths involving operators testing positive for marijuana represented 10% of all TRAFFIC FATALITIES in Colorado. **By 2015, that number doubled to 21% The amount of youth reporting marijuana use after legalization, compared to before, increased by about 20 percent. COLLEGE-AGE Coloradans now rank first in the nation for marijuana use.**

Tom Gorman, Director of Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, which released the report, also believes that the negative impact will only increase overtime. "Any time you legalize a substance you're going to have more people using. The more people you have using, the more adverse (effects) you're going to have on society, as well as the individual," he told CNA.

"ALCOHOL IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THAT, BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE USE AND ABUSE ALCOHOL. We almost have AS MANY PEOPLE ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL as ALL THE ILLEGAL DRUGS COMBINED. We can expect the same thing from marijuana, although with alcohol you don't necessarily drink to get drunk. With marijuana, you smoke to get high. The report is also a good reference point for OTHER STATES CONSIDERING LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA. Until now, there hasn't been enough data available. "If you look at it overall and you look at the trends, which are all negative, whether it's emergency room visits or hospitalization or fatalities or DRUG USE AMONG OUR KIDS, the other states now have some data to make an informed decision. This article was originally published Sept. 9, 2016. Tags: Catholic News, Drugs, Marijuana.

ANNUAL BABY SHOWER - COLLECTION IN THE GATHERING AREA The Weekend of June 10th and 11th

ON OUR WISH LIST: diapers, wipes, baby lotion and baby oil, monitors, breast pumps, baby clothes, toddler to size 4, crib sets, bassinette sheets, bumpers, blankets, thermometers, baby food, juices, potties, diaper disposals, baths, shampoo, newborn items. A special treat would be the wonderful knitted and crocheted blankets, hats, and booties made with love by all you talented ladies. **SLIGHTLY USED:** cribs that convert into beds, swings, strollers, car seats – not over 5 years old – bassinets, high chairs, pack and plays and jump seats. There will be volunteers available to accept all donations on June 10 & 11. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ITEMS IN THE RECTORY.** We will be hiring another truck to take all the items to the Deer Park Life Center. The Life Center would like to thank you in advance for your incredible generosity for these young mothers and their babies. All the items you donate will be off the shelves within a week of arrival in Deer Park. They are desperately needed. Any questions



please call Diana Hart Mirando (516) 830-5077.

**HOLY PICTURES OF THE SAINTS
CANDLE REMEMBRANCES**

Arrangements can be made at the parish office to have a candle lit for one week. Suggested donation is \$20. The name of the person will be placed in front of the saint's picture of your choosing - St. Anne, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Jude, St. Peregrine or St. Therese of Lisieux. Please see p. 14 for the list of names for this week. God bless and be with each and every one.



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Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St. Martin of Tours Church in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979

St. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:

**2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY
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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.

**FOR THOSE SEEKING THE
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

St. Martin of Tours offers a three week sacramental review on the following Wednesdays at 7:30PM in the Faculty Lounge of the school: May 17, 24, 31. Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017. For more information please call Ann Hughes at (516) 433-6972 or the Rectory at (516) 931-0818.

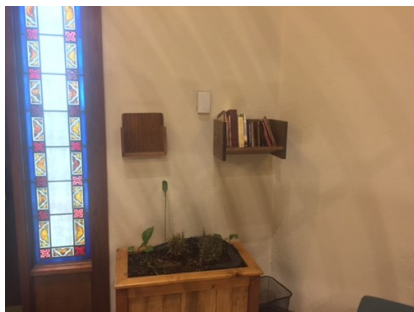
Bishop John Barres has written his first pastoral letter, **Miracle of the Sun Fatima - 100 years**, to the people of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. It is a deeply spiritual message, based on the message of Our Blessed Mother in her appearances at Fatima, Portugal one hundred years ago, calling us to pray the rosary for world peace and for our families. Copies of the entire document will be available to you; I have put together a few highlights for you. Here they are:

*As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance in Fatima, I ask every Catholic of every age in the Church of Rockville Centre to pray the rosary daily during the month of May 2017 in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and for the promotion of **dramatic missionary growth** on Long Island. As we rediscover or discover the 1917 Miracle of Our Lady's Apparitions in Fatima, it is an historical moment and opportunity to rekindle our devotion to Mary in 2017. Here are some of the key themes of Our Lady of Fatima for us to reflect on together:*

From May 13 to October 13 of 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima (Portugal) to three poor shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. The apparitions were preceded by three apparitions of an angel in the spring of 1916. On each occasion, Our Lady asked them to say the rosary and to offer reparation for the offenses made to her Immaculate Heart. On October 13, 1917, an event that was foretold by Our Lady to the shepherd children occurred before thousands of people so that the world would believe the message of the apparitions. For about ten minutes, the sun spun in the sky like a wheel of fire. This moment witnessed by thousands is often referred to as "the Miracle of the Sun." Our Lady of Fatima asked for the world to be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart.



The rosary is a contemplative and biblical prayer. Praying the rosary deeply has a profound impact on every dimension of our prayer life and every effort we make to share the gift of our Catholic faith. The 100th Anniversary of Fatima is an opportunity for every Catholic of every age and vocation to rediscover the power of the rosary and to pray it with deeper fervor, strength and concentration. In this fallen world, violence, war and persecution often dominate the global stage and our hope can easily erode. But Our Lady of Fatima asks us to understand and believe that the world can be better and that her intercession and our prayers, and the power of the rosary can help turn historical tides of turmoil to peace. She asks us to pray for peace in the world and for those who are persecuted for their faith. She asks us to pray for peace in our hearts and peace in our families knowing that peace within families is critical to the architecture of global peace.



In the Eucharistic Chapel, we have placed a small bookshelf with several prayers books that have a focus on visits to the Blessed Sacrament. One can pray just sitting silently in front of the tabernacle, speaking and listening to Jesus in the Real Presence. Still, I know some of us find a prayer book or book with spiritual reflections, helpful in assisting us to pray.

PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY



Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
 CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC
 L CPL James Kruper, USMC
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 CPT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
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 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
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 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
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 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
 LTC John Evans, US Army
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
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 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
 SSG George Howard, US Army
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
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Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ COST: \$45 pp

Payable To: Martin Hirschfield

THIS COURSE WILL BE HELD:

SEND TO:

Location: St. Martin of Tours @ St. Alphonsus Hall

Driver Ed

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017


PO Box 314, Dept. V

Time: 8:30AM to 3:00PM

Lake Grove, NY 11755

Your Name & Tel. No.

**For registration and information,
 please call 631 360-9720**




May 5 - 11, 2017
 A candle has been lit for
 Erika Mutch
 in honor of St. Anne

Please do not switch on candles if there is no name in front of the picture.

Thank you. Father Pat

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Celebrate God's love and mercy for each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are November 3-5, 2017 in Huntington, NY and June 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit us at <http://www.wmeli.org>.

Kellenberg Memorial High School Reunions for Classes of 1997, 2002, and 2012

On Saturday, June 24, 2017, the classes of 1997, 2002, and 2012 will celebrate their 20, 15, and 5-year reunions. The evening will begin with Mass at 6PM, followed by cocktail receptions from 7PM to 10PM. Invitations have been mailed. If you did not receive one, please update your mailing address by emailing alumni@kellenberg.org. You may also find more information or register online by visiting www.kellenberg.org/reunion. Please also save the date for reunions for the classes of 1992 and 2007, which will be held on September 9, 2017!



Wednesday, May 24 Vigil of the Ascension
 7PM Fr. Ciya Thomas

Thursday, May 25 Ascension
 6:30AM Fr. Ciya Thomas
 9:00AM Fr. Pat Woods
 10:30AM Fr. Jim McCabe
 12 Noon Fr. Pat Woods
 7PM Fr. Jim McCabe

Save the Dates!



SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHTS



SAINT ALPHONSUS HALL

Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th
8PM Both Nights

Mellow Music from the 60's to present
 In a relaxed coffee house setting
 Featuring select vocalists and instrumentalists

50/50 Raffle

FREE WILL DONATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 14: Youth Ministry Mother's Day Carnation Sale after all Masses
- May 15: Blood Drive at Knights of Columbus 2PM - 8PM
- May 20: Defensive Driving Course 8:30AM - 3:00PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 24: Virtus Class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 24: Vigil of the Ascension 7PM Mass Church
- May 25: Ascension of the Lord - All Masses in Church
- May 25: Rectory Office Closed
- June 2: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- June 3: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- June 7: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall. Registration a must. Please see p. 11.
- Jun 9 & 10: SMT Coffee House Nights 8PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 10 & 11: Life Center of LI Baby Shower. Drop off this weekend only in Gathering Area.