

Masses For The Week

Monday - November 20

6:30 Phillip Trivelli
9:00 Frank Siracusa

Tuesday - November 21 - The Presentation of the BVM

6:30 Marty Laraia
9:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo

Wednesday - November 22 - St. Cecilia

6:30 Joan O'Mara Peterson
9:00 Eugene Gorman

Thursday - November 23 - Thanksgiving

NO 6:30 Mass
9:00 The People of the Parish

Friday - November 24

NO 6:30 Mass
9:00 John Lundy

Saturday - November 25

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Felice & Nancy Basile
7:00 Szmytkowski & Zoitke Families

Sunday - November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Lily Petrina
10:00 Thomas Cilmi
11:30 Margaret Barry
1:00 Vincent Cesareo
5:30 Tom Mitchell, Sr., Birthday Remembrance

Readings For The Week

Mon. 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
Tues. 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
Wed. 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
Thurs. Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinth. 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
Fri. 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
Sat. 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Sun. Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 *The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock...I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy or dark." I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick.*

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 *Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is destroyed, "so that God may be all in all.*

Matthew 25:31-46 *As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: "Whatever you did for one of the least...you did for me."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly for 11/12/17: \$17,297.17
Redemptorists: \$5,571.00

Thank you, SMT, for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to responsibly connect their faith in day-to-day activities such as participating in community events, school organizations and other efforts.

Charismatic Prayer Group

What is it?

Some get too much. Some not enough. Kids resist it, but once doing it, they don't want to stop. Give up? It's sleep!! A very important one quarter to one-third part of your life! Sleep is meant to refresh the mind and body, to get things ready for the next day. It's the same with prayers. Each day is a new project and who starts a project without instructions? At least, check in with the Boss for an okay! Begin and end each day talking with God.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 20th at 7:30PM at the faculty lounge in the school. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

Congratulations to ALL H.O.P. Club Winners

11/11/17 - The Feast of St. Martin of Tours Winner			
	#597	Herbert Smith	\$500
	11/13/17 #320	M/M Jerry O'Brien	\$25
	11/14/17 #86	Barbara Casey	\$25
	11/15/17 #207	M/M Salvatore Aquilina	\$25
	11/16/17 #487	Jean Davenport	\$25
	11/17/17 #152	Kathleen Doyle	\$250

Wedding Banns

3rd Henry Garca & Soleyda Hernandez
 2nd Neil Esposito & Melissa Becker
 1st Scott Sheridan & Kristina Ruff


 **Social Ministry**

*“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 Rice-a-Roni, boxed milk, beef stew, chili, tuna fish, canned chicken, canned turkey, mayonnaise, jelly, pudding, Jell-O, oatmeal, icing, egg noodles, diapers (size 6), baby wipes, toothpaste, hot chocolate, ketchup, napkins and dish soap.

Thank you for all that you do to help the less fortunate.

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 19 - 25, 2017
 In Loving Memory of the
 Szymtkowski & Zoitke Families*

 **Sanctuary Candle**

*Week of November 19 - 25, 2017
 In Loving Memory of
 Kristine Benasutti*

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

Thomas Francis Reilly
 John M. Torre, John T. Higgins





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 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
 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
 Baby Remy, Jimmy Rizzo, Thomas Kelly, Linda Reilly
 John Murphy, Colette Sin, Al DeBatto, Adeline Norton
 Ann Marie Wezel, Jeanie Wilkins, Rosemary Curtin
 Ann Soehngen, Jerry Vega

Pastor's Letter

A good friend of mine, who recently passed away, Father Frank O'Rourke CSSR, used to say, *Pat Woods has more music than iTunes, but he can't sing a note!* I will argue that half that statement is not true. I do **not** have more music than the Apple corporation! I do love music and one of my favorite hymns is one we often sing here at St. Martin's. I think it captures what a parish is about and what many of us experience at our parish. Here are the lyrics to the song, *All are Welcome*:

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

For me this past weekend here at St. Martin's met the inspired vision of this song. It began for me on Friday night as our parish book club met to discuss Jodi Picoult's book *Small Great Things*. Our book club consists mostly of parishioners, but we are delighted to have people from other parishes attend if they like the book that we are discussing. *Small Great Things* is a very powerful book that invites the reader to reflect very honestly on the very sensitive topic of racism. Our discussion was very honest and challenging as we sought to enter the experience of belonging to another race or color. All are welcome!

On Saturday morning, November 11th, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we celebrated two special events: Veterans Day and the Feast Day of our parish patron, St. Martin of Tours. There was a procession as they entered church of our veterans and a spontaneous round of applause for them. We incensed the book of names of all those who have died in the military since September 11, 2001, and the Statue of St. Martin of Tours in the prayer area. All Masses are special since they bring us into the dying and rising of Jesus, but at the 9AM Saturday Mass, we often have attendees from other areas since there is a norm that allows us to have six Mass intentions. Very often there are several pews filled with family members and friends who have come to pray for and remember a deceased love one. All are welcome!

Our parish has over 1,000 children in religious education and one of the four sessions is held on Saturday morning. We offer religious education on three different days to try to make it as accessible as possible for the families who wish to have their children in the program. So, we had a group of children learning about the Lord Jesus on this past Saturday morning. All are welcome!

At ten o'clock, we had an ALPHA session. Again most of those participating in ALPHA are parishioners, but we do have a few who have joined us from other communities. It is our desire that ALPHA will always welcome people to the special time to meet Jesus in a very special way. We know that we live in a secular age and people are searching for meaning. ALPHA is a fabulous place to enter the search. Each session begins with a simple, but welcoming meal, a thoughtful and well-made video that speaks of the essential questions that face all human beings, and then a time to speak about what they have heard in the video and how it might connect to their lives. We are just about finished with our second ALPHA program and those who have attended have had a very positive experience. All are welcome!

At two o'clock on Saturdays, we have confessions for an hour. There are times when there are numerous people celebrating the sacrament and other times when only a few are present. Some people come from other parishes since there are those of us who like to go to a priest who does not know us. All are welcome!

We have our two Saturday evening Masses, with confessions following the seven. At all the Masses this weekend, we had a beginning ritual to honor our veterans. We, as a parish, thanked them for their service. At the offertory, we had a second collection to support the missionary work of the Redemptorists. These donations will help people we will only see in eternity. We also had another ritual, organized by the Hartigan Council of the Knights of Columbus, in which a winter coat was carried in the offertory procession, along with the bread and wine and blessed by the priest, and then hung by the image of St. Martin. This ritual was to remind us of our patron, Saint Martin of Tours clothing a poor, cold beggar with half his Roman soldier's cloak. We received well over three hundred coats during this winter coat drive. These coats will keep a person we have never met warm. All are Welcome!

Throughout the weekend, our Pro-Life Committee was faithfully collecting and organizing the baby bottles that you had filled with both your prayers and financial support to help those who choose to bring their child into the world. We will never know how our donations helped and to whom they assisted, but we can trust there will be children alive because of this choice. All are welcome!

At 8:00 p.m. our annual Golden Harvest celebration began with a very large group in attendance. The parish did well with 463 tickets sold! Father Sweeney sang *New York, New York* better than Frank Sinatra ever did. The pastor told his same old Irish jokes and the people were polite enough to half-chuckle. (I was told not give up my day job!) Again, we were blessed by visitors and friends from outside the parish and they added to both the fund raising and the fun. Even those who didn't win enjoyed being with one another. All are welcome!

Sunday we had our regular morning and afternoon Masses each with its own flavor and personality. Again, we honored the veterans and our parish patron St. Martin. We are always delighted to see new faces in the congregation. All are welcome! At two o'clock Father Jim had a wedding and welcomed the family and friends from a variety of locations to our parish for the celebration of marriage. All are welcome! Father Denis and I both attended wakes during the day and sought to bring some comfort and consolation to those who lost a loved one. Again, St. Martin's was present to many people who were not from our parish. All are welcome!



At three o'clock, we had our parish baptismal class for parents planning to have their child baptized in the coming weeks. We love welcoming the newest members to our parish - these precious infants! All are welcome! At four p.m. the visiting pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrived at St. Martin's. The statue was with us from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A very large number of people were present at various times throughout this time period. Some stayed for a few minutes, and others for hours. Some went to Mass, others to confession. Most took time to pray in front of the statue. I saw many of our parishioners throughout this time frame and I also saw that many people from other parishes came to pray before the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. I noticed several people, some of them small children, who were ill and sought the blessing of Mary, the Mother of God. It was a very powerful prayer time for all who participated. All Are Welcome!

We also had the regular parish Mass at 5:30. We were delighted to see teens from St. Rose of Lima Parish with whom we are having a joint youth group. They gathered after the Mass to plan for the upcoming talent show. All are Welcome! I am so very happy to be part of such a welcoming parish community.

Father Patrick Woods CSSR
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STEWARDSHIP NOTES

For the past several weeks, I have been speaking to you about our parish income and expenses. The following will be a brief report on the Capital Campaign entitled *Paving the Way to Christ*. Your response was incredibly generous as we raised over 1.7 million dollars. With this money we restored our parking lot, repaired the bricks and replaced the roof on the school. We renovated the food pantry and also did some other minor projects.

As you can see, we are in the midst of building a ramp into the parish cafeteria (Emmaus Hall) which will make this area of the school accessible. By law and by necessity, we will be installing a handicapped bathroom in the cafeteria. In addition to allowing our parish to hold events there, we also believe this may afford us the opportunity to rent out the Hall.

Soon we will be replacing all the exterior doors on the church since a judgment has been made that it would not be cost effective to repair the doors. We also plan on painting/plastering the exterior of the church which is beginning to show some minor cracks.

Total Pledged	:	\$1,778,617.00
Total Collected	:	\$1,729,225.00 (represents 97.22%: a great response)
Additional Donations	:	\$ 6,030.00
Expenses Paid So Far	:	\$1,314,913.00
Balance as of 11/1/17	:	\$ 420,342.00

STILL TO PAY

Balance of handicapped ramp	:	approximately \$74,000.00
Balance of doors	:	approximately \$48,000.00

We do not have bids as of yet on the handicap bathroom nor the church painting. We are very confident we can fund these projects with what we have from your generosity.



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.



*Saint Maria
Faustina*

Divine Mercy Novena

***Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.
in the Eucharistic Chapel***

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING

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Melville location:

Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church

175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747

Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914

VIRTUS CLASS

St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage is offering a Virtus class on **Monday, November 20th at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall.**

To register, please go to Virtus.org. If however, the site indicates that the class is full, please feel free to come anyway. You will need to complete a volunteer packet as well as attend the class.

Gifts from Bethlehem

Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land

Weekend of November 25th and 26th in St. Alphonsus Hall

A Traditional Art and Livelihood for Holy Land Christians

The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Land. Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%.The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #604
CHRISTMAS WREATHS & 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.



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

All men age 18 and over are welcome.

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



Upcoming Meeting: 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)



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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY - NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

It is also the month of Thanksgiving. We would like to thank all those who chose life, but because of circumstances, couldn't raise their children themselves. We would like to thank all those adoptive parents for opening their hearts to these children.

Life News: The White House - Office of the Press Secretary, Oct. 31, 2017 - President Donald J. Trump Proclaims November 2017 as National Adoption Month: "Every year, generous and loving families adopt thousands of children and provide them with the affection, attention, and opportunity they deserve. Adoption is a true blessing that greatly enriches the lives of parents and children alike. During National Adoption Month, we celebrate the thousands of families who have expanded through adoption, and we acknowledge the strength and resiliency of the children who are still waiting to find their forever home.

My Administration recognizes the profound importance of adoption for the American family. Adoption is a life-changing and life-affirming act that signals that no child in America - born or unborn - is unwanted or unloved. Adoptive parents are a selfless and loving part of God's plan for their future children. As a Nation, we extend sincere appreciation and gratitude to those families who have welcomed a young person into their hearts and homes, sharing the precious gift of family and a lifetime of support.

We must continue to remove barriers to adoption whenever we can, so that the love and care of prospective adoptive parents can be directed to children waiting for their permanent homes. This year's NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH, we focus on our commitment to helping older youth experience the transformative value of permanency and love. A child is never too old for adoption. A supportive family can provide the critical direction that older children need as they enter adulthood, helping them attain educational and employment goals, and, in certain cases, avoid homelessness or incarceration. We never outgrow the need for family, and older youth who are adopted are more likely to finish high school and feel emotionally secure than those who age out of foster care without a permanent family. This month, let us celebrate the gift of adoption - an act of love that provides deserving young people with the foundation they need to achieve their potential and pursue the American Dream." *Donald J. Trump*

Resources:

www.childwelfare.gov.

National Foster Care and Adoption Services: New York State Office of Children and Family Services:
<http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/adopt/adspec.asp>.

Catholic Charities - CCUSA - catholiccharitiesusa.org.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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(C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

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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

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 21 NO MEETING

Nov 28 Books not included in the Bible

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!



GIRLS CYO VOLLEYBALL OPPORTUNITY

St. Martin of Tours will be offering for the first time CYO Volleyball for girls in grades five through eight. Priority for the program is that the family members are registered parishioners of St. Martin. Local travel to other parishes in the Diocese will be required.



Please contact Dave Fantry, CYO Coordinator, at Fantry14@aol.com. Depending on the interest, we will offer teams at each grade level, so please be sure to contact Dave as soon as possible in order to establish this new program. Registration will be held some time in December in the school auditorium and the program will begin after the Christmas break. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



**Our Monthly Holy Hour will be
Wednesday, November 29th at 3:00PM**

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.

ATTENTION 8th GRADERS

You are invited to participate in a special Advent Life Teen Mass on *Sunday, December 17th at 5:30PM St. Martin of Tours Church.*

We are looking for Students to do the following:

- WELCOME PARISHIONERS AT THE DOORS
- HAND OUT SONG SHEETS
- READ SCRIPTURES
- ACT IN FATHER PAT'S SKIT
- BRING GIFTS TO THE ALTAR
- SING WITH THE BAND
- JOYFULLY JOIN THE CONGREGATION IN WORSHIP

This is a great opportunity to gain service time for Confirmation! (and it's fun too!) *PLUS!!!* All participants are invited to the Life Teen Youth Group's Christmas Party following Mass.

For more information and to sign up for this event, please email Elena Scollo at ladymusicsmt@aol.com or you can call (516) 713-8854.

LET'S MAKE IT AN AWESOME ADVENT EVENT!!!!

St. Martin of Tours Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

2:30pm - 8:30pm

38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage

St. Alphonsus Hall

Thank you from all of us.



Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives**. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring your Blood Donor Card or ID with signature or photo.
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- Minimum weight 110 lbs. or more.
- No tattoos for past 12 months
- Age 16 - 75 (16 & 17 year olds must have parental permission).

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900 www.nybc.org.
To schedule an appointment or for further information please contact:
Genny Mitchell 516-931-0818



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. For more information, call 516 781-8637 or go to the website: www.mommashouse.org

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

Christmas Meeting Tuesday, December 5th

7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall

All women are invited to attend our Christmas Party to celebrate the Birth of Christ. We will have a grab bag so please bring a new \$10 wrapped gift. Please bring munchies such as cookies, finger sandwiches, cheese & crackers, etc. to share. There will be raffle prizes and 50/50.

(if you haven't submitted your dues, call Janet Dion for information at 433-9340.)

A Blessed Christmas to All!



November 17 - 23, 2017

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



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A candle has been lit for
Louis & Eleanor Devlin
in honor of St. Jude



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A candle has been lit for
Harold Messina
in honor of St. Anthony

**The Rectory Office is Closed
Friday, November 24th
the Day after Thanksgiving.
We will open on Saturday
November 25th - 9AM to 7PM.**



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.

**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 this weekend's second collection.

A Prayer Before the Thanksgiving Meal

O Heavenly Father:

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service
that Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

The Redemptorist Community, Deacon, Staff and Volunteers of St. Martin of Tours
wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 19: Coffee Sunday after the 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Masses
- Nov 20: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Faculty Lounge
- Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM Church (No 6:30AM Mass)
- Nov 25 & 26: Holy Land Gift Sale after all Masses St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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) School Cafeteria & Auditorium
- Dec 5: Christian Mothers Christmas Party 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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 - 9PM
- Dec 9: Youth Ministry Christmas Tree Sale 10AM - 4PM (or until sold out)
- Dec 13: Blood Drive 2:30 - 8:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall

