

Masses For The Week

Monday - October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

6:30 William Ballatore
9:00 Dominick Cano

Tuesday - October 3

6:30 Lance & Ina Lomot
9:00 Joan & John Poster

Wednesday - October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

6:30 Dolores Miller, Living - Birthday
9:00 Mary Cohan

Thursday - October 5

6:30 Ann A. Donahue, Living
9:00 Rose Bolognese

Friday - October 6

6:30 Mary M. McCarthy, Living
9:00 Danielle Caputo

Saturday - October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Louis Ruggiero, John & Gertrude O'Rourke
7:00 Szmytkowski & Zoitke Families

Sunday - October 8

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Helen & Henry Ruff
10:00 Bernie Helldorfer
11:30 Emiliano DeGuzman
1:00 Gary, Michael & Matthew McDonald
5:30 Angelo, Theresa & Ronnie Di Nocenzo

Readings For The Week

Mon. Zechariah 8:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Tues. Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
Wed. Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62
Thurs. Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12
Fri. Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
Sat. Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24

Sun. *Isaiah 5:1-7* *Isaiah sang of his friend, "My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside." The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's cherished plant.*

Philippians 4:6-9 *Paul wrote, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition,...the God of peace will be with you." With thanksgiving, make your request known to God.*

Matthew 21:33-43 *Jesus told the parable of the vineyard owner who sent out slaves and finally his son to the rebellious tenants who killed them. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."*

HOP Winners are on page 14.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

Weekly for 9/24/17: \$16,166.17

Pius X Retired Priests: \$4,073.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Sharing the Way with our Brothers & Sisters to Jesus
St. Martin of Tours Stewardship Campaign
September – November, 2017**

What is the first area you look to when you read a newspaper? The answers would vary: some would go for the headlines, others for the sports, some for the stock prices, the editorials, the coupons or cartoons. How about when you read the parish bulletin? Many have told me that they first look at the weekly collection section. I must confess I am usually very interested in those numbers also.

I have been asked by parishioners where the weekly budget that is listed above the previous week's collection comes from. Every year our parish must draw up a budget based on our projections for the yearly income and our yearly expenses. This budget must be approved by the diocese. We pull the parish income from funds from the cell phone tower rental located on the school roof, the HOP Club, the Golden Harvest, the stipends for the sacramental and other parish programs. However, the main income of the parish is the weekly first collection at the Masses. Last year we budgeted \$1,480,000.00, and our total weekly collections for the year was \$971,400.00 (including Christmas and Easter). The number listed in the stewardship column is what is needed in the weekly collection to meet our yearly budget.

I hope this explanation answers a question often asked. Oftentimes, we do not meet the needed goal, and this is a concern. If we lower the projected number, we will not have a balanced budget. This is not allowed by the diocese since an unbalanced budget is a danger sign for the financial stability of a parish.



“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, corn, mixed vegetables, beef stew, chili, lentils, boxed milk, brownies, hot chocolate, juice, juice boxes, tomato paste, tomato sauce, Jell-O, pudding, icing, paper towels, toilet paper, bar soap, diapers (size 6) and baby wipes.

Thank you for your tremendous generosity! Our clients truly appreciate all that you do.

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 October 1 - 7, 2017
In Loving Memory of
Raymond T. Young, Sr.



Sanctuary Candle
Week of October 1 - 7, 2017
In Loving Memory of
Mary Donahoe

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49:
“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”
 The Victims of
 all recent natural disasters
 May they rest in peace!



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



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

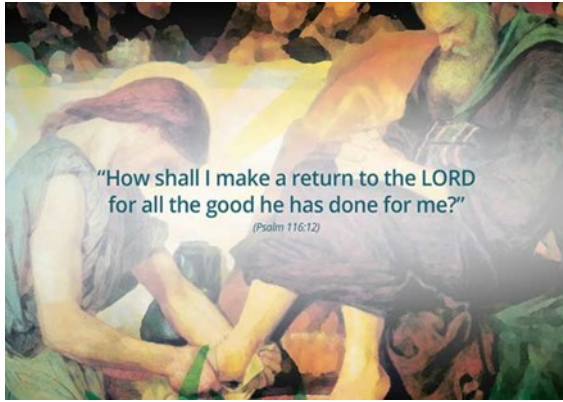
Please pray for the sick of our parish:

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 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., Justin Turner, Christopher Hehn
 Becca Silver and unborn Baby Dornich, Jimmy Rizzo, Thomas Kelly
 Linda Reilly

Pastor's Letter

Father Pat's Homily of September 24, 2017

Ten years ago, my regular doctor told me that I had an aortic aneurysm and that I needed to see a heart surgeon. That certainly got my attention! So, after a little research and consultation, I went to a highly recommended surgeon at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. After looking at my test results, he told me that I would need surgery. He probably could have done the surgery right then and there, since my heart was in my mouth beating rather rapidly! I asked when should I do this. I will always remember his answer, *it is not a crisis, but it is of concern*. So six months later, I had the surgery and have lived to tell the tale.



It is not a crisis but of concern is my thought as I begin a program of financial stewardship with you. Like all of you, I have my strengths and weakness. One of my weaknesses is that I do not like to talk about money with you. I know how many financial challenges and realities that you have in your own life, and you come to Mass to pray and hear the words of God. I say this is a weakness of mine since this is only the third time in six years that I am addressing the financial realities of St. Martin's.

The first was the capital campaign, *Paving the Way for Christ*, that went amazingly well. We were told that we might be able to raise 1.2 million dollars. When the campaign was completed, parishioners had donated more than 1.7 million dollars! The second was when T.J. Hance, our fine maintenance man, was in an accident with the parish truck through no fault of his own. For a time, we had no truck and T.J. was not available for snow removal. We were hit with snow removal bills which we did not anticipate. I asked people to consider giving two extra dollars a week during this time and again, you responded so well. A few people continue to put in two extra dollars a week, even during the summer!

For the next three months, our parish will have a financial campaign that I am calling *Sharing the Way to Christ With Our Brothers and Sisters*. I am speaking this weekend at all the Masses about the spirituality of stewardship - why I should give financial help to my Church or any other charity or cause. In October, I will speak about the present financial realities of the parish. In November, I will address some strategies that our parish is coming up with that might assist us in helping our parish.

As a pastor, it my desire and goal to help us grow closer to Jesus Christ, to enter discipleship with him, with the goals of bringing us meaning in our daily living and the ultimate call to respond to God's love to enter eternal life. So, like the other priests and Deacon Tom, I speak about the Eucharist, God's love and compassion, our need to forgive others, our need to love one another and to be concerned about the needs of the poor, to name a few themes. Stewardship is also a theme of the Scriptures and an important part of being a follower of Jesus Christ.

My understanding of stewardship is rather simple and basic: God has given us gifts, and we are to use them well for the good of ourselves and others, and in gratitude to God, to make a return to the Lord. The key word there for me is *gratitude*. Stewardship is not about guilt and the priest hounding us for money. The heart of stewardship is wanting to give to the Lord and his Church with a sense of joy and thankfulness in our hearts. St. Paul tells us, *God loves a cheerful giver*. The Scripture that most comes to my mind is from Psalm 116: *how can a make a return to the Lord for all he has done for me*. I think we love Thanksgiving Day because gratitude for all we have as a nation, as a family, and as people of faith leads us to want to praise and thank God. It is a day of generosity, of sharing turkeys and food with those in need. We invite people to our table - we want no one alone on Thanksgiving Day.

Even though the recent news about hurricanes, eruptions and earthquakes is very saddening. Despite the struggles in our lives that each of us experience, such as the pain of loss of our loved ones, our own illnesses, financial worries and family concerns, I think we would say when we step back and look our lives and whatever problems we may face, that God has blessed us. When we know we are blessed, we are truly entering a spirit of stewardship. The heart of stewardship is knowing God has blessed us.

Stewardship is about valuing what God has given us. So Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si (Care For Our Home, the Earth)*. We have seen the environmental grow in the past decades. As a young man, I lived near Lake Erie. We would joke that if you threw a match into the lake, as polluted as it was, it would go on fire. Now people eat perch that is caught in the lake!

We are stewards of our health. God has given each of us one body. So we seek to take care of our health. I would confess I have my struggles in this area of stewardship. Parents are stewards of their children. I would say that our children are on *loan* to us from God. We are to care for them. This care goes until they are 95! Then you can take a rest! Through your love and grace of God you are gifted with children to whom you gave birth or adopted. This is a most serious responsibility. Occasionally, I am asked to watch the kids in my family for a half hour or so. I love my great nieces and nephews and being with them is a delight, but even the responsibility of care for short time stresses me that they be safe.

What we value, we support. We love our families and we work hard to provide for them. There is almost no expense a parent would turn down for the well-being of his or her child if at all possible. As a young man I learned that well, since my Dad worked three jobs. Stewardship is about love. How we use our time, which is a most precious gift, our talents and abilities, and our resources are all aspects of stewardship. As a parish, we have spoken at other times about time and talent and many parishioners are very generous in serving one another in the many ministries of St. Martin's.



Since the day I arrived here, I was told by former pastors that the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours are very generous. If you ask them for something they will do it. I have found that to be very true. This has been proven through support of the capital campaign, in your donations to the food pantry, in the annual baby bottle campaign for life, and in the weekly collections. Every week our red wagon for food donations is filled. The need for food is mentioned in the bulletin, but we do not preach about it. You fill it because you are grateful to have food on your table and you want to feed others. Our parish was the first parish ever recognized by the Life Center of Long Island for what we do in the baby bottle campaign. Every year we donate \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 because we love life and want to support new life. Whatever challenges we face with financial issues is not due to a lack of generosity on your part. In October I will speak to you about our present financial reality as a parish. As I said at the beginning of the homily, quoting my doctor, *it is of concern, but not a crisis*. In November I will present to you some ways we might meet our financial concerns.



The Gospel for today is the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Whenever I read this Gospel, I think of one of my nieces who complains to me that this Gospel is not fair! Why should the one-hour workers make the same wage as the ones who labored for the whole day. I tell her that she is correct. But that is the point of the parable: God has blessed each of us with our lives, and we shall live forever because of his death and resurrection. He has blessed us with our loved ones and the world around us. We did not earn it nor do we own it. It is the outpouring of his life for us.

As stewards of these gifts, you and I are invited to respond to this amazing grace. When I watch *This Is Us* on television and the episode ends, I can't wait for the next show. I am not so foolish to think that my preaching has you on the edge of your pew waiting for the next installment of this three-part series on stewardship. Still - I say to you, stay tuned! God is good!

Father Patrick Woods CSSR

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**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS
ROSARY CONFRATERNITY
Meeting Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

CMRC's October meeting will be held in St. Alphonsus Hall at 7:30PM. Rosary and CMRC prayers will be followed by Investiture of New Members. Our guest speaker is a nutritionist from St. Joseph Hospital.

If you would like to become a member, please call Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408.

All women are welcome!

The Book of Genesis Workshop

Father Jim McCabe, CSSR

7:30-8:30PM - large room of St. Alphonsus Hall

All held on Tuesday Evenings

Father Jim's REVISED schedule is:

Oct 3 Chapters 39-40 **and** 41-42
(small room of St. Alphonsus Hall)

Oct 10 NO MEETING

Oct 17 Chapters 43-44

Oct 24 NO MEETING

Oct 31 Chapters 45-46

Nov 7 Chapters 47-48

Nov 14 Chapters 49-50

Nov 21 NO MEETING

Nov 28 Books not included in the Bible



The Golden Harvest Festival & Raffle



Raffle limited to five hundred tickets at \$100 each
...fifty cash prizes for excellent odds of one in ten!

Let's sell ALL 500 tickets this year!!

WHEN: Drawing will be held at a Festival Party
Saturday, November 11th at 8PM in the School Cafeteria.

LIST OF PRIZES

First Prize	\$5,000
2 Prizes	\$2,000
3 Prizes	\$ 500
4 Prizes	\$ 200
20 Prizes	\$ 150
20 Prizes	\$ 125

\$100 per chance -
go it alone or
share a ticket
with others!

Tickets Go ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND!!!

October 7th & 8th
in the Gathering Area

BEFORE and AFTER ALL MASSES
(including the 5:30PM on Sunday)

Stop by the Rectory Office during the week to buy your ticket!

THE RAMP - GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS!



The good news: I am happy to tell you, that at long last...*after* getting permission from the Diocese of Rockville Centre...*and* after seeking several bids and evaluating them... *and* after getting the permission of the diocese for the company we chose... *and* after waiting for the permits from the Town of Oyster Bay...**WE ARE READY** to begin the construction of a ramp that will make the parish school cafeteria more accessible. The ramp will go into the rear door opposite the playground. It will be paid through the funds generated from the capital campaign, *Paving the Way for Christ*. I know many parishioners were not able to attend events in the parish cafeteria, which has been renamed Emmaus Hall. It will take *years* for us to use that name recognizing the town where Jesus was recognized in the breaking of the bread. This ramp will be a blessing to them.

The bad news: Construction does bring about some inconvenience. We will have to shut down three or four parking spots in the school parking lot during the time of construction. The section where the project is being done will have some fencing around it for safety reasons. I hope this project will be finished by Christmas, although weather and other factors always make it hard to predict the final dates.

R.C.I.A. Meeting

R.C.I.A. will have its first meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:30PM. We will meet in the Faculty Room of the school. This is an open meeting for anyone who wishes to become Catholic and for others in need of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

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**

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Veterans Affairs.gov SUICIDE RISK AND RISK OF DEATH AMONG RECENT VETERANS. Among deployed and non-deployed active duty Veterans who served during the Iraq or Afghanistan wars between 2001 - 2007, the rate of suicide was greatest the first 3 years after leaving service, according to a recent study. Compared to the U.S. population, both DEPLOYED and NON-DEPLOYED Veterans had a HIGHER RISK of SUICIDE but a LOWER RISK of DEATH from other causes combined. Deployed Veterans also had a lower risk of suicide compared to non-deployed Veterans. These findings are from a study that looked at the vital status of 1.3 million Veterans from their time of discharge through the end of 2009. The increased risk of suicide among female Veterans when compared to the U.S. female population was higher than that observed when male Veterans were compared to the U.S. male population, regardless of deployment status.

DEATHS AND SUICIDES BY GENDER AND DEPLOYMENT

- . Deployed all deaths: 58 deaths among females, 1,582 deaths among males.
- . Non-deployed all deaths: 738 deaths among females, 6,965 deaths among males.
- . Deployed suicides: 15 suicides among females, 336 suicides among males.
- . Non-deployed suicides: 109 suicides among females, 1,408 suicides among males.

Regardless of deployment status, the suicide risk was higher among younger, male, white, unmarried, enlisted, and Army/Marine Veterans; however, predictors of suicide were similar between male and female veterans.

VETERANS CRISIS LINE: The VETERANS CRISIS LINE connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring VA responders. Veterans and their loved ones can anonymously: . Call 1-800 273 8255 and PRESS 1. . Chat online . Send a text message to 838255 CONFIDENTIAL HELP IS AVAILABLE 23 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK. VET TO VET ASSISTANCE. CALL, TEXT OR ONLINE. 888-777-4443

If there's anything that's clear about Vets who are returning from war, it's that their experience leaves a lasting impression on their minds. All too often, it is a lasting impression of NIGHTMARE, TERROR and ANXIETY. One way to combat the problem is to shore up the services that offer MENTAL HEALTH CARE to Vets. IDENTIFYING the SIGNALS that indicate a VET IS AT RISK OF SUICIDE is the FIRST STEP, and one of those signals is POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD). In 2010 the VA officially reduced the requirements for receiving PTSD treatment and disability compensation, The answer to keeping our Vets from considering suicide is recognition of PTSD and other INVISIBLE WOUNDS as major concerns. *Keep our country's military in your prayers. Pray for them as they are deployed; pray for them when they return.*

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**

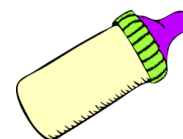
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

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

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Martin of Tours will be having a Baby Bottle Campaign the weekend of **October 21 and 22** in the gathering area of the church.

Our parish has always been very generous to help young mothers and their babies through The Life Center of Long Island. *Thank you for your prayers and generosity!*



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.

**SECOND ACT OF CHARITY****Blankets for Ronald McDonald House**

Friday, October 13th at 7PM-8:30PM Meet in the School Cafeteria (Emmaus Hall)

OPEN TO ALL SIXTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADERS

If you haven't signed up yet, please email Diana Hughes at SMT_lifeteen@yahoo.com

This Sunday, October 1st is our first meeting of all high school teens.

The 8th graders are welcome to join us!

We will meet after the 5:30PM Sunday Mass.

TALENT SHOW SIGN-UP IS OPEN UNTIL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6th FOR ALL 6th - 12th GRADERS

The date of the Talent Show is Friday, December 1st at 7PM in the school auditorium. Email Diana Hughes at SMT_lifeteen@yahoo.com if your child would like to sign up to perform, help backstage or sell tickets.

Also at the Talent Show, we will have an AUCTION! We are now accepting donations of gift cards/certificates, spirits and new items. Contact Diana if you need a letter validating donations from your favorite supermarket, restaurant or shop. You can call the rectory at 931-0818 to leave a message.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE TALENT SHOW AND THE AUCTION WILL GO TO PURCHASE AN ADAPTIVE TRICYCLE FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. (Supported by The Share the Voice Organization)

**“SOCK”-tober**

During the whole month of October, the Life Teen Youth Ministry is collecting new, warm socks for adults which will be given to the homeless. We will have a container in the gathering area where you can drop them off. Any questions, contact Diana Hughes, Youth Minister. **THANK YOU** for helping us reach out to the wider community!

Special Mass for the Feast of Saint Gerard Majella CSSR



St. Gerard Majella, a Redemptorist saint, is the patron of those who are seeking to become pregnant or to adopt a child, and for those who are pregnant for blessings for a safe delivery.

On Sunday, October 15th at the 1:00PM Mass here at St. Martin's, there will be a special blessing of those who wish to be blessed with the relic of St. Gerard for his intercession to become pregnant or for a healthy pregnancy and a safe delivery.

Family and friends are welcome to pray for their loved ones' special intentions to St. Gerard should they not be able to attend.

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.

Blessing of the Animals

In honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, we will have the blessing of animals on **Sunday, October 8th at 2:15PM in the prayer garden** located off the school parking lot. We ask the Father to bless all His creatures great and small!



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. Stephen Room (small room of St. Alphonsus Hall).**

Spiritual Book Club

Our next spiritual book club meeting will be on **Friday, October 13th 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
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
 PO2 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
 SGT Dennis Diesel, USMC
 L CPL James Kruper, USMC
 SGT Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
 CPT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
 SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
 SGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
 PFC William Corrigan, USMC
 PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC
 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
 A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF

SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
 SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
 LTC John Evans, US Army
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
 SSG George Howard, US Army
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army
 MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
 PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC
 LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC
 PFC Clint Applegate, US Army
 CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF

**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.

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**

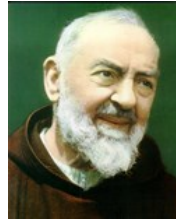
**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
 (631) 858-0380
 OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

**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 COUNSELINGwww.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**

SAINT PADRE PIO HOLY HOUR

Please join us on **Tuesday, October 17th at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel** for the Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated.

Parish Library - The St. Stephen Room

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 choose 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

Charismatic Prayer Group


Did you ever catch something as it's falling and save it from breaking into thousands of pieces? Did you ever feel like you were falling, but God caught you before you broke? What a God moment!! In those rare times when you felt broken, God wasn't ignoring you. Just as boot camp has to break a soldier to make him or her stronger and better, God uses trials to bring us closer to Him, to reshape us and give us a new direction. He never leaves us broken and alone. He loves us and just wants us to trust Him.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 2nd at 7:30PM in the Church. Come and be amazed at the power of God's love. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.


Reflection & Living Stewardship

The second son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The first son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?


We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who show Jesus' compassion and mercy by supporting and ministering in homeless shelters, crisis centers and soup kitchens.




September 29 - October 5, 2017
 A candle has been lit for
 Frances Mekalainas
 in honor of St. Anne



September 29 - October 5, 2017
 A candle has been lit for
 Anthony Fronzoni III
 in honor of St. Anthony of Padua



September 29 - October 5, 2017
 A candle has been lit for
 Dolores Miller
 in honor of St. Peregrine



September 29 - October 5, 2017
 A candle has been lit for
 The Gambino Family
 in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux

Congratulations to ALL H.O.P. Club Winners

9/25/17 #605	John & Maureen O'Mara	\$25
9/26/17 #335	Anthony & Ann Stachelik	\$25
9/27/17 #234	M/M Edward Pecinka	\$25
9/28/17 #392	Joseph R. Giugliano	\$25
9/29/17 #528	Christina Kennedy	\$50

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.



**In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima's
 100th Anniversary**

Please join us for the recitation of the Holy Rosary from October 1st through October 13th at 7PM in the Prayer Garden located in the school parking lot. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the church.

Respect Life Sunday
 October 1, 2017

October is Respect Life Month

The Respect Life Committee will have posters in the gathering area showing respect life events through the years. Come by and see what your support and prayers are continually doing for the gift of life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 1: Respect Life Sunday
- Oct 1: Knights of Columbus Membership and Charitable Benevolent Association
- Oct 1 - 13: Recitation of the Rosary 7PM Prayer Garden
- Oct 1 - 31: Warm Socks Collection. Container will be in the Gathering Area of the Church.
- Oct 2: Holy Face of Jesus Devotions 1PM Church
- Oct 2: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Oct 6: First Friday Devotions 7PM Church
- Oct 6: Regular Book Club 7PM St. Stephen Room @ St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 7: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Oct 8: Blessing of Animals 2:15PM Prayer Garden
- Oct 9: Columbus Day No 6:30AM Mass. Rectory Office is Closed
- Oct 13: Spiritual Book Club 7PM St. Stephen Room @ St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 17: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Oct 18: Respect Life Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Oct 21/22: Baby Bottle Campaign
- Oct 31: All Saints Vigil Mass 7PM Church
- Nov 1: All Saints Day Masses 6:30, 9AM; 12 Noon & 7PM Church
- Nov 4: 9AM Mass of Remembrance (For the Deceased from Nov 1, 2016 - Oct 31, 2017)
- Nov 11: Feast Day of Saint Martin of Tours/Veterans Day
- Nov 11: Golden Harvest Festival & Raffle Party at 8PM Cafeteria

