

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - April 16**

6:30 Sirianni Family, Living & Deceased  
 9:00 Mary Eterno

**Tuesday - April 17**

6:30 Marty Laraia  
 9:00 Nancy Valle

**Wednesday - April 18**

6:30 John Speelman, 5th Anniversary  
 9:00 John Patrick Brennan

**Thursday - April 19**

6:30 Matthew McGrorty  
 9:00 Dominick Decaro

**Friday - April 20**

6:30 Mary Mullaly, Anniversary  
 9:00 Joseph Hoolahan

**Saturday - April 21 - St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
 5:00 Ann & Bill Csajko  
 7:00 Madeline T. Stein

**Sunday - April 22 - 4th Sunday of Easter**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Helen & Henry Ruff  
 10:00 Doris Payne  
 11:30 Mary Connelly  
 1:00 Louis Gaccione  
 5:30 John Mitchell

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29  
 Tues. Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35  
 Wed. Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40  
 Thurs. Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51  
 Fri. Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59  
 Sat. Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

**Sun. Acts 4:8-12** Peter explained to the people that every good deed and all restoration to health are accomplished in the name of Christ Jesus the Nazorean, through whom all are saved.

**1 John 3:1-2** Believers are the dearly beloved children of God who do not yet know what shall come to light. When it does come to light, believers will be like God.

**John 10:11-18** Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows the sheep. The Good Shepherd not only loves and protects the sheep but is willing to lay down his life for the sheep.

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00**  
**4/1/18 Regular Collection: \$9,797.18**  
**4/1/18 Easter Collection: \$38,998.00**  
**4/8/18 Collection: \$19,232.18**

During the Holy Thursday and Good Friday Liturgies, there are two special collections.

On Holy Thursday, the collection was \$1,015.00. Since the day focuses on the foot washing and the Jesus gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist, this donation is given to the Food Pantry and the St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist them in their ministry to those in need.

The Good Friday collection was \$2,862.00. This collection is taken up in the Catholic churches of the world to support the needs of the Holy Land.

*Thank you for your generosity. - Father Pat*

*Charismatic Prayer Group*

Stop trying so hard to always BE the best. Just DO your best instead. You will have more fun and learn more. Mistakes and failures are a part of life; it's how we are programmed to learn. There's no shame in losing or failing if you do your best and learned from what went wrong. If you think you've made too many mistakes and don't deserve God's forgiveness, just read the Bible. Jesus forgave Peter, Saul, the accused woman, thieves and countless other sinners. He even asked the Father to forgive those who persecuted and crucified Him!

**Our next meeting is Monday, April 16th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**

**HOP Club Winners**

4/9/18	#108	Rosemary Curtin	\$25
4/10/18	#248	Ray Froehlich	\$25
4/11/18	#647	Ronny & Tony Ciarniello	\$25
4/12/18	#627	Suzanne & Steve DiVito	\$25
4/13/18	#127	JoAnne & Joe Fina	\$50



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

*Wedding Banns*  
 2nd 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 pancake mix, chicken ramen soup, egg noodles, tomato paste, pasta sauce, coffee, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot chocolate, brownie mix, icing, evaporated milk, shampoo, diapers sizes 5 & 6, baby wipes, laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap and paper towels.

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 15 - 21, 2018

*In Loving Memory of  
 Frank Dillon &  
 John & Caroline Dillon*

*Sanctuary Candle*  
 Week of April 15 - 21, 2018

*In Loving Memory of  
 Mary Mullaly*



*Rest in Peace*

**Acts 7:49:**

***"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."***

Tony Muller, Arthur C. Malangone  
 Dorothy A. Forker, Julia Peggy Murphy  
 Margaret Ellen Meaney, Fanny Liuzzi  
 Michael John Kossman

**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, Christine Marsiello  
 Michael M. Durante, Jenna Luckmann Black, Pasquale Patalano  
 Noelle Eichenlaub, Thomas Triola, Keith Ferrara, Maria Mascia  
 Anthony "Tony" Romano, Kathleen Preziosi, Noelle Buchner John Peluso  
 Margaret DeMarco



*Pastor's Letter***No Child of God Should Go Without Being Remembered**

On Easter Sunday after a delicious meal and after enjoying the Notre Dame Women's Basketball team win the national championship, I felt a great sense of joy at how moving all the parish Holy Week liturgies and prayer services were. It was then I received a text from a parishioner that Mary Langan was dead. Mary was a long-time parishioner of St. Martin's, and had been home-bound for the last several years. She had been a good friend of the late Phil Alfano, also a parishioner who had been a lector and leader in the Divine Mercy prayers. She always sat in the last pew of the church near the Sunday sacristy. She had a walker and wore very thick glasses. She drove an old beat up Chevy with tape holding the back window together.

**Mary Langan**

All death is sad, especially when it is a family or close friend. I would find the word that would exactly capture my relationship with Mary as impossible to capture. Over the course of our seven-year relationship, much of it based on her relentless phone calls, I would be quick to say that it was far from a perfect relationship. She often told me that I did not give her enough attention. I would tell her that I talked and spent more time talking to her than any other parishioner. She often hung up on me if she was not satisfied with my response to her. This would often be followed by a series of phone calls asking me to forgive her, with deep expressions of how much she appreciated me. I must confess that there were several times when I hung up on her, countless times I ignored the blinking red light on my phone, informing me that I had ten messages. Most often at least nine of them were from Mary. I told the staff that if anyone ever gave her my cell number, I would have to change it.

I could tell many stories about our various interactions. One of my favorites was during my first year here at St. Martin's. Our church had several leaks in the roof. I wrote about this in the bulletin and said that we needed to repair the roof and that I was beginning to work on how best to do this. Mary, always wanting to be helpful, called the chief engineer of the Rockville Centre Diocese, telling him that our pastor needs help since he has a leaking roof. The engineer called me, wondering who this woman was, and why I was not following diocesan procedures.

Mary had the ability to somehow know when I had retired to my room to watch television. With a Diet Coke in my hand, a game on television, and ensconced in an easy chair with my blanket over me, the phone would ring. I would ignore it, but she, like the persistent widow in the Gospel, would continue to call relentlessly for the next hour. Mary would often tell me she loved me. She would get upset anytime that I mentioned that I would be leaving the parish in the summer of 2019. She would yell, *don't you ever say that!* Although I find so many of her behaviors annoying, she really did love me with an almost unconditional and undeserved love.

Mary, in particular after the death of Phil, was a very needy and lonely woman. She called many people daily, including the other priests and office staff, in the same kind of persistent pattern that she had with me. I often threatened that I would put a phone block on her number. I never did, but I was so tempted! She was given to great impatience and could throw great tantrums.

Over the past several months she had to leave her apartment on Burkhart Avenue, was taken to the hospital and then to a rehab. Her health was in decline. She was visited by some parishioners and myself, but she longed so much to get home. I did not hear from her for several days and the phone did not ring in her room. The rehab refused to tell me where she was because of HIPAA laws. No one knew where she was. By almost accidental circumstances, we found out she had died. I do not know where or what was the cause of death. Again, through another variety of circumstances, it seems a cousin who did not know how much Mary loved St. Martin's Parish, seemingly had a funeral Mass somewhere else. She was cremated.

I have been surprised by how sad I have felt since I heard the news. I have experienced many losses in my life, and the depth of my sadness has surprised me. Naturally, I would expect to feel sad at the death of any person, but this has hit me harder than I expected, and I am not completely sure why. I also feel some guilt thinking did I do the best I could for Mary. I know from experience that this is a common feeling for many people when someone dies.

Mary had so little in the time of her life that I knew her. She died alone and was probably terrified. She did not have a funeral at our parish. This makes me sad but leaves me thinking there are countless Marys in the world that are often unnoticed. Mary was very lonely and needy. She could be annoying. Like all of us, she had her faults. We all know people like Mary. We may have one or two such people in our family or in our parish. We may even *be* that person ourselves and not even know it. I believe that no matter how good and happy our lives may be, we all ache for more.

St. Martin's is a loving, good faith community. Many people did seek to be kind and charitable to Mary. Some people had the patience of Job with her. At times she could say things that hurt their feelings and act in a mean way. I do believe Christ does not call anyone to be continually hurt by another person. Still, Mary found comfort and love here in this parish. We were her family, and we all know no family is perfect. I do know Mary appreciated you, the parishioners.

Most people who knew of how Mary and I interacted would tell me I was wonderful and caring. Sometimes I was, and sometimes I was not. I am sure others of you have had this experience with people, perhaps even with Mary. As I get older, I continue to recognize how challenging it is to love our neighbor. None of us are perfect at this, but by the grace of God, we keep trying to be kind to one another.

Mary longed to love God. I would tease her that she spent a long time in front of the Blessed Sacrament because she had run out of people to phone. She would laugh at that. She would tell me that she did not know how to love God and she wanted to learn. In many ways, that is no simple question. She had a good and loving heart in her best moments. She could make me laugh at times. I am sure she was very kind to Phil as he grew sick and died. Somehow life had wounded Mary. We all carry wounds and hurts, some more than others. I never thought I'd miss hearing *you have ten messages* on my phone. I find it hard to believe she is gone to God. I miss her and pray that God gives her the peace and love that all of us seek.

We will have a memorial Mass for Mary when we can get it on the Mass schedule. I always told Mary that if she died before me, I was going to put a phone in her casket. That made her laugh. God rest you, Mary, and be at peace!

**Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor**

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# SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**SING! SING! SING!**



COME AND JOIN US!! OPEN TO CHILDREN GRADES 2-8

- WHEN: 10:00AM MASS ON SUNDAYS  
(PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 5-6PM)
- WHERE: CHURCH CHOIR AREA
- WHY: BECAUSE SINGING IS FUN!!



FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT ELENA SCOLLO (516) 713-8854 

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life 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>.

**Holy Hour**  
**Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 - 4:00PM**



"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power." -Mother Teresa

adorationrooks.com

## *Reflection & Living Stewardship*



The disciples in today's Gospel come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we too will discover Jesus in our midst.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who, imitating the example of Jesus, reach out to others by bringing the Eucharist to the sick, hospitalized, homebound and elderly.

## **Men's Club Meeting**



**Men's Club will meet on Tuesday, April 24th in St. Alphonsus Hall.** Mr. Met will speak to us on how to be humble and not have a big head!



**April is Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month**

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

**This 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.

**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.

**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

**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.

**We will not meet on Wednesday April 18th**

**Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 25th  
6:45PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**



**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

April 15th, 22nd & 29th: Regular meetings after the 5:30PM Mass for all 8th graders and high school teens.

We want to thank everyone who so generously donated gift cards and baskets for our Spring Auction! We hope that you all enjoyed the auction and had fun playing the trivia games. All proceeds will go toward the fees each teen must pay to attend Steubenville and Camp Veritas.

We also want to thank our Redemptorists, Fathers Pat, Jim, Ciya and Denis who give such great support to our Youth Ministry!

Diana Hughes, Youth Minister & the Life Teen Core Members  
[SMT\\_lifeteen@yahoo.com](mailto:SMT_lifeteen@yahoo.com)

**Next Virtus Class at**

**St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage**

The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22nd at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall.

All those who wish to volunteer in any capacity in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must attend. To register online, go to [drvc.org](http://drvc.org) and click on Virtus found on their home page and follow the directions. Should you have a problem, please call our rectory office at 516-931-0818 and you will be directed to someone that can help.

### Pope Francis' Document: DO NOT BE AFRAID OF HOLINESS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — God calls all Christians to be saints — not plastic statues of saints, but real people



who make time for prayer and who show loving care for others in the simplest gestures, Pope Francis said in his new document on holiness. “Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy,” the pope wrote in “Gaudete et Exsultate” (“Rejoice and Be Glad”), his apostolic exhortation on “the call to holiness in today’s world.” Pope Francis signed the exhortation March 19, the feast of St. Joseph, and the Vatican released it April 9.

Much of the document was written in the second person, speaking directly to the individual reading it. “With this exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you,” he wrote near the beginning. Saying he was not writing a theological treatise on holiness, Pope Francis focused mainly on how the call to holiness is a personal call, something God asks of each Christian and which requires a personal response given one’s state in life, talents and circumstances.

“We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer,” he wrote. But “that is not the case.” “We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves,” he said. He wrote about “the saints next door” and said he likes “to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God’s people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile.”

Pope Francis also noted the challenges to holiness, writing at length and explicitly about the devil just two weeks after an uproar caused by an elderly Italian journalist who claimed the pope told him he did not believe in the existence of hell. “We should not think of the devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech or an idea,” the pope wrote in his exhortation. “This mistake would lead us to let down our guard, to grow careless and end up more vulnerable” to the devil’s temptations. “The devil does not need to possess us. He poisons us with the venom of hatred, desolation, envy and vice,” he wrote. “When we let down our guard, he takes advantage of it to destroy our lives, our families and our communities.”

The path to holiness, he wrote, is almost always gradual, made up of small steps in prayer, in sacrifice and in service to others. Being part of a parish community and receiving the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and reconciliation, are essential supports for living a holy life, the pope wrote. And so is finding time for silent prayer. “I do not believe in holiness without prayer,” he said, “even though that prayer need not be lengthy or involve intense emotion.”

“The holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures,” he said, before citing the example of a woman who refuses to gossip with a neighbor, returns home and listens patiently to her child even though she is tired, prays the rosary and later meets a poor person and offers him a kind word.

The title of the document was taken from Matthew 5:12 when Jesus says “rejoice and be glad” to those who are persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The line concludes the Beatitudes, in which, Pope Francis said, “Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy”: living simply, putting God first, trusting him and not earthly wealth or power, being humble, mourning with and consoling others, being merciful and forgiving, working for justice and seeking peace with all.

The example of the saints officially recognized by the church can be helpful, he said, but no one else’s path can be duplicated exactly. Each person, he said, needs “to embrace that unique plan that God willed for each of us from eternity.” The exhortation ends with a section on “discernment,” which is a gift to be requested of the Holy Spirit and developed through prayer, reflection, reading Scripture and seeking counsel from a trusted spiritual guide.

“A sincere daily ‘examination of conscience’” will help, he said, because holiness involves striving each day for “all that is great, better and more beautiful, while at the same time being concerned for the little things, for each day’s responsibilities and commitments.” Pope Francis also included a list of cautions. For example, he said holiness involves finding balance in prayer time, time spent enjoying others’ company and time dedicated to serving others in ways large or small. And, “needless to say, anything done out of anxiety, pride or the need to impress others will not lead to holiness.”

Being holy is not easy, he said, but if the attempt makes a person judgmental, always frustrated and surly, something is not right. “The saints are not odd and aloof, unbearable because of their vanity, negativity and bitterness,” he said. “The apostles of Christ were not like that.” In fact, the pope said, “Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humor.” The exhortation included many of Pope Francis’ familiar refrains about attitudes that destroy the Christian community, like gossip, or that proclaim themselves to be Christian, but are really forms of pride, like knowing all the rules and being quick to judge others for not following them. Holiness “is not about swooning in mystic rapture,” he wrote, but it is about recognizing and serving the Lord in the hungry, the stranger, the naked, the poor and the sick.

Holiness is holistic, he said, and while each person has a special mission, no one should claim that their particular call or path is the only worthy one. “Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred,” the pope wrote. “Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia....” And, he said, one cannot claim that defending the life of a migrant is a “secondary issue” when compared to abortion or other bioethical questions. “That a politician looking for votes might say such a thing is understandable, but not a Christian,” he said.

Pope Francis’ exhortation also included warnings about a clear lack of holiness demonstrated by some Catholics on Twitter or other social media, especially when commenting anonymously. “It is striking at times,” he said, that “in claiming to uphold the other commandments, they completely ignore the eighth, which forbids bearing false witness or lying.” Saints, on the other hand, “do not waste energy complaining about the failings of others; they can hold their tongue before the faults of their brothers and sisters, and avoid the verbal violence that demeans and mistreats others.”

*Source: The Long Island Catholic Newsletter - April 11, 2018*





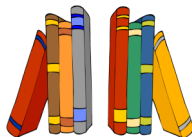
**St. Gerard Majella, CSSR** is a very popular saint of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery. He is Redemptorist, the same religious community that has served here at St. Martin's for the 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.

**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.



**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 helping anyone in need of this Sacrament.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING (LLS)**

**Friday, May 11, 2018**

**Registration required with LLS**

***Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?***

Life Line Screening will be at St Martin of Tours Parish in St Alphonsus Hall on Friday, May 11, 2018 offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.

Appointments are limited, so **please sign up now by calling 1-800-640-6307** and receive a \$10 discount off the package or text the word circle to 797979 or visit Life Line Screening's website at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)

Complete Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening for \$149 (\$139 with the special Facebook discount). Speak with the LLSA representative for more package options. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There is no time like the present to take action!

**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**

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

**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](http://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**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NY RESPECT LIFE OFFICE: THE ABORTION EXPANSION ITEMS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINAL ENACTED N.Y. STATE BUDGET!** THANK YOU for all you did to educate and mobilize the grassroots to OPPOSE LATE-TERM ABORTION EXPANSION in the 2019 STATE BUDGET. More than 8,700 messages were sent to State Senators through the Catholic Advocacy Network, plus there were hundreds of phone calls and meetings. And certainly LOTS of prayers said! Your concern, your love for the mothers and unborn children potentially affected by this legislation, and your sacrifices throughout Lent, drew down the grace of courage and fortitude for our State Senators to oppose these items in the New York budget. Praise the Risen Lord!

**UPDATE! NEW YORK STATE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE:** 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 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!

**ALERT: 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:**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** <http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/>  
Telephone: 518 434 6195

**KNIGHTS FOR LIFE INC,** PRESENTS SPEAKERS AND LECTURE SERIES ON TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018, 7:30 PM DELANEY HALL, 110 MERRITTS ROAD, FARMINGDALE N.Y. 11735. GUEST SPEAKER BRUCE BARKET, ESQ. ATTORNEY AT LAW WILL SPEAK ON PAST AND PRESENT PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY.

**THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND** AWARDED 2018 TOP-RATED GREAT NON PROFIT AWARD FOR THE 2ND TIME! [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org).

**THE LIFE CENTER BABY SHOWER** WILL BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 19th AND 20th.

**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**



**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.



MAJ 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.

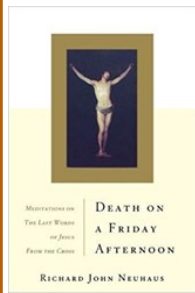
For more information, call 516 781-8637 or go to the website:  
[www.mommashouse.org](http://www.mommashouse.org)

**BABY SHOWER TIME!**



**The Life Center of Long Island Baby Shower will be held on May 19th and 20th in the gathering area of the church.** We are always so grateful to St. Martin of Tours parishioners for their generosity to help expectant mothers and fathers in crisis pregnancies.

We ask that new items be donated to ensure the latest and safest quality for these precious children. Any questions, please contact Diana Hart Mirando at (516) C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979.



**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*

*Charismatic Renewal Office*  
*Prayer & Worship Night*

*Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7PM*  
*Our Holy Redeemer*  
*37 S. Ocean Avenue, Freeport NY*

*Regional Prayer Meeting*

*Guest Speaker: Barbara Campbell*  
*"The Time is Now"*  
*"Winds of Fire"*  
*Music Ministry*

*Healing Prayer after Service*  
*Hospitality to Follow*



**Thank you...**

**...to T.J. Hance, Ann Hughes and all the volunteers who helped create such a beautiful worship setting for the Easter Season.**

**The parish is most grateful to all those who so generously share their gifts and talents to help us praise and give glory to God.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Apr 6 - May 11: 33 Days to Morning Glory 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 15: Knights of Columbus: remembering deceased members 8:30AM Mass
- Apr 15: Mass Dedicated to Autistic and Special Needs Children & Adults 3PM Church
- Apr 16: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 17: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- Apr 20: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 24: Men's Club meeting 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 25: Tips From God Reflection 6:45PM St. Alphonsus Hall (no meeting on 4/18)
- Apr 26: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Apr 27: Regular Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 4: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- May 5: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- May 5 & 6: Catholic War Vets Poppy Sale - all weekend masses
- May 7: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- May 9: Vigil Mass of The Ascension of the Lord 7PM Church
- May 10: The Ascension of the Lord Masses: 6:30, 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM Church
- May 10: Rectory Closed in observance of The Ascension
- May 11: Life Line Screening (see page 10 for registration details)
- May 11 & 12: Youth Ministry Mother's Day Carnation Sale
- May 13: 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration 1PM Mass Church
- May 19 & 20: Life Center of Long Island Baby Shower - Gathering Area of the Church
- May 22: Virtus Class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall

