

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - September 11 - Patriot Day**

6:30 Sonny Cole  
9:00 9/11/01 Victims of NY, PA & Washington DC

**Tuesday - September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary**

6:30 Nat Musso  
9:00 Rose Provenzano

**Wednesday - September 13 - St. John Chrysostom**

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita  
9:00 Joseph Spoto, Anniversary

**Thursday - September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

6:30 Patricia Astegher  
9:00 Angelina Behrens

**Friday - September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows**

6:30 Rudy & John Grzan  
9:00 Annie Cheslowitz

**Saturday - September 16**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 George & Doris Held  
7:00 Elaine & George Fryer

**Sunday - September 17**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 George Spencer  
10:00 Antoinette Diana  
11:30 Robert Wingard  
1:00 Stephen Marano, 39th Birthday Remembrance  
5:30 Joan DeBona, 1st Anniversary

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11  
Tues. Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19  
Wed. Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26  
Thurs. Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Fri. 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; John 19:25-27  
Sat. 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

**Sun. *Sirach 27:30-28:7 Forgive the injustice of your neighbor, for then your own sins will be pardoned. Remember death, stop sinning, recall the commandments, love your neighbor, think of God's covenant and overlook the faults of others.***

***Romans 14:7-9 We are not our own masters, but we are responsible to the Lord as servants. In life and in death we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose to life in order to become "Lord of both the dead and the living."***

***Matthew 18:21-35 In a parable on forgiveness, Jesus compared the reign of God to a king settling accounts with his officials: Moved by compassion, the king forgave some or all of each debt. An official then extorted the full amount he was owed, and the king punished him.***

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**  
**Weekly for 9/3/17: \$16,346.34**  
**Hurricane Harvey: \$10,308.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward, the answer is "Yes!"



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to see the humanity in everyone, not by judging others, but rather, by serving them.



**Divine Mercy Novena**

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

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

The eclipse reminded me of the power of God. Sure, I know there are scientific explanations for it, but anything that can bring millions of people together for one event all across the nation has to be God driven!!



Every time I heard someone say, "don't look at the sun!" I thought about how we can ALWAYS look at the SON!! He may not be visible for some people because they cause their own eclipse. Take down what's blocking your view and look to Jesus. **Our next meeting is Monday, September 11th at 7PM in the Church. Be a friend - bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for more information and prayer requests.**

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

9/4/17	#529	Patricia Schmier	\$25
9/5/17	#355	A. & C. Citrolo	\$25
9/6/17	#593	Carol Asch	\$25
9/7/17	#498	John & Maureen Castles	\$25
9/8/17	#400	Thomas Schimmoller	\$50



*"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, bagged rice, chili, beef stew, tomato sauce, pasta sauce, mixed fruit, peaches, pears, evaporated milk, boxed milk, cake mix, brownies, Jell-O, sugar, juice, mayonnaise, icing, Chef Boyardee pastas and paper towels.

We do not need string beans or boxed rice as we have plenty of that on hand. Thank you for your generosity to 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 September 10 - 16, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Bernie Lavin*



*Sanctuary Candle*  
*Week of September 10 - 16, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Edward Rasmussen*

*Rest in Peace*

**Acts 7:49:**

***"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."***

Eileen & Albert Serventi  
Frances Makalainas, William Bennett

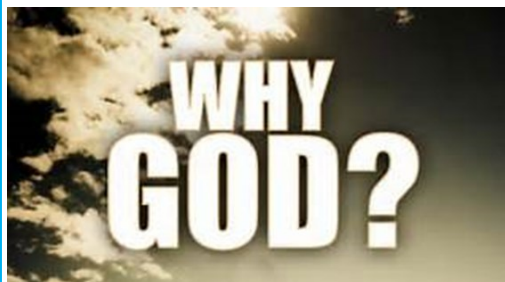


**REMINDER:** Please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list.

**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 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 Jo Ann Anastos, Michael Arato, Chris Mitchell, Elizabeth Ryan Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller, Susan Carroll-Goyan Patty & Tom Turano, Layla Barr, Nicholas Amato, Jesusa Aquin Joseph McCroary, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan, Ann Adams Geraldine Zeterberg, Edward Boyce, 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, 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, Joann Bruno Libia & Maria Teresa Valdez, Nancy Gerace, Jim Moran Robert Collelouri Arthur Baudo, Kathy Smith, Jenna Black Baby Grayson, Kathryn Basso, Veronica McCarthy-Pigott Unborn Identical Twins, Anthony Hanlon Janine, Mary Jedlicka, Lisa Lazzara, Pete Moran, Bernard Kelly 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, Pat Bergersen, Robert, Amy & Richard Ferranti Joseph V. Pace, Jr., Thomas Pendl

## Pastor's Letter



The news from Houston and the surrounding areas that have been devastated by Hurricane Harvey has been so very sad. Experts are saying it may well have been the most destructive storm in the history of the United States, leaving people dead, wounded, and with the loss of everything they have owned. We admire the courageous talk of *We are Texans*, but we have to be deeply troubled with the long-lasting physical, psychological, spiritual and financial cost to those impacted. We have seen moments of great generosity where ordinary people have put their own lives at risk to help others, and we have seen the worst of human nature with a few people looting and others price gouging. Perhaps, you are like me and are tempted to turn off the television or not read the papers since it is so depressing.

Immediately, some people blame global warming. I am not intelligent enough to know if global warming is the cause or not, but I do know that hurricanes and other natural disasters have been occurring since the dawn of time. We also may notice a few politicians of both political parties, and their supporters who seek to find a way to put some blame, if not on the storm itself, on either the preparation or recovery efforts of their political foes. We know this hurricane has brought great havoc to rich and poor, black and white, Democrat and Republican, and so finger-pointing at such a time seems abhorrent to most ordinary people. *Just help us* is the cry of the victims!

I have noticed that the words *a storm of Biblical proportions* has been used. I suppose the use of this term as an adjective is fair. Such an overwhelming force of nature recalls the story of Noah and the ark. Yet, sad to say, I have read a few, and thank God it is *only* a few, who see Hurricane Harvey as a form of God's punishment on the people for their sins. These few preachers are hard-lined fundamentalists who see God as a punishing, angry figure in the sky. No parent would ever wish such suffering on a child, and so why would anyone think that God is about sending pain and suffering to his people? One cannot read the four *Gospels* without seeing that Jesus, the Son of God, reveals the Father as a God of mercy and compassion, who welcomes home the lost son with a festive banquet rather than harsh punishment.

However, it is only natural and human for you and me to wonder why God has created a world, granted a world that is full of beauty and wonder, but also a world that has hurricanes, tornadoes, cancer and heart attacks. We cannot help but wonder and join with Job in asking the question *Why*. Why pain and suffering in the world if God is good and loving?

This is the most difficult of all spiritual questions to ponder. I would not dare to suggest that one can ever completely grasp why there is suffering in the world, but to be a person of faith, we need to make our peace with such a haunting reality. I know many good and sincere people who cannot believe in God since they cannot accept the mystery of suffering in the world. Even one of our greatest saints, Therese of Lisieux, battled doubt and questions in her own life over such issues!

For me, life comes down to two choices: either there is a God or there is not. If there is not a God, then we are all just a bunch of atomic particles bouncing around with no meaning or value. The non-believer points to the pain of the world and says how **can** there be a God. The believer points to the goodness of people, the glory of the heavens and earth, the wonder of his or her own life, and sees that there **must** be a God. The very impulse that you, along with so many Americans of every nationality and religion, along with people all over the world, feel compelled to do something! It seems like every organization in America is sending relief funds. Our own Bishop Barres immediately called for a collection in support of the victims. Where does this impulse to do good, to help those who are hurting, to reach out to them in support, come from? Why are you and I nudged in our hearts to help? I believe that is the **grace of God**. Whether they are religious people or not, those who are helping the suffering people of Texas are the hands of a God revealed to us in Jesus, who are touching the world with his love.

Last week in the Gospels, Jesus asks Peter, *who do you say I am*. Peter, *says you are the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God*. Jesus praises Peter for his response. *Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father*. In our Gospel today, we hear Jesus is beginning to prepare his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Peter cannot image the Messiah dying a cruel death. Jesus, gives Peter a very harsh rebuke - *Get behind me Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do*.

***We are not thinking as God does but as human beings do.*** The Son of God, born as an infant in a stable, rejected by many, the washer of feet and the scandalous forgiver of sins, a man condemned to death, and nailed to a cross is not a God that Peter can understand. Traditionally, we believe suffering entered the world through the fall of Adam and Eve. The sin of Adam and Eve is that they want to be more than human. Satan tells them if you eat the fruit of the forbidden tree, you will be like God. This sin of pride continues in humanity. We can think we know more than God.

God does not cause hurricanes. Why evil and suffering is in the world has no textbook answer that satisfies our questions. What gives me consolation and faith is that God reveals himself as one who is with us amid suffering. If God can be found dying on a cross on a hill in Jerusalem, he is certainly present to us in the midst of flooding water. He is present to the person dying of cancer or struggling with the darkness of depression. His name is Emmanuel which means *God with us*. Jesus has entered fully into the pain of the world.

The poet Rainer Marie Rilke wrote this to a young man who was struggling with questions about the meaning of life: *“Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.”*

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### Parish Library - The St. Stephen Room

Our parish library located in St. Alphonsus Hall, in the room that is on the Seaman Avenue side entrance, is now open and ready for use. We have chosen to name the room the St. Stephen Room in honor of St. Stephen, patron of Deacons and the first Catholic martyr, in loving memory of two of our deceased deacons, Gene Capobianco and Jim Biggin.

You and I live in a world of the media, cable television, the internet, podcasts, newspapers and magazines. We rightly value being informed about the important issues of our global society. Our parish library, along with our parish website and parish app, is our effort to help each of us grow in wisdom and knowledge about our faith. Spiritual reading - that is, reading of books about Jesus, the Bible, our Catholic faith, the lives of the saints, and many other inspirational writings - is a way to deepen our life with God. We have copies of many of the books that were discussed in both the spiritual and regular book clubs. From time to time, I hope to make recommendations about certain books either in the bulletin or in a sermon.

Although we have some secular books in this library, most of the books are spiritual works. Some are written by contemporary writers and others are great spiritual classics. We also have some fine Catholic magazines and newspapers. There are also children's books. Additionally, we have DVDs, CDs and movies with spiritual values that can be viewed either in the library or brought home. If a small group of people want to watch a video together, or just an individual, you are most welcome.

**As you may know, St. Alphonsus Hall is used by many groups in the parish. So we plan on having the library open on Sundays during Mass times from 8:00AM to 2:00PM. You can come in through the entrance on Seaman Avenue.** If you want to drop by at another time, you are welcome to stop by at the parish office and see if the room is available. There is a sign-in sheet in the library if you chose to take a book home. You can bring the book back and place it on the return table when you have finished it. The same is true for the audio-visuals. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the St. Stephen Room.

We are not looking for books for the library. Please do not drop books off in the room. If you think you have a spiritual book that might be helpful to our parishioners, you can drop it off in the office. However, it may or may not be placed in the library. Happy Reading and may this library, through the inspiration of St. Stephen and through the great witness of our deceased deacons, help deepen our love of the Lord! - Father Pat

Several years ago I was at a concert and heard this poem read. It is about the tragic day of 9/11, but it also speaks to me about all our deceased and their love and desires for us, the living. It is a favorite of mine. Father Pat

#### If They Could Speak by Roseanne Pellicane



*Yes, life is different now but remember when it was beautiful? Well, it will be again, but not the same. The wounds will heal, your tears will dry and though scars remain, I know you are strong enough to live through the pain. Do not grieve and linger in the shadows of graves. Go out into the sunshine and tell everyone that I was here. Let our enemy know that when we were together we lived, and worked and loved. And though I am gone, you will carry on for me because you must. Tell my family how much I loved them and still do. Remember the good we shared, the life we created, and walk forward with noble dreams. God can't fill a shattered heart or a clenched fist. Let fear die and let love flow again like a river.*

*So as the smoke rises high above the ash, gather all your strength and rebuild something new, something better. It's not impossible. It's essential. It's what I would do for you. Just one last thing, surely you must know, I never wanted to leave you. I was captured by fate, escorted by angels. And though you might feel you are alone, you are not and neither am I...Love always.*

My Dear Parishioners,

Let me tell you a little bit about myself!

I was born and raised of Irish parents in Brooklyn, New York and the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help - the same parish as our pastor, Father Pat. My parents are deceased and I have 4 sisters and 2 brothers. I am a Redemptorist priest of 36 years and blessed to do parish ministry for 24 years in Baltimore, MD, North East, PA (a town outside of Erie), Lima, Ohio and Annapolis, MD.



For the last 12 years I have served as formation director to our students of theology as candidates for Redemptorist brotherhood and priesthood. I spent four years with our students in Washington, DC. (2005-2009) and eight years with them in Boston, Mission Church (2009-2017).

As a sports fan, my allegiance is with the Mets, Jets and Rangers. Particularly with the Mets and Jets I sincerely believe they are my ticket to heaven for the past and present suffering I have endured! I am a runner and have been happy to find the jogging trails not far from our rectory. I also enjoy singing that I picked up from my Dad.

I am happy to be among you and to be part of the Redemptorist community here and part of the St. Martin parish family. I look forward to meeting you and working with you as fellow disciples of the Lord Jesus.

In Christ the Redeemer,  
Father Denis

**The Vincentians will be in the gathering area this weekend, September 9th and 10th to collect names of those who would like to join the Friends of the Poor Walk scheduled for Saturday, September 30th or to make a contribution to this endeavor.**

## **Friends of the Poor Walk**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Martin of Tours Conference  
Walk With Us!**

**Join the St. Martin's Vincentians in the Friends of the Poor Walk.**

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

**Bethpage Community Park**

**9:00AM Registration**

**5K walk starting in the Community Park**

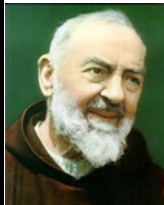
**Registration forms are in the Gathering Area**

**Register online: [www.FOPWALK.ORG](http://www.FOPWALK.ORG)**

**100% of the money raised by the walkers from St. Martin's will stay in our parish to help needy people in our neighborhood.**

**THANK YOU** To the 6:30AM Mass Gang,  
 Thank you for your prayers and concerns during my health issues. Hope to see you soon, and may God bless you all!  
 Love, Kathy Ferello

**SAINT PADRE PIO HOLY HOUR**



Please join us on **Tuesday, September 19th at 7PM** in the Eucharistic Chapel for the Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated.

**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](mailto:pryan@smtbethpage.org) or Laura Leigh Agnese at [llagnese@smtbethpage.org](mailto:llagnese@smtbethpage.org). Their phone number is 822-9768. They will give you all the information you need to get you started.

**A Liturgy for those married 50 Years or more!**

Call or come by the rectory (931-0818) to register to attend a liturgy honoring couples married 50 years or more. Choose either Sunday, October 22nd at St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa (registration deadline October 9th) or Sunday, November 19th at Christ the King in Commack (registration deadline November 6th). Both liturgies will begin at 2:30PM.

**Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track  
 2017 - 2018 Registration**



The mission of the Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track Program is to provide a fun, relaxed environment where boys and girls, kindergarten through 8th grade, can learn the basics of track and field while also developing sportsmanship and teamwork skills. No experience required.

Our season is split between the fall and spring. The fall program runs from mid-September through October with the spring resuming during April to June. Track meets are held outdoors on weekends at track fields throughout Nassau and Suffolk. All athletes competing in meets will receive medals and/or ribbons. At the conclusion of the season, we hold our annual awards night in June.

For registration and additional information about the program, please contact Kelly at [ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com). Registration deadline is September 28th.



**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES for 6TH TO 12TH GRADE  
ACTS OF CHARITY**

**MUST SIGN UP: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 7PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CHARITY PROJECT DATES:**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29; FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13;  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9; FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

To sign up for alerts and reminders:  
Text this message @6g4k7  
To this phone number 81010

**LIFE TEEN TALENT SHOW**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st @7PM**

**For ALL 6th - 12th Graders**

**MUST SIGN UP: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th @7PM**

**SMT SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**All ticket sales go to buy an adaptive tricycle for a  
special needs child in time for Christmas!**

**Supported by the Share the Voice Organization**

**Contact Diana Hughes at [Smt\\_lifeteen@yahoo.com](mailto:Smt_lifeteen@yahoo.com) (516) 931-0818**

**Martin's Men's Group Meeting  
Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM  
St. Stephen Room at St. Alphonus Hall**

The Men's Group is open to all men 18 years and older. The focus is to reflect on living our lives in the light of our belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. No rules! No fees! No harassment from the pastor!



**The Book of Genesis Workshop  
Father Jim McCabe, CSSR  
7:30-8:30PM - St. Alphonus Hall  
All held on Tuesday Evenings**

Father Jim's Genesis Workshop picks up with Chapters 33 & 34. The schedule is:

Sept 12 Ch 33-34	Oct 10 Ch 39-40
Sept 19 Ch 35-36	Oct 17 Ch 41-42
Sept 26 Ch 37-38	Oct 31 Ch 43-44

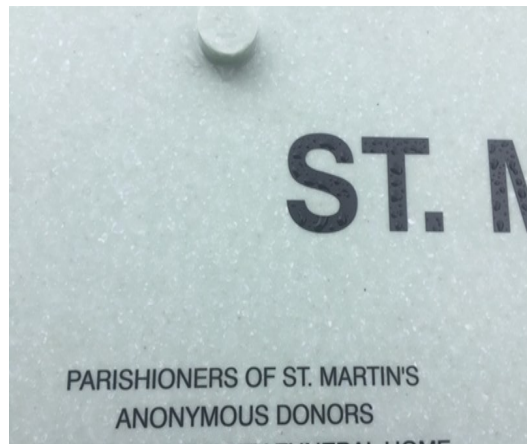
Nov 7 Ch 45-46
Nov 14 Ch 47-48
Nov 21 Ch 49-50
Nov 28 Books not included in the Bible.



On Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 5:00PM Mass, the Donor Memorials were blessed. These plaques remind us of the love and generosity of our parishioners for the parish of St. Martin of Tours. In a time of financial insecurity, parishioners sacrificed to help the parish in its capital campaign of *Paving the Way for Christ*. This memorial stands as a witness to future generations of the love the people had for their parish.

When we were planning the memorial, I wanted the first name on the plaque to read *Parishioners of St Martin's*. I did this because I know that some people were not in a financial position to support the campaign economically, but they were fervent in their prayers and their time spent volunteering.

Whether you were able to donate money to the campaign or not, **all** the parishioners of St. Martin's helped to pave the way for Christ. Also, as you can see, several donors did choose to remain anonymous in their donations. May the Lord and his dear Mother Mary bless you and your families for your love of his Church.



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

**RESPECT LIFE OFFICE, DRVC: RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM 2017 - 2018**

**Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:20**

### **HERE IS A LIST OF PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH**

**PROJECT RACHEL HOPE AFTER ABORTION:** Do you know someone who is suffering abortion loss? There is hope and healing after abortion. DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING FOR WOMEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017. (For more information visit the Project Rachel Hope After abortion website, call the Respect Life Office's confidential phone line: 1-888-456-HOPE: [www.projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:www.projectrachel@drvc.org). to begin healing after abortion loss.

**TAKE ACTION:** Take action on legislative and other issues in New York State. For public matters in NY, the state's bishops have set up the Catholic Action Network, New York State Catholic Conference (CAN). The NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A HUMAN LIFE Amendment is dedicated to pursuing this vision. The organization's objectives include educating citizens, developing pro-life legislative networks, and offering programs in support of pro-life legislation.

Urge Senators to Protect Life and Liberty of Conscience in Health Care Reform Bill. Updated 6/23/17.

Urge your Senators to Disapprove Planned Parenthood Title X Funding Rule. Updated 3/13/17

Contact the PRESIDENT and VICE-PRESIDENT TODAY and urge, them to support RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

Follow Up for vote on NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT (H.R.7) Updated 1/26/17.

Urge Congress to Move the Conscience Protection Act Forward.

NIH PROPOSES TAXPYER FUNDED RESEARCH ON ANIMAL-HUMAN CHIMERAS

Protect the Rights of Pro-Life Care Providers!

PLEASE: GO ON LINE, TEXT, EMAIL, WRITE, OR EMAIL YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES. STATE SENATORS AND THE WHITE HOUSE.

- ST. MARTIN OF TOURS WILL BE HOLDING A HOLY HOUR FOR THE RESPECT OF ALL LIFE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AT 3:00 PM IN THE CHURCH.
- THE LIFE CENTER'S ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 21ST AND 22ND. BOTTLES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES. THE RETURN DATE WILL BE NOVEMBER 11 AND 12.
- THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY OF PHOTOS OF PARISHIONERS AND PRIESTS OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS OR SO IN THE GATHERING PLACE. A TRIBUTE TO ALL OF YOU NOW, AND THOSE THAT MAY HAVE PASSED OVER THE LAST DECADE.
- IF YOU ARE BE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY, THE NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 27 AT 11 AM IN ST. ALPHONSUS HALL. COME JOIN US TO VOICE YOUR IDEAS, PARTICIPATE IN CONVERSATION ON GETTING OUT THE SANCTITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE, WATCH A SHORT FILM ON THE SUBJECT OR JUST HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE.

### **Bethpage 9/11 Candlelight Ceremony**

**Tuesday, September 12th at 7:45PM**

9/11 Memorial (located on the southeast side of the LIRR on Stewart Avenue.

*Hosted by The Bethpage Chamber of Commerce*



**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

**ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS  
631-243-2373**

**PROJECT RACHEL**

**WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM**

**Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place  
at 1 (877) 796-HOPE**

**Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services  
Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357**

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE  
1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453**

**Have You Taken Control of  
Your Health Today?**

Life Line Screening will be here at St. Martin of Tours Church on Thursday, September 14, 2017 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 866-229-0469
- Online: [www.lifelinescreening.com/  
communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)
- Text: the word circle to 797979

**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.

**LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING**

[www.livingwaterscounseling.biz](http://www.livingwaterscounseling.biz)

**Melville location:**

**Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church  
175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747  
Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914**

**Regular Book Club**

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

**Spiritual Book Club**

Our next spiritual book club meeting will be on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM in the St. Stephen Room to discuss *All is Grace; A Biography of Dorothy Day* by Jim Forrest.

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



**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	SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army	E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
PO2 Matthew Sadecki, USCG	1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
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PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army	MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
SGT Dennis Diesel, USMC	SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
L CPL James Kruper, USMC	PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
SGT Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army	LTC John Evans, US Army
CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC	ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
CPT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp	PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy	SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
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SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC	SSG George Howard, US Army
1LT Brian McGrath, US Army	LT Mario Lopes, USMC
SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army	PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
SGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army	CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
PFC William Corrigan, USMC	MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF	PVT Edward Morales, US Army
LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG	MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army	PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC
LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC	LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC
2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF	PFC Clint Applegate, US Army
A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF	CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF

**Financial Report on the Parish Block Party:** I am happy to report that our parish block party was not only a wonderful night for our parishioners, but it also was very generously supported by the parishioners. My only financial goal with the block party is that we break even, and not have to use funds from the parish budget. This past block party cost \$1,751.44 to run. This was mostly for the food, of course, along with the DJ and some decorations.

The total revenue from the block party was \$4,960.00. This was a net gain for the parish of \$3,208.56. (We should dunk the pastor more often!) You were most generous in buying chances and the 50/50 tickets. You bought many tee shirts. Parishioners made generous donations of gifts for the raffles. Long Island Athletics through Tom Frost donated the tee shirts that raised close to \$700.00. The Hartigan Council of The Knights of Columbus donated \$500.00 to the party. Jeff Ramen donated the use of the bouncer and the dunk tank. Madison Square Garden donated the Knicks jersey. Certainly, there was an outpouring of donations of time and talent to making the block party such a success.

**I have decided that \$1,000.00 of the profit donated for the support of the block party will be donated to the Diocesan Appeal for Assistance to the Victims of Hurricane Harvey in the name of the parishioners of St. Martin's.** The rest of the generated fund will go to the operating budget of the parish.

**Thank you** for your wonderful generosity. Father Pat



September 8 - 14, 2017

A candle has been lit for  
Theresa Santulli  
in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux



September 8 - 14, 2017

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



**St. Martin of Tours Holy Hour**  
**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 p.m. in the Church**  
**Come for an hour...come for ten**  
**minutes...just come if you can.**

The next Pre-Cana session is starting on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. There is still room. If you need Pre-Cana, please contact Debbie and Frank at (516) 681-6560 or email Frank at Jet32man@aol.com.



**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.

**My Parish App**

To download myParish App on your iPhone or android, text **App** to **88202**. 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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION IN NASSAU AND SUFFOLK**

Session “A” is required of **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. For those who minister at hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound, Session “B” is an additional requirement. (Session “A” must be attended before Session “B”). Write a letter to the pastor with your desire to become an EM serving in the church (“A”) or serving at hospitals, etc. (“A” & “B”). You must mention the date and place of the training session you wish to attend. We will then send a letter to Bishop Barres at least 5 days in advance requesting the training for each person attending. SMT pays the \$30 workshop fee.

**In Nassau: EM “A” Session**

October 14, 2017; 9AM-1PM  
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

**In Suffolk: EM “A” Session**

October 21, 2017; 9AM-1PM  
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

**EM “B” Session**

November 4, 2017 9AM-1PM  
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

**EM “B” Session**

October 28, 2017; 9AM-1PM  
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

**EM Evening Sessions: St. Elizabeth, Melville** Session “A” Wed., October 4, 2017; 7PM-10PM  
Session “B” Wed., October 18, 2017; 7PM-10PM

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Please Note: The Parish Library is called the St. Stephen Room, not the St. Lawrence Room.**

- Sept 11: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Sept 11: Mass Intention for the Victims of 9/11/01 at the 9AM Mass
- Sept 12: Father Jim's course on Genesis 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 14: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 15: Youth Ministry Charity Projects Sign Up Meeting 7PM *SCHOOL CAFETERIA*
- Sept 18: Virtus Training 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 19: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Sept 25: Men's Group 7:30PM St. Stephen Room @ St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 26: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Sept 27: Respect Life Meeting 11AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 30: St. Vincent de Paul's Friends of the Poor Walk (see page 13)
- Oct 6: Regular Book Club 7PM St. Stephen Room @ St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 8: Blessing of Animals 2:15PM Prayer Garden
- Oct 13: Spiritual Book Club 7PM St. Stephen Room @ St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 18: Respect Life Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Oct 21/22: Baby Bottle Campaign

