

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - May 29 Memorial Day**

No 6:30AM Mass  
9:00 Robert J. McCormick

**Tuesday - May 30**

6:30 Brittany Bergin  
9:00 Ruth Walsh

**Wednesday - May 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 Peter McGinnis  
9:00 Erma Eichenlaub

**Thursday - June 1**

6:30 Mary Patricia Mullaly  
9:00 Josephine Griffo

**Friday - June 2**

6:30 Dolores & Rich Miller, Anniversary  
9:00 Francis & Madeline Slavinsky

**Saturday - June 3**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Joseph & Kathleen Doherty  
7:00 Richard & Nancy Aull

**Sunday - June 4**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Robert McCarron  
10:00 Jean & Frank Portelli  
11:30 Sam Malerba  
1:00 Marie C. Rehill, 1st Anniversary  
5:30 Minnie & Steve Creme

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33  
Tues. Acts 20:17-27; John 17:11-11a  
Wed. Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56  
Thurs. Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26  
Fri. Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19  
Sat. Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25  
**Sun. Acts 2:1-11** *On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of fiery tongues. They began to speak in different tongues, "as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."*

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13** *The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord.*

**John 20:19-23** *Jesus appeared and told the disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you...Receive the Holy Spirit."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**  
**Weekly for 5/21/17: \$15,244.17**

**Thank you for your great generosity to SMT!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.



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We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose giving - whether of alms or of service - will be an expression of gratitude for what the Father has given them.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

The words "DO NOT BE AFRAID" appear 365 times in the Bible - once for every day of the year. Coincidence? No, there are no coincidences when God is at work. Monday is Memorial Day. We remember those men and women who were not afraid to risk their own lives for our freedom. Thank those who are serving and our Vets for their service and your freedom. It is sad that God's gift of free will sometimes leads to war, terrorism and destruction of life and property. Bob Marley said it best, "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will be at peace." **Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 31st at 7:30PM in the Church. Be a friend - bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for more information and prayer requests.**

**Congratulations to our H.O.P. Club Winners**

|         |      |                      |      |
|---------|------|----------------------|------|
| 5/22/17 | #147 | Fr. Jim McCabe, CSSR | \$25 |
| 5/23/17 | #315 | Sarah L. Raab        | \$25 |
| 5/24/17 | #261 | Connie Sheehan       | \$25 |
| 5/25/17 | #341 | Elaine Toomey        | \$25 |
| 5/26/17 | #105 | Kathleen Matykiewicz | \$50 |

**Correction:** Last week's bulletin amount was incorrect for the 3rd Friday of the month. Rose McGeever won \$250, not \$50. Congratulations, Rose!



**Divine Mercy Novena**

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

Wedding Banns

3rd Joseph Tozaro & Emily Rayue  
 2nd 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 28 - June 3, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Timothy Henderson*



*Sanctuary Candle*  
*Week of May 28 - June 3, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Carmela Gandolfo*

*Rest in Peace*

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

Nina Formichelli  
 Andrew Ehrlinger, Eileen A. Gonyon



**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, Tom Mitchell 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 Bernard Kelly, Kathryn Basso, Brian John Roe III, Ann Hughes

## *Pastor's Letter*

Father Pat made this announcement at the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**A**fter a significant amount of reflection and consultation, I have decided, as of January 1, 2018, to eliminate the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass on Saturday. I have spoken at length to the parish pastoral council, the parish staff and at a parish assembly. As early as 2012, in the document that I prepared entitled *Discerning the Future*, the question of our Mass schedule was raised. I know this decision will disappoint many of you who attend the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and I regret that and any inconvenience that might occur for you from this decision. I have come to know that many parishioners have their favorite Mass to attend, and it is hard to ask you to accept this change.

However, I have been convinced for several years that our parish does not need eight Sunday Masses. (two on Saturday evening and six on Sunday). I wish we had the need for even more Masses but this is not the case. Attendance at Masses, with some very few exceptions, has been in decline in the United States for many years. There are numerous studies done on this and many factors would enter the discussion of this reality. We have had many such discussions on this topic at various meetings in our parish. Over the years, I have observed that none of our eight Masses are completely full. The 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and the 10:00 a.m. on Sunday are close to being full. The 7:00 a.m. on Sunday is rather consistent in its attendance as is the 11:30 a.m. on Sundays. They are rather well attended liturgies. I have found attendance at the 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, the 8:30 a.m., the 1:00 p.m., and the 5:30 p.m. on Sunday are rarely well-attended and at other times, the church is more than half empty.

I considered eliminating two weekend Masses and making some changes in the Mass schedules. However, I thought it best to start in a careful way that would do the least amount to upset the life of the parish.

Why cut back on weekend Masses? We have enough priests here at St. Martin's. This is a very fair question to ask. In full disclosure, I have been informed by my Redemptorist superiors that we will be getting another Redemptorist priest here in September. So, there will be four men on our staff. (this can often change as you know) This makes any questions about changing Masses schedule even more confusing to some parishioners. I understand that. The reasons I am acting now is that, with the desire of many parishioners that I open the Mass books soon, I had to have this decision in place. Unless there are some very unusual circumstances, once we begin to accept Mass intentions for the year 2018, there can be no revision of our Mass schedule until January of 2019. A commitment to say an intention Mass is one that is taken very seriously.

Here are the key reasons I believe this is the time to adjust the Mass schedule:

- I have two years left here at St. Martin's as your pastor. Although I would be happy to leave everything as it is, I do not think that is fair to the next pastor and to the parishioners. As we look at the future, it seems very clear that there will be less priests available in the not too distant future.
- I also believe that liturgy, the Mass, is a richer experience, when more people are present in the community. Attending Mass is both a personal and communal act of the worship of God.

- Thirdly, it is the mind of the Church that a priest should not celebrate too many Masses in a day. Although many priests say two and three Masses on a Sunday, (and sometimes on weekdays with funerals and weddings) this is only done with the permission of the local bishop. This has nothing to do about making the priest do too much. It is a concern that saying three and four Masses on a Sunday may impact the spirituality of the priest and move him from truly praying to going through the motions of celebrating the Eucharist.

Since I have been here at St. Martin's, I have found our priests to be very generous with their time and talents. I have never heard any confrere complain about having to say too many Masses. I believe our priests take joy in celebrating the Eucharist with you. I would never dare to say we priests are overworked since I believe you have very challenging and difficult work schedules as well as other responsibilities. Although I consulted with the other priests, this was my decision. I considered doing surveys and more discussions, but I became convinced that such discussions would not be fruitful and might even cause hurt and division in our parish. That is the least thing I would want. The clear majority of us would find it difficult to let go of the Mass we most like to attend.

I have found that each of our eight Sunday Masses has its own flavor and style. Each Eucharist was prayerful. My decision to discontinue to the 7:00 p.m. was in no way a decision based on how well the congregation participated, how well they supported the parish, or any factors rather than three reasons I gave above. The spiritual needs of every parishioner are important to me.

I would be happy to speak personally with anyone about this decision. Change can be difficult for many people, including myself. There is enormous life and energy here at St. Martin's and I continue to be amazed at how many lives are touched by the ministries of this parish. The Eucharist is at the heart of the Church and our parish. The Eucharist leads us to feed the poor in our parish outreach center and to the service of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, to the education of 1,200 children in religious education, to welcoming new members in our parish through our baptisms and RCIA programs, to bringing Holy Communion to the sick, to marrying couples, to lifting the burden of sins from people, and to offering comfort to those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

I hope you do not see the changing of our Mass schedule as a lack of life in our parish. St. Martin's is a vibrant faith community.

**Father Patrick Woods, CSSR**

**woodscsr@aol.com**

**website: [smtbethpage.org](http://smtbethpage.org)**

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**The Schedule for the 2018 Mass Book Opening**



**Saturday, June 3 from 9:45AM to 12 Noon & 1PM to 4:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**  
**Monday, June 5 from 1PM to 4PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**  
**Monday, June 5 from 7PM to 9PM in the Rectory Office**

**Please Note:** No more than 5 masses per family and you must be present to reserve mass intentions. The Mass book will be returned to the Rectory Office after the June 5th bookings are completed. Thank you for your gift of mass intentions for your loved ones.



**NO Life Night: 5/28/17 Happy Memorial Day!**

**Email Patricia Draghi at [SMT\\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:SMT_Lifeteen@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:lukesartacademy@aol.com).

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**  
**ROSARY CONFRATERNITY**

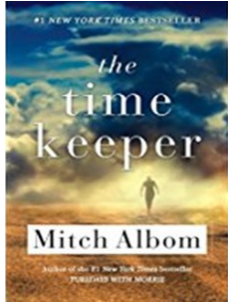
**End of Year Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 6th at 7:30PM**  
**St. Alphonsus Hall**

We will have:

- A guest speaker - "Building Better Balance"
- Installation of Officers
- Strawberry Festival

***All Women are Welcome!***

***The second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign will be taken up this week-end May 27 & 28.*** Fifty per cent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



**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. 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.

**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](http://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](http://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.

**Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event in **St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, 38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.** Please contact them for complete information and costs. You have 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Our Annual Summer Bible Camp**  
**Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning Session:** 9:30AM to 12:00PM Children between 5 & 8  
**Evening Session:** 6:30PM to 8:30PM Children between 9 & 12  
**Cost:** \$25.00 for one child  
\$40.00 for two children from the same family

Registration forms are being prepared for the bulletin. In the meantime, you can reserve a placement by calling the rectory at 931-0818.



# **SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHTS**

**Time to make reservations!**

**Email Elena at [ladymusicsmt@aol.com](mailto: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

**PRAYER AT YOUR TABLE:** Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. It is a day to give thanks for all those that made the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe here at home. It is traditional to FLY THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES AT HALF STAFF FROM DAWN UNTIL NOON. Many of us will visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many of us volunteer to place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries. Some of us may visit the National Cemetery Pinelawn in Farmingdale, To stand in the center of this resting place for our honored dead, looking upon thousands upon thousands of plain white head stones, brings about reality of so many that have died for our freedom. To read the ages of many of these young men and women will bring tears to your eyes, as many are 17, 18, 19 years of age. So young. So brave.



So, as we gather together this Memorial Day Weekend, we may choose to picnic, go to the beach, enjoy family barbeques, or take a vacation. We worry about the traffic, weather conditions, coupons for sales in stores, and may put aside the true celebration for this holiday. We worry about terror attacks that might occur in our own communities, airports, train stations, sports arenas. REMEMBER, those who are at this very moment, fighting for and defending each one of us on this holiday.

All of these fine men and women that fill the cemeteries of our country had dreams much like our own. They thought of home and family and a day to celebrate those that had fallen. All of our military today are dreaming the same dreams - home, family, country. Pray for their safety. Pray for their families. Pray for those who lost their lives generations ago. Talk to your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren about the meaning of this Memorial Day Weekend. HOLD HANDS AT THE TABLE and say a prayer for all those lost and for all those serving us today.

### TOGETHER, LET US PRAY

"THAT WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN; THAT THIS NATION, UNDER GOD, SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM; AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH."

Excerpt from President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 1863



A parishioner is leading a ten day pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal from September 15 - 24, 2017. The pilgrimage also includes visits to Lourdes, Barcelona, and several other special places. The cost of the trip with airfare is \$3,359.00. As you know, this is a very special year to make such a pilgrimage since this is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady appearing at Fatima to the three children. For more information, please contact Anne Marie at 516-697-4969.



**Father Pat's Homily - Sunday May 21, 2017**

The Redemptorist seminary I attended many years ago was located on beautiful land overlooking the Hudson River near Kingston, New York in a little hamlet called Esopus. It was there that I was ordained to the priesthood. The property was quite expansive and we owned four or five horses that had once worked as police horses in New York City. I was never much for riding the horses since they seemed to prefer less *well-built* men than myself. However, I was assigned to care for them on the horse crew. So every day I had to go the barn, clean their stalls, feed them and wash them. These horses were quite placid, but they were quite intelligent. They could sense my anxiety as I cared for them so they occasionally played with me by brushing into me and making loud sounds. After a few weeks of this work, I suddenly found myself having an attack of what turned out to be a form of asthma. For several hours I was short of breath. It frightened me so much that I went to the emergency room, was given an injection, and told that it was probably due to working with hay and horses. I have never had another attack as I retired from my horse work. Naturally, my loving classmates chose to say that I was more allergic to work than horses. I will let you be the judge of that!

Still, being short of breath is a serious and frightening medical concern. It is often the sign of heart or lung issues. It is very painful to see a person struggling to breathe and gasp for air. We cannot live without breathing. When I teach children about God and prayer, I tell them to pay attention to their breathing and to notice that they are drawing breath in and out. At first, they exaggerate this and make all sorts of sounds but then they slowly settle down and a calm takes over. I explain to them that God is as close to them as their breath. If they pay attention to their breathing, they can sense the presence of God and how he is always with us.

In the creation story of the world from the *Book of Genesis*, we hear: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth; The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the world, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the world. Over the vast emptiness of the unformed universe was the hovering Spirit of God.* Listen to how the inspired writer of Genesis describes the creation of human beings: *And the Lord God formed humanity from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.* Human beings are from the earth but the living breath that we call the soul is from God. We are wonderfully, fearfully made. The word spirit comes from the Latin word *spiritus*. *Spiritus means breath, courage, spirit or soul.* We speak of the Bible as being the inspired word of God: the word *inspire* means *to breathe into*. To say the Bible is inspired means God breathed himself into the human language.

Spirit is an elusive term just as is breath. I am sure a biology major or a doctor could give a very clear and scientific explanation of what is breath. But most of us take our breathing for granted, and rarely notice it unless there is a medical problem. We keep moving about with the thousand things we must do. Occasionally, we may notice we are short of breath as we rush for a train or go up a hill, but like much of our biological functions, it is just there and doing its job in keeping us alive.

So, I suppose it is not surprising that we tend to think of the Holy Spirit in similar ways. We know that the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. God is Three Persons in one God. In our prayers and language, we often talk about God. *God saved me. I could not have made it through that terrible ordeal without the love of God. God is good. Thank God. O my God* are phrases that we are quick to say, sometimes in prayer and other times in worry or concern.

When we say such words, I know I am not thinking in clear theological categories. Am I speaking about the Trinity or God the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit when I use the word God? We have a sense in our minds of God the Father. We all have had fathers so we have a good sense of the word. We have seen movies with both serious and humorous images of God the Father. I think of Michelangelo's famous painting in the Sistine Chapel with the hand of the Father reaching out to the hand of Adam and bringing him to life. We kind of think we know God the Father.

Certainly, Jesus is the most familiar person of the Blessed Trinity to us. We hear the Gospels about Jesus at every Mass. Jesus took flesh and became human and did the very human things that we do: we eat, we sleep, we talk, we have friends and people we love, we cry and we get afraid. Jesus did all those things. Jesus did that which is most human of all – he died. I think if I asked every one of you in church today to describe Jesus to me, you would have some image that would come to mind. Jesus makes God touchable for us. He told us: *The one who sees Me, sees the Father.*

But now on to that elusive Holy Spirit - the breath of God. Perhaps, we could feature the Holy Spirit on John Walsh's television show *America's Most Wanted*. We use a color to describe the Holy Spirit: red. We use the image of tongues of fire to help us envision the Spirit. We focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation to capture the mystery of the Holy Spirit. We call the Holy Spirit the Advocate and Counselor, the Paraclete. When I was in school we prayed to the Holy Spirit before a test or an exam. The job description for the Holy Spirit seemed to be to show up for Confirmations. I think of the story of parents who had three children. The first child has a photo album filled with thousands of pictures of almost every moment of his or her life. The second child has a photo album, but it has no pictures in it. The third child does not even have a photo album. I think we sometimes think of the Holy Spirit as the forgotten person of the Blessed Trinity.



This coming week is the feast of the Ascension and soon we will celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost. Today, in our Gospel reading, Jesus makes a promise to us: *I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.*

You and I live in the time of the Holy Spirit. Jesus has asked the Father and he has sent to us the Holy Spirit. Simply put, the Holy Spirit is the very real presence of God on earth. Whatever faith we have, whatever love is in our hearts, whenever we try to love God, all this grace comes from the gentle and not so gentle nudges of the Holy Spirit. We live and move and have our being in the presence of God. You want to know how close the Spirit of God is to you? Notice your breathing. Feel your breath. That is the living presence of God in you and me. Come Holy Spirit, Come!

### YOUNG AT HEART

We were happy to sponsor our yearly BABY SHOWER for BIRTHRIGHT. We want to express our deep appreciation to all the ladies who so generously contributed to this worthy endeavor. Thank you one and all!

*Table #5 Young at Heart*

**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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**Melville location:**

**Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church  
175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747**

**Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914**

**ANNUAL BABY SHOWER - COLLECTION IN  
THE GATHERING AREA**

**The Weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

**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.** 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.

**HEALING MASS**

**Save the Date! Father Claudio Antecini will be coming to St. Martin of Tours on Tuesday, June, 20th at 7PM. More info in next week's bulletin!**

**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               |
| CPT 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               | LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC           |
|                                        | PFC Clint Applegate, US Army          |


**Annual Clergy Anniversary Mass - Saturday, June 10 at 9AM**

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Father Patrick Woods CSSR</b>      | <b>Professed as a Redemptorist: August 2, 1968</b><br><b>Ordained a priest in 1975</b>       | <b>49 years a Redemptorist</b><br><b>46 years a priest</b> |
| <b>Father Ciya Thomas CSSR</b>        | <b>Professed as a Redemptorist: June 1, 1998</b><br><b>Ordained a priest: April 29, 2006</b> | <b>18 years Redemptorist</b><br><b>10 years a priest</b>   |
| <b>Father James McCabe CSSR</b>       | <b>Professed as a Redemptorist: Dec. 8, 2007</b><br><b>Ordained a priest: June 11, 2011</b>  | <b>10 years a Redemptorist</b><br><b>6 years a priest</b>  |
| <b>Rev. Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy</b> | <b>Ordained a deacon on May 27, 2000</b><br><b>17 years a deacon</b>                         |                                                            |
| <b>REST IN PEACE</b>                  |                                                                                              |                                                            |
| <b>Rev. Deacon James Biggin</b>       | <b>Ordained a deacon on May 4, 1985</b>                                                      |                                                            |
| <b>Rev. Deacon Eugene Capobianco</b>  | <b>Ordained a deacon on June 7, 1987</b>                                                     |                                                            |

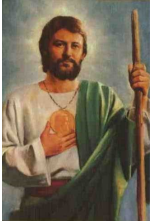





May 26 - June 1, 2017  
A candle has been lit for  
Lillian Mc Goldrick  
in honor of St. Anne



May 26 - June 1, 2017  
A candle has been lit for  
The Damico Family  
in honor of St. Anthony of Padua



May 26 - June 1, 2017  
A candle has been lit for  
Frank Dillon  
in honor of St. Jude, Apostle



May 26 - June 1, 2017  
A candle has been lit for  
The Gambino Family  
in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux



Memorial Day Weekend, May 27th & 28th, we are 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.

**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.  
The drive end-date is June 23rd so plenty of time to donate!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 27: Enthronement of the Brown Scapular after the 9AM Mass
- May 27 & 28: Donations for homeless vets and their families. Please see p. 14.
- 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. 7
- Jun 9 & 10: SMT Coffee House Nights 8PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jun 10 & 11: Life Center of LI Baby Shower. Drop off only in Gathering Area for that weekend.
- Jun 18: Father's Day
- Jun 18: Corpus Christi Procession after the 5:30PM Mass
- Jun 20: No St. Padre Pio Holy Hour
- Jun 20: Healing Mass with Father Claudio Antecini 7PM Church
- 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

