

**Masses For The Week****Monday - October 16 - St. Gerard Majella**

6:30 Henry & Patricia Murray  
 9:00 Doherty, Chan & Regan Families

**Tuesday - October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch**

6:30 Dan & Dianne Dillon, Living  
 9:00 Louise Smith

**Wednesday - October 18 - St. Luke Evangelist**

6:30 Bruce Benigno  
 9:00 Louise Smith

**Thursday - October 19 - Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues**

6:30 John & Inez Bertoli  
 9:00 Ines & Anthony Vitale

**Friday - October 20**

6:30 Linda Teague  
 9:00 Edward Steiger

**Saturday - October 21**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
 5:00 Deceased Members of Saloy & McKenna Family  
 7:00 Madeline T. Stein

**Sunday - October 22**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Frances & Anthony Valenti  
 10:00 Preziosi & Casey Families  
 11:30 John & Isabel Carlo  
 1:00 Peter & Joan Barcia  
 5:30 Josephine Griffo

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

Tues. Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

Wed. 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9

Thurs. Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Fri. Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7

Sat. Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12

**Sun. *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*** *The Lord anointed Cyrus of Persia to subdue the nations and free Israel. God made Persia great so that everyone might know that there is no god besides the Lord God of Israel.*

**1 *Thessalonians 1:1-5b*** *The Thessalonians believed in the gospel, live in the Holy Spirit, and labored in love with full conviction. Paul thanked God for the faith of the Thessalonians and remembered them in prayer.*

***Matthew 22:15-21*** *When some Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into saying something negative about the emperor, Jesus used a Roman coin to teach them, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**

**Weekly for 10/8/17: \$15,313.17**

***Thank you for your generosity!***

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

As I present the third report on what we spend to operate St. Martin's, I will address one phase of salaries - the clergy. The combined salaries for our priests last year was \$102,000.00. That cost covered the three priests who serve here and the cost of any visiting priests who come to help celebrate Masses. It includes a monthly salary, health insurance, insurance for disability/retirement, continuing education and retreats. Depending on our years of ordination, the monthly salary is about \$2,400.00. Deacon Tom Hennessy does not receive a salary, but he does receive a small stipend from the parish for wakes and funerals. The parish provides the priests their living quarters in the rectory, as well as food and our housekeeper. All figures are based on norms set by the diocese. The clergy also receives some stipends for saying Masses and for conducting weddings and funerals. With a fourth priest added to our staff, we will have a bump in our budget this year. However, the parish is not providing a salary for the fourth priest, just the cost of his health care as we did not want to burden the parish with four salaries.

As you know, St. Martin's is staffed by the Redemptorists, a religious order. We take a vow of poverty so none of us receives a personal salary. We pool the money to pay all our personal expenses, such as to buy the cars we need, the clothes we wear, the books we read, the trips and vacations we take, any dinners outside the rectory, the cable bills, gifts to family, computers, our cell phones and other incidentals. If possible, we try to send any unspent monies to the Provincial for the mission of our order, but we are usually not able to do this since, like the parish, our own Redemptorist budget at St. Martin's is tight. I can assure you that the Redemptorists are grateful for the generosity of the parishioners in providing for our ministry here, and we have no complaints - only praise!



*"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 chili, beef stew, mayonnaise, tomato paste, tomato sauce, dry lentils, hot chocolate, corn, icing, Jell-O, brownies, pudding, juice, paper towels, toilet paper, bar soap, diapers (size 6) and dish soap.

Because of your tremendous generosity, we were able to serve 388 people from 72 individual families during the month of September. **Thank You!**

**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 15 - 21, 2017  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Noreen Charles



*Sanctuary Candle*  
 Week of October 15 - 21, 2017  
 In Loving Memory of  
 John J. Wolfe

*Rest in Peace*

**Acts 7:49:**

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

Carol Anne Lauritsen  
 Halina M. Zablocki



**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, John Murphy, Colette Sin, Al DeBatto, Adeline Norton

## *Pastor's Letter*

**St. Gerard Ministry to Formally Begin  
Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the 1:00 p.m. Mass**

**St. Gerard is a very popular saint of the Catholic Church. His feast day is October 16<sup>th</sup>. He is Redemptorist, the same religious community that has served here at St. Martin's for the past thirty years. As you know, we have a beautiful icon of St. Gerard in our prayer area of our church. A wonderful committee of parishioners helped create a book, holy cards, and a brochure that are placed *near* the St. Gerard icon. The book contains pictures of *Gerard babies*. These are picture of babies (and some of children or adults) whose families have witnessed gratitude for the birth of the person in the picture. You are welcome to invite anyone you know to visit and have one of the priests or deacon bless a mother/couple with the relic of St. Gerard and say a prayer. You are also welcome to give any pictures of future *Gerard babies* to one of the clergy or parish office and they will have the picture incorporated in the book. Here is what is written in the brochure that we will give those who are interested:**

I welcome you the Church of St. Martin of Tours. While you are in this beautiful, holy place, I invite you to pray before the image of St. Gerard Majella C.S.S.R. St. Gerard was born on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1726 in Muro, a small village near Naples, in Southern Italy. He was a frail young man who had several health issues. Gerard was blessed from his earliest days with a great love of God, and people sensed his closeness to God. He wanted to be a religious brother, but it was felt he was not healthy enough to live the life of a religious.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, another Neapolitan, founded The Redemptorist Congregation in 1732 (the religious order that serves here at St. Martin's Parish) in a little town named Scala, also near Naples. He founded this order to preach the Gospel to people most in need of hearing the good news of God's loving mercy and compassion revealed to us in His Son Jesus Christ. Today, there are nearly five thousand Redemptorists in seventy-seven countries preaching the Good News of Salvation. We take great pride in our St. Alphonsus who is patron of confessors, moral theologians, those afflicted with arthritis, as well as the scrupulous. An author of one hundred and eleven books, he has been declared a doctor of the Church.

As a young man, Gerard attended a mission that was given by the Redemptorists in his village. At the end of the mission, he begged to be allowed to join the Redemptorists. Initially refused because of his poor health, he persisted and told his mother as he left home, I am leaving home to become a saint. In his six short years as a Redemptorist, Gerard advanced rapidly in sanctity. His prayer life was continual and his spirit of obedience was almost perfect. His confreres came to honor him as a saint. Much of his life as a brother was spent in traveling with and assisting the missionaries. People followed him everywhere, and already called him "il santo" ----the Saint. He was a man graced by God with extraordinary spiritual gifts. He was absolutely abandoned to the will of God and had this sign placed on his door: "The will of God is done here, as God wills it and as long as He wills it." Between midnight of October 15, early morning of the next day his innocent soul went back to God. We celebrate his feast day on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Why is St. Gerard Majella invoked as "The Mother's Saint?" It appears strange that a man, and a religious lay brother at that, should be so acclaimed. Since his death, people have prayed to St. Gerard to become pregnant, for a safe delivery, and to adopt a child. There are many people who testify that God, through the intercession of St. Gerard, played a special role in their lives.

Here are two of the stories that occurred during the lifetime of Gerard that have led to his being The Mother's Saint. His miraculous apostolate for mothers also began during his lifetime. Once, as he was leaving the home of his friends, the Pirofalo family, one of the daughters called after him that he had forgotten his handkerchief. In a moment of prophetic insight Gerard said: "Keep it. It will be useful to you some day." The handkerchief was treasured as a precious souvenir of Gerard. Years later the girl to whom he had given it was in danger of death in childbirth. She remembered the words of Gerard, and called for the handkerchief. Almost immediately the danger passed and she delivered a healthy child. On another occasion, the prayers of Gerard were asked by a mother when both she and her unborn child were in danger. Both she and the child came through the ordeal safely. After his death, the mothers of Italy took Gerard to their hearts and made him their patron. At the process of his beatification one witness testified that he was known as "il santo dei felice parti" -----the Saint of happy childbirth. His fame in this regard spread so that in many countries of the world mothers would not think of entering their confinement without having a medal of St. Gerard. This devotion has become very popular in America, both in the United States and in Canada.

I have my own personal testimony to make. There are many statues and images of Gerard, but very few show him holding a baby in his arms. Upon the death of our parents, my sister Maryanne and I had this painting commissioned in their memory and of my sister Geraldine. When my mother was pregnant with her first child, she went to the parish priest and asked for prayers for a safe delivery. The Redemptorist priest at the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Brooklyn, instructed my mother to pray to St. Gerard. Redemptorists take great pride in our Brother Gerard, who, after our founder, St. Alphonsus, was the second member of our Congregation to be canonized by the Church. My sister Geraldine was born on October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Gerard Majella. My parents chose to name their first daughter after the saint of those wishing to become pregnant and those seeking a safe delivery of their child. Gerry was a Sister of St. Joseph of Brentwood for more than thirty years before she went home to God.

St. Gerard was a man committed to following the will of God in his life. We ask you, as you pray before the icon of Gerard, to surrender yourself to the will of God in your life. Trust in the Lord. God is the source of all life. All grace comes through the Blessed Trinity, yet our loving God gives us the gifts of the saints to help us pray. The long tradition of the Church is to have devotion to the saints as instruments of God's grace. Before you leave the prayer area, you are invited to also pray before the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The Mother of God, under the title of Perpetual Help, is the beloved Mother of all Redemptorists and of all who pray before her.

You are invited to take this brochure home with you as well as the St Gerard Holy Card. As you pray, pray for all couples seeking to become pregnant, for women who are pregnant to have a safe delivery, and for those who are seeking to adopt a child. You are also welcome to ask the priests or deacon present for a special blessing. You can stop by the rectory office and ask for a priest to give you a blessing. We can also give you a St. Gerard medal at the rectory to carry or wear. If you choose to, you can make a donation to support this ministry. The only request we make is that if God does bless you with a baby in your life through your prayers to Gerard please give us a picture for our book of St. Gerard babies. Through the intercession of St. Gerard and the Blessed Mother, may the Holy Spirit come upon you and grant you the prayers that are in your heart. Amen.

**Father Patrick Woods CSSR**

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# 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 are on sale in the Gathering Area  
Every weekend until November 11th

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

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





*St. Martin of Tours Vincentians and friends as they prepare to walk the trail. Missing from the photo is the Walk's sole jogger - our own Father Denis Sweeney CSSR.*

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thanks You!**

The 6th annual St. Vincent de Paul Society's Friends of the Poor Walk took place on Saturday, September 30, 2017. This is a national event, organized by the Society's national office in St. Louis for the benefit of local St. Vincent de Paul Conferences throughout the United States. All the money raised by the walkers and their sponsors reverts back to their local conference. Over 750 people - Vincentians, friends and supporters - from Long Island took part in the 5K Walk which took place in and around the Bethpage Community Park.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners and friends who helped us raise money to help needy neighbors during the months ahead.

**SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB:** As we begin to think about Advent and Christmas, our next book selection will be *Hidden Christmas* by Timothy Keller. **The meeting will be Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.** *Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ* From pastor and *New York Times* bestselling author Timothy Keller comes the perfect gift for the Christmas holiday—a profoundly moving and intellectually provocative examination of the nativity story.

**REGULAR BOOK CLUB:** *Small Great Things* **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall** *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult #1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER • With richly layered characters and a gripping moral dilemma that will lead readers to question everything they know about privilege, power, and race, *Small Great Things* is the stunning new page-turner from Jodi Picoult. It offers a thought-provoking examination of racism in America today, both overt and subtle. Her many readers will find much to discuss in the pages of this topical, moving book.

**MOMMAS HOUSE**

**MOMMAS HOUSE** is a home for young women who are pregnant, homeless and alone. The young women are between 18 and 24 years old. While at MOMMAS, the young women will complete their education or vocational training. The babies are cared for by the staff and volunteers at MOMMAS House.

MOMMAS is dedicated to empowering the young women who come to us under difficult circumstances to become loving mothers and responsible parents. After a year or two, the mothers leave MOMMAS, prepared to support themselves and their babies. For more information, call 516-781-8637 or go to the website: [www.mommashouse.org](http://www.mommashouse.org)



*Blessing of the Animals, October 8th in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.*

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH** *"America you are beautiful and blessed. The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life!" - Saint Pope John Paul II*

**National Right To Life Committee, Inc. Oct. 5th 2017:** At a press conference, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R.S.C) announced the introduction of the PAIN-CAPABLE-UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT in the U.S. Senate. The bill is based on Model Legislation developed by National Right to Life in 2010, and enacted so far in 16 states. On Oct. 3, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 237 - 189 for the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The bill has been among the Right-To-Life Movement's top Congressional priorities for the 115th Congress. Like the state bills already enacted, the proposed federal law would GENERALLY EXTEND LEGAL PROTECTION TO UNBORN HUMANS beginning at 20 WEEKS OF FETAL AGE, based on Congressional findings by that point and EVEN EARLIER, the UNBORN CHILD has the capacity to EXPERIENCE GREAT PAIN DURING AN ABORTION. National Right to Life's key points on the Federal Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act is available at [www.nrlc.org/uploads/fetalspain/KeyPointsOnPCUPA.pdf](http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/fetalspain/KeyPointsOnPCUPA.pdf).

Public Opinion Polls show Americans support prohibiting abortion at least by this stage of development. In Nov. 2014, the Quinnipiac University Poll found 60% would support a law such as the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act prohibiting abortion after 20 weeks. Some of the Extensive Evidence that Unborn Children have the capacity to Experience Pain at least by 20 weeks is available on the NRLC website. [www.nrlc.org/abortion/fetalspain](http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/fetalspain) and [www.doctorsonfetalspain.com](http://www.doctorsonfetalspain.com).

Founded in 1968, NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE, the federation of 50 state Right-To-Life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots Pro-Life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the Pro-Life Movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to Protect Innocent Life from ABORTION, INFANTICIDE, ASSISTED SUICIDE and EUTHANASIA. Please notify the senate that you stand behind this important bill.

**REMEMBER THAT PRAYER IS POWERFUL:** October is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Please pray the rosary to promote respect for human life, born and preborn. Our troubled world needs the Intercession of our Holy Mother Mary. Life Center of L.I. Father Pat has been leading a Rosary in the Life Prayer Garden every evening up till Oct. 13th. Please continue to visit this beautiful garden and say a rosary or a prayer for the protection of all life from conception until natural death.

**LONG ISLAND TEEN FREEDOM** on Altice USA (formerly Cablevision Public Access - LONG ISLAND CHANNEL 20; MONDAYS AT 3 PM Hauppauge..Riverhead..Woodbury beginning October 2017 through March 2018.

### **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](http://WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM)**

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

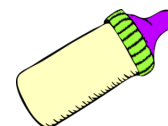
**Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services**  
**Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357**

**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 next weekend, **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!*



**Sunday, October 15th is our next meeting of all high school teens!** We will meet after the 5:30PM Sunday Mass. 8th Graders are welcome to join us!



**3rd Act of Charity: For Our Veterans**

**THURSDAY, November 9th at 7PM-8:30PM** Meet in the School Cafeteria. Open to all 6th - 12th graders. If you haven't signed up yet, please email Diana Hughes at [SMT\\_lifeteen@yahoo.com](mailto:SMT_lifeteen@yahoo.com)

**Talent Show: Friday, December 1st at 7PM the school auditorium.** Email Diana Hughes at [SMT\\_lifeteen@yahoo.com](mailto: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!



**\*\*\*\*RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTICE FOR 2ND GRADE PARENTS\*\*\*\***

*You are invited to attend a parent's meeting THIS Tuesday, October 17th at 7PM in the school cafeteria. It is not necessary for you to bring your child. Father Pat Woods will be speaking about the importance of the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. We will also inform you of the date and time of the practice and ceremony that your child has been assigned for both sacraments.*

*2018 is an exciting year for the children, and we are looking forward to working together as we prepare them for these most Blessed Sacraments.*

**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 schedule is:**

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

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



The Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship reminds us, "Jesus not only calls people to Him but also forms them and sends them out in His service. Being sent on a mission is a consequence of being disciples."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who re-prioritize their giving in these challenging times to keep the mission of Christ first.



**C**onsider the following scenario: you're peacefully reading on the sofa when Buddy, the family dog, walks in to snuggle beside you. But when you absent-mindedly pat him on the head, something feels sticky, and it's not a cold, wet nose. It's ketchup. All over Buddy. "Devon!" You yell in the general direction of your 6-year-old. "What?" He shouts back, peeking into the room. "Did you put ketchup on Buddy?" you demand, although there's not much room for doubt. Buddy is a smart dog, but he can't open ketchup bottles. "No," Devon responds in his most innocent voice.

And now you're facing the unfortunate problem of having caught Devon in a lie. And that's the third time this week, despite your best attempts to let him know in no uncertain terms that lying is unacceptable. Why doesn't he "get it?"

Lying is certainly a frustrating challenge for parents, but fortunately, it's one we can fix with a few adjustments to our parenting style. Let's take a look at why kids lie. By understanding where they're coming from, you'll start to see what you can do to get the truth in the future. One of the most obvious reasons for lying is to avoid punishment or an unpleasant outcome. It's hard for a child to be honest when she knows she may face physical punishment, humiliation or a good tongue-lashing. And can you blame her? Even as an adult, you may do the same when faced with an angry boss or nagging neighbor.

Another reason is to avoid losing favor in your eyes. The last thing kids want to do is disappoint their parents— they'd rather lie than have you think less of them for something they did (or didn't do).

And finally, kids always want a reaction, so they'll tell outlandish stories to impress you or others.

**RELATED: It's the truth! Children who lie may be showing their smarts, says study**

Many parents come to me very concerned about their kids' repeated lies. When I ask them how they respond to lies, they usually describe some form of swift and stern punishment. Unfortunately, this creates a vicious cycle: As kids are punished for lying, they're less likely to tell the truth in the future. The punishment creates a result that's exactly opposite from what we're looking for. But since lying really is a serious misbehavior, how can you address it without fueling the problem? Try looking at the problem another way: Instead of doling out punishment for every fib, we want to make sure to create a safe environment for the truth. Below are seven ways to do that.

## **7 ways to create a safe environment for the truth**

- 1. Be aware of how you respond to misbehavior in general.** If your kids are worried about being punished or yelled at when they mess up, they won't feel safe telling you the truth. Practice using your calm voice (although it can be hard at times!) and focus on solutions that will solve the problem instead of assigning blame.
- 2. Allow your child to save face.** Don't give your child the opportunity to fib by asking questions to which you already know the answer. For example, instead of asking, "Did you finish your homework?" try, "What are your plans for finishing your homework?" If your child hasn't completed his homework, he can save face by focusing on a plan of action rather than inventing a story.
- 3. Focus on the feeling.** When your child is being dishonest, try to understand what made him feel that he couldn't be honest with you. Instead of calling him out about the lie, try, "That sounds like a bit of a story to me. You must have felt afraid to tell me the truth. Let's talk about that." You'll get the honesty you're looking for, as well as information that may help you foster the truth in the future.

**4. Acknowledge and appreciate honesty.** Express encouragement when your kids tell the truth. "That must have been difficult for you to tell me what really happened. I admire your courage for telling the truth. You are really growing up!"

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**5. Celebrate mistakes.** Think of mistakes as a way to learn to make better choices in the future. If kids know that you won't be angry or disappointed when they mess up, they'll be more likely to share honestly. To respond, simply say something like, "That's a great opportunity to learn for the future. If you could have a do-over, what would you do differently?" If your child's actions negatively affected another person, ask what needs to be done to "make it right" with the injured party.

**6. Reinforce unconditional love.** Make sure your kids know that while you sometimes don't like their behavior, there isn't anything they could possibly do that would change your love for them.

**7. Watch your white lies.** Remember that young ears and eyes are always tuned in. Whether you're failing to correct the barista who gives you too much change or making up a story about why you can't volunteer at the school fundraiser, remember your actions set the example for acceptable behavior.

By following these guidelines, you'll soon notice a sharp decline in the lies your kids tell. What's more, you're showing them that no matter the situation, everyone benefits from the truth.

## This is the most effective way to discipline kids, according to science

Getting small kids to behave can be a delicate science for parents. Some worry about being too harsh; others are left exasperated by children who seem out of control. Many try to avoid yelling or spanking, and even time-outs are seen as too strict in some parenting circles. But parents shouldn't be afraid to punish: techniques like timeouts can be effective if done correctly, researchers at the American Psychological Association's annual convention in Toronto said on Thursday. Parents should pick and choose the right discipline, rather than avoiding any consequences at all or acting too firmly, noted Robert Larzelere, a professor of human development and family science at Oklahoma State University.

"What parents need to do depends upon the kind of non-compliance that the child is showing," Larzelere told TODAY Parents. "All other parenting theories come across as one-size fits all." His study looked at the most effective way to deal with misbehaving toddlers. Based on detailed interviews with 102 mothers, Larzelere divided the kids into two categories, depending on their behavior, and found each type responded best to a specific approach.

### Easy-to-manage kids:

These are toddlers who whine or try to negotiate with you when you ask them to do something they'd rather not do. But they're not very aggressive or disruptive.

**Best way to immediately improve behavior: Offer compromises.** If a child acts out because there is a conflict over toys, for example, a parent might say "You play with this toy and let your sister play with that toy," Larzelere explained. Or if the child is upset about ending their play time, you might say, "Yes, you can wait for five minutes before it's time for bed." Reasoning was the next most effective response.

**Best response for long-term behavior improvement: Keep offering compromises.** Parents who came up with alternatives whenever possible for easy-to-manage toddlers saw improvements in their behavior months down the road.

**Least effective response: Punishment or threats of it.** "For (these kids), you do not want to use warnings and time outs. They don't need it," Larzelere said.

### Hard-to-manage kids:

These toddlers are much more aggressive: They may act defiantly, ignore you or hit a sibling. "If a parent says one thing, like 'Time for bed,' they not only say no, they run in the other direction or they have a temper tantrum," Larzelere said.

**Best way to immediately improve behavior: Offer compromises.** Just like their more behaved counterparts, these kids also responded quickest to this tactic, the study found. But reasoning was the least effective approach for a quick fix.

**Best response for long-term behavior improvement: Frequent reasoning and occasional punishment or threats of it.** The consequences can include a timeout or taking away a privilege, but it's important parents don't overuse punishment, Larzelere said. For best results, use it one-sixth of the time or less, according to the study.

**Least effective response: Offering compromises too often.** These kids behaved worse over the next months if parents regularly used this approach.

When kids need to be punished, timeouts can be helpful if used consistently and properly, said Ennio Cipani, an education professor at National University in California, at the conference. Don't just make an impromptu decision to discipline your kids this way. For best effect, make sure they know exactly which bad behaviors will put them in timeout ahead of time and always follow through, he said. And one more tip: It may be helpful to give a child a second chance to obey you by warning them first, said Mark Roberts, a psychology professor at Idaho State University, at the meeting. Over time, your instructions and warnings will become more effective, he noted. *Source: TODAY; Amy McCreedy 1/23/17*

### Encouraging Honesty in Children

Why does anyone, particularly a kid, lie? The most obvious answer is to avoid the ramifications of someone discovering the truth. "Did you hit your brother?", I might ask my son. A "yes" could mean he won't get dessert tonight or to watch a TV show, but a convincing "No" could mean he is off the hook. No wonder it is tempting to lie! In addition, many kids don't want to face an adult's disappointment in them... Or maybe they just want to see what sort of crazy story they can get you to believe.

Ultimately, the decision to lie is up to the individual child, however, here a few things we can do to encourage honesty:

1. **Avoid trying to "trip them up".** Should I ask whether a child hit his brother when I already know he did? Instead, be honest of your awareness of the situation so that you can address the situation.
2. **Focus on the positive.** Ask them how they can work on making a situation better. "I can see that the cereal got spilled all over the floor", you might say. "What do you think the best way to clean it up would be?"
3. **Applaud honesty.** When a child responds to a "what happened here?" question truthfully, praise them for it. Let them know that it is brave to always be honest and that you are proud of them.
4. **If they do lie, focus on their motivation for doing so.** If my son lied about hitting his brother, I could respond "Why didn't you tell me the truth? Are you afraid I'll be disappointed in you?" "Even if you make bad choices, I will always love you."

*Source: The National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc. VIRTUS Online*



**PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY**

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



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**St. Martin's Men Club**

Meeting on Monday, October 30th  
 7:30PM at St. Stephen Room  
 in Alphonsus Hall



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October 13 - 19, 2017  
 A candle has been lit for  
 The Gambino Family  
 in honor of St. Therese



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

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**Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity**

Monday, October 16th is the feast of St. Gerard Majella. We will be celebrating as a group at the 9AM Mass. Hope to see you there!

**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.

**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. Sunday, November 19th at Christ the King in Commack at 2:30PM (registration deadline November 6th).

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.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Look both ways... Do unto others... Stop on red... Life has so many rules and instructions. Did I hear you say "Somebody ought to write a book?" Guess what? Some one did!! It's called the Bible - thousands of years old but still relevant to today's world. So pick up a bible, get it online, on your iPad or Kindle. It's the **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth.

**Our next meeting is Monday, October 16th at 7:30 PM in the church. Come and get your instructions. If you've been wondering why "things aren't working" like you think they should or "what's my purpose," God has the answers. Call (516) 993-9672 for more information or prayer requests .**

**VIRTUS CLASS**

**"Protecting All God's Children"**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 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](http://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.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct 16: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Oct 17: Religious Ed Parent's Meeting for 2nd Grade 7PM School Cafeteria
- 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 30: Virtus Training 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 31: All Saints Vigil Mass 7PM Church
- Nov 1: All Saints Day Masses 6:30, 9AM; 12 Noon & 7PM Church
- Nov 1: Rectory Closed for All Saints Day
- 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

