

Masses For The Week**Monday - November 6**

6:30 Michael Zura
9:00 All Souls Novena

Tuesday - November 7

6:30 Lorraine Grippi
9:00 All Souls Novena

Wednesday - November 8

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita
9:00 All Souls Novena

Thursday - November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

6:30 Josephine Chimera
9:00 All Souls Novena

Friday - November 10 - St. Leo the Great

6:30 Charles Moone
9:00 All Souls Novena

Saturday - November 11 - St. Martin of Tours/Veterans Day

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Filomena & Stephen DeCario and
Mary & William Dorsch
7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - November 12

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Mary Elizabeth Isernia
10:00 Meghan Cosgrove
11:30 Frank & Vincent Marrone
1:00 Margaret Lannon
5:30 Robert & Darlene Gallo

Readings For The Week

Mon. Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14
Tues. Romans 12:516b; Luke 14:15-24
Wed. Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
Thurs. Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22
Fri. Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
Sat. Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15

Sun. Wisdom 6:12-16 *Wisdom is there for those who love and seek her: resplendent, unfading, responsive, eager, patient, perfect, gracious and caring.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Those who have died in Christ will rise first. Believers will be with Christ forever. Christians can comfort one another with this knowledge.*

Matthew 25:1-13 *Jesus told the disciples the parable of the bridesmaids, emphasizing the urgency of keeping alert to the coming of God's reign: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

Weekly for 10/29/17: \$15,474.17

Thank you for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who make certain that whatever gifts are theirs to share, they stand ready to share them lovingly - in justice - with others.

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

For the past several weeks, I have been writing about stewardship on our expenses over the course of the year. Now, I would like to give you some information about how we generate income here at St. Martin's. The most significant way we gather funds is through the first collection at the Sunday Masses.

- Last year, our weekly collections were \$861,1300.00.
- Our Christmas collection was \$48,500.00
- Our Easter collection was \$36,600.00
- After the prize money and food bill is paid, the Golden Harvest generates about \$25,000.00 for the parish. That is a great help.
- The HOP Club (Help Our Parish), after the prize money is distributed, brings in around \$18,000.00. That too is most helpful.
- Our Verizon Antenna rental is \$25,000.00.

These are our main sources of income. I will mention a few more programs that do generate some funds next week as I continue to inform you about our parish finances.

Wedding Banns

3rd Timothy Cook & Amanda Franchuk

2nd William Bergersen & Amanda Cassiere



"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: sweet cereal, pancake mix, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, pasta sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise, hot chocolate, boxed milk, jelly, milk, cookies, crackers, mac & cheese, toilet paper, diapers size 5 & 6, paper towels. As always, we thank you so very much for all that you do for those in need.

The pantry is in need of a volunteer on Thursdays, 2PM - 7PM with knowledge of Excel and Word from January through April, 2018 to cover vacations.

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 November 5 - 11, 2017
In Loving Memory of
Bernie Lavin



Sanctuary Candle
Week of November 5 - 11, 2017
In Loving Memory of
Colleen McNamara

*Rest in Peace***Acts 7:49:*****"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."***

Mildred D'Erasmus

Estelle Prossimo



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, Tommy Johnson Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio Carmenate, Mary McCarthy Karen Kilgard, Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci, Robert Kennan Corey Voboril, Baby Scarlett, May Duffey, Anna M. Bosco Janet Medina, Kevin Henson, Marie Newman, The Mascia Family Ceil Hollander, Daniel Costa, Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss Bob Baciuska, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Charles Boyce, Elsa Ryan Sarah Messina, William Boyce, Jo Ann Anastos, Michael Arato Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller, Chris Mitchell, Elizabeth Ryan 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 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 Ann Marie Wezel, Jeanie Wilkins, Rosemary Curtin Ann Soehngen, Marilyn Chicoine

Pastor's Letter

When I was a young priest in the late 1970's, I lived in St. Cecilia's Parish in Spanish Harlem with some senior Redemptorists priests who were very good men. They liked to tease me about being young and not really knowing anything. I would respond by joking that they were out of date with the newest thinking of the Catholic Church. I recall that all of us heard the confessions of the children in Catholic grade school. Afterwards, one of the old timers - and I say that respectfully since I am now an old timer - complained, *none of these kids ever seem to confess a real sin; all they ever seem to confess is that they failed to love, share and care.* Half believing it, half just trying to get them upset, I responded, *Jim, that is the only sin. He immediately told me I was worse than the kids.*

In today's Gospel, we hear what I would consider the prime mandate of Jesus on how we are to live. Our Lord reduces the entire moral code of the Bible to two sentences: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* How simple to hear these words; how challenging it is to embrace this teaching in our daily lives.

What does it mean to love God and to love our neighbor? I decided to google a bit about love and here are some quotes I discovered:

Love is a widespread incurable disease which is known to affect the mind and sometimes the body. Symptoms may include: Affected judgment, lightheadedness, eye-watering, chest pains, and increased need to be with the person who infected you. Is known to be highly contagious and can be deadly. Love is being broke together. Love is a form of amnesia when a girl forgets there are 1.2 billion other guys in the world.

Obviously, these quotes are bit cynical with some humor mixed in. I think it fair to say today that when most people think of love it is with a sense of the love that exists in a romantic relationship with another person. Go into a card store and you will find shelves of cards that will help you tell another person that you love them. Listen to the songs on the radio, especially if you like country westerns music, and half the songs are about falling in love with someone, and the other half are about having our hearts broken by love. We use the love word rather casually, I often say, love *pizza and chocolate.*

C.S. Lewis, the great English Christian philosopher, in his classic book *The Four Great Loves*, gives some of the clearest understanding of what love means in terms of what Jesus is calling you and me to live. The first type of love he calls Eros (Greek) or erotic love. This is a love that most of us understand. It is the love that moves us to ask another human being to be our partner for life in marriage. It is a love that moves a man and woman to have children. It is a wonderful gift from God, but one that is based heavily on feelings. Over time however, powerful, feelings by their very nature must lessen or our bodies would wear out. I remember asking a couple when did they decide to marry. One of them responded with a smile: *about five years after we were married.*

Another love is called *storge*. This is another kind of natural love. It is love that is based on common bonds and family ties. We might use the term affection to capture its meaning. A parent loves his/her child. Brothers and sisters love one another. Such bonds are very strong, but we know all too well that they often can break, and families can divide in bitter disputes. I have often heard it said that you never know someone until you share a will with them.

Lewis' third category of love is friendship or in the Greek word *philia* (friendship). It is often said that we cannot choose our family, but we can choose our friends. Very often when I am preparing a couple for marriage, they will tell me that they were best friends before they fell emotionally in love. There are many kinds of friendship and Jesus, because he was both human and divine, had several close friends, including the family of Martha, Mary and Lazarus and the disciple John whom we call the *beloved disciple*. There are many kinds of friendships but if you are truly blessed in your life you may have one or two of what the Irish call *Anam Caras* or *soul friends*, friendships that based on deep trust and commitment to one another. Like all true loves, one must give much to be a good friend.

The final type of love described by Lewis is called *Agape* or unconditional love. It is a love that seeks to love other people even if we receive nothing in return. Although all the loves that I have mentioned are graces from God, this unconditional love is the love that Jesus is speaking of when he says that we are called to love our neighbors, the poor, and even our enemies. There is nothing in return for us as such a love, other than the great peace of doing God's will. It is not a natural love like falling in love, affection for a family member, or even a friendship. It is to see other human beings as the children of God.

These loves are great blessings, but they are not easily lived. It takes great effort to be a loving spouse, a good family member, a committed friend. Still, to love human beings and seek what is best for them is only done by the grace of God. Yet, it is done by you many times. Last week you gave donations to the people of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Mexico, Dominica. You do not know these people. The only bond you shared with them was a common humanity. Every week people donate food to the food pantry. To me these are forms of *agape*, the unconditional love that touch our hearts.

A great modern-day lover of the poor, Dorothy Day, described love as a harsh and dreadful thing. At first that may sound strange, but we know any love, be it in a marriage, a family, or for any person will cost us sacrifice. Although to love other people is one of the greatest blessings of life, it is not easy. I believe we fail in love because we have not yet let the love of God capture hearts. God is for each one of us: our lover, our Father, and the one who loves us unconditionally. To meditate on Jesus on the cross is to know his love.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta described love in this way: *Spread love everywhere you go: first, in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next-door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.*

Father Patrick Woods CSSR

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On behalf of the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours, I want to thank James Mossman for the wonderful work he did in renovating an office in the parish school and creating an excellent meeting space for the parish and the staff of the religious education program. James did this project as one of the requirements to become an Eagle Scout, the highest recognition a Scout can receive. We commend James as he achieves this great honor.

At the request of our religious education coordinators, Pat Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, the room was dedicated in honor of Deacon James Biggin. Jim served many years as the director of religious education, and it was the very room that had been his office. May he rest in peace. Again, thank you James Mossman for helping our parish in such a wonderful way!



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!

REGULAR BOOK CLUB: *Small Great Things* Friday, November 10th 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.

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB: Our Next Spiritual Book Club Book *Why I am Catholic* by Brandon Vogt Wednesday, November 29th at 7:30PM (we are not reading *Hidden Christmas* as we having been posting in the bulletin. The Pastor forgot that we read it last year! Watching too many Jet games!)

Reviews: "In a time of crisis, when so many young people have abandoned the Church, Brandon Vogt stands out among his generation as one who boldly affirms the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic faith. As this book demonstrates, he is bright, articulate, kind, and passionate. He's one of the radiant lights of the New Evangelization." --**Most Rev. Robert Barron**, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles

"For years, I've longed for a book that I could recommend to parents whose children have left the Church or to people who have lost their faith. This is that book; share it with others." --**Brant Pitre**, Catholic theologian, speaker, and author of *The Case for Jesus*

"I wish I'd read this book back when I was an atheist--I would have become Catholic much sooner! Brandon Vogt makes clear, reasonable arguments that will resonate with people from any faith background." --**Jennifer Fulwiler**, Catholic radio host and author of *Something Other Than God*

"Like all of Brandon Vogt's writing, his compelling new book is accessible, inviting, practical, inspirational, and, in the deepest sense, true." --**Rev. James Martin, S.J.**, Author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*

Diocese of Rockville Centre Day of Prayer and Healing for Women

The Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

Saturday, December 9, 2017 Long Island Location

For more information visit: respectlife.drvc.org

To register contact: Project Rachel

1-888-456-4673 projectrachel@drvc.org

All reservations and information will remain confidential.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

ADVOCACY: Catholic Action Network, New York State Catholic Conference (CAN)

“As American citizens, we are members of a community of faith with a long tradition of teaching and action on human life and dignity, marriage and family, justice and peace, care for creation and common good. As Americans, we are also blessed with religious liberty which safeguards our right to bring our principles and moral convictions into the public arena. These Constitutional freedoms need to be both exercised and protected, as some seek to mute the voices or limit the freedoms of religious believers and religious institutions.” – *Faithful Citizenship, USCCB*

*The Respect Life Office offers resources and support to guide pastors and laity to understand more fully the teachings of the Catholic Church with regard to ethics, morality and justice and our responsibilities to upholding those morals for the good of society and in support of religious freedom for our generation and future generations. For public policy matters in New York State, the state’s bishops have set up the **Catholic Action Network**, New York State Catholic Conference (CAN) . Register at www.nyscatholic.org to receive information and alerts on legislation and other issues.*

ADVOCACY: The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA)

In the great civil rights struggle to secure the right to life for all, Archbishop John Roach, testifying on behalf of the Catholic Bishops, expressed the guiding vision: “We are committed to full legal recognition of the right to life of the unborn child, and will not rest in our efforts until society respects the inherent worth and dignity of every member of the human race.” – *November 5, 1981 Statement before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution*

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. Among its various activities, NCHLA produces educational and program resources, communicates with leaders about legislative priorities, and presents legislative seminars throughout the year. In a special way, NCHLA assists dioceses, state Catholic conferences, and Catholic lay groups. The Committee also works closely with the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. View or register to receive action alerts by visiting www.nchla.org.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Hart Mirando
(C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

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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

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:

Nov 7 Chapters 47-48

Nov 14 Chapters 49-50

Nov 21 NO MEETING

Nov 28 Books not included in the Bible



Upcoming Meetings: Sunday, November 5th & 12th. We will meet after the 5:30PM Mass. All high school teens and 8th graders welcome.

Sunday, November 19th is our Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner after the 5:30PM Mass. More info to follow.

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. Since it will be a short project, parents are asked to stay with their child.

Life Teen will have an Auction at the Talent Show on December 1st!

Talent Show: Friday, December 1st at 7PM 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. The next rehearsal should be November 30th.

Donations of gift cards/certificates, spirits and new items are still being accepted. 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)



**Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity
Thanksgiving Feast
Monday, November 13th at 7:30PM
St. Alphonsus Hall
NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE**



Our general meeting is our Thanksgiving Feast. We will provide the turkey but please bring the side dish that you chose for our sharing table. If you did not pick a dish, please call Laurel Rasmussen at 681-4211 to see what is still needed. We are preparing a Thanksgiving basket for a family in need, so please bring a non-perishable food item for this purpose.

Janet Dion, treasurer, will be collecting any unpaid dues (\$12). You can also choose to send a check payable to Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity, c/o St. Martin of Tours, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714.

If you cannot attend this meeting, please remember the Food Pantry.

WINTER COAT DRIVE COLLECTION

Sponsored by the
Bethpage Knights of Columbus Hartigan Council
Weekend of November 11th and 12th

On the weekend of St. Martin of Tours, the patron saint of our parish, (November 11th and 12th), we will be conducting a winter coat drive at all the Masses in his honor. As you know, St. Martin cut his soldier's coat in half to clothe a near-naked man. Please only winter coats. At this time, we do not need any other clothes, not even light coats. The Hartigan Council of the Knights is sponsoring this drive and we appreciate their desire to honor St. Martin of Tours.



St. Gerard Majella, CSsR is a very popular saint of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery. 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. You are welcome to ask any of the priests or deacon for a blessing with the St. Gerard relic if you are seeking to become pregnant, adopt or are pregnant.

Just a heads up! Thanksgiving Church Bulletin Deadline

All bulletin articles and notices must be submitted to the rectory no later than Friday, November 17th for November 26th's issue.

The Bulletin Company will be closed on November 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Charismatic Prayer Group

FOCUS: Fear Only Causes Unnecessary Stress

So Focus on Jesus. When you are scared, lonely, depressed, remember Jesus knows all of these human emotions. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He was alone, about to be abandoned and betrayed. He was facing unimaginable pain and death on the cross. He asked, just as we do, for this "cup" to be taken away. What "cup" are you asking God to take away? The cup of unemployment, disease, the pain of the loss of a loved one? Are you in the garden? You are not alone. Do not be afraid -- FOCUS!

Our next meeting is Monday, November 6th at 7:30PM in the church. Bring your "cups" and leave them here. You can't imagine what Jesus will give you in return! Come, give praise and glory to God - the Great I AM! He says, "I am your Lord, your Savior, your Father, your Friend, your Healer." Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Bethpage Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee

My Brothers and Sisters of Erin As Saint Patrick's Day fast approaches, the committee requests your assistance in choosing the next Grand Marshal. Please send your nominations, including name and short bio to:

bethpagesaintpatrickscommittee@gmail.com

The deadline to submit is **November 15, 2017**.

Thank you,

Frank DeBobes

Friends of the Poor Walk

The St. Martin of Tours Vincentians extend their sincere thanks for all the parishioners who contributed to the 2017 Friends of the Poor Walk. Some parishioners offered to pray for the success of the Walk; others contributed to the Walk; and, others contributed with their feet - walking the 5K, honoring their pledge to their sponsors.

Winter is approaching. Heating and utility costs will be on the rise. These are two of the costs of living that the Society is often called upon to help with.

God bless the parishioners of St. Martin's for their generosity and compassion for people who have fallen on hard times.

AN INVITATION FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thanksgiving Day at 12:00PM, Thanksgiving Dinner will be served in St. Alphonsus Hall for anyone who might find themselves alone on this day and want to share in the meal with others. This is the second year that Thanksgiving Dinner is being sponsored by a family in the parish. The meal last year was very lovely.



Please contact the parish office (931-0818) no later than Friday, November 17th if you would like to attend, as they need to know how much food to prepare.



**World Apostolate of Fatima USA
OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY
The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue
November 5 - November 20, 2017**

From May to October in 1917, Our Lady of the Rosary appeared to three little children of Fatima, Portugal. People of every medical condition of life went to Fatima to honor Mary, the Mother of God and thank her for the graces received and to beg her for favors received of body and soul. On May 13, 1967, the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima, Pope Paul VI blessed 25 Pilgrim Virgin Statues when he visited Fatima. It was his desire that these statues be taken around the world on pilgrimages of peace. One of these statues was presented to our country and has continued moving in solemn procession through the U.S.

On Sunday, November 12th Our Lady's Statue will be arriving at St. Martin of Tours at 4PM and departing at 9PM. Come, honor Mary and pray for peace in our troubled world.

On Sunday, October 29th, Bishop John Barres awarded our parishioner Helen Kurlowicz with The Saint Agnes Medal of Service. *"Honorees are lay people whose love of the Church has been shown through their devotion to the Holy Father, to our diocese and to their parish," "They are the unsung heroes in our midst who build up our parish communities by extraordinary service in parish ministry, parish administration or some significant volunteer role."*

Designed and crafted in Rome by the jewelers, Savi Brothers, the medal features the image of St. Agnes, patroness of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, on one side and a depiction of St. Agnes Cathedral on the other. The 2-inch diameter medal is made to be worn around the neck.



Helen has continued to serve all of us at St. Martin's with great dedication and love for many decades. She is a woman of great humor and very spirit-filled. She has been instrumental in creating and leading many of our parish devotions and is very active on the parish pro-life committee. *Congratulations to this wonderful woman and to her family!* -- Father Pat



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
 CPL Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC

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

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.



November 3 -9, 2017

A candle has been lit for
The Gambino Family, Deceased
in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux



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A candle has been lit for
Ele Menendez - Grateful Thanks
in honor of St. Jude



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A candle has been lit for
Ken Troise
in honor of St. Anne

Congratulations to ALL H.O.P. Club Winners

10/30/17	#60	Joann Kelly	\$25
10/31/17	#109	Gerri Laraia	\$25
11/1/17	#607	Joseph & Santa Cambria	\$25
11/2/17	#328	Joan C. Stauber	\$25
11/3/17	#144	Betty Ballereau	\$50

LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING

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



Divine Mercy Novena

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

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.

St. Martin of Tours Giving Tree

The Giving Tree with tags will be placed in the Gathering Area on **Saturday, November 25th**. **Gift cards must be returned by Sunday, December 10th** to allow ample time for distribution, and can be deposited in the rectory door mail slot. Please we ask for only gift cards and no presents as we have no place to store boxed or bagged gifts.

As always, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Parish Outreach are grateful for the compassion and support of our parishioners!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 6: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Nov 6: Holy Face Devotion 1PM Church
- Nov 10: Regular Book Club "Small Great Things" 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 11: Feast Day of Saint Martin of Tours/Veterans Day
- Nov 11: Golden Harvest Festival & Raffle Party at 8PM Cafeteria
- Nov 11 & 12: Knights of Columbus Winter Coat Drive Collection
- Nov. 13: Christian Mothers Thanksgiving Dinner 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM Church (No 6:30AM Mass)
- Nov 29: Spiritual Book Club "Why I Am Catholic" 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 1: Youth Ministry Talent Show & Auction 7PM Auditorium

