

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - March 26**

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita

9:00 Larry Raimer

**Tuesday - March 27**

6:30 Carmine Bassano, 3rd Anniversary

9:00 Teresa Flynn

**Wednesday - March 28**

6:30 Antonio Guerrieri

9:00 Richard Godek

**Holy Thursday - March 29**

9:00 Morning Prayer

7:30 Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday - March 30**

9:00 Morning Prayer

3:00 Liturgy of the Passion

7:30 Liturgy of the Passion

**Holy Saturday - March 31**

9:00 Morning Prayer

1:00 Blessing of Bread/Food

8:00 Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

**Sunday - April 1 - The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Mary Mullaly

10:00 Eamon, Eddie & Rose Higgins

11:30 Lazzati & Tesoriero Families

1:00 Michael & Amelia DeCicco

**NO 5:30 MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY**

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tues. Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed. Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Thurs. Exodus 12:1-8; 11-14; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Fri. Is 52:13-53:12; Hebr 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Sat. Easter Vigil Readings

**Sun. Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven.**

**Colossians 3:1-4 Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory.**

**John 20:1-9 Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty. They did not yet understand that Jesus would rise from the dead.**

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**

**3/18/2018 Collection: \$17,110.36**

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

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ - emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who commit to supporting the Vision and Mission of Jesus - to build the Kingdom of God - by serving others through ministry.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Of all the places Jesus could live, He chose your heart! Walk with Him this week as He experiences every human emotion. He knows your pain, whatever form it takes, because He's been there. And He did it all for you.

**Our next meeting is Monday, March 26th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Come with your pain and leave it at the foot of the cross. Please call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**

**H.O.P. Club winners for March 19 - 23 will be published next week due to the bulletin's early submission to the print shop.**



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

*Wedding Banns*

2nd Joseph Valenti &amp; 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 cereal regular & sweet, pancake mix, white rice, tomato paste, pasta sauce, tomato soup, black beans, red beans, coffee, juice, brownie mix, mayonnaise, Jell-O, pudding, sugar, peanut butter, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers size 6, wipes, dish soap, laundry soap.

As always, we thank you so very 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 March 25 - 31, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of  
Szymkowskij & Zoitke Families*

*Sanctuary Candle**Week of March 25 - 24, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of  
Margaret McCabe & Family*

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

Joanne Ducato

**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  
Ann Marie Wezel, Jeanie Wilkins, Ann Soehngen, Jerry Vega  
Mary Leonard, Ed Segretto, Fred Cameron, Peter Volberg  
Ryan Westbrook, Donna Strickland, Steve Hollander, Pat Eannel  
The Family of Brendan Langhauser, Helen Kurlowicz, Anthony Muller  
Christine Marsiello, Michael M. Durante, Jenna Luckmann Black  
Pasquale Patalano, Noelle Eichenlaub, Thomas Triola, Keith Ferrara  
Anthony "Tony" Romano, Marie Mascia, Kathleen Preziosi





### *Pastor's Letter*

In the back of our church on the wall near the Sunday sacristy is a wooden plaque inscribed with the words below. I wish I had made the words darker since it is not so easy to read. Next to it is a picture of Jesus mounting a donkey in a little village outside of Jerusalem named Bethphage. From here, Jesus began his Palm Sunday journey into Jerusalem. We always read this Gospel

on Palm Sunday and the town of our parish (although spelled with an added *h*) is mentioned. I am touched by this scriptural mention of our town.

In 1695, Thomas Powell bought about 10,000 acres from local Indian tribes. He call his land Bethphage because it was situated between to other Long Island towns of Jericho and Jerusalem in the same way as the biblical town of Bethphage (meaning "house of figs") was situated. Today Jerusalem is known as Wantagh and Island Trees while Jericho is unaltered. Here is the inscription:

*Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and help Jesus to mount. As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Luke 19:28-40. "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."*

Palm Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year. If you have not done much to make Lent a holy time, this is a week when you can recover and have a fresh start. In the eyes of the Church, Lent actually ends on Wednesday. Now, that does not mean that you need to go out and a buy a Snickers bar if you gave up chocolate for Lent. We call the final days of this week Holy Week and use the term the Easter Triduum (which means three days) for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Easter Vigil. Easter then begins after dark on Holy Saturday. These are truly the most solemn days of our Catholic faith. I always find it a bit special to read the Palm Sunday Gospel and hear the town of Bethpage mentioned.

Years ago, I recall preaching on Palm Sunday at a parish where I was giving a Holy Week retreat. I told a story about a famous football game to make what I considered a good point about the Holy Triduum. The pastor heard my talk and told me in no uncertain terms that his people did not want to hear about football. I was in trouble since I knew any mention of sports such as the Mets or Jets could lead to my being kicked out of the parish. As you know, that meant half of my sermon material went out the window!

Here is an account of this story: *Richard "Dicky" Moegle attended Taylor High School, where he played football and basketball. He accepted a scholarship from Rice University and attended as a 16-year-old freshman. In the 1954 Cotton Bowl Classic against Alabama, Moegel was on a roll. Against the tide, he struck early and often. The day's stats would show in a 28-6 victory, that Maegle rolled to 265 yards in only eleven carries, scoring three times, still a Cotton Bowl record. But the carry of the day was one that will live in the annals of college football history. In the second quarter, with the Owls already up 7-0, they set up shop on their own five-yard line. Maegle took a quick pitch, broke off-tackle, and headed for the sidelines. With nothing but daylight ahead, he was headed for a 95-yard touchdown run. On the 'Bama bench, Tommy Lewis, a reserve back, had had all he could take. Maegle was in the clear, at the Alabama 40, when Lewis burst off the bench to bring him down. Confusion reigned; the officials huddled. Coach Neely dashed across the field, challenging Rice coach Harold "Red" Drew. The officials awarded Rice the TD; the Owls won going away -- and both players later traveled to New York to tell about it on The Ed Sullivan Show. Dickie Maegle later said he felt like Ed Sullivan treated him like the heel and Tommy Lewis like a hero. "Heck, I was the one who scored the touchdown!" he said. In any event, for years it was considered THE most famous play in college football history. You can actually watch this play on YouTube.*



The point I was trying to make on that Palm Sunday was that the player on the sidelines was not a spectator - he jumped in (against all rules) to help his team. Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are days we more actively participate in the services than on regular Sundays. Certainly, we

are called to enter into all Masses by responding to the prayers, singing, being attentive, and receiving Holy Communion. At every Mass we are entering into the dying and rising of our Lord Jesus Christ.

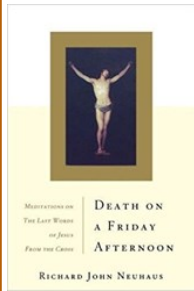
However, the Triduum liturgies do even more to increase our active participation. On Palm Sunday, the congregation responds as the crowd did in Jerusalem at the reading of the Passion. On Holy Thursday, we enter into the witness of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. We spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament recalling Jesus' Agony in the Garden. On Good Friday many of us will make the Stations of the Cross in Bethpage Park, entering into the journey of Jesus to his death on the cross. We will kiss the cross during the Good Friday service. On Holy Saturday Night we sit for a time in darkness, reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the World. We light our candles from the newly blessed Paschal Candle. We renew our baptismal vows and bless ourselves with holy water. If you have never been to an Easter Vigil, I invite you to attend what is the most moving liturgy of the Church year, and one that is celebrated with great beauty and reverence.

Whether you agree with that pastor who told me not to talk about football or not, I do pray that this Holy Week brings you many graces and blessings as you enter into the joy of the Eucharist, the call to the washing of feet, the sadness of the cross, and the astounding joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor**

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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***

**VIRTUS CLASS**

**"Protecting All God's Children"**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018**  
**7PM - ST. ALPHONSUS HALL**

Anyone who wishes to volunteer in a parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must complete and sign the required forms before attending the class. The forms can be picked up at the rectory office.

To register on-line, please go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org). For those who do not have a computer, you can inform the rectory that you would like to attend when you pick up the forms. Any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 931-0818.



*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!**

**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!**

**SOUP SUPPER THANK YOU**

We have been doing our annual Soup Supper for several years now, and it is still as heartwarming as when it first started. To see everyone come together as a Parish Community and participate in this Lenten event is truly inspiring. This year was marked by the blessing of the new ramp to the music of the bagpipes playing *Amazing Grace*.



We are so grateful to all those who donated their time and talent in making a large variety of soups. To a great team of volunteers, who set-up, clean-up, and especially washed all of those crock pots. Once again, we would like to thank the Knights of Columbus, who, as in the past years, donated the rolls.

We were able to provide soup to the homebound and also reached out to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Wyandanch. Donations received will go to our Parish organizations.

A special thank you to Fathers Pat, Denis, Jim, Ciya and Deacon Tom, who made the sacrifice of being "Soup Testers" to make sure all was right. Thank all of you again for the generosity of your time, talent and presence in making this year another success. Love In Christ, Pat Ricci

**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 11th  
6:45PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**

**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](mailto: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**

On Wednesday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m., and just before our wonderful Soup Supper, we had the blessing of a ramp that will now make Emmaus Hall (the school cafeteria) accessible for those of us who are challenged by stairs. I know that there have been events in Emmaus Hall that many parishioners were unable to attend. In 1978, the Bishops of the United States wrote a document on the need for us to make our church spaces available so that everyone could attend parish events. Those who were part of the planning of the renovations of our church were most sensitive to those who are challenged by steps. God bless them for their vision! With the generosity of parishioners through our capital campaign, we were able to complete this ramp. In the months to come, a handicapped accessible restroom will be created in Emmaus Hall. We pray for the day that we can someday make the entire school accessible.

*Loving God, You make each living person in your image...Your gift of love and commitment to the human race...A seed to build a community of interdependence and respect for all life. As we celebrate the U.S. bishops' proclamation of welcome and inclusion, open our hearts to their words that commit us to their proclamation that "There can be no separate Church for people with disabilities. We are one flock." Guide our hands to build access and welcome. Guide our minds to understand the power and wisdom of human vulnerability. Guide our actions to create parish communities open to the gifts of each individual. Give us courage to stand up to the forces willing to destroy life because they fear disability or make judgments about its "quality.." Give us understanding that your body is incomplete if people are left behind. Give us an appreciation of the role we must play in spreading your good news to all we meet. We praise you Lord for all of your good gifts. We thank you for those pioneers who have worked tirelessly to carry out the bishops' prophetic vision of 1978. We give thanks for loving parents who welcome and nurture their children. We appreciate all those living with disabilities who contribute their time and talents even in the face of obstacles or rejection. Guide us always Lord in your way. Amen*

**Prayer for Inclusion**

Creator God, we are your people. We look to the future with optimism and with faith in You, as we pursue our call to provide justice and fullness of life for all people with disabilities. We pray that every man, woman and child may develop their potential and meet You in themselves and in one another. May we enjoy a totally welcoming community, with You as our center, joined hand in hand with our sisters and brothers. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen *Based on the Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities*



Scenes from the blessing our new accessibility ramp



Helen Kurlowicz cutting the ribbon at the blessing. Helen walks twice as fast as the pastor!



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

**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!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Elena Scollo, Director of Music Ministry.** The Lifeteen Youth Ministry is so appreciative of you, Elena, for taking the reigns to lead us in worship at the 5:30 Mass. Thank you so much for your gift and love of music. May God continue to bless such an awesome lady!

**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

**Third Annual Blue Carpet Event  
Autism Awareness**

**Mulcahy's in Wantagh  
April 28, 2018 from 3-7PM**

**\$65 Adults, \$25 Kids  
Buy tickets at Cheddarup.com**

**Vendor space & Sponsorship  
Available**

**Call Joseph at 516-457-3927**

***Long Island /Metro Retrouvaille  
A lifeline for married couples  
You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!***

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

***Please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. Please call or go on the web to make a reservation! Weekends get filled up very quickly.***

***Upcoming Weekends:  
May 4-6, September 7-9, November 9 -11***

**PARISH LIBRARY**



**Hours: Mondays after 12PM - 3PM; Tuesday - 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.

**LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING**

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

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



**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY****DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE**

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus - the source of joy and love. [www.respectlife.drvc](http://www.respectlife.drvc)

**Bishop Barres' Lenten Letter:**

Dear Friends, As we look to the future we are aware that we continue to face difficulties both here on Long Island and in our country at large. Whether they involve the opioid epidemic, gang violence, racism, or any other threat, a deep trust and reliance on the Risen Christ is necessary for us to advance and make progress in dealing with these problems.

In order to better welcome the Resurrected Jesus into our hearts, a solid Lenten spirituality grounded in prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the Church and World is essential. On Wednesday, April 4, 2018 we will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King. Our commemoration of this anniversary falls appropriately between Easter Sunday (April 1) and Divine Mercy Sunday (April 8).

I would ask that during the Lenten season we all prepare for this historic anniversary by dedicating dimensions of our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the pursuit of racial harmony and comprehensive immigration reform grounded in the principles of the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person.

To read more of Bishop Barres' Lenten message: [www.respectlife.drvc.marchnewsletter.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.marchnewsletter.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 40 DAYS FOR LIFE (Daily vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave. Hempstead continues until March 25.)
- GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF THE UNBORN: MARCH 30 10:30 AM - NOON. (RAIN OR SHINE) in front of NASSAU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER 2201 HEMPSTEAD TPKE. E. MEADOW. Pro-Life women, men and children take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions at NUMC and throughout Long Island. 631 243 1435 [www.info@prolifel.org](http://www.info@prolifel.org).

**THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE WISHES EACH AND EVERY ONE, A BLESSED PALM SUNDAY.**

**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.**

### 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.**

### **Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track Spring 2018 Registration**

**Boys and Girls Kindergarten through 8th grade**

**Contact Kelly at [ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com)**

#### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE - APRIL 19TH**

The children can learn the basics of track and field also developing sportsmanship and teamwork skills. No experience required. The spring season runs during the months of April - June which consists of team relays and individual dashes of both short sprints and middle distances as well as long jump for older grades. Meets are outdoors on weekends at track fields through Nassau and Suffolk. All athletes competing in meets will receive medals and/or ribbons. At the conclusion of the season, we will hold our annual awards night in June.

### **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 Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Liturgy For Couples Married 50 Years or More**

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

**The Diocese must receive 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](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



**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.

**HOLY HOUR**



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

**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.

**Are you in full communion with the Catholic Church?**

If you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are baptized and have received the Sacrament of Eucharist (Communion), we are offering classes that may enable you to receive Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.

If you would like to discuss this, please call Ann Hughes (516-433-6972). You may also leave your name and means of contact at the rectory (516-931-0818).

We look forward to anyone in need of this Sacrament.

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

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





March 23 - 29, 2018  
 A candle has been lit for  
 Gambino Family - Thank You  
 in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux

**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 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