

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 22

6:30 John P. Rafferty
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday - May 23

6:30 Rev. George Keaveney, CSsR, Anniversary
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday - May 24

6:30 Joseph Patrick Kenna
9:00 Mother's Day Novena
7PM Patrick & Mary Foley - **Vigil of the Ascension**

Thursday - May 25

6:30 Peter E. McGinnis
9:00 Louis & Inez Serventi
10:30 Kathleen Boyle
12PM Marie Kruckel
7PM John Nappi II

Friday - May 26

6:30 Nicoletta Mattariello
9:00 George Spindler, 20th Anniversary

Saturday - May 27

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Jenene Trappasse
7:00 Frank Bella

Sunday - May 28

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Clement Sweeney
10:00 Margaret E. Stoll
11:30 Joan Fowler
1:00 John Majewski
5:30 Marjorie Hughes

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a
Tues. Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wed. Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
Thurs. Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20
Fri. Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Sat. Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

Sun. Acts 1:12-14 *After the Ascension, the apostles returned to the upper room in Jerusalem to pray. They were joined by Mary and others.*

1 Peter 4:13-16 *The person who suffers for the sake of Christ can rejoice and glory in the Lord. God's Spirit in its glory has come to rest on that person.*

John 17:1-11a *Jesus prayed to the Father for all those whom the Father had given him. He asked the Father to remember them, for Jesus was glorified in them, and they really belong to the Father.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly for 5/14/17: \$16,099.34

Thank you for your great generosity to SMT!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to choose wisely, act justly and hold to what is best for the good of all.

Charismatic Prayer Group

How often do you check your phone for texts or messages? Now, how often do you check with God for **His** messages? If you only connect with God at Mass, you have no idea what you are missing! Sure, it's not as easy as tapping your phone. You have to be quiet. So put away your technology and just listen. He has so much to tell you. Do you think I come up with these things on my own??

Our next meeting is Monday May 22nd at 7:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Be a friend - bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for more information and prayer requests.



Saint Maria Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

Congratulations to our H.O.P. Club Winners

5/15/17	#235	M/M Andrew Draghi	\$25
5/16/17	#332	Barbara Boyle	\$25
5/17/17	#489	Alice DeBrino	\$25
5/18/17	#33	Patricia Gaynor	\$25
5/19/17	#25	Rose McGeever	\$50

Wedding Banns

3rd Marco Gambino & Amanda Day

2nd Joseph Tozaro & Emily Rayue

1st Jeffrey Brennick & Victoria Zagata



"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 peas, tomato paste, coffee, oil, boxed milk, vegetable soup, sugar and sugar substitute, canned mixed fruit, tomato soup, mayonnaise, cookies, brownie mix, bar soap, paper towels, diapers (size 6), dish soap, laundry soap and tooth paste.

We are very grateful for your tremendous generosity to help those in need.

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 21 - 27, 2017

In Loving Memory of
Ann & Bill Csajko



Sanctuary Candle
Week of May 21 - 27, 2017

In Loving Memory of
Michele Rita Barone

Rest in Peace

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

Vincenza Patsos, Marie Browne
Marion G. Freeman, Dorothy Parrino



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 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, Unborn Identical Twins Joann Bruno, Janine, Mary Jedlicka, Lisa Lazzara, Pete Moran

Pastor's Letter

They were six-year-old twin brothers who were always in trouble with their parents for breaking things, with the neighbors for knocking over their flowers, and with their teachers for talking in school. One day their mother, a wonderful but weary woman, saw that one of the boys had decided to draw polka dots on her newly painted wall with magic marker. She had had enough and dragged the boy to the local church and demanded to see the priest! The priest was a very imposing man who stood six foot six and weighed 250 pounds. He decided he would try to scare the boy, so he asked in loud booming voice: *Where is God?* The boy was a bit startled by his voice but he remained silent. The priest asked again in an even louder voice: *Where is God?* The boy was now afraid. The *third* time he asked the question, he was louder still! Now the boy was *so* afraid that he ran out of church to his house, went upstairs and found his twin brother and said, *we are really in trouble now! God is missing and they are blaming us!*

Where is God? I remember when the former Soviet Union sent the first men into orbit, the two cosmonauts and avowed atheistic Communists, returned and said cynically to the world, *we did not see God up there.* Apollo VIII American astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders were the first men to circle the moon and to see the earth from a distance. In contrast to the cosmonauts, when they observed what they called "the first lunar sunrise," they were so moved by what they saw that they quoted the Book of Genesis: *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

Although hundreds of thousands of images have been painted, no living person has ever seen God face-to-face. Recently, an enormously popular book entitled *The Shack* was made into a movie. *The Shack* is about a man who meets God in a shack, thus the title of the movie. The movie is Christian and shows God as Trinity - Three Persons who are so loving and committed to each other in love that they are three individuals - one in unity. In a shack, Mack the main character, meets God, the deity formally known as "Papa." Papa is an endlessly benevolent matriarch of the universe who bakes biscuits and listens to reggae on her iPod. Jesus is a hip looking fellow who is young and looks Mid-Eastern. The Holy Spirit is played by a thin, willowy Asian woman with an artistic twist. Certainly, these are not the classic images of God that we have seen through the centuries in Christian art, with a fair amount of people who were turned off by these portrayals of the Divinity. I did not agree with all the thinking in the movie, but I really did not have a problem with how God was described. God the Father and God the Holy Spirit are spirits. They do not have bodies. Jesus is now with the Father and the Spirit in a resurrected body. Not only do we wonder where is God, but we also ask what does God *look* like, and most importantly what are the characteristics of God?

As human beings, we are incapable of even beginning to grasp the mystery of God. I love this story of St. Augustine who was one of the greatest minds the world has ever known. Augustine is walking along the seashore and sees a little boy running in and out of the water as the waves lap the shore. He has a shell in his hand, and the boy keeps dipping it in and out of the ocean. Augustine says to the boy, *Little boy, what are you trying to do?* The boy says to the great saint, *I am trying to put the whole ocean in this shell.* Augustine smiles and tells the child that the ocean is far too great to fit into a little shell. The boy smiles in return and says to Augustine, *The same is true for you who is trying to understand God.*

The great gift God has given us is that He chose to come among us in the form of a man. Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, becomes fully human - like us in all things but sin. He enters so fully into humanity that he feels hunger after being in the desert; he enjoys wine at a wedding; and he weeps for a friend who has died. Finally, he so enters into humanity that he does that which is most human of all - he dies. Jesus gives us some powerful images of God: He describes God as a father who has a prodigal son whom he joyfully welcomes home with a banquet. He describes God as a Good Shepherd who risks his life to recover one of his lost sheep. He says that God is like a mother hen who wants to put her chicks under her wings. He says that God is like a farm owner who pays his daily workers a full wage whether they work an hour or the entire day. He says that God is the bread of life and that generation after generation will feed on him.

In today's Gospel, the apostles tell Jesus *we want to see the Father*. After being with Jesus, they still do not understand. Jesus patiently says, *Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.* Jesus, fully human and fully divine, shows us the Father in his words and actions. We come to get a true glimpse of the divine.

Wherever there is love, there is God. God loves us. But how do we get a sense of that love? How do we put flesh and blood on God's love? Certainly, by hearing the Word of God and by receiving His Body and Blood. But we also come to know God in the love of others. I hope you have been blessed in life to have truly been loved by at least one other person: perhaps, it was your Mom or Dad, your spouse, your children, a dear friend. No human relationship is perfect or without flaw. No human love is ever perfect; by its nature it is limited. But in these loves, we do get a taste of the divine and see a glimpse of God himself.

In the movie *The Bodyguard*, the late Whitney Houston sang a song called the *Greatest Love of All*. Other than the love of God, I would not venture to say what is the greatest human love that a person can experience. Still, I do think anyone would argue that the love of a mother for her child, be he or she age two to fifty two, would be a very strong candidate. Mothers are so very often the revealing face of God to us. I will conclude with some favorite quotes about mothers:

- * *When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway.*
- * *An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.*
- * *The natural state of motherhood is unselfishness. When you become a mother, you are no longer the center of your own universe. You relinquish that position to your children.*
- * *The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness.*

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

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The May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Sunday, May 21st at the 10AM Mass. All children who have recently received their First Holy Communion are invited and are encouraged to wear their communion outfits, but it is not required to participate.

THE MIRACLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**In Honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother
May 26th 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall - Movie on DVD**

One of the most inspirational and angelic movies ever to come to the big screen in August 1952. "The Miracle of Fatima" was directed by John Brahm, music by Max Steiner, screenwriters, Crane Wilbur and James O'Hanlon and starred Angela Clark and Gilbert Roland.



Hollywood wanted to make this motion picture very unique and one hundred percent accurate. Sister Lucia, the oldest of the three children agreed to help by giving the writers and director a full and accurate account of what she and her two cousins encountered that day. As a result, this is one of the most breathtaking and inspirational movies of all time. A must see!



Life Night: 5/21/17 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.

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 our Core Teams or just remembering to keep us in your prayers.

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.

**Update on our
Mother's Day Carnation Sale**

Thank you, SMT Parishioners, for supporting our Youth Ministry by purchasing carnations during Mother's Day weekend. After cost deductions, we have a total of \$803.00 due to your generosity. The flowers that were left over were donated to Daleview Nursing Home in Farmingdale.



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Again thanks to everyone who bought carnations or made a donation. You are very much appreciated!

**Luke's Young Artist Academy
June 27 to July 21**

Talented artist George Lucas is offering children in grades 1 to 11 the opportunity to discover their talents through pottery, hand building, drawing, painting, water color, acrylic, scratch board and print making. Individual attention can be given to those who have specific artistic interests.



Morning classes run from June 27th to July 21st at St. Martin of Tours School Building in Bethpage. The fee is \$225 for eight one and one half hour sessions with all materials and instruction included. For more information please call Mr. Lucas at (516) 448-4059 or email lukesartacademy@aol.com.



**SMT Regular Book Club - Friday , July 28, 2017 @7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
The Time Keeper by Mitch Albom**

From the author who's inspired millions worldwide with books like *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* comes his most imaginative novel yet, *The Time Keeper*, a compelling fable about the first man on Earth to count the hours. The man who became Father Time. In Mitch Albom's exceptional work of fiction, the inventor of the world's first clock is punished for trying to measure God's greatest gift. He is banished to a cave for centuries and forced to listen to the voices of all who come after him seeking more days, more years. Eventually, with his soul nearly broken, Father Time is granted his freedom, along with a magical hourglass and a mission: a chance to redeem himself by teaching two earthly people the true meaning of time.

He returns to our world--now dominated by the hour-counting he so innocently began--and commences a journey with two unlikely partners: one a teenage girl who is about to give up on life, the other a wealthy old businessman who wants to live forever. To save himself, he must save them both. And stop the world to do so. Told in Albom's signature spare, evocative prose, this remarkably original tale will inspire readers everywhere to reconsider their own notions of time, how they spend it, and how precious it truly is.

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)**

**Martin's Men will be meeting on May 23rd
at 7:30PM in
St. Alphonsus
Hall.**



**Formal attire is
not required!**

The second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign will be taken up the weekend of May 27 & 28. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries through internet, TV, radio and print media. Fifty per cent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Enthronement of the Brown Scapular

For those who wish to do so - after the 9AM Mass on Saturday, May 27th

The Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel

The Brown Scapular is a sacramental, one of the many items set apart or blessed by the Church to inspire devotion and increase holiness. The Carmelite Order, to which the Scapular belongs, originated on Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land and the Scapular is itself a reflection in miniature of the habit which the monks wear as a sign of their vocation and devotion. The Scapular devotion was born on July 16, 1251 when Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock, general of the Carmelite Order, in response to his heartfelt prayers for assistance. Holding the Scapular before him, Our Lady spoke, saying: **“Take this Scapular. Whosoever dies wearing it shall not suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and pledge of peace.”**



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 Parish 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Anthony's High School Prep Course for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam. Call DAC TEST PREP for an application at 631-663-3303 or download an application at www.dactestprep.com.

St. John the Baptist DHS Prep Course to prepare students for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam. There will be five 2 1/2 hour sessions beginning in September. Also offered is a Test Taking Strategies Class the Friday evening before the exam. Please visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call 631-587-8000 x 117 for more info.

Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead NY Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course. August 21 -25, 2017; September 16, and October 21, 2017. Cost is \$200 includes all materials. Time is 8AM - 10:30AM or 11:15AM - 1:15PM. For more info and applications, please call 516-483-7383 x 234.

Our Lady of Mercy is currently accepting registrants for its 2017-2018 Nursery to Grade 8 Programs. Please call the school office at 516-433-7040 to arrange a weekday or weekend tour.

SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHTS

Time to make reservations!

Email Elena at ladymusicsmt@aol.com

**SAINT
ALPHONSUS
HALL**



Friday June 9th and Saturday June 10th

8:00PM Both Nights

**Mellow Music from the Sixties to Present
in a relaxed coffee house setting
featuring select vocalists and instrumentalists**

50/50 Raffle

FREE WILL DONATION



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**CATHOLIC OPPOSITION TO DEATH PENALTY**

Washington D.C., May 14, 2017 (CNA) Catholic News Agency: A Catholic pledge against the death penalty cites Pope Francis' stand as a motive to increase Catholic action against capital punishment. "Catholics and all like-minded individuals need to SIGN IT; it is a pledge that will go about urging people to EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, and PRAY for an END TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT," Bishop Frank Dewane of Venice, Florida said. The bishop who heads the U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS' COMMITTEE on DOMESTIC JUSTICE and HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, told a press call May 11 that he had signed the ANTI-DEATH PENALTY PLEDGE from the Catholic Mobilizing Network. Pope Francis' comments on the death penalty feature prominently in the pledge.

"All Christians and people of good will are thus called today to fight...for the abolition of the death penalty, whether legal or illegal, and in all its forms," the Pope said in October 23, 2014 remarks to the International Association of Penal Law. The pledge commits the signer to educate himself or herself and the community about the death penalty's injustices, including the ways it risks innocent life, fails victims' families, and contradicts the Catholic Church's pro-life teaching. The signer pledges to advocate for the dignity of all life and to be "actively working to end the death penalty in my state and in my country." The signer also pledges to pray "for mercy and healing for all who are involved in the criminal justice system."

For more information on this subject, please go to www.catholicnewsagency.com or <http://catholicmobilizing.org>.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 1:30 - 4:30 PM: AMERICAN LEGION HALL, ISLIP. JASON NEGRI, MS, JD PATIENTS RIGHTS COUNCIL: Learn to thoughtfully and effectively speak about the danger PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE poses to the medically vulnerable facing END OF LIFE DECISIONS in medical and social environments increasingly comfortable with hastening a patient's death.

DR. PAUL CARPENTER, MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE GIANNA CENTER OF LONG ISLAND FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH AND FERTILITY will speak on his work to turn back PRO-PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE efforts in Massachusetts. He will offer his perspective of how this issue effects physicians. NO ADMISSION CHARGE. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. 39 Nassau Ave, behind Islip Town Hall off NY 27A. Municipal parking east side of Town Hall.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017 10:00AM - 2:00 PM AMERICAN LEGION HALL, ISLIP. TRENT HORN, AUTHOR OF PERSUASIVE PRO-LIFE; HOW TO TALK ABOUT OUR CULTURE'S TOUGHEST ISSUE. Do you get flustered or intimidated discussing abortion? Learn to calmly and effectively defend the RIGHT TO LIFE OF UNBORN HUMANS, YOUR VOICE MATTERS, BE EQUIPPED TO SAVE LIVES. NO ADMISSION CHARGE. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. THIS AND THE ABOVE LECTURE WILL BE AT THE SAME ADDRESS. BOTH ARE SPONSORED BY THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE, P.O. BOX 223 RONKONKOMA, NY. 11779
lcoalition4life@outlook.com

**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.



FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Hart Mirando (C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

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**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.

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**

**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
(631) 858-0380**

OPEN MON-SAT 10-6

**1425A New York Avenue, Huntington Station
(631) 385-1226 OPEN MON-SAT 9-5**

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

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



Memorial Day Weekend, May 27th & 28th, we will be collecting gift cards to Target, Walmart, Stop & Shop and Shop Rite for any amount. Also new twin sized sheet sets and new towels are also appreciated.

You can opt to bring them to the rectory office any time before that weekend. They will be donated to Beacon House to benefit homeless veterans and their families.

About Beacon House

The United Veterans Beacon House provides housing for homeless men and women veterans and their families. As the premier provider of veterans housing on Long Island, Beacon House has grown to administer 36 well-structured and safe housing sites for 550 residents each year. With a passionate commitment, Beacon House provides our veterans with the necessary coping skills for their successful return to independent living. Our program services include: intensive case management, coordination of all mental, emotional, and substance abuse issues. In addition, we offer job training and employment placement programs, through which we placed more than 80 veterans into sustainable employment each year. Also included, is the transportation service for medical treatment appointments, service benefit interviews, and attending workshops and recreational activities for our veterans. Thank you for your support!

St. Martin of Tours LIFE TEEN Clothing Drive

Please Support our Ministry by donating:

**Clothes, Paired Shoes, Stuffed Animals
Hand Bags, Linens, Small Toys**

Please no board games, puzzles or toys with pieces

And no blankets or pillows

For pick up, call Diana Hughes at

(516) 521-7312

or drop off at the Rectory Office.

PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

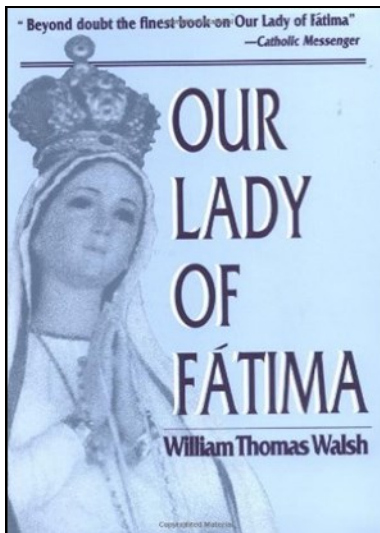


Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding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



CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
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**SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB
 FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017 at 7PM ST. ALPHONSUS HALL**

Our next book will be *Our Lady of Fatima* by William Thomas Walsh. I thought this book appropriate since this is the 100th anniversary of the appearances of the Blessed Mother at Fatima. It was written in 1954 and is consider the classic account of Fatima. It is available on Amazon.


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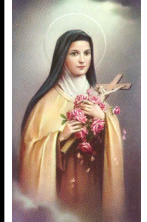
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Wednesday, May 24
Vigil of the Ascension
7:00PM Fr. Ciya Thomas

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



**There is no St. Padre Pio Holy Hour
for the months of May and June.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 21: May Crowning at 10AM Mass
- May 21: Catholic War Vets Poppy Sale & K of C Membership
- May 22: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 23: Martin's Men 7:30PM 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
- May 26: Movie Night: The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 27: Enthronement of the Brown Scapular after the 9AM Mass
- May 27 & 28: Donations for homeless vets and their families. Please see p. 12.
- May 29: Memorial Day - No 6:30AM Mass. The Rectory is closed.
- Jun 2: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jun 3: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Jun 5: Holy Face Novena 1PM Church
- Jun 6: Christian Mothers Year-End Meeting Strawberry Festival 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jun 7: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall. Registration a must. Please see p. 8
- Jun 9 & 10: SMT Coffee House Nights 8PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jun 10 & 11: Life Center of LI Baby Shower. Drop off this weekend only in Gathering Area
- Jul 21: Spiritual Book Club: Our Lady of Fatima 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jul 28: SMT Book Club: The Time Keeper 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall