### Masses For The Week

Monday - April 2			
	NO 6:30 Mass		
	9:00	Deacon Jim Biggin, Birthday Remembrance	
Tuesday - April 3			
	6:30	The Smith & Laraia Families	
	9:00	Joseph Spoto	
Wednesday - April 4			
	6:30	Joan Cheatham	
	9:00	Lawrence & Rose Territo	
	Thursday	- April 5	
	6:30	Joseph Dengel	
	9:00	Patrick Curtin, Anniversary	
Friday - April 6		pril 6	
		Christine Marsiello	
		Joseph McCabe & Family	
Saturday - April 7			
		MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS	
		Andrew Bartolozzi	
		Doris & Alfred Urbanski	
Sunday - April 8 - Divine Mercy Sunday			
	7:00		
		Mary Godek	
		Kristine Benasutti	
		Rudy Casal	
	1:00	Joseph Nash	

5:30 Lucretia (Grace) Alloggio

#### **Readings For The Week**

Mon.	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
Tues.	Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wed.	Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
Thurs.	Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Fri.	Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Sat.	Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
Sun.	Acts 4:32-35 The community of

**Sun.** Acts 4:32-35 The community of believers shared "one heart and mind." No one claimed ownership over anything; everything was held in common; nobody went needy among them, and all "bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

**1** John 5:1-6 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God. "The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth."

John 20:19-31 Jesus appeared to the disciples and said, "Peace be with you" and breathed the Holy Spirit on them. Thomas doubted and then believed saying, "My Lord and my God!"



Divine Mercy Novena Every Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel ALL ARE WELCOME! All collections will be reported in the April 8th bulletin due to early submission of the Easter issue.

#### Reflection & Living Stewardship

Stewardship <u>A Way of Life</u> A Way of Life A Way

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose lives reflect the joy of Christ's Resurrection.

## He is **RISEN**

Charismatic Prayer Group

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He **g**ave

His only begotten Son

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B**e**lieves in Him Shall **n**ot perish but have eternal life

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Have a Blessed Easter! Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

HOP Club Winners in the April 8th bulletin. (promise!)

Wedding Banns

3rd 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 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, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers size 6, wipes, dish soap, laundry soap and peanut butter.

As always, we thank you so very much for all that you do for those in need, and wish you a very Joyous and Blessed Easter!

#### 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 April 1 - 7, 2018

In Loving Memory of William McCabe

Sanctuary Candle Week of April 1 - 7, 2018

In Loving Memory of

Catherine & Silvio Sita



Rest in Peace Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Carolyn Brenner, William H. Gardner Margaret Sedgley, James M. Moran Mary "Ronnie" Downey

#### **<u>REMINDER</u>**: 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 Gandalfo 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, Robert Collelouri Arthur Baudo, Kathy Smith, Samantha McNeill, Unborn Identical Twins Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, 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, Noelle Buchner, John Peluso



### Pastor's Letter

**IVI** y all-time favorite Broadway musical is *Les Miserable*. It was also a movie musical starring Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway. There are several other movie versions based on this great classic

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM. Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

novel by Victor Hugo. The musical played on Broadway for sixteen years from 1987 to 2003. It recently had a short revival. I have seen the play many times as it was often on the half-price line, and I frequently took friends from out of town to see it. I knew they would enjoy this spectacular show with great music and staging.

I remember saying to someone that seeing *Les Mis* (as we aficionados call it) is like making a retreat since I found it to be such an uplifting and spiritual show. The story includes major spiritual

themes such as sin and redemption, mercy and justice, the cost of love, the call to care for others, and death and life. There are many scenes I love in the story, but the most moving for me is the death of Jean Valjean, the leading role. After a lifetime of joys and sorrows, Jean is dying with his adopted daughter Cosette and her husband Mario at his side. He was a most caring and devoted father to Cosette after making a promise to her dying mother, Fantine, that he would raise her in love.

Here is part of the dialogue as he speaks to his daughter and to those who have died and now appear to him:

#### Valjean:

Now you are here Again beside me Now I can die in peace For now my life is blessed

#### Cosette:

You will live, Papa you're going to live! It's too soon, to say goodbye

#### Valjean:

Yes Cosette, forbid me now to die I'll obey, I will try On this page, I write my last confession Read it well, when I at last am sleeping It's the story of one who always loved you Your mother gave her life for you Then gave you to my keeping Fantine: Come with me Where chains will never bind you All your grief at last at last behind you Lord in heaven, look down on him in mercy!

> Valjean: Forgive me all my trespasses And take me to your glory

Eponine & Fantine: Take my hand, and lead me to salvation Take my love, for love is everlasting (Valjean joins) And remember the truth that once was spoken To love another person is to see the face of God!

his night of all nights is about Jesus breaking the bonds of death that have haunted humanity from the dawn of time. Every one of us has wept for those we loved to bid a painful farewell. Every one of us had had lingering thoughts that sometimes can grow very troubling: *I am someday to die*. What will it be like? What comes afterwards? It is nothing but darkness and silence, or is there another side? Will I still be? Will others know me, and I them? What is to come?

Jesus take my hand and lead me to salvation. Lord in heaven, look down on me in mercy. Jesus, come with me where chains will never bind me. All my grief at last, at last behind me. Lord in heaven, look down on me in mercy! Risen Jesus, who died a brutal death, increase my faith, let me trust that all who I have known and loved in life, and that at the hour of my own death - that which I prayed so often in the Hail Mary - I will hear: *Take my hand, and lead me to salvation.* 

Take my love, for love is everlasting and remember the truth that once was spoken - to love another person is to see the Face of God! Risen Jesus, help me to know that to love another person is to see Your Risen Face. Take our hands and leads us to salvation.

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RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS

#### 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. 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!



March 30 - April 5, 2018

A candle has been lit for John and Louise Pellicano in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux

March 30 - April 5, 2018

A candle has been lit for Joseph and Marge Hughes in honor of St. Anthony of Padua





Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday, April 8th 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm The Divine Mercy Prayer Sacrament of Reconciliation Litany of Divine Mercy Tips From God: So You Can Have A Blessed Life by Diana Malerba Weinzierl

Let's discuss the power of God's Word to use in your everyday life to build your faith and trust in God.

> Wednesday, April 4th 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 **Mastranto-nio 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

#### LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING www.livingwaterscounseling.biz

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

#### A Happy and Joyous Easter to all our parishioners and visitors to our Church!

**April 1st:** the Life Teen Band lead by Liam Gordon is 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!

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

April 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th: Regular meetings after the 5:30PM Mass

AUCTION Friday, 4/13/18 - Time is running out. Donations such as wine, spirits, gift cards or new items can be dropped off at the rectory. Thank you!

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

## St. Martin of Tours Youth Ministry's



Friday, April 13, 2018 Doors open at 6PM Event begins at 7PM Auditorium & Cafeteria \$5.00 General Admittance Auction Tickets are \$20 per sheet

#### 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 <u>Our Sunday Visitor</u> (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.



#### URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Last weekend our parish made every effort to let you know of Governor Cuomo's proposed budget plan to have virtually ALL LIMITATIONS ON ABORTION LIFTED by April 1st.

The ACTION CENTER OF THE NEW YORK STATE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE has made it very easy to contact your senator to <u>OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL</u>.

- 1. GO TO: http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/
- 2. Look for the action that says OPPOSE ABORTION EXPANSION IN STATE BUDGET
- 3. Enter your information
- 4. Select SEND MESSAGE

#### FACTS REGARDING Bill S.7511:

. THE BILL WOULD REMOVE THE CURRENT LAW'S LIMITATIONS AND ALLOW ABORTIONS AFTER 24 WEEKS (STUDIES SHOW THAT A FETUS EXPERIENCES PAIN AT 20 WEEKS).

. 5 - 10% OF BABIES ARE BORN ALIVE AFTER A LATE-TERM ABORTION PROCEDURE, AND THOSE IN-FANTS ARE CURRENTLY PROTECTED. THIS BILL WOULD <u>ELIMINATE</u> THE LAW THAT REQUIRES THAT A BABY BORN ALIVE AFTER AN ABORTION BE GIVEN ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE.

. THIS BILL WOULD PERMIT NON-DOCTORS TO DO ABORTIONS - <u>THE STATE GOVERNMENT COULD</u> <u>GRANT A LICENSE TO PERFORM ABORTIONS TO ANYONE</u>.

. THE BILL WOULD ELIMINATE ALL CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ABORTIONS - EVEN IF AN ABORTION WAS AGAINST A MOTHER'S WILL (INVOLUNTARY OR COERCED) OR IF AN UNBORN CHILD IS DELIBER-ATELY TARGETED FOR AN ACT OF VIOLENCE.

THERE ARE SO MANY SOURCES OF HELP IN AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY:

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is here to provide support. CALL 1 855-301-4CHS, or visit: http://www.chsil.org/pregnancy-support-services. For HEALING AFTER ABORTION: 1-888-456-4673.

<u>BIRTHRIGHT</u>: If you or someone you know is facing an unplanned pregnancy, feel free to call a local Birthright. Go to birthright.org and click the locations tab and find the chapter closest to you. Or call our toll-free Birthright Helpline at 1-800-550-4900 and talk to someone 24/7. Our volunteers are as near as your phone, and they want to help.

<u>LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND</u>: go to lifecenterli.org 24/7 Life Line 631-243-0066 They offer an abundance of help and counseling for women in a crises pregnancy and post abortion counseling.

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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

Nassau County EM "B" Session April 21, 2018; 9AM - 1PM St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre Suffolk County EM "A" Session May 12, 2018; 9AM - 1PM St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

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

#### **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.

#### 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

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.

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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 Battiata, USAF LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF CPT Mike Polan, US Army L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC

SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army PO3 James Fischer, US Navy LTC John Evans, US Army ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy SSG George Howard, US Army LT Mario Lopes, USMC PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army PVT Edward Morales, US Army MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF PVT John Marcel. Jr USMC LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC PFC Clint Applegate, US Army CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF CPL Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC

#### MOMMAS HOUSE

**MOMMAS HOUSE** is a home for young women who are pregnant, homeless and alone. The young women are between 18 and 24 years old. While at MOMMAS, the young women will complete their education or vocational training. The babies are cared for by the staff and volunteers at MOMMAS House.

For more information, call 516 781-8637 or go to the website: www.mommashouse.org

#### 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

#### April 1, 2018



**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.

### 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 helping anyone in need of this Sacrament.

#### Long Island /Metro Retrouvaille A lifeline for married couples <u>You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!</u> <u>www.retrouvaille.org</u>

<u>Please call 1-800-470-2230</u> 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

#### 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.

<u>St. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:</u> 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/thriftstores.html. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

> RECTORY HOURS Easter Sunday & Easter Monday: CLOSED - No evening hours

Tuesday, April 3: Office opens at 9AM resuming regular schedule

#### FROM AN EASTER SERMON OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Fourth Century

Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord! Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward! Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful celebrate the day. Those who have



kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread. Fare royally upon it-the calf is a fatted one. . Let no one go away hungry. All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith! All enjoy the riches of His goodness. Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has appeared! Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let none fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled the power of hell when he descended thereto. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, 'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!' It

is frustrated, for it is destroyed. It is frustrated, for it is annihilated. It is frustrated, for now it is made captive. For it grabbed a body and discovered God. It took earth and behold! It encountered Heaven. It took what was visible and was overcome by what was invisible. O Death, where is your sting? O Death, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen, and life is set free. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead. For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep. to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

#### Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

It is with the greatest of joy that The Redemptorist Community our Deacon & his family Staff, All Ministries & Volunteers Wish our Parishioners & Welcomed Visitors to St. Martin of Tours HMost Blessed and Joyous Easter! This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 3: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Apr 3: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 4: Explore Scripture with Diana Malerba Weinzierl author of <u>Tips From God</u> 6:45PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 6: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Apr 7: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Apr 8: Divine Mercy Holy Hour 4PM 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

