

Masses For The Week

Monday - January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Unborn

6:30 Nancy DeChiaro
9:00 Margaret Duemmel

Tuesday - January 23

6:30 Anna Marie Adams
9:00 Lily Grace Fagan

Wednesday - January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Robert McCabe
9:00 Mary & Patrick Foley

Thursday - January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

6:30 Mary Ann Tschupp
9:00 Anthony Morello

Friday - January 26 - Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

6:30 Louise Smith
9:00 James Traina

Saturday - January 27

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Bernie Lavin
7:00 Robert McCabe

Sunday - January 28 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Rev. Jim Small, CSSR
10:00 Albert Krummenacker
11:30 Lazzati & Tesoriero Families
1:00 Carol Grabo
5:30 Josephine Griffio

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30
Tues. 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35
Wed. 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20
Thurs. Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
Fri. 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:26-34
Sat. 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41

Sun. Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *Moses told all the people that the Lord would raise up a prophet among them and put words into his mouth. Whoever does not listen must answer to the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 *Paul encouraged the Corinthians, in view of the times, to remain free of worry and devoted to God. A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.*

Mark 1:21-28 *Jesus entered the synagogue to teach. All were amazed because he spoke with such great authority. When unclean spirits obeyed Jesus, the crowd stood in awe.*



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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
1/14/2018 Collection: \$18,741.36
St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,748.00
Thank you, SMT, for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning father and fellow workers, nets and boat. To what is Jesus calling me - at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who work in parish-based advocacy groups to bring Gospel values and Catholic social teaching to the wider community.

Charismatic Prayer Group

One gear by itself can't accomplish anything. But put it together with other gears, a chain or a belt and watch what happens! Are you spinning your one gear, not getting anywhere? Link your gear to others, especially to those that God puts in your path. With everyone you meet, there's an opportunity to learn or teach something! Even better- link your gear to God's gears and watch what happens in your life!!

Our next meeting is Monday, January 22nd at 7:30PM in Church - weather permitting. New-comers and returnees welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

Congratulations to all our HOP Club winners!

1/15/18	#275	Kenneth Selvester	\$25
1/16/18	#401	Caroline Cesareo	\$25
1/17/18	#157	Checchia Family	\$25
1/18/18	#25	Rose McGeever	\$25
1/19/18	#447	Frank Carroll	\$250



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

This week the Pantry can use pancake mix, tuna fish, ketchup, sugar, chili, beef stew, boxed milk, Rich-A-Roni, icing, mayonnaise, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap, tissues and wipes.

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



*Altar Bread & Wine
Week of January 21 - 27, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of
Raymond T. Young Sr. and
Ann Young*



*Sanctuary Candle
Week of January 21 - 27, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of
Anne Merin*

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49:

"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Jeffrey Salvo



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, Frank Ballatore, Jr., Anthony Della Croce
Nicole Carbone, Barbara Rusch, Connie Kane
Beverly Viselli, Casey, Betty Mara, Teri Pigott
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, Michael M. Durante, Anne Pooler

Pastor's Letter

From Father Pat's Homily of 1/14/18



In 1938 on national radio, the comedians Bud Abbott and Lou Costello did a comedy routine that has become legendary and is now included in the Baseball Hall of Fame. The sketch is based on names that become confused as questions. It is called *Who's on First*. Here is part of the routine which I suspect I will not do justice to.

Costello: *Now I throw the ball to first base, whoever it is drops the ball, so the guy runs to second. "Who" picks up the ball and throws it to "What." "What" throws it to "I Don't Know." "I Don't Know"*

throws it back to "Tomorrow"—a triple play!

Abbott: *Yeah, it could be.*

Costello: *Another guy gets up and it's a long fly ball to "Because." Why? I don't know. He's on third, and I don't give a darn!*

Abbott: *What was that?*

Costello: *I said, I DON'T GIVE A DARN!*

Abbott: *Oh, that's our shortstop!*

I remember being in Ireland and saying to someone, how come whenever you ask an Irishman a question, he always seems to answer with another question. He responded to me, *Is that a fact? Don't you think that's interesting.* I would tell any man here in church today, if your wife or a woman friend asks you if you notice anything different about her, the only correct answer is: *You look like you lost weight!*

We ask simple questions like *what time is it, how far is it from here, whose coming,* or perhaps as you listen to this sermon, *when will it be over?* But there are serious questions in life that can be difficult to ask and life changing to answer: *Do you love me? Will you marry me? Should we have another child? Who will take care of me when I no longer am able to care for myself? Is it terminal? How long do I have? Do you still love me? Do you want a divorce?* These are profound questions of life and can lead to acceptance, anger, disappointment or joy.

I remember once visiting a friend who was dying. She said, *Pat, I want to ask you something.* Before she asked the question, through my tears, I said yes. She smiled since I knew the question was *will you conduct my funeral Mass.* The late Bishop Marshall wrote a book called, *Who Do You Say That I Am.* He listed 100 questions that Jesus asked in the Gospels. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus and tells two his followers to follow him. A series of questions follow:

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

I have always found the question that Jesus asked the two men to be a perfect question: *what are you looking for?* This is a question that I think cuts to the heart of the mind and soul if we allow ourselves to spend time with it.

A first response to this question might be, *I am looking for a nice dinner today. I am looking forward to watching the NFL playoff games today. I am looking for a nice outfit to wear to an upcoming event. I am looking for the kids to drop by with the grandchildren.* More time with the question might move us deeper below the surface: *I am looking for good health; or if I have a health problem, I am looking how to deal with it. I am looking for someone to share my life with. I am looking to make my marriage better. I am looking for my children to do well, to get a promotion or a different job.* They are all good responses.

However, even more time with the question, may well lead us to a response, *I am not sure what I want. I am not sure where my life is going. What does my life mean? Why am I here? Why do we get sick? Why do we die?* Most of us do our best to run from such questions by being with many good things such as family and work. Other times, we dodge such questions by spending endless time watching television or on the internet, perhaps eating or drinking too much, making ourselves so busy we have no time to even think.

I am not suggesting that we spend every waking moment thinking about such serious issues. That would not be possible or healthy. However, the invitation to go deeper into our spirits is vital to knowing God and his love. The great spiritual writers point to desire, what we most yearn for, as a place where we hear the Lord speak to us. It is not easy in the daily rush of our lives to hear our deepest yearnings, but when we do, we get to hear the Lord speaking in our desire. I have a plaque in my office that reads: *Make time for the quiet moments for God whispers and world is noisy.* Today Jesus turns to look at me and you and says, *What are you looking for?* He smiles and gives the beautiful invitation to come and see.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor

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Respect Life Holy Hour

Tuesday, January 23rd from 4PM - 5PM

On Tuesday, January 23rd, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for adoration. At 4:00PM we will have a holy hour for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death in the church. The Blessed Sacrament will then be placed in the chapel until 6:00PM for further adoration. We are shortening our Tuesday adoration time since children who will be receiving first penance will be having their practice.

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortions in the United States. There have been over 60 million abortions in the United States since that date.

Mother Teresa's Words on This Decision

"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts -- a child -- as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters."



And, in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign." (Mother Theresa -- "Notable and Quotable," Wall Street Journal, 2/25/94, p. A14)

Pope Francis' Words

"The Church must never tire of being an advocate for life and must not neglect to proclaim that human life is to be protected unconditionally from the moment of conception until natural death," the Pope's message said. Pope Francis has been a vocal critic of the abortion industry, comparing it to King Herod's slaughter of the innocents at the time of Jesus, and accusing the abortion lobby of working with a Mafia-like mentality that seeks to eliminate those who get in one's way. In his message to pro-life marchers, Francis expressed his solidarity with their efforts and urged them to continue to proclaim the value of human life.

Saint John Paul II's Thoughts

John Paul II conceded that many democracies in the western world have embraced liberal abortion policies. He insisted, however, that the fact that a democracy has democratically authorized abortion could not in fact make abortion right. The fact that a majority positively decides something, or perhaps passively acquiesces in it (which is more the case in the United States, where the main driver of abortion liberalism has been the Supreme Court), cannot make the thing right, because, the pope claimed, there is an objective standard of right and wrong, good and evil, that all human beings must respect. No human being, and no group of human beings, not even the ruling majority in a sovereign nation, has a right to invent its own fundamental standards of good and evil.

This year's March for Life in Washington is January 19th. We are so very grateful for the witness of so many people, especially the young, who witness to their love of all human life. - Father Pat

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20



There is only one topic for me that is more difficult to preach on than asking the parishioners for money. That topic is that of sexuality. I suppose as a celibate male and as an Irishman, it is a theme, though very important to following Christ, that is very complex, emotional, and deeply sensitive. Yet, our second reading today from St. Paul is a passionate call to the Corinthian community to not lose themselves in immorality against the body. As a man who grew up and was raised in the 1950's, sexual sins were a topic that was often spoken of in church, often leaving the congregation feeling shamed and guilty. I can recall that a great deal of time was directed at bad thoughts, and what constituted them.

I once heard a sermon that sought to define when kissing became a serious sin if it was more than ten seconds. I wondered if some couples had to purchase a stop watch! It seemed to me, that when you went to confession, big sins were one of three: anything involving sexual thoughts and actions, missing Mass on Sunday, or eating meat on Friday. I do not know as I look back, if I wondered when I examined my conscience if I thought of racism as a serious sin, or hating someone, or a flippant condemnation of the poor. I am not judging that era since I am sure judgments will be someday made about *our* time and what we preached and didn't preach.

It is strange when the Church is so often accused of producing guilt around the issues of sexuality. Some of this may be due to the Church, while always guided by the Holy Spirit, is also very human. At the same time, I believe that the popular culture as well as much of the media seeks to dismiss the teachings of the Church because they do not like to be challenged in any way.

A very brief glimpse of the teaching that the Church has received from God reveals a most positive view of human sexuality. God created us as sexual beings. It is good to be a man and it is good to be a woman. All that God has made is good. We have the beautiful words of Genesis: *it is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a partner.* Jesus quotes the book of Genesis with these words: *That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.* God has made us sexual beings for two reasons: to express love and to join him in bringing life into the world.

We know there are many ways to express love that are not physical and they are beautiful. But, when a married couple come together in sexual intimacy, it is a sacrament. *A sacrament!* That love is called to be not only an encounter with your spouse, but it is also an experience of the divine. *Wherever there is love, there is God.* Our Church raises married love to its highest level in naming it a sacrament.

In the 1960's and 70's, popular culture talked about free love and a sexual revolution. I recall the famous line from the movie **The Graduate** when Benjamin tried to explain away his adultery to the betrayed husband. He said, *it meant nothing; it was just like shaking hands*. I think such an attitude that says physical intimacy without commitment is good, goes against the human heart and human biology. Today, there is talk of *hooking up* that dismisses any need for a loving relationship for sexual union. I think the great promise of the sexual revolution left many people with broken hearts and wounded spirits. Can anyone argue we are happier today than in other periods of our lives?

We are experiencing right now the rising up of a movement against men who misused power, force, and manipulation to take advantage of vulnerable women. This is wrong and is rightly condemned. As a faith community we too have failed seriously as we know in our own crisis of clergy abuse and cover-ups. No person should ever be taken advantage in any way. Still, in spite of seeing all those women and men at the *Golden Globes* rightly condemning such acts, will Hollywood move toward family movies with good values or will they continue to use sexual imagery and violence to sell their films? I doubt it.

We celebrate many funerals here at St. Martin's. I always find the conclusion of the funeral rite, where the priest blessed the coffin or cremains with incense, reminds me that the body is sacred and a gift from God. It was the temple of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tells us: *Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality.* It is not easy to avoid immorality. Being a man or woman is a gift from God, but sexuality is a most powerful human drive. Sexual temptations are very powerful and difficult to avoid in our culture. It is a struggle to live a life of chastity. We are called to be loving of one another. If you struggle in this area, do not give into discouragement. God is loving and merciful. Bring your sins to his mercy. How often in the Gospels did we see Jesus condemned for eating and drinking with sinners? We come to this Eucharist asking for his grace.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Tuesday 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 come through the door of the Blessed Sacrament chapel.

St. Martin's Men's Club will be meeting on Wednesday, January 31st at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Casual dress code and haircuts welcome.

All men 18 and over are welcome.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

STANDING FOR LIFE

This past Friday, January 19th, hundreds of thousands of Pro-Life supporters walked up Constitution Avenue in Washington D.C. for the 45th Annual March For Life. They traveled to protest the 45th Anniversary of ROE.V. WADE, which MADE ABORTION LEGAL IN THIS COUNTRY. Students from Catholic schools across the country arrived by the busload. They have become a major presence at the March, which is reflected in polls showing the PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT is becoming more YOUTHFUL.

On the 1st Anniversary of Roe V. Wade, 20,000 gathered at the Capitol in 1974. Last year 650,000 plus marchers gathered in spite of a blizzard. Many non-Catholic high schools and colleges also attended. This year a bus from the Diocese of Rockville Centre along with other parishes in Nassau and Suffolk Counties made the trip. We celebrate those who traveled long hours and stood in the cold before marching together up to Capitol Hill. We support them as they stand together FOR THE LIFE OF EVERY HUMAN BEING FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH.

As we celebrated the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to honor his legacy in the battle for CIVIL RIGHTS and RACIAL EQUALITY in the U.S, we must remember the strength of his convictions and respect and honor his message of peace and unity.

As our nation marks the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr., his niece, Alveda King, sees the PRO-LIFE CAUSE as a CONTINUATION of the CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. "My Uncle said that INJUSTICE ANYWHERE is INJUSTICE EVERYWHERE."

Alveda is a Christian Pro-Life Leader with PRIESTS FOR LIFE and SILENT NO MORE. She is the full-time Director of AFRICAN-AMERICAN OUTREACH for PRIESTS FOR LIFE . When she first met Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests For Life, the two found themselves in agreement that the FIGHT FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE from CONCEPTION UNTIL NATURAL DEATH IS THE MOST PRESSING CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE OF OUR TIME.

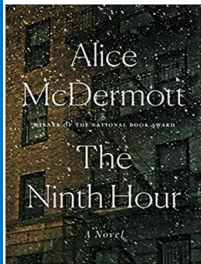
SMT REGULAR BOOK CLUB

THE NINETH HOUR

Friday February 16th at 7:30PM

St. Alphonsus Hall - All Are Welcome!

A magnificent new novel from one of America's finest writers—a powerfully affecting story spanning the twentieth century of a widow and her daughter and the nuns who serve their Irish-American community in Brooklyn.



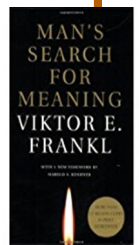
SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

MAN'S SEARCH FOR MEANING

Friday, February 23rd at 7:30PM

St. Alphonsus Hall - All Are Welcome!

Psychiatrist Viktor Frankl's memoir has riveted generations of readers with its descriptions of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. At the time of Frankl's death in 1997, *Man's Search for Meaning* had sold more than 10 million copies in twenty-four languages. A 1991 reader survey for the Library of Congress that asked readers to name a "book that made a difference in your life" found *Man's Search for Meaning* among the ten most influential books in America.





We will be meeting on Sunday, January 21st & 28th after the 5:30PM Mass for grades 8 - 12.



The Edge Program's upcoming meetings: Friday, February 2 & 16 for kids in grades 5, 6, & 7. We will be joining kids from St. Rose of Lima Parish in Massapequa.

Diana Hughes, Youth Minister & the Life Teen Core Team
SMT_lifeteen@yahoo.com

Our Lady of Mercy School

520 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville

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Our Lady of Mercy School—Hicksville

Follow us on Instagram at: OLMSHicks

For program information call: (516) 433-7040
or email: jharrigan@olmshicks.org

Open House Information

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

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

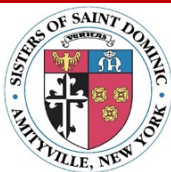
Wednesday, January 31st: Nursery - Grade 8
(1:00 - 2:00 PM)

OPEN HOUSE

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th
from 12 - 2PM**

**St. William the Abbot School
2001 Jackson Avenue, Seaford
11783**

**For more information, please call
516-785-6784
stwilliamtheabbot.net**



Did you receive a gift that you can't use?

Did you receive an item that you already have?

Did you receive a present that you could give away?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, the Dominican Sisters of Amityville invite you to donate your items for our annual Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon. All proceeds from the event benefit the elderly and retired Sisters living in the Motherhouse. Last year, the event grossed over \$114,000!

Unfortunately we are unable to accept donations of clothing. Also, we ask that all items be in brand **NEW** and unused condition. Items can be dropped off at the Motherhouse between 8am to 4pm, Monday-Friday: 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY, attn.: Advancement Office. If you have any questions, please call (631) 842-6000 ext. 238. Thank you for your support.



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.

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.

Young at Heart Seniors Trip

We are planning a trip to Yonkers Casino on **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**. The cost is \$25 per person (includes bus, \$10 for casino games & \$5 for food).



For more information, please contact Martha Martini at 822-2213.

Pancake Breakfast

9:00AM to 12:00PM

Sunday, February 11th

Sponsored by the
Hartigan Council of the Knights of Columbus
 519 Central Avenue, Bethpage

All are Welcome!
 Free Will Offering



From time to time we are asked here at the parish by family members for some help with an elderly parent. If you would like to call the rectory (931-0818) and leave your number with us, we would pass it on to those who are seeking help.

It would then be between you and them to work out details since the parish cannot accept any liability for recommending people to help or for any work situations.

Father Pat Woods, CSSR

2017 Church Donations

Please contact Susan Oliver, Finance Manager at the rectory at 931-0818 ext. 12 to obtain a letter for your church contributions during 2017 for tax purposes.



Under the direction of Father Denis, Steve Descovich and some wonderful volunteers, our basketball clinic for kindergartners, first and second graders had a good start last Sunday. If your child is not registered, you are still welcome. The clinic is every Sunday right after the children's Mass from 11:00AM to 12:00PM.

International Night

Saturday, February 17th

7: 00PM in St. Alphonsus Hall

Italian, German, Vietnamese, French, English, Filipino, Greek, Russian, Swedish, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, Polish, African, Irish, Indian, Middle Eastern, Native American or any other ethnic dish

International Beers

"You make it; we'll eat it!"

Call the rectory if you wish to make a main dish or dessert.

PLUS...Dance to the strains of the music of

International DJ, *Patricio Woodsini!!!*



Saint Dominic High School, 110 Anstice Street, Oyster Bay NY 11771

Congratulation to all of the students who were accepted
into St. Dominic High School's Class of 2022.

We look forward to seeing you at Accepted Students Day on
Wednesday, January 23rd at 4PM in the St. Dominic Chapel

For questions and more information:

Contact Mr. Matthew O'Brien, Director of Admissions
516-922-4488, ext. 5325 or admissions@stdoms.org



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.



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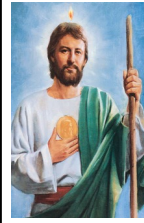
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 22: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Jan 23: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 4PM & 5PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jan 23: Respect Life Holy Hour 4PM - 5PM led by Father Pat
- Jan 30: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jan 31: Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 2: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Feb 3: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Feb 3: Youth Ministry's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast at Applebee's, Airport Plaza Farmingdale
- Feb 5: Holy Face Devotion 1PM Church
- Feb 11: Pancake Breakfast 9AM - 12 Noon Hartigan Council, Central Ave.
- Feb 14: Ash Wednesday **Masses** 6:30, 9AM & 7PM. **Services Only** at 12Noon & 4PM
- Feb 16: SMT Regular Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 17: International Night St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 23: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall