

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord**

6:30 Andrew McCarthy, Anniversary  
 9:00 Stephen F. Hogan

**Tuesday - January 9**

6:30 Frances Palmieri  
 9:00 Anne Merin

**Wednesday - January 10**

6:30 Terry LaVelle  
 9:00 Anne Merin

**Thursday - January 11**

6:30 Robert McCabe  
 9:00 Edward Naughton

**Friday - January 12**

6:30 Nancy De Chiaro  
 9:00 Elizabeth Doherty, Living

**Saturday - January 13 - St Hilary, Bshp & Doctor of the Church**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
 5:00 Richard Godek  
 7:00 Elizabeth Haley

**Sunday - January 14 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Robert McCarron  
 10:00 Anthony Guglielmo  
 11:30 Michael DeZervos  
 1:00 Jennifer Travis  
 5:30 John James Rose

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Isaiah 55:1-11; Mark 1:7-11  
 Tues. 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28  
 Wed. 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39  
 Thurs. 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45  
 Fri. 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12  
 Sat. 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17

**Sun. 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19** *Samuel thought Eli was calling him but then recognized the Lord. He said, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." He heard the Lord and followed.*

**1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20** *Paul told his friends that their bodies are "members of Christ...a temple of the Holy Spirit within you." He said, "You are not your own...Glorify God in your body."*

**John 1:35-42** *Andrew sought out his brother Simon to tell him, "We found the Messiah" (the Christ)". Jesus met Simon and renamed him Cephas (Peter).*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget:** \$17,500.00  
**12/24/17 Collection** \$18,620.17  
**12/25/17 Collection** \$50,503.00  
**12/31/17 Collection** \$18,156.17  
**1/1/18 Solemnity** \$661.00

*of Mary*

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

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who develop their talents and use them to care for the poor, console the sorrowful and

Charismatic Prayer Group

Plants without water slowly die. Some plants can look dead, but when given water, they come alive. It's the same with us. We need to be "watered" regularly. But even if we haven't been "watered" in years, just a drop of LIVING WATER will return us to life!! Jesus is the Living Water that keeps us alive.

**Our next meeting is Monday, January 8th at 7:30PM in the Church. Newcomers and returnees welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**



**Divine Mercy Novena**

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

**See page 14 for the HOP Winners.**



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

This week the Pantry tuna fish, sweet cereal, pancake mix, oatmeal, chili, beef stew, peanut butter, apple sauce, sugar, jelly, ketchup, hot chocolate, cookies, Jell-O, pudding, oatmeal, napkins, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, wipes & dish soap.

As always, we thank you so much for all that you do for those in need.

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Phone: 516-931-7332

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

**St. Padre Pio Holy Hour**

**TIME CHANGE**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

**7:30PM in the Eucharistic Chapel**

**All are most welcome!**



*Altar Bread & Wine  
Week of January 7 - 13, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of  
Bernie Lavin*



*Sanctuary Candle  
Week of January 7 - 13, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of  
Kevin White, Sr.*

*Rest in Peace*

**Acts 7:49:**

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

Mary L. Burfeind, Teresa Malangone  
Josephine Slattery, Genevieve Rossiello  
Nicholas Cardella



**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, 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 Colletouri, 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  
John Murphy, Colette Sin, Al DeBatto, Adeline Norton, Janet Dion  
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  
Christine Marsiello

## *Pastor's Letter*



*The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this Child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, pondering on them in her heart. Luke 2: 16-19*

The most common question that we hear after Christmas is, *how was your Christmas?* Unless your family experienced some illness or loss, the universal responses seem to be - *it was good. We were with our family and friends. I had a great Christmas.*

I love Christmas here at St. Martin's. The crowded pews, the joyful spirits of the parishioners, the glorious decorations in our church, the beautiful music, the innocence of the children at the pageant, the humble confessions heard, the generosity shown by the empty giving tree, all fill me with delight to the core of my soul.

Then, home to Brooklyn to continue the joy with family and friends. I think there was some fear I might get bedsores from sitting on the recliner too long, but I did manage to get into the city (as we Brooklynites say) to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, see the Rockefeller Christmas tree and wait on a long line with my niece and nephew to buy half price tickets for *Miss Saigon*. Certainly a moving musical but rather heavy for the holidays. I had a great Italian dinner (is there any other kind?) with friends, a visit to other friends, and then a few days in the Poconos where my niece has a vacation home. I sleepily cheered the New Year in at midnight with family and friends, and then went to bed, but not before watching at least one episode of *The Honeymooners*. I had a great Christmas!

*What kind of Christmas did the Blessed Mother have?* Well, as she was making plans to marry her dear Joseph, she was visited by the Archangel Gabriel with a call to be the mother of God. It is so easy to write those words but impossible to imagine what the young teen experienced in that visitation. With a trembling soul, she says yes to the God she so loves. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth, a woman considered beyond child-bearing years, is pregnant. Mary makes haste to be with her, no doubt to help her, but also to speak about her own awesome news.

Then, back to Nazareth, to hear mean gossip and rumors about her sudden pregnancy. Joseph, the love of her life, is confused and does not know what to say to her. He is very disturbed until he too is visited by an angel in a dream. Due to a Roman census, they must soon leave their village and go to Bethlehem, the ancestral home of Joseph. After a long arduous journey of six days on a donkey, they find Bethlehem crowded with no rooms available for them. Finally, a kind man offers them a stable.

The miracle Baby is born and with no crib or cradle, he is placed in a manger - a place of food for animals - but a symbol that this Child named Jesus will become the *Bread of Life*. Bewildered shepherds come to the stable and report singing angels in the skies. Soon after, wise foreigners from the East, speak of a strange star and come bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Being devout Jews, the couple follow the rites of circumcision and the presentation of the Child in the Temple. Here they met two ancient voices, Anna and Simeon, who proclaim that this Child is the Messiah, the long Awaited One. Then, another angelic visit tells them they must flee home and go to Egypt since King Herod seeks to kill Jesus, the future King of the Jews.

*Mary, how was your Christmas? The Gospel tells us that Mary pondered all these things in her heart. What did all this mean? What does it mean to say Jesus is to be Savior of the world? How could I, a simple peasant girl from Nazareth be the Mother of God? Pondering and Treasuring. What is to be in the days to come? It is all too much to grasp and she can only trust in God.*

My friend Steve Descovich who never has had a doubt in his life, tells me that the Irish (and *me* in particular) ponder too much. To me, pondering is to enter mystery and wonder. It is to seek understanding and never completely get it. It is to want certainty and to live with doubt. It is to be at peace and still worried, to be happy and yet feel a tinge of sadness. Although I admire the decisive, I am grateful for the gift of pondering.

**Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor**

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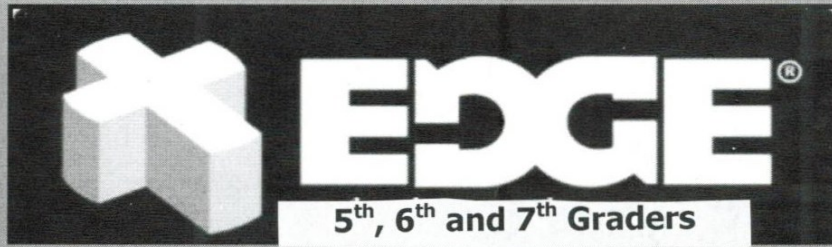
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The Redemptorist Community here at St. Martin's - Fathers Pat, Denis, Jim and Ciya - thank all our parishioners for the many kind and generous gifts, your Christmas cards, the delightful food (including many sugar free specialties), the gift cards and money, the warm greetings, emails, and prayers. You make us feel so much part of your family and went out of your way to express appreciation for our ministry. We are blessed to be here with you.



***Thank you all so very much. - Fathers Pat, Denis, Jim and Ciya***

I want to thank all who do so much to make Christmas so very prayerful and joyful. I know I will not get everybody, but I thank our staff who do a great deal of extra work during the Christmas season. T.J. Hance and Ed Indelicato did a great job with decorating in and around the church. The musical gifts and talents of all our choirs and musicians under the excellent leadership of Elena Scollo are a great blessing to the parish. I thank those who organized the giving tree and for all the generous donors. I appreciate those who supported the youth ministry by buying your Christmas trees from them. Ann Hughes and her team make our Church so beautiful at Christmas with their very tasteful decorating. They truly help us praise the God who became man. As always, the food pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Society are ready to help those in need. Many of you take on extra duty as ushers, Eucharistic ministers and lectors during this busy season and it is most appreciated. I thank the sacristans who help prepare our many liturgies, and I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus of the Hartigan Council for both their very generous donation to our food pantry and for use of their space for Christmas Eve Mass. All of you were very generous in your financial support of the Church. ***Thank you to all!*** If I missed you, I will give you some leftover candy canes that I have. - ***Father Pat***



# St. Martin of Tours

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## Friday Fun-in-Faith NIGHTS

Co-Hosted At  
**St. Rose of Lima Church**

2 Bayview Avenue (Merrick Avenue), Massapequa  
(in the School Gym)

Games  
Snacks Skits  
Gospel Pool Table  
Basketball Movies  
Acts-of-Charity  
New Friends

**Fridays**  
**January 5 & 19**  
**February 2 & 16**  
**7:00 - 8:30pm**

### The Flowers Thank You, and I Thank You!



Advent and Christmas are so special but when they overlap, it requires patience, adaptability, and many prayers. I want to thank Pat Quinn for her help and I especially want to thank Debbie and Frank Mekalainas for all their time and effort. I think that Debbie, while having much experience from the Gardening Ministry, must have set a record in crystallizing and watering plants! It seems that the word "Help" always gets their attention and time.

I also want to thank T.J. Hance and Ed Indelicato for putting up the entire backdrop of poinsettias and our angels. I am blessed at St. Martin of Tours to work with such giving people.

- Ann Hughes

### My Knees Ache to Kneel...for a Good Reason

I write this in memory of my sister, Pat, who passed away in January, 2016. I do so because the new kneelers in the Blessed Sacrament area are there in her memory. I wanted to have something at St. Martin's for her because she was like a surrogate parishioner. She could not attend Mass at her church anymore because of the travel but also because the pews had metal backs and she had difficulty kneeling down. In the relationship she had with Jesus Christ, she was "okay" with not being able to go to church but her greatest lament was that she could not kneel...not for God, not for cleaning, not for picking up things, nor for comfort.



Those of us with bad knees, legs, or simply difficulty in getting up and down, know how she felt. She felt that kneeling was "for" something and not against anything. We knelt and genuflected a great deal as children. Kneeling was a way of honoring God and of letting Him know that He was special and deserved our going down on our knees for Him. Genuflecting acknowledged his sacrifice and was a way of saying "Hello" before sitting in a pew.

Kneeling to protest was not in our thought waves. We kneel at the most sacred parts of our Mass and even with the kinks, cracks, and sound effects that we utter, I am sure that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit acknowledge our efforts and say *thank you* for the positive message. For those who cannot kneel, I am sure that the message is, "Thank you for all the times that you could and did."

I hope that when you visit the prayer area that you, if possible, kneel on the kneeler and remember Pat and why she wanted to kneel. Pray also for all those who kneel not "for" but against. I spend many times in the church alone, and I have been practicing kneeling in the Blessed Sacrament area and I am, along with therapy, finding it more comfortable to kneel. The grunts and groans are less, and the ups and downs are quicker. Perhaps, Pat, as she has always done for me in my entire life is just helping me out as always. - Ann Hughes



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Beginning this Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and every Tuesday thereafter, the Blessed Sacrament will be in the monstrance for Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00PM to 7:30PM. Should there be a conflict with this schedule, the Upcoming Events column will have the time of Adoration every week so there is no confusion. Since the monstrance will be placed in front of the tabernacle, we ask that you to come through the door of the Blessed Sacrament chapel.

### **Why Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Human beings hunger for God. As believers, we see the presence of God in many ways. Certainly, God is in the wonder and glory of all creation, other people, ourselves, the Mass, the Sacraments, the Bible. There are times when we are moved to wonder at the world around us.

There is another powerful presence of God that our Catholic Church offers us through the gift of what has been called the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In faith we recognize that Jesus remains in the consecrated host and precious blood even after the Mass has been concluded. Thus, we seek to attend to the Eucharist with profound respect as we clean the chalices and ciboriums. Catholic Churches keep the Eucharist, almost always just the consecrated wine and not the precious blood which is consumed after Mass for practical reasons), in what is called the tabernacle. Near the tabernacle is a lit candle called the sanctuary lamp. If that candle is lit, it reminds all who see it that Christ is present in the tabernacle. The only time we do not light this candle is on Good Friday and most of Holy Saturday to help us focus on the death of Jesus on the cross. At all other times, Jesus remains in the tabernacle, twenty-four hours a day.

So, whenever we go into a Catholic Church, at any time of the day or night, Jesus is present in the Eucharist in the tabernacle. The Church has called this the real presence to stress that there is a very profound and true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. He told us, *This is my Body*. That is why we genuflect or bow when we come into the Church. As I mentioned at the beginning of this reflection, God is very present in so many ways around us. However, the Eucharistic presence of Jesus in the tabernacle is an awesome gift that Jesus has given us in his words, *I will be with you until the end of time*. We can pray anytime, anywhere. God is present. But there is a very special and unique presence when we are before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. To help us grow in love of this great gift of Jesus being with us, throughout the centuries, we have what is called exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is placed in what is called a monstrance (which means to show) so we can see the host right before our eyes. Now, in our belief, Jesus is as present in our churches, whether there is exposition or not. However, exposition heightens our awareness of His presence and can assist us in our prayers.

Here is how one author described Eucharistic adoration: *Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic tradition in which one is in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Held in a monstrance, the Body of Christ is stationed in a space, usually the altar or chapel, that allows one to have personal, tranquil, and uninterrupted time with Jesus. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament serves as an extension of the adoration and praise given towards the Body and Blood of Christ during the Mass. Humbling ourselves before God, Eucharistic Adoration allows one to acknowledge the strength and almighty power of our Lord and Savior. During this time of reverence, visitors may pray, recite the rosary, read scripture, offer intentions, or simply sit and be in the presence of the Lord. Open to anyone, Eucharistic Adoration also assigns the visiting adorers the responsibility of being a guardian to the Blessed Sacrament. This silent period with Jesus in his entirety graces many with the blessing of internal peace, greater hunger for Communion with God, and deepened assurance in His power and presence.*

### Some terms for Adoration

**Monstrance:** A symbol of the Blessed Sacrament since the monstrance is the sacred vessel which contains the consecrated Host when exposed or carried in procession.

**Ciborium:** A covered container used to hold the consecrated small Hosts. It is like a chalice but covered and larger, used for small Communion hosts of the faithful. It is made of various precious metals, and the interior is commonly gold or gold-plated

**Tabernacle:** A cupboard or boxlike receptacle for the exclusive reservation of the Blessed Sacrament. In early Christian times the sacred species was reserved in the home because of possible persecution. Later dove-shaped tabernacles were suspended by chains before the altar. Nowadays tabernacles may be round or rectangular and made of wood, stone, or metal

**Sanctuary Lamp:** A wax candle, generally in a red glass container, kept burning day and night wherever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Catholic churches or chapels. It is an emblem of Christ's abiding love and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return.

### Quotes of Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." – Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth." -Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a Friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to him straight from the heart." – St. Alphonsus de Liguori

"To converse with You, O King of glory, no third person is needed. You are always ready in the Sacrament of the Altar to give audience to all. All who desire You always find You there, and converse with You face to face."

St. Teresa of Avila

"When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength." ~- Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Adoration means entering the depths of our hearts in communion with the Lord, who makes Himself bodily present in the Eucharist. In the monstrance, He always entrusts Himself to us and asks us to be united with His Presence, with his risen Body." -Pope Benedict XVI

"Behold the Lamb of God; Behold the One who brings peace in the storms of life."

- Pope John Paul II's Encyclical on the Eucharist

### How to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament

- It is an act of faith; you may or not experience something emotionally.
- More than likely, your mind will wander. No big deal. Just try to come back to your prayer. If you fall asleep, ok. The apostles fell asleep in the garden.
- Being in front of the Blessed Sacrament is not about doing something. It is being with God.
- Talk to the Lord about whatever is in your heart.
- Listen. Now your world needs quiet. Be still and know that I am God.
- Perhaps, use one of the booklets we offer to help you pray or say the rosary of the divine mercy prayer.
- Relax and sit with our Greatest Friend, your God.





Our first meeting of 2018 is Sunday, January 7th after the 5:30PM Mass. Upcoming meetings will be on January 21st and 28th.



The Edge Program's upcoming meetings: Friday, January 19, February 2 & 16 for kids in grades 5, 6, & 7. We will be joining kids from St. Rose of Lima Parish in Massapequa. See page 11 of this bulletin for more information.

We wish all of you a very Happy, Blessed & Peace-filled New Year!

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

### Our Lady of Mercy School

520 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville, NY 11801

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*Follow us on Instagram at:* OLMSHicks

The OLMS Class of 2027 has started down the road to possible engineering degrees. Although it is too soon to apply for early admissions, they are considering careers as computer engineers, environmental engineers, design engineers, mechanical engineers, test car drivers, pilots, and safety engineers.

Take the first step on your child's future career path. For program information call: (516) 433-7040 or email: [jharrigan@olmshicks.org](mailto:jharrigan@olmshicks.org)

#### Open House Information

**Wednesday, January 10th:** Nursery - Pre-K (9:30 - 11:00 AM & 1:00 - 2:00 PM)

**Sunday, January 28th:** Nursery - Grade 8 (11:45 AM - 2:00 PM)

**Tuesday, January 30th:** Nursery - Grade 8 (9:30 - 11:00 AM)

**Wednesday, January 31st:** Nursery - Grade 8 (1:00 - 2:00 PM)

### THE EMMANUEL PLAQUE

There seems to be some confusion around the Emmanuel plaque that is in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel above the manger and Infant Jesus. This has been in the prayer area for the past two years.



The seven hanging designs are very special words associated with the Birth of Christ from the Bible. They were expensive to purchase. I assume someone must have thought they were decorations that we were giving away. They are not and I hope, if you accidentally made this mistake, that you might return them to their rightful place.

**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. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:**

**2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY  
(516) 746-8250**

**(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)  
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY  
(631) 858-0380**

**OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

**1425A New York Avenue, Huntington Station  
(631) 385-1226 OPEN MON-SAT 9-5**

To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk). You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

**St. 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.

**SMT MEN'S CLUB**

If anyone 18 or older is interested in seeing how strong an opinion is to one another, *try it!* Come and see for yourself how you can grow spiritually.



To find out more information, contact Mike Leva home: 516-932-3107 or cell: 516-643-8481.

**An Open Letter to Father Pat**

Thank you for your time, thoughts and topics that you bring to The Men's Club meetings. Everyone looks forward to these get-togethers to be able to freely express themselves. They are uplifting and bring all of us to a better spiritual understanding of the subjects we speak about.

***Thank you from all of us at The Men's Club! Sincerely, Michael Leva***

**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 DE ROSA FOR MORE INFORMATION AT 516-776-0688**

**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

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**PROGRAMS:** ABSTINENCE AND CHASTITY, CONTRACEPTION, DIOCESAN CONVOCATION, END OF LIFE ISSUES, E-NEWSLETTER, INFERTILITY CARE AND SUPPORT, GIANNA CENTER INFORMATION. MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON D.C. MATERNITY ADVENT PROJECT. PROJECT RACHEL. RESPECT LIFE CONTEST/YOUTH AWARDS. RESPECT LIFE TRAINING MTGS. AND FORUMS. SPIRITUAL ADOPTION. CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS. BIRTHRIGHT. 631 821 9727. THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND (AHA Pregnancy Options). 516 798 9100. MATERNITY HOMES: BETHANY HOUSE 516 768 6866. MOMMAS HOUSE. 516 781 8637. MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL HOME. 516 223 1013. REGINA MATERNITY SERVICES 516 223 7888.

**THE MARCH FOR LIFE 2018**  
THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTER: COME AND MARCH WITH US IN WASHINGTON D.C. FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018 at 11:15 AM

**DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE.** Please pick them up at THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE. 50 N. Park Ave. Rockville Centre NY 11570. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT: 516 678 5800 Exts. 626 & 381. Or email [dtellis@drvc.org](mailto:dtellis@drvc.org).

**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE GATHERING IN WASHINGTON..NEW LOCATION:** AT NOON ON THE GROUNDS IF THE NATIONAL MALL ON 12TH ST. BETWEEN MADISON & JEFFERSON DRIVES.

**PRAYER SERVICE.** ST. JOSEPH'S ON CAPITOL HILL, 313 2ND. St. NE Washington D.C. 202 547 1223.

**FOR SCHEDULE OF BUSES** LEAVING FROM LOCAL PARISHES, A POSTER WILL BE IN GATHERING PLACE PRIOR TO THE MARCH OR CALL THE DIOCESE.



**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  
 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  
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 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  
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 PFC Clint Applegate, US Army  
 CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF  
 CPL Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC

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**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)

### 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



January 5 - 11, 2018  
 A candle has been lit for  
 David Hanniquet  
 in honor of St. Peregrine



January 5 - 11, 2018  
 A candle has been lit for  
 Barry & Kevin Gunderson  
 in honor of St. Jude

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**175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747**  
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12/25/17	#515	Kathleen McCormick	\$25
12/26/17	#410	James & Diana Hughes	\$25
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12/28/17	#584	Marion C. Hogan	\$25
12/29/17	#381	Joan & Leon Gardner	\$50
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1/2/18	#547	J. McKenna	\$25
1/3/18	#587	John & Rachel Mangano	\$25
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**Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 8AM-10AM**

**Contact Diana Hughes for more information**  
**at 516 521-7312**

**SMT\_lifeteen@yahoo.com**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan 8: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Jan 9: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jan 10: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 16: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jan 16: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jan 23: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jan 30: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel

