

Masses For The Week

Monday - April 9 - Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 Vincenza, Concetta, Piero & Rosario Mannino
 9:00 Erma Eichenlaub

Tuesday - April 10

6:30 Cecelia Isnardi
 9:00 Eldorato Scala

Wednesday - April 11 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

6:30 Karen-Ann & Eddie Adkins
 9:00 Matilda Dolan

Thursday - April 12

6:30 Barbara Hoolahan, Living
 9:00 Deceased Members of the Serventi Families

Friday - April 13 - St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

6:30 Pauline Nicholson
 9:00 John Patrick Foley

Saturday - April 14

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Jerry Saloy
 7:00 Aida Gilday

Sunday - April 15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Mary & Joseph Lichtenberger
 10:00 Rae Buto
 11:30 Peter McGinnis
 1:00 Kevin Gorman
 5:30 Enzo Costa

Readings For The Week

Mon. Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
 Tues. Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
 Wed. Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
 Thurs. Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
 Fri. Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
 Sat. Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Sun. Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Peter said to the people, "The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead." God brought to fulfillment what the prophets announced long ago: that the Messiah would suffer.

1 John 2:1-5a John told believers that Christ Jesus is a just intercessor who offers sacrifice for the sin of the whole world and that a person cannot know Jesus without keeping his commands.

Luke 24:35-48 The risen Christ appeared to the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." The Lord ate cooked fish in their presence and discussed the law, prophets and psalms with them, opening their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00
 3/25/18 Collection: \$23,167.18
 Easter Flowers: \$1,951.00

Updated collection reporting in the next bulletin.

Thank you SMT for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common and distributed to each whatever was needed.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who look beyond their own wants to help satisfy the needs of others.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Sometimes when a person is badly injured and in danger of dying, a doctor will order a transfusion --someone else's blood-- to save them. If you know someone who is dying spiritually, let them know that Jesus' body and blood will save them. Congratulations to our newest parishioners-- the RCIA graduates! How wonderful for you and your family. We would love to hear about your journey to this decision. You are a new creation in Jesus and He wants full custody not just weekend visits! I'll save a seat for you.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 9th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.



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

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Wedding Banns

1st Terence Edward Collins &
Caitlin Mary DuRoss



***"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, pancake mix, egg noodles, coffee, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot chocolate, juice, evaporated milk, icing, brownie mix, Jell-O, pudding, paper towels, bar soap, laundry soap, shampoo, diapers size 5, dish soap, beef stew & wipes.

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

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage
Phone: 516-931-7332
Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM
Thursday: 2:00PM - 7:00PM



*Altar Bread & Wine
Week of April 8 - 14, 2018
In Loving Memory of
Thomas Sr., Angela, Vincent
& Thomas Jr. Critelli*

*Sanctuary Candle
Week of April 8 - 14, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of
Kristine Benasutti*



Rest in Peace
Acts 7:49:
"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
Patricia Short, Gloria T. Hall
Bernard Kelly, Janice Lipp, Mary Langan
Laberta Vandetti

**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, Robert Collelouri
Arthur Baudo, Kathy Smith, Samantha McNeill, Unborn Identical Twins
Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, Anthony Hanlon, Janine, Mary Jedlicka
Lisa Lazzara, Pete Moran, 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
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



**Pope Francis seeking forgiveness in the
Sacrament of Reconciliation**

A young woman went to confession and in the course of her confession, she mentioned to the priest that she worked for the circus. After hearing her confession and giving her absolution, he was curious and asked her what she did in the circus. She told the Father that she was an acrobat and offered to show him part of her routine. The priest and the young lady stepped out of the confessional and she proceeded to do five summersaults and three backward flips. Two elderly women who were on the line for confession turned to each other and said, *if that is the penance that Father O'Malley is giving today, we better get off of his line!*

Here is an *oldie but goldie* confession joke: a man goes to confession and says *Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I stole a house.* In all the years of his hearing confessions this was a new one for the priest so he asked the man how he could steal a house? *You see Father,* said the penitent, *I work for a lumber yard. So, one day, I would steal a bag of nails and no one would notice. Another day, I would take home two by fours. Each day I would take something home and in five years I had a lovely house.* The priest said, *this sin is serious and I must give you a strict penance. Do you know how to make a novena?* The sinner responded, *Father, if you got the plans, I got the wood.*

Confession jokes are popular. At times Hollywood is fascinated with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Alfred Hitchcock made an award-winning movie called *I Confess* that revolved around a sacramental confession. I have seen episodes of *Blue Bloods* and *Law and Order* which also told stories that were about the priest knowing of sins that he could not speak about. Even in a *Seinfeld* episode, Jewish Jerry finds himself speaking to a priest in a confessional.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may provoke humor, but it is less popular today with Catholics. Many of us grew up going to confession once a week. Now, some go once a year, and many rarely celebrate the Sacrament at all. Today, the first Sunday after Easter, is called Divine Mercy Sunday. This is the first encounter with the apostles after His death and resurrection. The apostles are men filled with shame and guilt. After making bold proclamations of being ready to die for him, when Jesus was arrested, all but the apostle John fled. The first words that Jesus speaks are not filled with anger or hurt, rather he seeks to bring them healing and peace. He says, *Peace be with you.* When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, *Peace be with you.*

As the Father has sent me, so I send you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, *Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.* With this declaration, Jesus gave the Church and each one of us a sacramental path to experience His divine forgiving mercy.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, confession as most of us refer to it, is the sacrament of healing and peace. I will make a few simple points about this sacrament. Why are less people going to confession? Has sin gone away? I think the honest answer is most of us find it hard to admit to another person our sins and faults. Still, countless people find peace and healing as they reveal themselves in twelve step groups and to therapists. As has long been said, confession is good for the soul. It is healthy to admit our sins.



I often hear: *Can't I just tell my sins directly to God?*

Yes, when we sin, we should tell God we are sorry. God is a God of mercy. Nonetheless, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we experience in a very visible way when we hear the words: *your sins are forgiven.* A sacrament is a human encounter that reveals divine grace.

Some of us complain, *I just confess the same old things. What's the point?* It is humbling to admit we struggle with the same sins over and over, sometimes for a lifetime. St. Paul speaks about this: "I prayed the Lord to take it away from me, but He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me."

People often say, *I am never sure what to confess.* Certainly, if we have committed a mortal sin, we should confess it as soon as possible. However, I think many confess a kind of usual list, impatience, anger, gossip, lack of prayer and so forth. That is fine. However, I often say to people that a key aspect of the sacrament of reconciliation happens before one enters the confessional. This is a time to take stock of my life over the past period since our last confession. Good questions to ask ourselves might be, *how am I living my life as husband, mother, parent? How is my relationship with God? Am I at peace in my life? Do I see any patterns in my life that concern me?*

How often should I go to confession? My stock answer is *regularly.* Regularly for some is every week, or every month, or several times a year. We do not have to wait for confessions on Saturday. We can ask for a priest at the rectory at any time (except during a Jet game!) The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not about guilt. It is a celebration - an experience of God's mercy.

Guilt is focusing on my sins: look how bad I am. Contrition is focusing on God's mercy. It is a gift to hear Jesus say to us, *Peace be with you; your sins are forgiven!*

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor

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- WHERE:** CHURCH CHOIR AREA
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FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT ELENA SCOLLO (516) 713-8854 

St. Martin of Tours Youth Ministry's


AUCTION

Friday, April 13, 2018/Doors open at 6PM

Event begins at 7PM

\$5.00 General Admittance

Auction Tickets are \$20 per sheet

We have added a trivia game to Auction Night.

It will be a fun night for everyone!

FIRST COMMUNION ARTICLE SALE

There will be First Communion items available for purchase on the following dates. Come by the religious ed office in the school.

- Monday, April 9th
1PM - 7:30PM
- Tuesday, April 10th
10AM - 1PM



- We will be selling Communion banners for your pew during the ceremony.

Also we have an assortment of slightly used First Communion dresses and suits available to anyone who would like one. Just stop by the Religious Ed office.

**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 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 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

CANCELLED:

Due to low registration the St. Martin of Tours baseball clinic for children in Pre-K, K, 1st and 2nd grades has been cancelled.



**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
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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
You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!
www.retrouvaille.org***

Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 27-29, 2018 in Huntington, NY and Nov 16-18, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <http://www.wmeli.org>.

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.

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.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In his second encyclical, *Rich in Mercy*, St. Pope John Paul II offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (*Dives in Misericordia*, 13). He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate: As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!

Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world. ~St. Pope John Paul II, Regina Caeli message prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005

ORIGIN OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE, THE CHAPLET, AND THE NOVENA



Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. Bl. John Paul explains: This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, Nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

~St. Pope John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Optional Opening Prayers: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat 3 times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed For each of the five decades (On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray) Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. (On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray) For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times) Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Optional Closing Prayer Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become respondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Thank you!

The Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity thanks Diana Hughes and the girls and boys of the Youth Group who worked with energy and enthusiasm cleaning our church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Many, many thanks and blessings to each of you!

**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

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

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.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

We write with good news regarding the 2018-2019 state spending plan which was enacted on March 31, 2018. The Executive proposal to expand late-term abortion and otherwise loosen New York's abortion laws was **not included** in the final budget. We are grateful to God for this Easter blessing! This victory would not have been possible without the concerted efforts of many organizations and people, including the thousands of people like you who wrote to their State Senators through the Catholic Action Network to let them know how strongly they feel about this issue. Together, we truly can -- *and did* -- make a difference. Thank you. ***Know that this issue may become active once more in the final months of this legislative session (May, June). Standby; we may be calling on you again soon.***

EWTN NEWS/CNA 3/23/18: CARDINAL DOLAN SAYS DEMOCRATS HAVE ABANDONED CATHOLICS

In an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York lamented that the Democratic Party's shifting principles have effectively shut out and alienated orthodox Catholics. He cited the Democrat's current opposition to SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS and TAX CREDITS FOR EDUCATION, as well as their UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR ABORTION RIGHTS, among the reasons why he is disappointed with the party in its current state. Cardinal Dolan said he believes that the DEMOCRATS OF TODAY have abandoned many of the tenets that made the party attractive to Catholics generations ago.

"In the past," Cardinal Dolan explained, "when waves of Irish immigrants arrived in the U.S., their respect for the SANCTITY OF LIFE and their concern for THE POOR, led them to embrace the Democrats, who welcomed them to the party." He even recounted his own grandmother warning him that "We Catholics don't trust those Republicans." "Such is no longer the case," he wrote, which is a "cause of sadness to many Catholics," himself included. Cardinal Dolan was particularly critical of a PROPOSED NEW YORK LAW titled THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT, which he says would MORBIDLY EXPAND the MOST RADICAL ABORTION LICENSE IN THE COUNTRY. The NEW ORK STATE ASSEMBLY is overwhelmingly DEMOCRAT.

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.

BIRTHRIGHT: 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.

LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND: 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.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Hart Mirando (C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS 631-243-2373

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Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE

Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357

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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.



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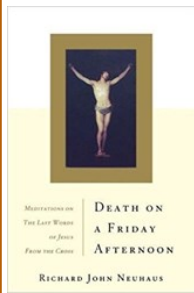
MOMMAS HOUSE

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:
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3/19 #59	Ceil Dillon	\$25
3/20 #160	Wm. Zappolo	\$25
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3/22 #466	Miriam Stuart	\$25
3/23 #513	John Reilly	\$50
3/26 #305	Ted Rose	\$25
3/27 #455	Teresa Clese	\$25
3/28 #531	Rita Tarry	\$25
3/29 #355	A & C Citrolo	\$25
3/30 #352	T & C McCormick	\$50
4/2 #532	Thomas Kerrigan	\$25
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4/4 #54	Catherine Vassallo	\$25
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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

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Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7PM

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37 S. Ocean Avenue, Freeport NY

Regional Prayer Meeting

Guest Speaker: Barbara Campbell

"The Time is Now"

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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!



UPCOMING EVENTS



- Apr 6 - May 11: 33 Days to Morning Glory 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 8: Divine Mercy Holy Hour 4PM Church
- Apr 9: Holy Face of Jesus Devotions 1PM Church
- Apr 9: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 10: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- Apr 10: Christian Mothers Spring Fling Fund Raiser 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 13: Youth Ministry Auction/Trivia Night 6PM
- Apr 15: Mass Dedicated to Autistic and Special Needs Children & Adults 3PM Church