

Masses For The Week**Monday - November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

6:30 Frank Smith & Catherine Arnould

9:00 All Souls Novena

Tuesday - November 14

6:30 William Ligarzewski

9:00 Vito, Giovanna, Giovanni Gambino

Wednesday - November 15 - St. Albert the Great

6:30 Millie Savady

9:00 Ed Pantini

Thursday - Nov 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland & St Gertrude

6:30 Clair Borelli

9:00 Robert Preziosi, 8th Anniversary

Friday - November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

6:30 Laura & Bill Murphy, In Thanksgiving

9:00 Francesca, Calogero & Piero Mannino

Saturday - November 18

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

5:00 Tom Trappasse

7:00 Monica & Stanley Szymkowski

Sunday - Nov 19 - Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Rita A. Carroll

10:00 Erina Oliveri

11:30 John Mitchell

1:00 Kristine Benasutti

5:30 Peter Loretta

Readings For The Week

Mon. Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6

Tues. Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10

Wed. Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

Thurs. Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25

Fri. Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

Sat. Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Matthew 14:22-33

Sun. Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 *A worthy wife has value far beyond pearls. She deserves payment for her labor and praise for her work: "Let her works praise her at the city gates."*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 *According to Paul, Christians are children of light. They belong not to dark nor to night but, rather, to day and light. They should be awake, sober, and alert.*

Matthew 25:14-30 *Jesus told the parable about a man who went on a journey and gave his servants money. On his return, he said to the one who made the greatest profit, "Well done,...I will give you great responsibilities."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Weekly Budget:** \$17,500.00**Weekly for 11/5/17:** \$17,966.17**All Saints:** \$4,037.00**Cath Ministries Appeal:** \$3,142.00*Thank you, SMT, for your generosity!*

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

Last week in the ongoing series about stewardship, I outlined some of the major ways our parish draws income. Here are some other sources:

Fees for weddings and funerals: part of the fee goes to the parish - and by diocesan norm - to the clergy. We would never turn a person away if they could not afford our fees for either a funeral or wedding.

Baptisms: we invite people to donate for the baptism of their child.

The poor box and candle money: the poor box money goes to the parish outreach center and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Special Novena Masses for Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls Day, the flower collections for Christmas and Easter: Although the Mass stipends by church law belong to the clergy, here we choose to share some of this income with the parish.

The donations for the candles in front of the paintings of the 5 saints, the offertory gifts, and the sanctuary lamp are very helpful.

Both the Young at Heart and the Christian Mothers make donations to the parish.

The fees from the religious education program help to generate some income.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee donates to the parish for the use of parish space. Some groups who ask to use parish space also donate.

Some people make donations from time-to-time after moving away for personal reasons.

I am sure this does not cover everything, but it gives you a sense of some sources of income that weren't mentioned last week. If I left anything out that involves you, please don't be offended since it was not intentional.

Wedding Banns

3rd William Bergersen & Amanda Cassiere

2nd Henry Garca & Soleyda Hernandez

1st Neil Esposito & Melissa Becker

***“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, 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 12 - 18, 2017
In Loving Memory of the
Szmytkowski & Zoitke Families



Sanctuary Candle
Week of November 12 - 18, 2017
In Thanksgiving to God

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

Suzanne Izzi

Teresa F. Smith

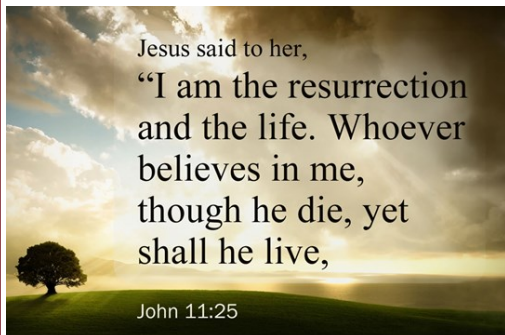


REMINDER: Please call the rectory at
931-0818 to remove a name from the list.

***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 Baciusk
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
Frank Ballatore, Jr., Anthony Della Croce, Nicole Carbone
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
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
Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, Unborn Identical Twins
Anthony Hanlon, Janine, Mary Jedlicka, Lisa Lazzara
Pete Moran, Bernard Kelly, Brian John Roe III, The Kloos Family
Patricia Olive, John Bunker, Jacklyn Baddalucco, Yolanda Zitelli
Rose Marie Gaccione, Filomena Rosa, Andrew Bartolozzi
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

Pastor's Letter



Since the dawn of time, human beings have been asking the question: *where is God?* All the greatest minds that have ever lived, all the brilliant philosophers of the ages, and the great religions of the world have sought to address this question. I heard of a religious education teacher who raised this question to her first-grade students. She asked, *Boys and girls, where do we find God.* Like any group of first graders, every hand was waving, saying aloud *I know! I know!* So the teacher pointed to Susan and she responded, *God is in heaven.* The teacher said, *very good; that is correct.* Another child named Mary raised her hand and said, *God is in our hearts.* Again, the teacher congratulated the young girl on her correct answer. Another child, a boy named Robert from a large family of seven children, was frantically seeking the teacher's attention with his waving hand. She said, *Okay, Robert, where do we find God?* He responded, *God is in my bathroom.* Naturally, all the children giggled and laughed and the perplexed teacher said, *Robert, why would you say that?* He answered, *every morning my Dad stands outside the door of our bathroom and says, 'God, will you please get out of that bathroom!'*

On a more serious note, I recall when the first Russian cosmonauts went into outer space. When they returned to earth, they cynically told the reporters, *we did not see God.* They were avowed atheists. Yet when the American crew of Apollo Eight, the first human beings ever to circle the earth in December of 1968, were so moved on a Christmas Eve to recite from the Book of Genesis: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.* These men could not look at the glorious creation they were seeing and not see the handiwork of God the Creator.

You have had similar moments in your lives. When you were filled with wonder when you first fell in love with your future spouse, when you looked at your newborn child in his/her first moments, when you saw the sun in all its glory setting over the ocean, and even, when you wept upon the first moments of realizing someone you loved to the core of your being had died, you could only say, *Oh, my God!*

Where is God is a haunting question. I have been studying theology and religion for almost five decades. I have had wonderful teachers and read many fine books about questions of God. Still the older I get, the more I find myself going back to the catechism of my youth, popularly known to previous generations as *The Baltimore Catechism*, for answers to the most profound questions of life. Two of the questions and responses that I learned when I was in the first grade at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Brooklyn were in the catechism. I am sure that those of you who would be willing to admit that you are on the other side of sixty, may well be familiar with these two questions and the responses to them:

Q. Why did God make you? A. *God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.*

Q. Where is God? A. *God is everywhere.*

No words could be clearer, nor could any words be more mysterious. God made us for one reason: to share life with him forever. God is everywhere. We all have the tendency to say that *God is up there* and point to the sky. We smile and say when *I get up there I am going to ask him some questions*. It is only natural to think of heaven as a great place in the sky with angels sitting on clouds and playing harps.

Where is God, and for all of us who have lost a loved one, where are our beloved deceased? What are they doing right now? Every part of losing someone is painful, a pain that is not one just of the heart and body, but even an ache in our souls. Watching our loved one die, going to the funeral home, picking clothes for them to wear in the casket, writing the obituary, seeing them for the first time in the funeral home, the last farewell called for by the undertaker, the funeral mass - all carry sadness. I think for me the most difficult moment was when the day was over after my Mom's funeral, and I was now alone, and wondered where is she?

Despite the many questions that can even border on doubt, I believe in Jesus Christ and his promise of eternal life. Jesus promised us: *I will not leave you orphans. I go and prepare a place for you*. I trust in him and his promise that *whoever believes in him will never die but have eternal life*. I trust in his mercy for those I loved and for myself that God is a loving Father who forgives us our sins and welcomes us home. I have found comfort in the words that Robert Kennedy pondered from the ancient Greeks after the death of his brother John: *In our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God*. Time and the grace of God are the healers of grief.

God is everywhere. Our beloved deceased are now with God. I believe God is as close to you and me as our breath and our next heartbeat. And if our beloved deceased are with God, and they are, then they are as close to you as your breath. They are with you. I believe that not just by faith, but because you have been talking to them and you have heard them whisper to you. There have been moments when they gently nudged you and you felt their presence.

We believe that God is present here in the Holy Eucharist. He told us at the Last Supper, *This is my body, this is my blood. He is here. They are here. They are with us and loving us always*. Celtic spirituality has a beautiful term called *a thin space*: there are places and times where we are conscious that God and all those who are with God are very close to us. My brothers and sisters, we live in a world of thin spaces.

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection - November 18th & 19th

Please respond to Pope Francis' call for the 1st World Day of the Poor. Please be as generous as your means will allow in next week's second collection. In the U.S., one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Thank you very much for your support and prayers.



**Our Lady of Fatima Statue
Arrives at St. Martin of Tours
Sunday, November 12th from 4PM to 9PM**

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.

The Redemptorists

With Him is plentiful redemption. (Psalm 130:7)

Since 1732, the Redemptorists — a congregation of missionary priests and brothers — have followed in Jesus' footsteps, preaching the Word and serving the poor and most abandon



The Diocese of Rockville Centre allows a religious order who staff their parishes to take one collection a year in support of the work and mission of the order. The Redemptorists, the order of priests and Brothers who serve here at St. Martin of Tours, were founded on November 9, 1732 by Saint Alphonsus Liguori. The collection is taken on the weekend closest to the founding day of our order. There are more than 5,000 Redemptorists in the world; our primary ministries are preaching to people in need. We also conduct parishes and retreat houses. Thank you for supporting the good works of the Redemptorists.

Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer - Official Site www.csr.com/english
Redemptorists of the Baltimore www.redemptorists.net

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WINTER COAT DRIVE COLLECTION

Sponsored by the
Bethpage Knights of Columbus Hartigan Council
This Weekend - 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

Mentors Have you been lucky enough to have a mentor? Someone who has been where you are, has already done what you are learning to do? Shouldn't life have mentors? Surprise!! Life's mentors are the saints! They were regular everyday people, the same as us, who listened to God's words & followed His directions. God is still giving us directions. If your goal is to spend eternity in Heaven, why wouldn't you follow His directions!? If you have felt Him calling you to come to a meeting, please come and share your story. He wouldn't steer you in the wrong direction. **Our next meeting is Monday, November 13th at 7:30PM in the church.** I'll reserve a seat just for you. God has a message that you need to hear. **Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

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.

Father Pat's Homily of November 1, 2017

As you know, there has been a great deal of recent controversy about statues of famous figures from history and a movement to remove some of these statues from their places of honor. These ideas are based on looking back on the lives of historical people, seeing that some of their words and actions - that by our standards and values today - are judged very harshly. Some of the founding fathers of our nation, including George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, have had their characters condemned because they once owned slaves. I am a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln, but there are those who say he was more committed to saving the Union than in truly ending slavery. With some exceptions, I am uncomfortable with this practice since I think it's unfair to judge the past by the present. No doubt these men had serious flaws and committed deeds that we now judge differently, but they were also great men who helped form our nation.



I think if we did the same things to some of our saints in the Catholic church, we would have some problems. The saints were men and women who loved God, but they also had faults and sins. One of my favorite saints, St. Therese of Lisieux had a period of her life when she even questioned God. The founder of the Redemptorists, St. Alphonsus Liguori, struggled so much with scruples that there were moments when he wondered if he could be saved by God. St. Jerome, who did so much to help translate the Bible, had a fierce temper. Even our own parish patron, St. Martin of Tours, when the Church wanted to make him a bishop, hid out in a barn until a quacking goose revealed his presence. I love the saints of our Church because they were so very human and faced many of the same challenges and difficulties in life that challenge us all.

After Vatican II, there were some who began to downplay the saints and their roles in our spiritual lives. They felt some Catholics put too much emphasis on the saints and it distracted them from reverencing God. Some of our Protestant friends might even say to us that they think we worship saints. We know this is not true and I think most Catholics always knew the right role of saints in their spiritual life. Our saints are part of our families. We love them and are proud of what they did in their lives. They inspire us to help us live our own Christian lives. Many of us have a favorite saint who has become like a treasured friend. Rather than distracting us from adoring God, I believe that the saints move us toward loving God and serving him.

I lived five years in Washington D.C. Oftentimes, family and friends would come to visit me, and I would show them the sights of our nation's capital. One of my favorite places to take them was to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Here, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, a soldier in dress uniform, solemnly marches back and forth - 21 steps - in honor of the fallen heroes who are buried in this tomb at Arlington National Cemetery. The words on the tomb read:

HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD.

This moving ritual is a most well-deserved tribute to all our American military men and women. Today, on All Saints Day, we act in a similar way. Our focus is not so much on the recognized saints of the Catholic Church, but rather on the men and women, who will never be canonized by the Church, but who are known to us as men and women who loved God, were good and caring to their family and friends, and who cared and were concerned about those in need. Some of them bore illness with great courage, many of them performed thousands of loving deeds for those around them. They taught us in their kitchens and as they put us to bed, to say our prayers. They showed us love by their dedicated work to make a home and family for us. They helped nurture their parishes by their generosity and service. They sat with us in doctors' offices as we waited for results from our biopsies. They visited us when we were sick and celebrated our birthdays, first communions, and weddings.

They are not unknown to you. They are your parents, your brothers and sisters, your neighbors, your children, your co-workers. They were your priests and nuns who taught you. They sat in these pews and prayed with you. Today on this All Saints Day and tomorrow on All Souls Day, we not only pray for them, but **to** them because in faith we know they are home with God. They are as much a part of our lives and families as those who are with us today. We always carry them in our hearts.

Diocese of Rockville Centre Day of Prayer and Healing for Women

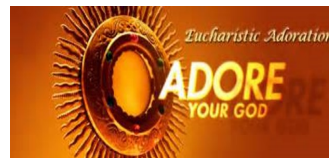
The Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

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.

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 have been posting in the bulletin. The Pastor forgot that we read it last year! Watching too many Jet games!)



Our Monthly Holy Hour will be Wednesday, November 29th at 3:00 p.m.

You are welcome to come to the entire hour or for whatever time you wish to spend in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



The Men of St. Martin's will be meeting at 7:30PM in St. Alphonus Hall on Monday, November 27th.

All men age 18 and over are welcome.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #604 CHRISTMAS WREATHES & GRAVE BLANKETS



Boys Scout Troop 604, Bethpage, will be selling beautiful wreaths and grave blankets during **the weekend of November 25 & 26th after all Masses.** Wreaths are \$20 and blankets are \$25.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Veterans Day originated as ARMISTICE DAY on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. On this Saturday, November 11th, we will give tribute to the brave men and women of the United States armed forces who risked their lives to protect our freedom. This includes everyone who has served in the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, the National Guard, Air Force and Coast Guard.



This is a day to stand at a parade as those warriors from battles past, old and young who carry the American flag proudly march by. Take a minute, give them a cheer as they are our nation's heroes. This is a day to make a difference. Follow legislation dealing with the Veterans Administration (VA) that they follow their obligations for our veterans. Write a letter, email, text the VETERANS ADMINISTRATION to assure them that we are watching that our veterans are getting the proper medical treatment. Write, text, email your congressman to ensure that our military are getting paid the salaries they deserve. Ask if they are paid high above the poverty level. 1-800 827-1000.

This is a day that we look to the families of those lost in battle. To those who have lost the ability to walk, talk, hear, see or who suffer from PTSD. This is a day when we write a letter to an American military volunteer who might be alone, without family, without support, but with the heart of a true hero, who signed up to protect us here at home.

This is a day when we might visit a federal cemetery, take a moment to look at the formation of the thousands of headstones there to mark a spot that someone gave of their time and even their lives. We can use this day to say a prayer, write a letter, call the VA or write a congressman. This is a day when we can thank God that we live here in America.

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS ON THIS VETERANS DAY

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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 14 Chapters 49-50

Nov 21 NO MEETING

Nov 28 Books not included in the Bible



Upcoming Meetings:

Sunday, November 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. Come with a side dish of your choice. Turkey will be provided.

AUCTION AND TALENT SHOW: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

Auction Baskets will be in the cafeteria. Doors open at 6PM

Talent Show will begin at 7PM in the Auditorium.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE RECTORY BEGINNING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.

TICKET SALES: \$10 General Admission; \$5 Seniors & children 12 and under.

Family Price: \$25.00

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)

A Huge Thank You To SMT

The Life Teen Youth Ministry collected **over 600 pairs of warm socks** during the month of October. They will be given to Hope for the Future Ministries who serve the homeless. We also collected **over 800 pounds of leftover Halloween candy** which was delivered to the Blue Star Moms who will send them to their military families overseas. ***Thank you*** for helping our teens reach out to so many who are in need!



Life Teen Youth Ministry will be selling Christmas trees at St. Martin's Church parking lot on Friday, December 8th from 4:00PM - 7:00PM and on Saturday, December 9th from 10:00AM - 4:00PM. All trees are \$35.00.



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 DeBebes*

O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

The church shooting in Texas is another heart-breaking moment of our lives. It is painful to say, but such senseless violence has become part of the new normal of our society. Such violence is followed by politicians and pundits of every political viewpoint, seeking to find someone to blame, and at times, to score points for their political views. There is no doubt that we must seek ways to address the core roots of such issues in dialogue with one another. Such evil acts are not Democratic, Republican, or conservative or liberal problem, but a national crisis for all Americans to work together to address the violence and seek ways to lessen it. I pray daily that we can do this.

I have also noticed in statements from a variety of people that I have read and heard in the media who say, "stop praying and do something!" Some have even gone further and ridiculed and mocked prayer as useless. While understanding the frustration and pain of people who perceived that nothing is being done to stop such violence, denigrating faith and prayer only shows how anti-God and secular attitudes are growing in our nation. The very people who were killed and wounded in this attack were praying, recognizing their need for God and his grace. Prayers of petition does call us to do what we can do in our ways to respond to the very prayer we raise. Yet, mocking prayer, especially for those who are suffering, speaks to me of what is certainly part of the major challenges of our society. Any society that pushes God out of its daily life is heading for destruction. Let us pray for all the victims, their families, for the people of the town, for our nation. As followers of Jesus, we even seek to pray by the grace of God for those who perpetrate such violence.

A Prayer for the People of Sutherland, Texas

Gracious God, our hearts break as we once again hear of people killed in the sanctity of a house of worship where Your servants had gathered to study and pray. It seems we pray this prayer too often, remembering those recently killed in Las Vegas and in New York City. We continue to pray for people around the world who suffer violence because You have called us to pray continually for all those in need. Yet this day we pray especially for the people murdered and wounded in the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. We hold in prayer their families and friend and all who are now in pain.

Gracious God, it is horrifying to think that a young man would come in this house of worship and hear Your Word even while he was planning his moment to turn his gun upon those offering him hospitality, wisdom and kindness. Yet even as we pray for some sense-making in this matter, we know that none can justify his awful choice, that nothing on earth can fully restore the lost lives and shattered peace. So, we pray in these moments for Your almighty presence and Your healing spirit in this time of great need. We pray for Your presence to be known to those who are injured as well as those who think of injuring others, for those who sow discord, and hatred and strife as well as those who come together to build bridges of peace anchored in Your love. Amen



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.



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

COFFEE SUNDAY

The Music Ministry will be hosting coffee, tea and sweets in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall on Sunday, November 19th. They will be there after the 8:30, 10 and 11:30AM Masses.

All are welcome!





November 10 - 16, 2017

A candle has been lit for
Michael F. Maley
in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux



November 10 - 16, 2017

A candle has been lit for
Frank Dillon
in honor of St. Jude



November 10 - 16, 2017

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



November 10 - 16, 2017
A candle has been lit for
Anthony & Evelyn Salzano
in honor of St. Peregrine



Divine Mercy Novena

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

Congratulations to ALL H.O.P. Club Winners

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| 11/6/17 #450 | James Robertson | \$25 |
| 11/7/17 #595 | Gertrud Louwers | \$25 |
| 11/8/17 #460 | Suzanne Robertson | \$25 |
| 11/9/17 #10 | M/M Eugene Jaworowski | \$25 |
| 11/10/17 #359 | Ernestine DeFanis | \$50 |

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

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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

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 13: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Nov. 13: Christian Mothers Thanksgiving Dinner 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 19: Coffee Sunday after the 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Masses
- Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM Church (No 6:30AM Mass)
- Nov 25 & 26: Boy Scout Troop 604 Christmas Wreath Sale
- Nov 29: Spiritual Book Club "Why I Am Catholic" 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 1: Youth Ministry Auction (6PM) Talent Show (7PM)
- Dec 7: Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception 7PM
- Dec 8: Immaculate Conception 6:30, 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM
- Dec 8: Youth Ministry Christmas Tree Sale 4PM - 8PM
- Dec 9: Youth Ministry Christmas Tree Sale 10AM - 4PM

