

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - December 4**

6:30 Thanks to the Blessed Mother's intercession for Maria Campbell, Living  
 9:00 Charles (Chip) A. Harvey, Jr.

**Tuesday - December 5**

6:30 Stanley Lomot, Nick & Ustina Drobog  
 9:00 Michael J. Hance

**Wednesday - December 6**

6:30 Esther Abad  
 9:00 Harry Settino

**Thursday - December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**

6:30 Michael Ortado  
 9:00 Louise Smith  
 7PM Angelo Montuori - **Immaculate Conception Vigil**

**Friday - December 8 - Immaculate Conception**

6:30 Bridget Ridge  
 9:00 Katherine & Michael Healy  
 12 Noon William Donahoe  
 7PM George & Doris Held

**Saturday - December 9**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
 5:00 Tommy Trappasse  
 7:00 Szmytkowski & Zoitke Families

**Sunday - December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Albert Martino  
 10:00 Padraig & Eamon Fitzgerald  
 11:30 Lazzati & Tesoriero Families  
 1:00 Vincent Cesareo  
 5:30 Richard McKenna

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11  
 Tues. Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24  
 Wed. Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37  
 Thurs. Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27  
 Fri. Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
 Luke 1:26-38  
 Sat. Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Sun. *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11* We hear a voice that cries out in the desert: "prepare the way of the Lord!"**

**2 Peter 3:8-14** We are reminded that we will not know the day or the hour of Jesus' return, so we must be ready.

**Mark 1:1-8** As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, so we, too, must prepare for his coming by being Jesus' disciples - his witnesses in the world.

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**  
**Weekly for 11/19/17: \$16,503.17**  
**Human Development: \$3,549.00**  
**Thanksgiving: \$1,388.00**  
*(split between food pantry & St. Vincent de Paul)*  
**Weekly for 11/26/17: \$18,780.17**

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

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready, conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to be alert to the work of God in the present moment through service in our parish ministries.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

**Memories**

The smell of the incense at the Thanksgiving Day Mass instantly brought me back to the First Fridays of my youth! Holidays are the perfect time for sharing memories. What you do today, good or bad, is a memory for tomorrow, so parents, if you want to be an important part of your children's tomorrow, be an important part of their today. Give them memories they'll be happy to recall and share.

**Our next meeting is Monday, December 4th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. During Advent, 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**

11/27/17 #546	Angelena Caccavale	\$25
11/28/17 #298	Will & Patricia McMahon	\$25
11/29/17 #48	Ida Ibosi	\$25
11/30/17 #366	M/M Lucio Gandolfo	\$25
12/1/17 #579	M/M Vincent Romano	\$50

*Wedding Banns*3<sup>rd</sup> Scott Sheridan & Kristina Ruff

*"Whatever you do for one of these,  
the least of my sisters and  
brothers, you did it for me."*

Thanks to your generosity, the Pantry is full this week with so much food! Because you all have done so much to make Thanksgiving so pleasant for the Pantry clients, we were able to provide 8 turkey baskets donated by the Syosset Homemakers, 35 turkey baskets prepared by the Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul, 60 individual meals donated by BK Sweeney, and 21 clients attended the Thanksgiving celebration in St. Alphonsus Hall hosted by a parish family.

**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 December 3 - 9, 2017  
In Loving Memory of the  
Deceased Members of  
the Thomas Critelli, Sr. Family*



*Sanctuary Candle  
Week of December 3 - 9, 2017  
In Loving Memory of  
The Maggio, Montana and  
Ogno Families*

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

Anna Marie (Ann) Adams, Thomas Rago  
Elizabeth Quinoñes, Rosann Detone  
Joseph Saitta



**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 Baciaska 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, Elizabeth Ryan, Layla Barr  
Susan Carroll-Goyan, Patty & Tom Turano, Nicholas Amato  
Jesusa Aquin, Joseph McCroary, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan  
Taylor, Edward Boyce, Geraldine Zeterberg, Fran Gandolfo  
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, Mary Leonard, Ed Segretto  
Gregory Happ, Fred Cameron, Bill Veltri, Peter Volberg  
Ryan Westbrook

## *Pastor's Letter*

**Happy New Year!** Before you think that I might have gotten into the Jamison a bit early, the first Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the church calendar. We have several liturgical seasons of the year - Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter and back to Ordinary Time. The clergy wear purple vestments for Advent and Lent white for Christmas and Easter, and green for Ordinary Time. If you are wondering about red, it is worn for feast days of martyrs, Pentecost and Good Friday.

I know that one of the busiest days of the church year is Ash Wednesday. Everybody wants ashes. The lighting of the Advent wreath at the Advent Sunday Masses does not capture the imagination quite as much as the words we associate with Ash Wednesday: "Remember, you are dust and unto to dust you shall return." I have always found that most of us are much better at Lent than we are during Advent. Lent invites us to conversion, to prayer, fasting and good works. I think Advent gets swallowed up by shopping, baking, decorating and Christmas parties. Be assured I am no *Scrooge*. I love Christmas preparations. There are not enough trees, lights, presents and Christmas cookies in all the world to mark that most awesome day when the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us. Thanks to the good work of the Knights of Columbus and others, we will see reminders that tell us to *Keep Christ in Christmas*. I would say that we might go even further and say *Keep Christ in Advent!*

Advent is not about waiting for Jesus to be born. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born more than two thousand years ago in the town of Bethlehem. He was counted in a census. Advent is a time for us to enter the awe and wonder of the Incarnation of Jesus. A friend of mine often says that he feels sad that Christmas seems to end so fast. On December 26th there are half-price cards and decorations. On December 27th we begin to see the Valentine cards and candies in the store. Even though the liturgical Christmas season is several weeks, I think it is only natural after all the activity before Christmas to have a letdown. I might call them the post-Christmas blues. So I offer you and me (most things I preach and write are directed at me as much as to the listener or reader) a few weeks to assist in not losing both the meaning of Advent and Christmas. Here are ten themes of Advent that I invite you to consider;

**1. Yearning:** The season of Advent is about longing. For ages, human beings have longed for the presence of God in their lives. **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. **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. **When did you experience God's grace in a very special way in your life?**

**4. Hope:** The Advent readings are filled with imagery of hope. We read about the lion playing with the child, and swords being turned into plowshares, when every tear shall be wiped away and we shall see you, our God, as you are - face to face. **Are you a person of hope?**

**5. Preparation:** The Advent readings call us to "prepare the way of the Lord." We are to make straight the way of the Lord to prepare for his coming. **What clutter do you need to remove from your life to embrace Jesus more fully?**

**6. Reconciliation:** Advent is a time of reconciliation. One of the key ways we prepare, make ready the way of the Lord, is to remove any obstacles that prevent us from loving God and our neighbor. **Is there any person with whom you are not at peace with right now? What tiny steps can you take to make straight the way of the Lord?**

**7. Justice:** The readings of Advent speak often about justice, about the poor, the foreigner, the exile, the widow and orphans. **What act of kindness and compassion can you do this Advent?**

**8. The Second Coming:** During the season of Advent we hear that Christ is coming. Advent is a serious time to think about the coming of Christ at the time of our own death and at the time of the Second Coming. **Are you ready to meet God in eternity?**

**9. Patience:** We hear the words “be patient” during the season of Advent. Many of us are not happy with waiting. **With whom or what situation are you most impatient?**

**10. Joy:** Our hearts cannot help but rejoice at Christmas. The birth of Christ and its annual celebration touch our spirits to their cores with a deep peace and contentment. **What brings you joy in your life?**

#### Some Advent Paths at St. Martin of Tours

- Monday - Friday Morning Prayer at 8:30AM before the 9AM Mass
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Support the Giving Tree to assist someone in need
- Celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on December 23rd at 9AM
- Read the Spiritual Book Club’s selection, *Scott Hahn’s Joy to the World* or the Regular Book Club’s choice, *A Christmas Carol*
- Watch *It’s a Wonderful Life* or *A Christmas Carol*
- Make the Advent Holy Hour on Wednesday, December 20th at 3PM
- Attend a special Life Teen Mass (we’re all teenagers at heart!) on Sunday, December 17th at the 5:30PM Mass
- Bake sugar-free brownies for the pastor.

May the Lord bless you with an Advent full of joy, wonder, hope and peace!

**Father Patrick Woods, CSSR**

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#### **REDEMPTORIST LAY ASSOCIATES**

**On Saturday, December 16th following the 9AM Mass, there will be a gathering of people interest in learning about Redemptorist History and Spirituality. This session will last no more than 45 minutes in St. Alphonsus Hall.**



We will have a full report and acknowledgements from December 1st's Auction and Talent Show in next week's bulletin since this issue was submitted for print before the event. At least for now, we can thank this wonderful parish of St. Martin of Tours for all the gift baskets, donations and much more! *Thank you!*

Upcoming Meeting: Sunday, December 3rd following the 5:30PM Mass the "After Show" party for all who were involved in the Talent Show!

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.



Starting Monday, December 4th, the Psalms of the Church's Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:30AM before the 9AM Mass. This will be done Monday to Friday during the four weeks of Advent.

St. Martin of Tours

## BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, 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.

**WALK-INS WELCOME!!**

**LIFE LINE SCREENING**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - St. Alphonsus Hall**

**Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St Martin of Tours Parish St Alphonsus Hall on 1/10/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979**

**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](mailto: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**

**St. Martin of Tours Church**

# **BASKETBALL CLINIC**



**FOR BOYS AND GIRLS - Kindergarten, First & Second Graders**

**Where: St. Martin of Tours Auditorium**

**When: Sundays from 11AM - 12 Noon**

**Starts: January 14, 2018**

**Registration forms are in the gathering area of the Church.**

**Registration Ends January 7, 2018**

**Minimum participation needed for clinic - 20 children**

## Congratulations to the following winners of the Golden Harvest Raffle

Maria Conte  
 Andrew Murray  
 Young at Heart Table 8  
 Theresa Mullin  
 Madeline Fredrickson  
 Jim Belmonte  
 John Voccola  
 Patricia Weissler  
 Joe Marsiello  
 Patricia Ferris  
 Frank Lanzarone  
 Mary Ann McGrath  
 Marliese Coveney  
 Hydo Family  
 Patricia Spring  
 Karen Lazicky  
 Kathleen Gross

Tom Beck  
 Joe and Patricia Clark  
 May/O'Connor Family  
 Ben Picinic  
 Demar Construction  
 Eleanor Szmytkowski  
 Kathleen Matykiewicz  
 John Collins  
 John & Tina O'Donnell  
 Redemptorists  
 Robert & Barbara Wetherell  
 Margo Toscano  
 Joseph Giugliano Jr.  
 Kathleen & John O'Shea  
 Mildred Kessler  
 Kathy McCormick  
 Carmine & Esther DeStefano

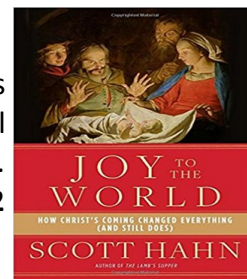
Ron Baumbach  
 Lucy McNamara  
 Young at Heart Table 3  
 Matt & Patricia Brown  
 Kathleen Devine  
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Springer  
 Sophie & Ernest Berlucchi  
 Barbara Hoolahan  
 Yvonne & Danielle Iovieno  
 Nancy Dilillo  
 Dircks Family  
 Bob Collins  
 Elio Zerbini  
 John Marks  
 Barbara Morris  
 Sean Marsar

## BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

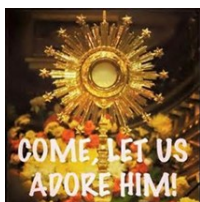


**The Regular Book Club:** our next selection is Charles Dickens' great classic, "**A Christmas Carol.**" We will meet to discuss the book on Friday, December 15th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. (Janice promises to dress as *Scrooge!*)

**Spiritual Book Club:** our next selection is Scott Hahn's "**Joy to the World.**" We will meet on Friday, December 22nd at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.  
**Note: We have 80 copies of this book that will be on sale for a \$2 donation this weekend, December 2nd & 3rd.**



The Advent Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, December 20th from 3:00 to 4:00PM.



The Parish Men's Club will meet on Thursday, December 21st at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.





### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**BULLYING:** It is UNWANTED, AGGRESSIVE behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power unbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. BOTH KIDS WHO ARE BULLIED and WHO BULLY OTHERS may have serious, lasting problem. Bullying is a distinctive pattern of harming and humiliating others, specifically those who are in some way, SMALLER, WEAKER, YOUNGER OR IN ANY WAY MORE VULNERABLE THAN THE BULLY.

Childhood and teen years can be challenging and filled with anxiety if you are being bullied. Having gone through bullying as a child, I can attest to the fact that it makes attending school or social functions, fearful and unpleasant. It also can leave lasting damage to ego and self-confidence. Those that do the bullying, can continue that behavior throughout their lives at their workplace, into marriage and parenting.

Bullying can happen in any number of places, contexts or locations. Sometimes that place is online or through a cellphone. Bullying that occurs using technology (including, but not limited to phones, email, chat rooms, instant messaging, and online posts) is considered electronic bullying and is viewed as a context or location. Electronic bullying or CYBERBULLING involves verbal aggression (e.g. threatening or harassing electronic communications) and relational aggression (e.g. spreading rumors electronically). ELECTRONIC BULLYING or CYBERBULLING can also involve property damage resulting from electronic attacks that lead to the modification, dissemination, damage, or destruction of a youth's privately stored electronic information.

In a large study ([www.StopBullying.gov](http://www.StopBullying.gov)) about 49% of children in grades 4-12 reported being bullied by other students at school at least once during the past month, whereas 30.8% reported bullying others during that time. Most bullying takes place in school, outside on school grounds, and on the school bus. Only 20 - 30% of students being bullied notify parents. There is no federal anti-bullying law. Although 49 states have ANTI-BULLYING LEGISLATION, BULLYING IS NOT ILLEGAL.

**WHAT TO DO:** Become an active listener. TALK TO YOUR CHILD each day and ask open-ended questions through the school week. MAKE A COMPLAINT TO THE SCHOOL. Contact your child's teacher or principal. KEEP A DETAILED RECORD OF ALL ACCOUNTS. SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL'S GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, IF THERE IS ONE. REFER TO THE SCHOOL'S CODE OF CONDUCT. GET LEGAL HELP WITH A SCHOOL BULLYING DISPUTE. Long Island Crisis Center: Crisis Hotline 516 679 1111. For information about a free CYBER BULLYING PRESENTATION FOR YOUR SCHOOL or COMMUNITY 516 826 0244. [www.StopBullying.gov](http://www.StopBullying.gov)

*"I would rather be a little nobody, then to be an evil somebody." Abraham Lincoln.*

*"Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right." Theodore Roosevelt.*

#### **FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

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

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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

#### **Father Peter Schavitz, CSsR**

A good friend of mine, Father Peter Schavitz CSsR, stationed in St. Louis, will be preaching on themes of Advent at all the Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.

Welcome Father Pete, originally from Chicago, and another man I tutored to help him through the seminary.

Father Pat

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

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

**THANKSGIVING THANK YOU'S**

Parish Outreach and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul want to thank so many people who donated and helped deliver baskets of food to those in need.



Greg Meder, Amanda Klein, Jack D'Aponte and Lena Guerriero assisted the Vincentians by carrying boxes full of food that provided a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner to the recipient families. Vincentians Kathy Devine and Ann Marie Schmitt put the finishing touches on the Thanksgiving baskets.



Vincentian Howard Cragg and Parish Outreach coordinator, Rosemary Scarangella prepared to distribute 60 turkey dinners with all the trimmings donated by B.K. Sweeney's. Thank you John Coumatous and the restaurant staff!

The St. Martin of Tours St. Vincent de Paul Conference extends its sincere THANK YOU to our parishioners. May your holidays be enriched by your overwhelming generosity on behalf of neighbors in need.

**Please read carefully as this year the Mass schedule for December 24th includes the 4th Sunday of Advent.**

**CONFESSIONS, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

**CONFESSIONS**

**SATURDAY, December 16**  
2:00PM & after the 7:00PM Mass

**MONDAY, December 18**  
9:30–10:00AM; 3:00–4:30PM & 7:00–8:00PM

**TUESDAY, December 19**  
9:30–10:00AM; 3:00–4:30PM & 7:00–8:00PM

**SATURDAY, December 23**  
2:00PM & after the 7:00PM Mass

**MASSES**

**SATURDAY, December 23 - 5PM & 7PM**

**SUNDAY, December 24 - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM & 11:30AM  
There is NO 1PM or 5:30PM Mass

**SUNDAY, December 24 - VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS**

4:00PM - Church & Auditorium  
4:30PM - Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Hartigan Council Hall (Central Ave)  
6:00PM - Children's Mass in Church  
9:00PM - Life Teen Mass in Church  
11:15PM - Pre-Midnight Mass Concert  
12:00AM - Midnight Mass in Church

**MONDAY, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY**

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM & 1:00PM  
*No 5:30PM Mass on Christmas Day*

**SATURDAY, December 30 Confession 2PM & 8PM**

Masses 5PM & 7PM

**SUNDAY, December 31**

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM, 1PM & 5:30PM

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

**MONDAY, January 1, 2018 - 9AM Mass Only**



**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  
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 PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF  
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG  
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 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC  
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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!***



December 1 - 7, 2017

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



December 1 - 7, 2017

A candle has been lit for  
Marie & Thomas Mascia  
in honor of St. Peregrine



**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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Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church  
175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747  
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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.



December 1 - 7, 2017

A candle has been lit for  
D'Avanzo, Reardon & Maggio  
Family - Living & Deceased  
in honor of St. Jude

**St. Martin of Tours Giving Tree**

The Giving Tree 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!

*The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Holy Day of Obligation**

December 7th - Vigil Mass 7PM

December 8th - 6:30 & 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Dec 4: Holy Face Devotion 1PM Church
- Dec 4: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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
- Dec 15: Regular Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 16: Redemptorist History & Spirituality following 9AM Mass St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 20: Advent Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Dec 21: Children's Pageant Practice 4PM Church
- Dec 21: Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 22: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 23: Anointing of the Sick at 9AM Mass
- Jan 10: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall