

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - December 25 - The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Margaret Lannon  
 10:00 Patrick Hopkins  
 11:30 Andrew McCarthy  
 1:00PM John R. Kirk

**No 5:30PM Mass**

**Tuesday - December 26 - St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

**No 6:30 AM Mass**

9:00 Dominic Godek

**Wednesday - December 27 - St. John Apostle/Evangelist**

6:30 Charles Marmorale  
 9:00 Kathy Ann Watson

**Thursday - December 28 - Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

6:30 Victoria Salzone  
 9:00 Frank Dillon

**Friday - December 29**

6:30 Giovanni & Pasqua Giannuzzi  
 9:00 Mary Masciana

**Saturday - December 30**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
 5:00 Rose & Michael Caruso  
 7:00 Richard Pollock

**Sunday - December 31 - Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Philip Krawchuk  
 10:00 Geraldine Hoffman  
 11:30 Anne Marie Gallo, Agostino & Dosolina Benasutti  
 1:00 John Francis Scully  
 5:30 Joseph Zarrillo & Richie Rubel

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-16; John 1:1-18  
 Tues. Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22  
 Wed. 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8  
 Thurs. 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18  
 Fri. 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35  
 Sat. 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

**Sun. Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Abram and Sarah put faith in the Lord, and gave the name Isaac to their son. Your descendants shall be as numerous as the stars in the heavens.**

**Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 The descendants of Abraham and Sarah are "as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands of the seashore." Abraham's faith was tested.**

**Luke 2:22-40 Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. Simeon, a holy and pious man, took the child in his arms, and Anna, the prophetess, gave thanks to God.**

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**  
**Weekly for 12/17/17: \$18,349.17**

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

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who have the courage, like Mary, to listen to God's voice in their own hearts.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

**WAIT!** The 2nd most unpopular word. No one likes to wait. What if there was no such thing as waiting - for anything! Imagine the chaos. We have to wait for many things every day - for the light to turn green, on line at the store, our birthdays and, of course, Christmas. The 4 weeks or so between Thanksgiving and Christmas feel like a year to a child. Waiting is hard - waiting patiently is nearly impossible! Well the wait is over. We may have been waiting for Christmas, but Jesus has been here all along. Thank you God for your promise. Thank you Mary for your yes. Thank you Joseph for your faith.

**There is no meeting on 12/25 or another night this week. Our next meeting will be after New Year's day. Check next week's bulletin for the date. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests. Have a blessed Christmas.**

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

**One Week Before Christmas Winner!**

12/18/17 #342	Jim & Pat Belmonte	\$500
12/19/17 #295	Mary Burfeind	\$25
12/20/17 #660	Rose Marie Chimenti	\$25
12/21/17 #164	Margaret Pigott	\$25
12/22/17 #51	Pat & Michael Sangirardi	\$50



**"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: coffee, sweet cereal, chili, beef stew, tuna fish, apple sauce, peanut butter, jelly, pudding, sugar, mayonnaise, cookies, Rice-a-Roni, baby wipes, napkins, paper towels and toilet paper.

We are so grateful for all that you do for those less fortunate and all of us wish you and your loved one a very Blessed & Merry Christmas. Peace and Prosperity in the New Year!

**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 24 - 30, 2017*



*In Loving Memory of  
Szmytkowski & Zoitke  
Families*

*Sanctuary Candle  
Week of December 24 - 30, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of  
Karen Ann Adkins &  
Eddie Adkins*



*Rest in Peace*

**Acts 7:49:**

**"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."**

Aida M. Gilday, Nicholas A. Bishop  
Norine A. 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 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, 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, Bill Veltri  
Joseph V. Pace, Jr., Justin Turner, Christopher Hehn  
Baby Remy, Jimmy Rizzo, Thomas Kelly, Linda Reilly, Janet Dion  
John Murphy, Colette Sin, Al DeBatto, Adeline Norton  
Ann Marie Wezel, Jeanie Wilkins, Ann Soehngen, Jerry Vega  
Mary Leonard, Ed Segretto, Gregory Happ, Fred Cameron  
Peter Volberg, Ryan Westbrook, Donna Strickland, Steve Hollander  
The Family of Brendan Langhauser, Helen Kurlowicz

## *Pastor's Letter*

*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!*

*Merry Christmas* and a very warm welcome to the parish of St. Martin of Tours. The first to come hear the good news that Jesus had been born were not the religious leaders, the wealthy and powerful, but shepherds - hard-working people surrounded by the smell and sounds of sheep. It has



been said that many people considered shepherds to be men who might be thieves and low-lives. But the angel appears to these ordinary people to announce the Good News of the birth of Jesus. They respond by saying to one another, *Let us go and see what this is about!* The other visitors to Jesus were foreigners from the Far East - Wise Men, Magi, Astronomers - those who searched the sky for the meaning of life. They journeyed to Bethlehem seeking answers to questions they carried in the depth of their souls. They came and knelt before Him and found in Him what they had been seeking all their lives. So the first to come to Bethlehem to see Jesus are the ordinary, the poor, the outcasts and foreigners. And they were all welcome. I love the hymn that we often sing here, *All Are Welcome*.

Those of you who are reading this bulletin are a very diverse group of people. Some of you are here visiting family and friends. Some are present here in the church every Sunday. Others come by at different times of the year. For some, Christmas may be your annual visit to St. Martin's. All of you are most welcome and I believe loved to the core of your being by your Creator.

Some of you are people of deep faith in Jesus, the Son of God. He is the Lord of your lives. Others have lots of questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Church and religion in general. Some may not believe in God or at best, seek to keep him at a distance. You may have come here tonight/today, because it is part of Christmas, like presents and the tree, or a family member pressured you to go, or you like the music. People have often told me that they are spiritual but not religious. Whatever has you here today, you are welcome!

I know there are many who feel that the Catholic Church is too strict, too wealthy, makes too many rules, is against gays, has some dark moments in her history, does not let women be priests, and has had some terrible scandals. Some of you may have been hurt by someone in the Catholic Church. Perhaps you are divorced and remarried and do not feel welcome, or had an abortion or some other sin that you feel leaves you outside of God's grace. We are a church of sinners. Although I believe Jesus founded the Church and the Holy Spirit guides us, we Catholics sometimes do not make God visible in what we do and what we say.

The essential message of Christmas is in incredibly profound and yet amazingly simple. What may be the most quoted verse in the Bible, John 3:16, capsulizes the Good News with these words, *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that whoever believes in him many not die but have eternal life.* Christianity is the only religion in the world that dares to believe that God became human. Jesus is the Son of God, fully human and like us in all things but sin, and fully divine.



Faith is about Jesus. Before you enter religion with its various practices, with its norms and teachings, I invite you, if you have not yet come to know him, to meet Jesus. Full disclosure: as a Catholic priest, I believe the best way to meet and follow Jesus is in the community of the Catholic Church. If you are a member of another faith community, God  *bless* you and you too may have a loving relationship with Jesus. It is all about Jesus.

So in the New Year of 2018, if you feel you want to come to know Jesus, I invite you to consider St. Martin's. We have four welcoming priests on staff who will be happy to hear what is your hearts. The religious community that serves here, the Redemptorists, prides itself on making the mercy and love of God available to those who seek it. We may not answer all your questions, but we will welcome you with love and honesty.

Several times a year, we offer a program called ALPHA. ALPHA (the Greek word for *beginning*) is for everyone: people of all faiths, people who know Jesus, people who have questions about God, people who want to believe but struggle, and anyone who is searching. There is no charge for this program. It is ten-week program that invites a person in a very gentle and respectful way to explore who Jesus is and if he is the one you are looking for.

If you have a desire, a yearning, a question, a doubt, and want to speak to any of our clergy, you can call 516 931-0818 or email me at [woodscssr@aol.com](mailto:woodscssr@aol.com). If you wish to consider making an ALPHA, you can use the same phone and email to inquire. All are welcome.

I am delighted that you came to Christmas Mass at St. Martin's. You are always welcome. God bless you and your family always. *Merry Christmas!*

**Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor**

**[woodscssr@aol.com](mailto:woodscssr@aol.com)**

**[www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org)**





This year the 4th Sunday of Advent is December 24th. There is NO 5:30PM (or 1PM) Mass that day. Life Teen will be celebrating Christmas Mass at 9PM, December 24th. All are welcome!

There will be no Life Night meetings on December 24th and December 31st. Our first meeting of 2018 will be on Sunday, January 7th after the 5:30PM Mass.

The Life Teen Youth Ministry would like to thank you for all the support and prayers you have given to us. We all wish you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and all God's blessings for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Diana Hughes, Youth Minister & the Life Teen Core Group  
SMT\_lifeteen@yahoo.com



### 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. 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.**



**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.



#### Applebee's Short Stacks for a Tall Cause

You are invited to a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support  
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS YOUTH GROUP

APPLEBEE'S LOCATION: 200 AIRPORT PLAZA, E. FARMINGDALE

TICKETS ARE \$9 EACH. Can be purchased at the rectory.

Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 8AM-10AM

Contact Diana Hughes for more information at 516 521-7312  
or email diner27@aol.com

**Father Pat's Homily of December 17, 2017**

*Anticipation, anticipation  
Is making me late  
Is keeping me waiting  
And stay right here, 'cause these are the good old days.  
These are the good old days.  
And stay right here, 'cause these are the good old days.  
These are the good old days.  
These are the good old days.  
These are the good old days.  
These are the good old days.*

Carly Simon's song *Anticipation* was a major song hit in 1973. Some may know it as the background song to a Heinz ketchup commercial as it comes out of the bottle ever so slowly onto a juicy hamburger. I found out the song is about Simon waiting to meet her boyfriend. I thought of this song as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent. We call this Sunday *Gaudate Sunday* which is the Latin word for *Rejoice*. We light the pink candle on the Advent Wreath and the celebrant unhappily walks around in pink vestments that he will try to tell you are rose colored. To make matters worse, parishioners will tell him the looks good in them.

*Anticipation*. That is an emotion that is very strong these days in little children as they ask their Mom *how many days till Christmas. I just can't wait*. How about you? Are you looking forward to Christmas Day? What is the highlight for you on this day? I very much enjoy Christmas Eve and Day here at St. Martin's. After all, I am blessed enough to have my guaranteed parking spot. I love walking into our church at 3:30 pm, a half hour before the four o'clock Mass and see the church almost full, with the announcement soon being made that since the church is full, there is another Mass in the auditorium. I see the little ones in their Christmas outfits and there is a great sense of joy in the congregation. There are many at all our Christmas Masses and it is a delight to be a priest and to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to them.

I am looking forward to going home to family on Christmas Day. The North Carolina wing of my family is present, and I haven't seen them since the summer. I love watching the younger ones in my family playing with their toys, although I do dread the words, *Uncle Pat, can you help us figure out how to put this toy together!* I always make a calendar for each member of the family that features pictures from the last year of all of us at various times. A picture of my splashing into the Dunk Tank at our parish block party made the calendar this year. As I hand them out, there are lots of smiles and some good-natured complaints that there are more pictures of some than others. My artistic talent is never completely appreciated. We soon sit down to great, festive turkey dinners.

I will confess that as much as I look forward to Christmas and all its spiritual and family moments, I always get a little bit of the Christmas blues as the day comes to an end. I cannot help but think how fast it goes. I also cannot help but think of Christmases past and who is no longer at the table. January with its cold and snow looms.

Anticipation! For thousands of years, the world awaited the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, as prophesied in the Old Testament. We heard the anticipation for the Messiah in these words from the Prophet Isaiah:

*The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
to announce a year of favor from the LORD  
and a day of vindication by our God.*

Today's Gospel echoes similar words with the arrival of John the Baptist to herald the coming of the Messiah. When asked if he is the one that we have been waiting for, John responds:

*"I baptize with water;  
but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,  
the one who is coming after me,  
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."*

As I ponder the preparation that God made in anticipation of God taking flesh as a man like us in all things but sin, I cannot help but think how many people, despite their waiting, failed to recognize Him when he came, and beyond that, rejected him, nailing him to a cross. We spend a great deal of our lives in anticipation - I can't wait until I graduate, to get a new car, for grandchildren, for a different job, for retirement, for the wedding, for better health. It is only normal to look forward to such moments. They can bring great joy. That brings me back to Carly Simon's song. As much as she is looking forward to what her relationship with her boyfriend will be, she sings:

*These are the good old days.  
These are the good old days.*

She is telling herself not to miss the present, the now, as she looks forward to the future. These are the good old days. In traditional Catholic spirituality, we talk about the sacrament of the present moment. Here is how one author described it:

*Relax. There is no rush here. Not now. You hold eternity in your palm. To pay attention and be fully present in each moment is to meet eternity. For each moment offers in its endless treasures all you will ever need for that moment. Some call this the sacrament of the present moment, or being present. Others call it mindfulness. Jesus called this quality of trust-filled awareness the kingdom of God.*

We are not waiting for Jesus to come this Christmas Eve. He was with you when you went to bed and as you awoke. He was with you as you sipped your coffee and glanced at the morning paper. He is with you and will be in a very profound way in few moments as we receive His body and blood in the Eucharist. Jesus is *Emmanuel: a name which means God with us*. God is with us always. **Give us hearts, O Lord, to see you!**

## St. Martin of Tours Church BASKETBALL CLINIC

**FOR BOYS AND GIRLS - Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd 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**

**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.

**D**uring Advent, we made available Scott Hahn's excellent book entitled *Joy to the World* upon the recommendation of Rita Verow.

Thanks to Rita and her team of booksellers - Loretta Decaro, Steve Descovich and Kathy Nappi for assisting at the book sale.

All the books were completely sold after the 8:30AM Mass. Thanks again for helping make this sale a big success. Perhaps we will do a similar project next year.

*God bless you, and Merry Christmas!*

**LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING**

[www.livingwaterscounseling.biz](http://www.livingwaterscounseling.biz)

Melville location:

**Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church  
175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747  
Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914**

**PRE-CANA INFORMATION**

It is not too late for engaged couples to register for January 14th.

Please contact  
**Debbie & Frank Mekalainas**  
at 516-681-6560.



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

*"Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man. The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh." USCCB Christmas 2017*

### ONE SOLITARY LIFE

HE WAS BORN IN AN OBSCURE VILLAGE, THE CHILD OF A PEASANT WOMAN. HE GREW UP IN ANOTHER OBSCURE VILLAGE, WHERE HE WORKED IN A CARPENTER SHOP UNTIL HE WAS THIRTY. THEN FOR THREE YEARS HE WAS AN ITNERANT PREACHER.



HE NEVER HAD A FAMILY OR OWNED A HOME. HE NEVER SET FOOT INSIDE A BIG CITY. HE NEVER TRAVELED TWO HUNDRED MILES FROM THE PLACE HE WAS BORN. HE NEVER WROTE A BOOK, OR HELD AN OFFICE. HE DID NONE OF THE THINGS THAT USUALLY ACCOMPANY GREATNESS.

WHILE HE WAS STILL A YOUNG MAN, THE TIDE OF POPULAR OPINION TURNED AGAINST HIM. HIS FRIENDS DESERTED HIM. HE WAS TURNED OVER TO HIS ENEMIES, AND WENT THROUGH THE MOCKERY OF A TRIAL. HE WAS NAILED TO A CROSS BETWEEN TWO THIEVES. WHILE HE WAS DYING, HIS EXECUTIONERS GAMBLED FOR THE ONLY PIECE OF PROPERTY HE HAD---HIS COAT. WHEN HE WAS DEAD, HE WAS TAKEN DOWN AND LAID IN A BORROWED GRAVE.

NINETEEN CENTURIES HAVE COME AND GONE, AND TODAY HE IS THE CENTRAL FIGURE FOR MUCH OF THE HUMAN RACE. ALL THE ARMIES THAT EVER MARCHED, AND ALL THE NAVIES THAT EVER SAILED, AND ALL THE PARLIAMENTS THAT EVER SAT, AND ALL THE KINGS THAT EVER REIGNED, PUT TOGETHER, HAVE NOT AFFECTED THE LIFE OF MAN UPON THIS EARTH AS POWERFULLY AS THIS ONE SOLITARY LIFE. This essay was adapted from a sermon by Dr. James Allan Francis in "The Real Jesus and Other Sermons" 1926.

**THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS WOULD LIKE TO WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE A JOYOUS AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS DAY.**

### **ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2018**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. JANUARY 19, 2018**

**(A Poster with bus schedules will be in the Gathering Place)**

**ROE V. WADE MEMORIAL FACE THE TRUTH.** Sunday, January 21st 1:30 - 3PM In front of NUMC, 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow. 631 243-1435



**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  
 CPT Mike Polan, US Army  
 L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC

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](http://www.mommashouse.org)

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 Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357

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 1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

## *Christmas Prayers*

### **Christmas Eve Prayer**

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### **Prayer for Christmas Morning**



Dear God, the day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### **Christmas Dinner Prayer**

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful each of those who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We bless you and give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to live the Christmas Day and forever. Amen.

### **Knights of Columbus**

## **FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Boys and Girls ages 9 - 14**

**Hartigan Council's Annual Free Throw Contest**

**J.F.K. Middle School Gym**

**Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 1PM**

**Call Bob DeRosa for more information at 516-776-0688**

**SHARE the VOICE**

PO Box 5436 West Babylon, NY 11707

[www.sharethevoice.org](http://www.sharethevoice.org)

December 14, 2017

St. Martin of Tours  
40 Seaman Avenue  
Bethpage, NY 11714

Dear St. Martin of Tours,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2,300.00 to our organization. Your contributions support our local children with disabilities to help get them up and moving using adaptive tricycles. The benefits of these trikes are countless and include increasing circulation of blood flow, strengthening and stretching muscle tone, increased independence and self-esteem, an outlet for socialization, and puts huge smiles on many faces! We are so grateful for your support.

Share the Voice encourages the community to participate in our surprise tricycle deliveries allowing donors to see the elated results of their generosity. This 360 degree approach also raises much needed awareness and an opportunity for families to network and support each other. Relationships are built and our recipients feel the love and support of our wonderful communities.

Little Voices, is a program Share the Voice designed to give opportunities to typically developing children to support differently-abled children. These amazing selfless kids help us raise money, awareness and excitement all at once! Several times we have received very small cash donations of \$3-\$5 from kids who just want to help another child laugh and ride. These donations are monumental in our books! What we are doing is working, voices are being heard! It is because of donors, such as yourself, that these miracles are happening.


Please accept our sincerest gratitude for your support.

Warmest Regards,




Lynda Graham  
President & Co-Founder

*Share the Voice is a 501c3 corporation and has not provided in whole or part any goods or services to the above-named donor in return for this donation. This donation may be tax deductible and serves as your legal receipt.*




December 22 - 28, 2017

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



December 22 - 28, 2017

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



December 22 - 28, 2017

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



*Saint Maria Faustina*

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

**CONFESSIONS: 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


**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan 5: First Friday Devotions 7PM Church

Jan 6: First Saturday Devotions  
8:30AM Church

Jan 10: Life Line Screening  
St. Alphonsus Hall

Jan 17: Padre Pio Holy Hour  
7PM Eucharistic Chapel



**PRAY  
FOR  
PEACE**

*The Redemptorist Community of Saint Martin of Tours  
Deacon Thomas Hennessy & Family  
The Staff  
All Ministries and Volunteers  
wish you and your loved ones a very Blessed and Happy Christmas!*

