

Masses For The Week

Monday - August 14

- 6:30 David Dawes
- 9:00 Patrick Curtin
- 7:00PM Joseph Hoolahan - Vigil of the Assumption

Tuesday - August 15 - Assumption of the B.V.M.

- 6:30 Merton Kelly
- 9:00 Mark & Margaret Ridge
- 12:00PM Deceased Members of the Caruso Family
- 7:00PM Gildea & Peyton Family

Wednesday - August 16

- 6:30 James Henson
- 9:00 James Henson

Thursday - August 17

- 6:30 John Speelman
- 9:00 Gerald Meehan

Friday - August 18

- 6:30 John & Jean Riccardello
- 9:00 Louis Trappase

Saturday - August 19

- 9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
- 5:00 Joann Incorvaia
- 7:00 Santino Di Fiore, 1st Anniversary

Sunday - August 20

- 7:00 The People of the Parish
- 8:30 Noreen Charles
- 10:00 Angela Guidice, 1st Anniversary
- 11:30 Thomas A. Pope, 1st Anniversary
- 1:00 Mary Elizabeth Isernia
- 5:30 Ines Vitale

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27
- Tues. Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56
- Wed. Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20
- Thurs. Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1
- Fri. Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12
- Sat. Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

Sun. *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7* The holy mountain, the temple of the Lord, is "a house of prayer for all people."

***Romans 11:13-15, 29-32* God's love and mercy are gratuitous; we are all recipients of the benefits of Christ's life, death and resurrection.**

***Matthew: 15:21-28* The Canaanite woman displayed an extraordinary confidence that Jesus would hear and answer her. She possessed an undaunted and persistent faith in the Messiah of Israel.**

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly for 8/6/17: \$17,025.17

Thank you for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound.

May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who spend time in faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing so that they grow in their understanding and practice of stewardship.



Charismatic Prayer Group

Hope is Faith in the planning stage. Praise is Faith in progress. Courage is Faith in action. And Alleluia! is Faith accomplished. Our faith goes though these phases constantly depending on situations in our lives. If your faith isn't where you want it to be, maybe it's because YOU need to be closer to where Faith is.

Our next meeting is Monday, August 14th to follow the 7PM Vigil Mass of the Assumption 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

- 8/7/17 #287 Jean Axmacher \$25
- 8/8/17 #345 Richard & Evelyn Velting \$25
- 8/9/17 #132 Albert & Dolores Filippone \$25
- 8/10/17 #274 Nell & Jim Peyton \$25
- 8/11/17 #74 M/M Joseph Oprosko \$50



Divine Mercy Novena

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

Wedding Banns

1st. Joseph Chiarappa & Brittani Vigne



"Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me."

This week the Pantry could use pancake mix, mixed vegetables, beef stew, tomato paste, pasta sauce, tomato soup, vegetable soup, coffee, brownies, evaporated milk, Jell-O, sugar, mashed potatoes, mayonnaise, boxed milk, dish soap, laundry soap.

Thank you all for your tremendous generosity!

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 August 13 - 19, 2017
In Loving Memory of the
Aunt Jean and Phil

Sanctuary Candle

Week of August 13 - 19, 2017

In Loving Memory of
Robert J. Gardner



Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49:

"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Louis Gaccione, Trudy Kuntz, Betty Maggi
 Patricia Astegher, Thomas Heltz, Sr.
 Santina Liberto, Charles Marmorale
 Mary Alice Halloran

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 Morrone, Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil
 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, 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, Ceil Hollander, Daniel Costa
 Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss, Bob Baciuska
 Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder, Justine & Nicole Scudder
 Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall, Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg
 Charles Boyce, Elsa Ryan, Sarah Messina, William Boyce
 Jo Ann Anastos, Michael Arato, Chris Mitchell, Elizabeth Ryan
 Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller, Susan Carroll-Goyan
 Patty & Tom Turano, Layla Barr, Nicholas Amato, Jesusa Aquino
 Joseph McCroary, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan
 Geraldine Zeterberg, Edward Boyce, Ann Adams, Fran Gandolfo
 Taylor, Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR, Tom Doty, 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, Beverly Viselli, Casey
 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, Declan McCollough, Pat James Joseph
 David Iovieno, Robert Daniel, 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, Jim Moran
 Robert Collelouri, Arthur Baudo, Kathy Smith, Jenna Black
 Baby Grayson, 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
 The Kloos Family, Patricia Olive, Jerry Vega, John Bunker
 Jacklyn Baddalucco, Yolanda Zitelli, Rose Marie Gaccione
 Filomena Rosa, Andrew Bartolozzi, Kayden Urbanic

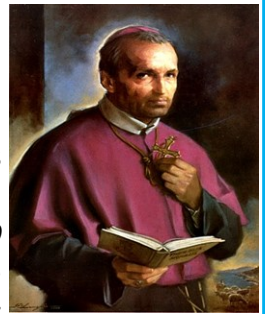
Pastor's Letter

For the past several years, I have mentioned that my favorite television show is *Blue Bloods*. It stars Tom Selleck as the New York City Police Commissioner, with his father being the retired commissioner, two of his sons on the police force, and a daughter who is an assistant prosecutor for the City of New York. They are Irish Catholic and live in Brooklyn - so what's not to like! However, last year I started to follow a television show called *This is Us* that rivals *Blue Bloods*. It is very hard to describe the show since it takes place in both the present and in the past with hints of the future, and the characters are spread all over the nation. The similarity that it has to *Blue Bloods* is that it is a show about how a family interacts with one another, and how the members of a family affect one another in very profound ways.



Well, with all this talk of the Irish and Brooklyn, St. Alphonsus Liguori grew up in a little town named Marienalla, just outside of Naples, Italy. He was born September 27, 1696, the oldest of eight children. His family was relatively well-off financially, with his father being a naval sea captain and his mother was a very devout Catholic woman. His father wanted Alphonsus, as the oldest son, to follow him in his profession, but Alphonsus wanted to be a priest. They argued about this very much and Alphonsus reluctantly became a lawyer as a compromise. He was a brilliant student and had degrees in both church and civil law before he turned twenty. He became one of the most famous lawyers in Naples. Still, he was very committed to his Catholic faith and worked among the poor in hospitals and even prayed with people on death row.

Then came a major turning point. After never losing a case, he had his first loss and was humiliated. It seems that the judge had been bribed in this case. It is said that he locked himself in his room and wept for three days. This becomes a key turning point in the life of Alphonsus. His words tell of his transformation: *O world, I know you now*. He leaves his gentleman's sword at the statue of the Blessed Mother and commits his life to the Virgin Mary and begins to study for the priesthood.



Skip to the future now. A young boy is growing up in Brooklyn in the 1950's. His parents are Irish immigrants. The boy loves playing ball in the streets of Brooklyn and it is said he could hit two sewers on a windy day. He goes to Church, but is not more religious than any other of his friends. The parish where he lives is staffed by Redemptorists and the parish is the center of the neighborhood. The boy's best friend decides to go the high school seminary. So, our young man follows him to the seminary, not to be a priest as much as to be with his friends and continue his love of all sports.

Back in the 17th century, Alphonsus is ordained and becomes a renowned preacher. He is giving retreats and missions all over Naples and is in demand everywhere. Alphonsus is on fire with love for God, and works himself to the point of exhaustion. His doctor tells him he must take a rest and go on a vacation.

In the 20th century, the young Brooklyn boy is doing well in the seminary. After a severe bout of homesickness and some struggle with algebra, he takes to the seminary routine. From a family of three with two sisters, he loves having many friends and companions. He begins to learn how to pray a little bit in front of the Blessed Mother picture. The idea of being a Redemptorist priest is taking hold in his heart.

While on his recuperation and rest period in the mountains off the Amalfi Coast, Alphonsus encounters many poor goat herders. They have no priest to serve them since most of the priests want to stay in the big city of Naples. These people are abandoned and have no one to tell them about Jesus. Alphonsus now has another turning point in his life. God is calling him to serve these people who are on the edge of society. So moved by the Holy Spirit, Alphonsus begins a Congregation of priests and brothers to preach the good news to those who do not have the opportunity to hear it. It is named the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, but is popularly called the Redemptorists.

The years in the seminary move fast for our friend from Brooklyn. His best friend - the reason why the young man entered the seminary - is dismissed for making illegal wine. Yet the young man stays on. He is beginning to see himself as a priest. He likes his teachers who are almost all Redemptorists. He begins to truly pray. Something amazing happens to him as young man of 18 - he falls in love with Jesus Christ and his heart is captured.

Alphonsus' new congregation gets off to a shaky start but soon takes root. Over the years since the first days on the Amalfi Coast, candidates are pouring into the order and the poor are hearing the Gospel preached. As Alphonsus grows older, he is happy to hear that the Congregation has spread to other parts of Europe.



The young man in America grows to love his Congregation and its founder Alphonsus. He learns there are more than 5,000 Redemptorists all over the world, following the footsteps of this great saint who wrote 111 books. Alphonsus was a skilled musician and painter, a Bishop of the Church, but most especially a lover of the poor.

Our young priest's first assignment is to teach in a seminary, the same one where he began his own journey to the priesthood. He learns that his order has decided to take a parish, St. Martin of Tours in Long Island in a town called Bethpage. The Provincial at the time explains that Long Island has a great many Catholics and not enough priests to serve them.

St. Alphonsus died on August 1, 1787. Among his best-known works are *The Glories of Mary* and *The Way of the Cross*, the latter still used in parishes during Lenten devotions. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1871. One of the most widely read Catholic authors, he is the patron saint of confessors. St. Alphonsus, who himself suffered from scruples, is known for his kindness in the confessional.

Today at St. Martin of Tours Church in Bethpage, a son of Alphonsus is telling you about his spiritual father. This concludes our story of *This Is Us* - The Redemptorists.

Father Patrick Woods CSSR

woodscsr@aol.com www.smtbethpage.org

**Our Annual Parish
Block Party
Friday Night, August 25th 6PM**

The Parish Block Party is on Friday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers who might help sell raffle tickets, 50/50's, serve the food, put out supplies and so forth. All hands are welcome!

Also, I am seeking to get donations for our raffle. I am looking for gift cards of any kind, tickets to sporting events and shows, lottery tickets, bottles for the baskets of cheer.

Email me at woodscsr@aol.com or call the rectory. Donations can be brought to the parish office.

THIS FLYER IS IN EACH PEW THIS WEEKEND!

In Support of our Annual Parish Block Party -- Friday Night, August 25, 2017

Raffle Tickets on Sale THIS WEEKEND!

1 ticket @ \$2 3 tickets @ \$5 8 tickets @ \$10

**\$10 Tee Shirts on Sale after Mass Donated by parishioner Tom Frost of
Long Island Athletics Supply in Farmingdale**

First Prize: \$200.00 Gift Certificate to Peter Lugar's Restaurant

Second Prize: Autographed Knick Jersey of Kristaps Porzingis

Third Prize: Four Yankee Tickets: Night of August 25th **

Fourth Prize: Four Yankee Tickets: Night of September 17th

Fifth Prize: \$100.00 American Express Gift Card and Gift Basket

Sixth Prize: 4 Chances to win a Basket of Cheer, featuring Irish Holy Water

Seventh Prize: Two New York Mets Tickets: September 4 at 1:10PM **

Eighth Prize: Four Jets/Giants Pre-season Tickets: August 26th at 7PM **

**** Monday, August 14th we will draw the tickets
to the August 25th, August 26th, and September 4th games.**

All the other prizes will be drawn at the block party on August 25th.

You do not have to be there to win.

(But all would agree the 7th and 8th prizes are the best!)

The Diocesan Catechetical Congress is a wonderful gathering. The ones I have been able to attend provided excellent sessions on a variety of practical and spiritual topics for those in ministry. The program is very well organized and I highly recommend it to:

All those involved in the following ministries/committees/councils of SMT: religious education teachers; the baptismal ministry of the parish; the RCIA program of the parish; the ALPHA program; parish outreach ministries; visit the sick; lectors; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist ; the pastoral council, financial council, liturgy committee; music ministry; the parish staff; all who wish to deepen their understanding of their Catholic faith; any person who serves in ministry or is considering serving in a parish ministry. I so believe in this program, that the parish will offer a donation of ten dollars to assist in your attending. - Father Pat

The Diocese of Rockville Center is happy to announce that registration for the Catechetical Congress is now OPEN. The cost is \$50 per person. Each registrant should choose TWO workshops. Please send your check payable to "Office of Faith Formation." Once payment is received, we will mark the registration as confirmed. To view the workshops being offered, go to www.drvc.org; click on Office of Worship; click on the Workshops tab. Registration will not be considered complete until we have received payment.

Remit payment to:

Diocese of Rockville Centre, ATTN: Carolann Malinowski
Office of Faith Formation, 50 North Park Avenue, Rockville Centre NY 11570

The Congress will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 8:30AM - 5:00PM at St. John the Baptist High School, 1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip NY 11795 featuring Keynote Speaker, The Most Reverend John O. Barres, S.T.D., J.C.L., D.D., Bishop of Rockville Centre.



**An Invitation to the
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Should you wish to join the Catholic faith, we invite you to consider RCIA which offers full communion into the faith through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you are already a baptized Catholic or baptized in another Christian faith recognized by the Catholic Church, we offer Confirmation and Eucharist through RCIA.

We usually begin in late September with a period of inquiry so that any questions you may have can be answered, thus making sure that you are comfortable with your decision.

If you need Confirmation only, we can discuss your option with you. Please contact Ann Hughes (516) 433-6972 or the rectory at (516) 931-0818 for more information.

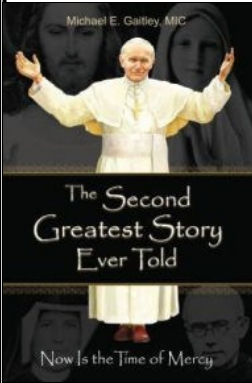
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

St. Martin of Tours Religious Education is in need of volunteers to teach children in our program from grades 1 to 8. Please contact Patricia Ryan at pryan@smtbethpage.org or Laura Leigh Agnese at llagnese@smtbethpage.org. Their phone number is 822-9768. They will give you all the information you need to get you started.

SAVE THE DATE - 9/1 - 11/3/17

**The Divine Mercy/The Second Greatest Story Ever Told
Now Is the Time of Mercy**

Last Day to Register is Monday, August 14th.



This is a ten week retreat featuring Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC in 10 DVDs. Fr. Michael also wrote *33 Days of Glory* and *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, both of which were held at St. Martin of Tours.

We will cover a tapestry of wonder and beauty from the threads of the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina, the prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the powerful witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the world changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

There will be a review of the book at a cost of \$5.00 (checks payable to **ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH**). The book states: *What do The Divine Mercy and the New Evangelization have to do with one another? EVERYTHING! This book teaches that Mercy is the gateway to truth in a wounded and suffering world.* - George Weigel, Biographer of Pope St. John Paul II.



REGISTRATION FOR THE DIVINE MERCY/THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

EVERY FRIDAY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 3, 2017

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH HALL AT 7:30PM - FACILITATED BY RITA VEROW

PLEASE REGISTER BY MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH BY DROPPING OFF AT THE RECTORY OR MAILING TO 40 SEAMAN AVENUE, BETHPAGE NY 11714 ATTN: RITA VEROW

NAME(S):

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN THE HELP OUR PARISH (HOP) CLUB

The membership is still \$60 per year beginning every September 1st and ending the following August 31st. If you did not receive your renewal, we apologize for the error. Just fill out the form below and enclose your dues to SMT HOP, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714 or drop off at the rectory. Thanks to all our members for your participation and support!

Name:

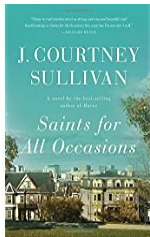
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Membership Dues: \$60

New Member _____ Current Member _____

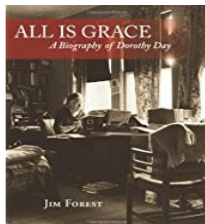
Regular Book Club



We will be reading *Saints for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan. Our meeting will be on **Friday, October 6th at 7:00PM** in the St. Lawrence Room (small room of St. Alphonsus Hall).

A sweeping, unforgettable novel from *The New York Times* best-selling author of *Maine*, about the hope, sacrifice, and love between two sisters and the secret that drives them apart. Nora and Theresa Flynn are twenty-one and seventeen when they leave their small village in Ireland and journey to America. Nora is the responsible sister; she's shy and serious and engaged to a man she isn't sure that she loves. Theresa is gregarious; she is thrilled by their new life in Boston and besotted with the fashionable dresses and dance halls on Dudley Street. But when Theresa ends up pregnant, Nora is forced to come up with a plan—a decision with repercussions they are both far too young to understand.

Spiritual Book Club



Our next spiritual book club meeting will be on **Friday, October 13th at 7:00PM** in the **St. Lawrence Room** to discuss *All is Grace; A Biography of Dorothy Day* by **Jim Forrest**. Dorothy Day (1897-1980), founder of the Catholic Worker movement, and one of the most prophetic voices in the American Catholic church, has recently been proposed as a candidate for canonization. In this lavishly illustrated biography, Jim Forest provides a compelling portrait of her heroic efforts to live out the radical message of the gospel for our time.

Both books can be bought on Amazon and they used copies are not overly expensive.



Save the Date!

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**VIRTUS CLASS
"Protecting All God's Children"
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
7PM
ST. ALPHONSUS HALL**

Anyone who wishes to volunteer in a parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must complete and sign the required forms before attending the class. The forms can be picked up at the rectory office.

To register on-line, please go to virtus.org. For those who do not have a computer, you can inform the rectory when you pick up the forms.

Any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 931-0818.

**We are so pleased that Father Emmanuel Kuriakose, CSsR will be doing one-hour talks on Redemptorist History and Saints. Please join him in St. Alphonsus Hall after the 9AM Mass on the following Wednesdays:
August 23rd, 30th and September 6th.**

The next Pre-Cana session is starting on Sunday, September 17th. There is still room.

If you need Pre-Cana, please contact Debbie & Frank at (516) 681-6560 or email Frank at Jet32man@aol.com.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS: KILLING THE PAIN NOT THE PATIENT: PALLIATIVE CARE VS. ASSISTED SUICIDE by Richard M. Doerflinger and Carlos F. Gomez, M.D. Ph.D.

Some time ago an ad appeared in a medical journal promoting a NEW PAIN-KILLING DRUG. To emphasize that this new product relieved pain without sleepiness or other side-effects, the ad began with a slogan: "STOP THE PAIN - NOT THE PATIENT." The outcome of our society's debate on PHYSICIAN - ASSISTED SUICIDE may depend on HOW WELL WE COMMUNICATE - and ACT UPON - a similar message. We are living at a time when SOME LAWMAKERS and DOCTORS think that the best solution FOR SOME PATIENTS' SUFFERING is to give them LETHAL DRUGS FOR SUICIDE. CATHOLICS COMMITTED TO THE DIGNITY OF EACH HUMAN PERSON MUST INSIST: "KILL THE PAIN. NOT THE PATIENT."

It is a compelling message. Some opinion polls show support for assisted suicide when it is presented as the only relief for a dying patient in unbearable pain. But when Americans are offered an ALTERNATIVE, they overwhelmingly say that society SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ENSURING PAIN CONTROL AND COMPASSIONATE CARE for such patients - not on HELPING THEM TAKE THEIR LIVES. The PREFERENCE IS EVEN STRONGER AMONG DYING PATIENTS THEMSELVES. "Patients with pain do not seem to view EUTHANASIA OR PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE as the appropriate response to poor pain management," wrote Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, a director of the study. "Indeed, ONCOLOGY PATIENTS IN PAIN MAY BE SUSPICIOUS THAT IF EUTHANASIA OR PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE ARE LEGALIZED, THE MEDICAL CARE SYSTEM MAY NOT FOCUS SUFFICIENT RESOURCES ON PROVISION OF PAIN RELIEF AND PALLIATIVE CARE." <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life/respect-life-program/killing-the-pain.com>.

A.2383 Paulin/S.3151 Savino IN RELATION TO LEGALIZING PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

The above referenced bill would add a new section of the PUBLIC HEALTH LAW to allow PHYSICIANS TO PRESCRIBE LETHAL DOSES OF MEDICATION FOR THE EXPRESSED PURPOSE OF ENDING A PATIENT'S LIFE. LEGALIZING PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE WOULD: Blur longstanding medical, moral and legal distinctions between WITHDRAWING EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND TAKING ACTIVE STEPS TO DESTROY HUMAN LIFE. UNDERMINE THE PHYSICIAN'S ROLE AS HEALER, forever alter the DOCTOR-PATIENT relationship, and lessen the quality of care provided to patients at the end of life.

This legislation DOES NOT require SCREENING, TESTING, OR TREATMENT for CLINICAL DEPRESSION. It requires a physician to falsify the death certificate to list the underlying illness as the cause of death. It similarly encourages insurance fraud by allowing beneficiaries to collect benefits following a suicide. It allows non-NYS residents to access Physician-assisted suicide: and it contains ABSOLUTELY NO SAFEGUARDS AGAINST COERCION or ABUSE ONCE the LETHAL DRUGS ARE IN THE PATIENT'S POSSESSION. RATHER THAN ASSISTING SUICIDE, GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE CONSISTENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO PREVENT SUICIDE.

We urge the state to remove barriers and improve access to palliative care and hospice care for those in the final stages of terminal illness. Improved education and training of physicians in pain management, together with appropriate diagnosis and TREATMENT FOR DEPRESSION, WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD ELIMINATING CALLS FOR SUICIDE AMONG THE SICK AND THE DYING. We strongly urge you to oppose this bill. Please WRITE, EMAIL OR TEXT GOV. ANDREW M. CUOMO, State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224 (212) 681-4579 (518) 474-8390. Call, write, email or text your local representative to oppose this bill.

Let us keep in mind the battle for the life of Baby Charlie Gard of London, England. That was an example of the parents' loss of control for the treatment for their child, but also the very right to keep him on life support, and ultimately denied the right to take him home to die. Instead he was sent to Hospice, where he was taken off life support. Healthcare is a vital concern to us all. Stay aware of healthcare here in America and that the rights of the patients and their healthcare proxy trump doctors' opinions.

**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

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1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453**

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
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August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven body and soul. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass schedule is as follows:

Monday, August 14th Vigil of the Assumption 7PM

Tuesday, August 15th Assumption 6:30AM, 9AM, 12 Noon and 7PM

Revelation 12:1

A great sign appeared in the sky: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

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
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THE ALPHA COURSE

St. Martin of Tours, at St. Alphonsus Hall, 38 Seaman Avenue

Beginning Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:00AM

To Register and for Information:

Please call 931-0818 or Email: Alphasmot@gmail.com



PLEASE NOTE: The Alpha Team will be hosting **Coffee Sunday on August 20th** after the 8:30, 10 and 11:30 Masses. Come by St. Alphonsus Hall for a cup of coffee. The team will be showing a sample video to pique your curiosity on what Alpha is all about.



August 11 - 17, 2017

A candle has been lit for
Paul & Angelina Pantano
in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux



August 11 - 17, 2017

A candle has been lit for
Michael Siegler
in honor of St. Anthony of Padua



August 11 - 17, 2017

A candle has been lit for
Christine Mascia
in honor of St. Jude

On July 30th at the 5:30 p.m. Mass, our parish thanked Chris McCarthy for her 17 years of serving the parish ministry of music, especially at the Life Teen 5:30PM Sunday Mass. The parish is most grateful for her dedication and commitment to helping us praise God in song. Although she is stepping down from this ministry, she assured us that she will continue to be part of the life of our parish.



COMING THIS FALL! Life Teen Youth Ministry will be promoting their charity projects reaching out to the community. Children from 6th - 12th grades are encouraged to come to an Interest & Information Meeting on Friday, September 15th at 7PM in the Youth Center located in the school building.

Special Note to this year's 8th grade Confirmation students: take this opportunity to do your community service in preparation for Confirmation.

There will be more information in upcoming bulletins, but parents can call the rectory office at 931-0818 and we will contact Diana Hughes, Youth Minister. She will call you back to answer any questions you may have regarding the September 15th meeting.

My Parish App

To download myParish App on your iPhone or android, text **App** to **82202**. Select our parish after opening and you will have the latest info on your phone.

This APP is especially helpful for the parents of our children in Religious Education as you will be notified of class cancellations, meetings and other important information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 14: Charismatic Prayer Group to follow the 7PM Vigil Mass in Church
- Aug 14 - 18: Bible Camp
- Aug 14: Vigil of the Assumption 7PM
- Aug 15: Masses for the Assumption of the BVM 6:30AM, 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM
- Aug 15: Rectory Office is closed for the Assumption
- Aug 20: Coffee Sunday after the 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30AM Masses St. Alphonsus Hall
- Aug 25: Parish Picnic & Block Party
- Sept 1: 10 week course begins. Divine Mercy/The 2nd Greatest Story...St. Alphonsus 7:30PM
- Sept 5: Christian Mothers Gift Swap Meeting 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 9: The Alpha Course begins! 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 12: Father Jim's course on the Chapters of Genesis begins again. Correction on start date.
- Sept 14: Life Line Screening - More info to come
- Sept 15: Youth Ministry Interest & Information Meeting 7PM OLPH Youth Center
- Sept 18: Virtus Training 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 19: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Oct 6: Regular Book Club 7PM St. Lawrence Room
- Oct 13: Spiritual Book Club 7PM St. Lawrence Room

