

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

6:30 Michael J. Alloggio, Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 Joseph Spoto

Tuesday - March 20

6:30 John P. Cronin, Jr.
 9:00 Frank & Dorothy Corbet

Wednesday - March 21

6:30 Chiarappa & Cascini Families
 9:00 Richard Muller

Thursday - March 22

6:30 Mary Corrigan
 9:00 Alfred & Frederic Sussi

Friday - March 23

6:30 Marty Laraia
 9:00 John Torre

Saturday - March 24

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Louis & Ann Chiarelli
 7:00 Steve Goyon

Sunday - March 25 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Norma Lucarelli
 10:00 Michael Zura
 11:30 In Memory of the Szmytkowski & Zoitke Families
 1:00 Leahy & Cahillane Families
 5:30 Sheila Neumann

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
 Romans 4:13, 16-18. 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-24, 24a
 Tues. Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
 Wed. Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
 Thurs. Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
 Fri. Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
 Sat. Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Sun. *Isaiah 50:4-7* *The servant of the Lord God was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.*

Philippians 2:6-11 *Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death! Therefore, God exalted him, and all proclaim him Lord.*

The Passion of the Lord Mark 14:1-15:47



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
3/11/2018 Collection: \$16,981.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$3,363.00

Thank you, SMT, for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

“If anyone would serve Me,” says Jesus in today’s gospel, “let him follow Me. Where I am, there will My servant be.”

In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who embrace every aspect of their lives as “gift” by surrendering to Christ their very selves through service to the parish and the wider community.



Charismatic Prayer Group

The only thing standing between you and God is YOU! You and your schedules, lists, chores, and deadlines. How do you split up your 24 hours each day? Can't you find even 10 minutes for God? Think about what He's done for you! Once you get started, you'll wonder why it took you so long.

Our next meeting is Monday, March 19th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

Congratulations to all HOP Club winners!

3/12/18	#134	Steven Descovich	\$25
3/13/18	#80	Kyle Basilicato	\$25
3/14/18	#250	Steve & Carole Kaiser	\$25
3/15/18	#465	M/M Jerome Viviano	\$25
3/16/18	#137	Patrick Corey	\$250

Wedding Banns

1st Joseph Valenti & Megan Mladinich



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

This week the pantry could use rice, cereal, sweet cereal, oatmeal, hot chocolate, pancake mix, mixed vegetables, canned chicken, beef stew, tomato paste, peanut butter, black beans tomato soup, coffee, mayonnaise, pudding, sugar, Jell-O, juice, tissues, napkins, wipes, laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap.

We thank PLAINVIEW BICYCLE CLUB & BIKE JUNKIE for the gift of five new bicycles and helmets donated during Christmas to children whose parents use the pantry.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage
Phone: 516-931-7332
Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM



Altar Bread & Wine
Week of March 18 - 24, 2018

In Loving Memory of
John Mitchell

Sanctuary Candle
Week of March 18 - 24, 2018

In Loving Memory of
Virginia Kane



Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49:

"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Albert Filippone, Marcelo Altuna
Jane Morgan, Marion McCarthy
Alfred R. Camposa, Rorri Morabito

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 Baciuska 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 & Robert 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
Libia & Maria Teresa Valdez, Nancy Gerace, Jim Moran
Robert Collelouri, Arthur Baudo, Kathy Smith, Samantha McNeill
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, Peggy Epstein
John Murphy, Colette Sin, Al DeBatto, Adeline Norton
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The Family of Brendan Langhauser, Helen Kurlowicz, Pat Eannel
Christine Marsiello, Michael M. Durante, Jenna Luckmann Black
Pasquale Patalano, Noelle Eichenlaub, Thomas Triola, Anthony Muller
Anthony "Tony" Romano, Keith Ferrara, Marilyn Burleson, Marie Mascia



Pastor's Letter

From Father Pat's Homily of 3/11/18

I like to observe people in shopping malls, especially mothers and their children. Mom pushing a baby carriage through the mall is stage one. At stage two, the child is two years old; he or she hangs on to Mom's hand but may occasionally solo a few feet away. At the next stage, the child is seven or eight and begins to wander around and Mom has to say, *stay with me; I don't want you to get lost!* Now, on to the teenage years - at this time, the teen is terrified of being seen with her mother. They walk 100 feet ahead or behind. They get permission to go off on their own. God forbid they are seen walking with Mom! The next stage is when the young person, married and pushing her child in a stroller with her own mother at her side. They have come back together again!

Level/Stage	Age Range	Description
I: Obedience/Punishment	Infancy	No difference between doing the right thing and avoiding punishment
I: Self-Interest	Pre-school	Interest shifts to rewards rather than punishment – effort is made to secure greatest benefit for oneself
II: Conformity and Interpersonal Accord	School-age	The “good boy/girl” level. Effort is made to secure approval and maintain friendly relations with others
II: Authority and Social Order	School-age	Orientation toward fixed rules. The purpose of morality is maintaining the social order. Interpersonal accord is expanded to include the entire society
III: Social Contract	Teens	Mutual benefit, reciprocity. Morally right and legally right are not always the same. Utilitarian rules that make life better for everyone
III: Universal Principles	Adulthood	Morality is based on principles that transcend mutual benefit.

Moral Development Stages of Lawrence Kohlberg

Years ago, I took a course in educational theory and one of the topics we studied was based on the theories of a Swiss psychologist named Jean Piaget and an American scholar named Lawrence Kohlberg. Kohlberg, in particular, focused on the question - how does a person develop morally. We think of the stages of human development: infancy, childhood, adolescence, young adult, adult, senior. There is an expectation that a person will develop through the years and mature as a person. Someone who seems stuck at a certain stage, we might call immature, acting like a child, going through a second adolescence or having a midlife crisis. Kohlberg believed that human beings also go through stages of moral development with the same possibility of being caught in a certain stage and never moving beyond it. I found his work made sense to me in both my own life and as I minister to others. I think there is a richness in his work that can benefit us in understanding our relationship with God.

His **first stage of morality** is that we act and behave in certain ways to avoid being punished. So, a child resists hitting his brother because he knows Mom and Dad will give him a timeout if he does. **Stage two** moves us from fearing punishment to seeking reward. Mom and Dad tell the child that if he does not fight with his brother, he will be able to go out for ice cream. As enticing as it is to hit his brother, a cone of Rocky Road ice cream convinces the child to behave. **The third level** is acting in a certain way to get approval. If I am nice to my brother, Dad will say to me, *you are a terrific son. I am so proud of you.* I think we all like to hear such praise. **The fourth level** becomes a bit more sophisticated. In this stage, a person begins to understand why we have rules. They are good guides for us which makes life happier. She understands why she should not take what belongs to someone else because she does not want someone to take what is hers. Even though we may not like speed limits, we see the value of them since they protect others and ourselves.

The fifth and sixth stages are the most developed and not as easily described as the other four. **In the fifth stage of moral development**, a person chooses to act well from his or her own inner principles that have become part of their values. He keeps the speed limit without thinking for the simple reason that this law makes sense to him. He cares about people in a way that would not put others at risk. This level is pretty focused on my developing a good conscience that is guided by internal principles.

In the sixth stage or moral development, there is an expansion of the fifth level of moral development. One's beliefs and principles bring the person to focus more and more on the people and world around her. She becomes concerned about others and their well-being, to whom she may not even know. A person at this level of morality moves on to being concerned about broader issues than just those that affect him or her. They may advocate and seek to assist the unborn, the homeless, refugees, protect the environment, visit those in prison and other significant issues. A person at this stage recognizes that he or she is his or her brother's keeper.

Today in our Gospel we perhaps know the most beloved words in the Bible: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.* The core message of the Bible is that God loves us and invites us to love him in return. Perhaps, the beginning of our relationship with God is one of fear: we do not want to go to hell, and it then moves on to doing right so we go to heaven. Some of us may practice our faith because it is something that others admire. We may love God because it is expected, or we want to be well-thought of, or it is good for society. I think we all may go through such steps. However, the purest form of spiritual love is to love God simply because He is God and that he so loves us. The saints witness to that love. I have been moved by many people who speak of their love for God in a very real and committed way, based on loving God for his goodness. I think we all have had flashes of such moments in our lives. I invite us today as we celebrate this Mass and receive holy communion to seek to enter into the love of God who so loves each one of us.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor

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Upcoming Weekends:

May 4-6, September 7-9, November 9 -11

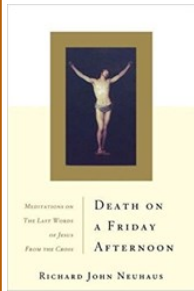
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THE NEXT SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB - FRIDAY, APRIL 20th at 7:30PM

We will meet in the Library Room of St. Alphonsus Hall

Please enter through the Seaman Avenue doors

Death On A Friday Afternoon: Meditations On The Last Words Of Jesus From The Cross Paperback – February 5, 2001 by Richard John Neuhaus There is no question in my mind that one day *Death On A Friday Afternoon* will become a classic alongside the works of St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis of Assisi.

Father Neuhaus took a lot of heat in his life from moving politically from left to right, but reading this book you would never know he had the slightest interest in politics. This is where you'll find his true spiritual genius. Anyone who gets their picture of the Church through the media would be wise to read this. Moreover, if anyone wants a great companion for the spiritual road, you'll do no better than *Death On A Friday Afternoon*.

THE NEXT REGULAR BOOK CLUB

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

Friday, April 27th at 7:30PM

We will meet in the Library Room of St. Alphonsus Hall. Please enter through the Seaman Avenue doors.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST "Disturbing and riveting...It will sear your soul." — Dave Eggers, *New York Times Book Review* Named a best book of the year by *Wall Street Journal*, *The Boston Globe*

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

Here are the future stars of the NCAA basketball championships. I want to offer special thanks to Father Denis and Steve Descovich for developing the idea of a basketball clinic for kindergartners and first and second graders. I think the children both learned some basics of basketball and had lots of fun. I was exhausted watching them run up and down the floor. Our two coaches, Riain Molloy and Ron Baumbach did a wonderful job with the children. We also appreciated the help from Devon. Now we are on to a whiffle ball clinic. Old #55, the speedy right hander from Brooklyn, now retired to Bethpage where he serves as pastor, may come out of retirement to teach the children his famous knuckleball!



**PLAY BALL!
SPRING TRAINING HAS ARRIVED!**



St. Martin of Tours is starting a baseball clinic for children in Pre-K, K, 1st and 2nd grades.

Dates: April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 20

Time: 11:15AM - 12:15PM

Place: Emmaus Hall School Auditorium

**Come join us after the 10AM
Family Mass!**

**Tips From God:
So You Can Have A Blessed Life**

by Diana Malerba Weinzierl

For your own personal journey, question yourself to see how grounded your faith is. Want to get closer to Jesus but having a hard time? Then dig a little deeper and join us.

**Wednesday, April 4th
6:45PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**

Thank You!

I want to thank all who participated in our recent parish mission. Many people told me they found it helpful in their spiritual journey. I am grateful for the many volunteers who responded so generously to Pat Ricci's invitation to assist in the mission, and to T.J. Hance who handled all the technical work.

I am very grateful to the mission planning team: Elena Scollo, Ann Hughes, Pat Ricci, and Father Denis. They did a great job as did Janice Fascina as director of publicity.

I thank Fathers Jim and Ciya who were very supportive of the mission by hearing confessions and assisting in the rituals. - Father Pat



**HARTIGAN MANOR
OPEN HOUSE MEMBERSHIP EVENT**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018
7:00 -10:00PM**

**Knights of Columbus
517 Central Avenue
Bethpage NY 11714**

Knights of Columbus are Catholic men 18 years of age and older who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their Church. If you are already a Knight and have not attended our council for a while, please come and reacquaint yourself with our officers and members.

The Hall is newly renovated with free food and beverages provided compliments of **Mastrantonio Caterers**. A cash bar is also available.

If you would like to join us but can't attend this open house, please email gk@koc5033.com and I would be happy to arrange a time for us to meet. Thank you and I hope to see you there!

Joe Interrante, Grand Knight

The Bethpage St. Patrick Parade Committee of St. Martin of Tours would like to acknowledge the following contributors to the 2018 St. Patrick's Parade. We are grateful to each and every one for their support and for another successful year!

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LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session "A" is required of ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session "B" in addition to Session "A". Session "A" must be attended prior to Session "B". To register for Extraordinary Minister Training the pastor must send a letter to Bishop Barres at least 5 days in advance requesting the training for each person attending. This letter must mention the date and place of the training session the person(s) will attend.

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING

Nassau County EM "A" Session

April 14, 2018; 9AM - 1PM
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

Suffolk County EM "A" Session

May 12, 2018; 9AM - 1PM
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

Nassau County EM "B" Session

April 21, 2018; 9AM - 1PM
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

Suffolk County EM "B" Session

May 19, 2018; 9AM - 1PM
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers at St. Elizabeth, Melville

Session "A" - Wednesday, May 16, 2018; 7:00 - 10PM
Session "B" - Wednesday, May 23, 2018; 7:00 - 10PM

\$30 workshop fee will be paid by St. Martin of Tours.



THANKS ARE IN ORDER! On Saturday, March 10th Life Teen hosted Bingo with the Seniors of the parish. Top of our thank you list are Janice True, Debbie & Frank Mekalainas and Dottie & Charlie Lotten for setting up coffee, making desserts and supplying the Bingo cards. Thanks to Fathers Pat, Ciya, Denis and Jim in supporting this fun event. And thank you, Seniors, for coming and enjoying playing with our teens. It was a fun afternoon for us all!

March 16 - 18: Life Teen Retreat - NO meeting after the 5:30PM Mass on 3/18

March 25: Palm Sunday - we will have a meeting after the 5:30 Mass

On April 1st the Life Teen Band lead by Liam Gordon will be celebrating Easter Mass at 1PM. We now have additional musicians and teens singing with the group. We are so excited to see and hear our teens worshipping God in song!

COMING IN APRIL: SMT YOUTH MINISTRY AUCTION - Friday, 4/13/18 - Doors open at 6PM/Auction starts at 7PM - Cafeteria & Auditorium. We are now accepting donations such as wine, spirits, gift cards or new items! They can be dropped off at the rectory. Thank you!

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

During the weekdays of Lent, Monday through Friday, we will be saying the Morning Prayer of the Church at 8:30AM (before the 9:00AM Mass).



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:30PM in Church

March 23 - Father Pat Woods

I will be giving a mission in Philadelphia from Saturday, March 17th to Thursday, March 21st. As always I ask for the prayers of St. Martin of Tours parishioners here in Bethpage.

While I am gone, the parish will be in the very capable hands of Fathers Jim, Ciya and Denis (guided by Susan and Genny!)

- Father Pat

PARISH LIBRARY

Hours: Monday - Saturday from 9:30AM until 3:00PM.



Instead of using the Seaman Avenue entrance, please come to the rectory and ask for the key to the side door of St. Alphonsus Hall.

Check out the article, "Good for All Ages" in the March edition of U.S. Catholic. The author writes of the graces and benefits of intergenerational relationships - what we can GIVE to each other as young and old.

Also Our Sunday Visitor (Feb 25 - Mar 3) has an article that highlights the tension between underground Catholic Church and state-sanctioned Church. Presently we have Redemptorists priests and brothers from the Province of Vietnam ministering with the underground Church in China.

Catholic Charities in Hicksville is searching for a volunteer to assist with phone and computer responsibilities, retrieving phone messages, calling clients back, entering client information into our system and mapping addresses. Ideal days would be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for two hours between 9:30AM and 1PM. If you are interested and available for this opportunity, please contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator at 516-733-7044.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

THANK YOU ST. MARTIN OF TOURS FROM THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

The Life Center of Long Island would like to take this opportunity to thank the parish of St. Martin of Tours, Father Patrick Woods and the Respect Life Committee. We are honored to report that your kind contribution to the Baby Bottle campaign totaled \$11,562.00. Every year your dedication to women experiencing a crisis pregnancy has resulted with great generosity. May you continue to be blessed in all you do for all God's children.

The Respect Life Committee would like to personally thank each and every parishioner that filled a bottle for these young women and their babies. The Life Center with its four pregnancy crisis centers give major support to these women and men who need help during this difficult time. We believe that along with your generous contribution, your prayers have brought about something very powerful in saving the life of a child - a change of heart. With bottles still coming in, we will update the totals for you.

St. Martin's comes forward to support the Baby Shower each May and then again, in the month of October, the Life Center's Baby Bottle Campaign. St. Martin's support for life, from conception until natural death, is an inspiration to all who support the sanctity of life.

We would like to personally thank Father Patrick Woods and all the priests for their dedication to all life issues. Father Pat has always encouraged our committee to present not only the Life Center, but seminars we held in the past such as End of Life. We thank our sacristans Sue and Nick who collect and safeguard bottles that come in during the year, T.J. Hance and Ed Indelicato for setting up our events. We thank all the ushers that have helped us at each mass. A special thank you to Genny, our parish secretary, who makes copies for both campaigns and for our Respect Life Committee meetings each month.

We would like to remind you that our committee meets on the last Wednesday of every month in St. Alphonsus Hall at 11:00AM. If you would like join us, we would welcome any ideas or information you might like to share. *Thank you for your support, The Respect Life Committee*

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

Tuesday, April 10th: Spring Fling Fund Raiser at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.

- Bingo
- Raffles
- Prizes



\$3 tickets now on sale! Please call Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408 or Margo Pigott at 796-5053. All women are welcome!

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.



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven
assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously,
to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Please be as generous as your means will allow. *For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.*



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The Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Liturgy Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

Sunday April 29, 2018 at 2:30PM
Church of St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

The Diocese must received registration by April 13th. Please come by the rectory or call 931-0818 to register. If you have any questions, please call the Diocese at 516-678-5800 ext. 504.



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
 CPL William Corrigan, USMC
 PFC Salvatore Battiatia, 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

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

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



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.

April is Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month



There will be a Mass dedicated to the families and friends of people with Autism and Special Needs.

**Sunday, April 15th
3PM - approximately 3:30PM**



Please feel free to sit in the gathering area of the church if that is what makes the special needs child or adult feel more comfortable. All are welcome to worship and praise God.

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.

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.

HOLY HOUR



The monthly holy hour will be at **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27th**. Adoration will follow from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel.

For anyone who has fall/balance issues, please take a flyer in the gathering area supplied by Reddy-Care Physical Therapy or visit their website at reddycare.net locations in Farmingdale and Great Neck.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

St. Martin's Men Club will meet on **Monday, March 26th at 7:30 p.m.** (Secret Password required).





March 16 - 22, 2018

A candle has been lit for
Bailey, a beloved pet
in honor of St. Jude



March 16 - 22, 2018

A candle has been lit for
Michael J. Alloggio
in honor of St. Peregrine

RECTORY HOURS - HOLY WEEK THROUGH EASTER MONDAY

Monday - Wed., March 26 - 28: 9AM - 8PM
Holy Thursday, March 29: 9AM - 2PM Evening Staff: 2PM - 6PM
Good Friday, March 30: CLOSED - No evening hours
Holy Saturday, March 31: 9AM - 5PM - No evening hours
Easter Sunday & Easter Monday: CLOSED - No evening hours
Tuesday, April 3: Office opens at 9AM resuming regular schedule

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK 2018

Mon., March 26: Masses at 6:30AM & 9AM
Confession: 3:00PM - 5:00PM & 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Tues., March 27: Masses at 6:30AM & 9AM
Confession: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Wed., March 28: Masses at 6:30AM & 9AM
Confession: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Holy Thursday: 9AM Morning Prayer
 7:30PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
 9PM Adoration until 11PM

Good Friday: 9:00AM Morning Prayer
 10:00AM Stations of the Cross at Bethpage State Park Picnic Grounds
 3:00PM Liturgy of the Passion
 7:30PM Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday: 9:00AM Morning Prayer
 1:00PM Blessing of Bread/Food
 8:00PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday: Church: 7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM, 11:30AM & 1PM
 Auditorium: 10AM & 11:30AM
No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 19: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 20: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- Mar 20: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Mar 26: SMT Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 27: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Mar 28: Respect Life Committee monthly meeting 11AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 4: Explore the book, Tips From God by Diana Malerba Weinzierl 6:45PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 6: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Apr 7: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Apr 9: Holy Face of Jesus Devotions 1PM Church
- Apr 10: Christian Mothers Spring Fling Fund Raiser 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 15: Mass Dedicated to Autistic and Special Needs Children & Adults 3PM Church