

**Masses For The Week****Monday - November 27**

6:30 Rose Maggi  
9:00 Salvatore G. Portelli

**Tuesday - November 28**

6:30 Robert Crocitto  
9:00 Louise Smith

**Wednesday - November 29**

6:30 Doris & John Maggi  
9:00 Steven Peterson

**Thursday - November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle**

6:30 Phillip Trivelli & Prudence Trivelli  
9:00 Kenneth W. Meyer

**Friday - December 1**

6:30 Sarah Zura  
9:00 Margaret Jean Owen

**Saturday - December 2**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Thomas P. LaFalce, Sr.  
7:00 Ann & Bill Csajko

**Sunday - December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Gino DiMaggio  
10:00 Louis Porselli  
11:30 Mary Rabbitte  
1:00 Edward Rasmussen  
5:30 Connie, Alfonsa, Vincent & Michael Maggio

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Daniel 1:1-6,8-20; Luke 21:1-4  
Tues. Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11  
Wed. Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19  
Thurs. Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22  
Fri. Daniel 7:2-14, Luke 21:29-33  
Sat. Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

**Sun. *Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7*** There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9** He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Matthew 13:33-37** Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**  
**Weekly for 11/19/17: Report in next bulletin**

**Thank you, SMT, for your generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give evidence that Christ is Lord in their lives through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, attendance at Benediction or participation in a Forty Hours devotion.

**Charismatic Prayer Group****Giving Thanks...**

What were you thankful for this year? Maybe you found it hard to be thankful at all. Maybe your house was damaged or destroyed by some natural disaster, or your community was torn apart by violence, or someone you love died or was given a life threatening diagnosis. And you wonder, *was God ignoring me?* No, God would never ignore His child. God hurts when you hurt. So why do bad things happen to good people? Come to our meeting, and we will help you.

**Our next meeting is Monday, November 27th at 7:30PM in the Church. Advent is starting soon. Make this Christmas special by preparing your heart for Jesus. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**

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

11/20/17 #39	M/M Frank Mekalaines	\$25
11/21/17 #131	Nelida Rios	\$25
11/22/17 #481	Michael Croan, Sr.	\$25
11/23/17 #147	Fr. Jim McCabe, CSsR	\$25
11/24/17 #488	Concetta Montepaone	\$50

*Wedding Banns*


3<sup>rd</sup> Neil Esposito & Melissa Beeker  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

  
*Saint Maria Faustina*

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




*Altar Bread & Wine*  
*Week of Nov. 26 - Dec. 2, 2017*  
*In Loving Memory of the*  
*Ann & Bill Csajko*



*Sanctuary Candle*  
*Week of Nov. 26 - Dec. 2, 2017*  
*In Loving Memory of*  
*John Spedale & the Pompei Family*

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

Dorothy M. Fox





**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, 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

# Thanksgiving

ENCOURAGE GRATEFUL HEARTS

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. Psalm 106:1 (KJV)*



## Pastor's Letter

Before a musical makes it to Broadway, the show has previews in smaller cities to tweak it for the lights of 42<sup>nd</sup> street. Well, I did a trial run on this sermon the other day at the 6:30 Mass before the “big time” of the Thanksgiving Day Mass. I would say it got mixed reviews. Vic nodded a few times in what I considered approval, Janice yawned several times, but I think she was awake, Gerri smiled, Dennis strolled around the gathering area during the homily, and Pat Ricci was making sure we had enough Eucharistic ministers. All in all, they gave it five stars which sounds very good until you realize their grading system is based on one hundred stars for a good homily. But as the Redemptorists' initials after our names are *CSSR*, some say they stand for *constantly same sermons repeated*, I will give it again!

Several years ago, I made a long-desired pilgrimage to Lourdes. I flew on British Airways to London and then was to board a plane to a city in France called Toulouse, which is not too far from Lourdes. I found Heathrow Airport very difficult to navigate. I believe they have five terminals and you must take a bus to get from one to another. The people in England speak a very strange version of English that is nothing like the proper articulation of Brooklynese. I kept stopping and asking seemingly official people for directions. I have never done the New York City Marathon, but I did manage to walk 26 miles around the terminals several times in search of the elusive terminal E. Finally, with my frustration and blood pressure rising, I asked a gate agent with a semi-shout, *where is the darn bus* (I will confess I may not have used the word *darn*) to terminal E. He patiently explained how to get to it. I half listened, dramatically threw my arms up in frustration and stormed off. As I walked away in an exasperated huff, I heard a cockney accent say, *A proper thank you is required, Sir!* I did not return to give him a “proper thank you” as he requested. But after three days in Lourdes, after praying at the Shrine of Our Lady, and bathing in the miraculous healings waters, I did manage to cool down and say a prayer for him.

In today's Gospel, we hear the account of Jesus healing ten lepers, with only one from the Tribe of Samaria, who were despised by the Jews, returning to thank our Lord for this most precious gift. When Jesus speaks about the need to be thankful, he is not speaking about mere etiquette. We have been taught since early childhood to say thank you, to send thank you notes, or to text words of gratitude for a favor granted. Expressing gratitude to others, be they the surgeon who saved our lives, the waitress who refilled our coffee, our spouse who stopped and brought us our favorite food, the stranger who held the door for us, or the conductor who told us how to arrive at Citi Field are all good manners. All of us have experienced, I am sure at some time in our lives, of giving a young child a gift. Immediately, the parent says to the child, *now what do you say?* Usually, the child says thank you, but kids, like all of us, can have a stubborn streak, and so there is no proper thank you. Mom gets angry and demands the thank you be given. The child yells *no* and throws the gift at the giver. Meanwhile, the gift giver stands in embarrassment and wishes he had not started this situation.

**I**s that how God sees us? We are the child given gifts who must say thank you. Although we should thank God and every person who blesses us in some way, the words thank you, however important and beautiful, are not the key to what God invites you and me to live. Our Lord is calling us to live our lives continually with a deep and profound sense of gratitude. Every moment, every heartbeat, every relationship, every day, every hour and minute is a gift from God. A heart filled with gratitude sees the world in an amazingly different way than one who has not allowed this grace to transform him or her. I know a lot about the Bible, but I am unable to constantly quote chapter and verse as does a good Baptist preacher. Yet two verses worth remembering are John 3:16: *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him will not die but have eternal life.* Repeat that to yourself often. Psalm 116: 12 is another keeper: *What return can I make to the Lord for all that he has done for me.*

Gratitude flows freely on Thanksgiving Day. Americans today, whatever their faith, commit to make sure no one eats alone on this day and no one is without food. There is no law from the government to do this. This generosity is the natural response to share what I have with others since I know I am blessed. However, to live this value of gratitude that leads to action daily and not just one day a year, can only happen when I know what God has done for me.

As I was preparing this talk, I thought this has been a tough time during the past months. We have had destructive hurricanes. We have witnessed brutal acts of random terrorism. We fear the possibility of war. Politically, we are a very divided nation. President Abraham Lincoln declared the proclamation for Thanksgiving Day in 1863, during the American Civil which was the darkest and saddest time in our history with these words: *The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.*

Today, we look at food and see the wonderful blessings of God, we look at our family and friends and see blessings, we look at bread and wine and see the Body and Blood of Jesus.

**Father Patrick Woods CSSR**  
**woodscsr@aol.com www.smtbethpage.org**



**BOY SCOUT TROOP #604  
CHRISTMAS WREATHS & GRAVE BLANKETS**

Boys Scout Troop 604, Bethpage, will be selling beautiful wreaths and grave blankets **this 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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!)



Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend there is no Life Night on Sunday, November 26th after the 5:30PM Mass.

**COMING UP THIS WEEK**

**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 OR AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW.

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.

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.

**St. Martin of Tours Giving Tree**

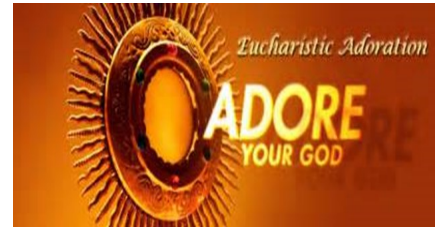


The Giving Tree with tags will be placed in the Gathering Area on **Saturday, November 25th**. Gift cards must be returned by **Sunday, December 10th** to allow ample time for distribution, and can be deposited in the rectory door mail slot.

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!

**Our Monthly Holy Hour will be Wed., November 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.

**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.

**CALLING ALL ANGELS, KINGS AND SHEPHERDS**

**The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 24th at the 6:00PM Mass in the Church. Please fill the space below and submit it to the rectory by December 21st. The one and only practice for the pageant will be on Thursday, December 21st at 4PM in Church.**

**CHILD'S NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGE(S):** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PART REQUESTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT SIGNATURE & DATE**



### Our Lady of Fatima Statue Visit to St. Martin of Tours

*I asked Rita Verow to write a note of thanks for all who assisted in making the Visit of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to our parish such a prayerful experience for all who were able to attend. I also offer my thanks to all of you. It was truly a time of grace for both our parishioners and the many visitors who came to pray before Our Lady. I do offer great praise to Rita who asked if our parish could have the statue visit, and who did so much work in making sure the visit was a time of blessings. Thank you so much, Rita. Here are Rita's words of appreciation:*

I want to offer my sincere thanks to the following people who helped me on the world Apostolate of Fatima Tour of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to our parish on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00PM to 9:00PM.



I would first like to thank Father Pat, who said yes when I asked to have the statue come to visit our parish. Thank you, Father Pat, for your superb homily on the history of Our Lady of Fatima and the beautiful, prayerful, itinerary you set in place for Our Lady's visit. You were in church for the entire time, making sure everything went so well from the welcoming of the statue, to Benediction, and the farewell of the statue.

Thanks to all our priests, Fathers Ciya, Jim, and Dennis, who heard confessions on this special evening of prayer and mercy. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus of the Hartigan Council Steve Descovich, Dominic Mafriqi, Ron Lasca and Michael Leva, for standing so reverently as honor guards. They assisted people who wished to have their religious articles blessed by touching them to Our Lady's mantle that was originally blessed by Pope Paul VI at Fatima.



Thanks also to Laura, Dolores and Sheila for helping with donations for all the religious materials for the 100th year anniversary at Fatima. Thanks to all who led a decade of the rosary and to Bill who led a full rosary. Thanks to Frank who led the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Thanks to Ann Hughes who created a lovely space for Our Lady. Thanks to Ed and Sarah Indelicato for setting up the coffee and hospitality table, and Genny Mitchell who helped with printing the pamphlets and all other printed materials.

I am still getting kind comments from parishioners who have expressed how much they loved seeing the Blessed Mother's Statue. I keep hearing how it is the most beautiful statue they have ever seen. May Our Lady of Fatima keep us all close to her Immaculate Heart. Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us. Rita Verow.

***A note of reminder to those who purchased the brown scapulars:*** Please know that before you wear them, you can have your scapulars blessed and then be enrolled by a priest, who will recite a short prayer over them. They are a great sacramental of the church and encouraged by the Blessed Mother.

## The Golden Harvest - A Wonderful Way to Celebrate the Feast of St. Martin of Tours



I always enjoy our Golden Harvest for two reasons: 1) it is a fun night where parishioners, family and friends come together 2) the Golden Harvest helps support our parish. I will give the final breakdown when I get all the figures but we sold 463 tickets so I am very happy. It takes a true effort on the part of many to make such a great night and I want to thank our two coordinators, Ronny and Tony Ciarniello. They do a fabulous job with the Golden Harvest Celebration and we are also most appreciative for all those who assist them in making this event such a success. - Father Pat

As coordinators of the Golden Harvest Raffle fundraiser and dinner, we would like to extend our thanks to all those who helped make this a successful event. - Ronny and Tony Ciarniello

Set Up & Clean Up:	TJ Hance & Ed Indelicato
Ticket Sellers & 50/50 Sellers:	Ann Flannery, Marliese Coveney, Joan Gozaloff
Bartenders:	Sarah Indelicato, Bill Flannery, John Gozaloff
Ticket Sellers:	Bill Flannery, John Gozaloff, Mike Croan, Al Trotter, Fran Trotter Janice Fiscina, Kathy McCormick, Kate Mayerhofer & Donna Reardon
Office Staff Ticket Sellers:	Genny, Susan, Janet, Amy & Meghan
Money Counter:	John McCarthy



**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

**GIVING THANKS THIS THANKSGIVING DAY**

One definition of Thanksgiving is "the expression of gratitude, especially to God." In the United States it is a national holiday marked by religious observances and a traditional meal including turkey. The holiday commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621. The first Thanksgiving was neither a feast nor a holiday, but a simple gathering. Following the Mayflower's arrival at Plymouth Rock on Dec. 11, 1620, the Pilgrims suffered the loss of 46 of their original 102 colonists. With the help of 91 Native Americans, the remaining Pilgrims survived the bitter winter and yielded a bountiful harvest in 1621. In celebration, a traditional English harvest festival lasting 3 days brought the Pilgrims and Natives to unite in a "thanksgiving" observance.

We think of Thanksgiving Day, as a "coming together," to celebrate our blessings, our families, our friends, our country, our freedom, and even our own lives. Some of us may travel far distances to sit at the table. Others may stay at home with those delicious smells of turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie coming from the kitchen. Others may spend Thanksgiving Day alone, and still others may be without a home. This is the day to reach out. Maybe invite a neighbor or someone that may have lost a loved one over the past year to sit at your table. It is a time to remember the Food Pantry, help out at a soup kitchen, and donate some canned goods to those charities that are collecting them.



The Respect Life Committee and the Life Center of Long Island, would like to give a special THANK YOU, to all of you here at Saint Martin of Tours. Because of you, a young woman will have security for her baby, and the things she needs to celebrate this Thanksgiving Day. All of the baby items at the Baby Shower this past spring to the baby bottles filled with your donations, will insure a secure future for them both.

Every year groups of parishioners crochet, knit and take so much care to create beautiful things for a baby. Sweaters, hats, booties, blankets, mittens, and very special (new born) sized blankets to take a child home from the hospital. As they are donated many do not give their names. But Ann Hughes gave the names of two ladies, Crystal Mack and Artemis Alade. Together, all these ladies filled a box three feet high with these beautiful, warm baby gifts. The picture shows only some of what was donated. Our special thanks to each of them.

**FROM THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE, AND THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND, MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU, BRING YOU PEACE, GOOD HEALTH AND LOVE THIS THANKSGIVING WEEKEND.**

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

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

**ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS  
631-243-2373**

**PROJECT RACHEL [WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM](http://WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM)**

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

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

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE  
1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453**

**The Book of Genesis Workshop**

**Father Jim McCabe, CSSR  
7:30-8:30PM**

**large room of St. Alphonsus Hall**

**LAST MEETING**

**Nov 28 Books not included in the Bible**

## **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](mailto:ladymusicsmt@aol.com) or you can call (516) 713-8854.

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

## The Words of Advent



### Reflection One on the Season of Advent

**1. Yearning:** The season of Advent is about longing. For ages, human beings have longed for the presence of God in their lives. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of that longing. Sometimes in our lives, we feel a deep ache or loneliness. We sense that something is missing in our lives. There are other times when we do not notice this ache for something more. Yet, we are made for God. As St. Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee." We think of the question that Jesus puts to the disciples in the Gospel of John, "What are you looking for?" What are the desires and yearning of my heart? Advent is a good time to pay attention to this yearning.

**Listen to your heart. What is it that you most yearn for in your life?**

**2. Awake:** To pray, to sense God's presence, to hear his voice, we must be awake and attentive. The readings of Advent suggest that we can be asleep and inattentive as God seeks to come into our lives. We all know the feeling of sleep walking through a day. We drink coffee and splash water on our faces to try to move from sleepiness to attentiveness. To be awake and focused is a key task of the spiritual life. In the Liturgy, we hear: Wake, Awake, the dawn is coming. Advent is a time to focus and be attentive to the presence of God in our lives.

**When did you see the Lord today?**

**3. Remember:** Advent is a time of remembering. We recall the long centuries that human beings have awaited the coming of the Messiah. We recall God's saving and loving actions in the Old Testament. We remember the story of creation, the call of Abraham, the leadership of Moses, the formation of the nation of Israel, the periods of exile and the words of the prophets. It is a time of anamnesis; God has saved us in the past and he will continue to save us in the present.

**When did you experience the God grace in a very special way in your life?**

During the weekdays of Advent, Monday - Friday, we will be reciting the morning prayer Psalms of the Divine Office at 8:30AM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome to join.





**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  
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### 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](http://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 24 - 30, 2017

A candle has been lit for  
Gambino Family - Thank You  
in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux



November 24 - 30, 2017

A candle has been lit for  
Carmela & Alphonso Ferrara  
in honor of St. Jude



November 24 - 30, 2017

A candle has been lit for  
Diane Baylis  
in honor of St. Peregrine

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**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

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Wed., December 13, 2017  
2:30 - 8:30PM

38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage  
St. Alphonsus Hall

Questions concerning medical  
eligibility call 1-800-688-0900

To make an appointment,  
please contact  
Genny Mitchell at  
516-931-0818

**Gifts from Bethlehem - Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 25 & 26: Holy Land Gift Sale after all Masses St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 25 & 26: Boy Scout Troop 604 Christmas Wreath Sale
- Nov 27: Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 29: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- 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 10: Return Date for Giving Tree Gift Cards - Bring to the Rectory
- Dec 13: Blood Drive 2:30 - 8:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall

