

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - May 7**

6:30 Bucky Kuhl  
9:00 In Thanksgiving

**Tuesday - May 8**

6:30 Vincenza, Concetta, Anna & Rosario Mannino  
9:00 Sonia & Wallace Kankas

**Wednesday - May 9**

6:30 Pauline Nicholson  
9:00 Hanley & Rochford Families  
7PM **Vigil Mass of the Ascension**  
Charles Menzer

**Thursday - May 10 - The Ascension of the Lord**

6:30 Margaret Sedgeley  
9:00 Joe Vassallo  
12PM John & Louise Pellicano & Rocco Vivolo  
7PM Richard Garutti

**Friday - May 11**

6:30 Helen Haack  
9:00 George Spindler

**Saturday - May 12**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Louis Ruggiero, John & Gertrude O'Rourke  
7:00 Christine Mascia, 1st Anniversary

**Sunday - May 13 - 7th Sunday of Easter**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 John & Nicoletta Mattariello  
10:00 Mary Mullaly  
11:30 Michael F. Maley  
1:00 Dolores Boyce  
5:30 Matt Herzog

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a  
Tues. Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11  
Wed. Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15  
Thurs. Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20  
Fri. Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23  
Sat. Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

**Sun. Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26** Peter called the people together to choose a replacement for Judas Iscariot. Two men were nominated. After prayer, lots were drawn and the choice fell to Matthias.

**1 John 4:11-16** John wrote, "If we love one another, God remains in us." For God is love, and all those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

**John 17:11b-19** Jesus prayed to the Father to guard and protect the believers from the evil one: "I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00**  
**4/29/18 Collection: \$17,440.18**

**Thank you SMT for your generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself - my skills and talents, my time and resources - will best demonstrate my love for God's people?



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek out new opportunities to share their gifts by serving others through parish ministries such as Pre-Can, Baptismal Preparation and Religious Ed Catechist.

*Charismatic Prayer Group*

Last week was my granddaughter's First Holy Communion and that got me to thinking about the FIRST First Communion --you know, the one on Holy Thursday! I hope she and all the other children always remember what Jesus did for them and how much He loves them. Then I remembered a man sitting in back of us. He was obviously in emotional pain so I asked if he needed prayers. He said he had just wandered in thinking church would be empty on a Saturday at 12:00. He hadn't been in church in a very long time. I told him that he was meant to be there at that time. The children were receiving Jesus for the first time and he could do the same in his heart. I ask everyone reading this to keep this man and his needs in your prayers as often as you can. We may never know what happens to him, but I believe Jesus made our paths cross for a reason. How many people cross your path every day? You can be a difference-maker, a hope-giver. **Our next meeting is Monday, May 7th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**

**HOP Club Winners**

4/30/18	#501	Loretta Eckhoff	\$25
5/1/18	#284	Felicia Devereaux	\$25
5/2/18	#40	Adele T. Yack	\$25
5/3/18	#41	Geraldine Conlin	\$25
5/4/18	#478	M/M Richard Lafalce	\$50



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

*Wedding Banns*

2nd Joshua Greengrass & Amanda Leek  
 1st Robert Imhof & Dana Olsen



***"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 beef stew, oatmeal, tomato soup, hot chocolate, ketchup, brownie mix, juice, juice boxes, cookies, crackers, evaporated milk, Rice-a-Roni, bar soap, paper towels, wipes, shampoo, dish soap.

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

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

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



*Altar Bread & Wine*  
*Week of May 6 - May 12, 2018*  
*In Loving Memory of*  
*Angela, Sophie & Patricia Critelli*

*Sanctuary Candle*  
*Week of May 6 - May 12, 2018*  
*In Loving Memory of*  
*Tim Henderson*



*Rest in Peace*  
**Acts 7:49:**  
***"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."***  
 Frank Faiella, Jr., Angelina Jannotta  
 Catherine Auletta, Patricia Agnes Irons  
 Charles R. Boyce

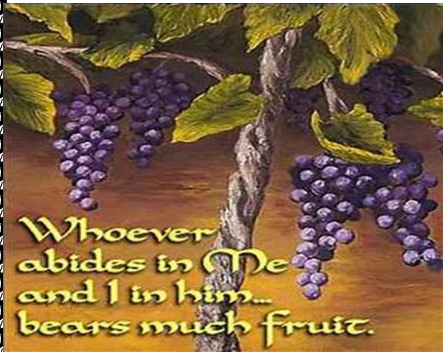
**REMINDER: Please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list.**

**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, 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, 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, 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  
 The Family of Brendan Langhauser, Helen Kurlowicz, Christine Marsiello  
 Michael M. Durante, Sonny D'Amfrosio, Pasquale Patalano  
 Noelle Eichenlaub, Thomas Triola, Keith Ferrara, Marie Mascia  
 Anthony "Tony" Romano, Kathleen Preziosi, Noelle Buchner, John Peluso  
 Margaret DeMarco, Pamela Carlucci



## Pastor's Letter



I like the story of a very erudite Redemptorist who had studied in Europe. He was with some of his friends and the waiter asked if they would like wine with their dinner. The priest, seeking to impress his friends, asked in French for a wine that he described the year it was made, the vineyard from where it came, and its exact shade of color. Those with him were quite impressed until the waiter wrote down, *they are having the house wine.*

Many people take their wine seriously. Some people take courses on wine, others have a wine cellar and plan the wine for the meal based on what is being served. I admit to being a kind of peasant who was so uncouth as to order beer when I dined at a fancy restaurant in Paris. Still, my mind can easily go back to my high school days. Our high school had vineyards surrounding the ballfield where we played baseball and football. I loved the scent of the grapes in late October when the vines were heavy with the maturing grapes. A couple of times when I was in high school, an early frost came; school was cancelled and we were all sent out into the vineyard to pick the grapes. Initially, it was a delight to be off from school, but pruning the vines was hard work and the weather was cold.

Jesus drank wine and he talked about vineyards. His first miracle was to turn water into wine so a couple's wedding would not be spoiled. Five large water jars filled to the brim. Scholars estimate that this was about 150 gallons of wine. That was some party! At the last supper, Jesus took a cup of wine and said *this is the cup of my blood which will be shed for you. Do this in remembrance of me.* Jesus is a great teacher since he uses images that are simple yet profound such as the sheep and the shepherd, the lilies of the field, and the vine and the branches. He described union with him in this way: *Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.* God the Father is the rich soil, Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. It is the Holy Spirit that brings about the fruit that grows from a healthy vine. Jesus' words about the vineyard leave us with simple but direct questions: am I rooted in the rich soil of God? Am I attached to the life-giving vine of Jesus? What kind of fruit am I producing?

As an Irishman, I love the image of the shamrock that St. Patrick used to help people have some sense of the Blessed Trinity. Three leaves represent the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the one stem is their unity. Three-in-one. The image of the vine and the branches and is a beautiful reflection on the mystery of the Trinity. The soil that bring life is the Father; while the vine that comes from the soil is the Son. We are the branches and fruit and life that flows from us is the work of the Holy Spirit. Three-In-One.

We take pride in our roots. We research our ancestry and heritage. We think about what we have learned from our parents, our family, our friends. We know we need good soil to grow life. We might have asked ourselves how we spend our time. Does watching hours of television or endless time on the internet affect me? Is that the best soil for me to bear fruit? Is our home environment of good soil and healthy for all who are part of the family? What kind of soil are we giving to our children and those who will follow us to mature?

**J**esus is the vine. Without the vine, there no growth. To grow grapes, there is the need for water, sunlight, pruning of the dying and dead branches. We nurture our vineyards by receiving Holy Communion, by prayer, pondering the Word of God, and by reflecting on our lives as followers of Jesus. We all need pruning. It is easy for anyone of us to fall into habits that do not bring life. Rather than giving nurturing sun and water to our branches, we can allow anger and resentment toward others, jealousy, pride, lust and greed to deaden the vines and choke off new life. Where am I most alive in my life, in my relationships with others, in my spirit? What gives me life? And what can deaden my spirit?

I have had people who speak to me about a certain book they have read, a pilgrimage they made, a program they experienced, a talk that they heard and they say it has changed their lives. I always say to them *by their fruits you shall know them*. I would ask if that type of prayer, that pilgrimage, that program made you a more loving and compassionate person? If it has, then it is bearing fruit. That is the sign of God's grace: bearing fruit. We heard this so clearly in our second reading from the first letter of John: *Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth*. We love not in word or speech but in truth and deed. Is our marriage, our family, our friendships bearing fruit?

Growing wine takes great time and patience. One cannot rush the process. I find myself using more and more the term, *I am a work in progress*. We are blessed by the rich soil of our faith in God, by the redeeming love of Jesus Christ and the ongoing love of the Holy Spirit. God gives us the miracle of grace and life. Pope John XXIII said, *"People are like wine – some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age."* We give praise and glory to the Lord of the vineyard.

**Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor**

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*"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, *"Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."*

**Vigil Mass of The Ascension: Wednesday, May 9th at 7PM**

**Mass of The Ascension: Thursday, May 10th at 6:30AM, 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM**

**The rectory is closed on Thursday, May 10th in observance of The Ascension of the Lord.**

**St. Martin of Tours Children's Choir**



Come and join us! Open to children in grades 2 through 8. We sing at the 10AM Sunday Mass and practice in the church on Wednesdays from 5-6PM. Please contact Elena Scollo at (516) 713-8854.

**Mothers Day Carnation Sale!**



The SMT Youth Ministry will be selling carnations after all Masses on Mother's Day, May 13th! 1 for \$2; 3 for \$5 and 12 for \$15. All proceeds go to benefit our youth programs.



**UPCOMING MEETING:**

May 6th: Regular meetings after the 5:30PM Mass for all 8th graders and high school teens.

During Mothers Day Sunday Masses, we will be selling carnations in the gathering area of the church. Don't forget Mom on her day!

We will have an EDGE meeting for 6th & 7th graders at St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa on Friday, May 18th at 7PM.

**SPRING & SUMMER PROJECT:**

We are collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly to be used every week to make sandwiches for the homeless. Please bring them to the rectory and we will take it from there.



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

**LEST WE FORGET**

**CATHOLIC WAR VETS  
POPPY SALE**



**This Saturday and Sunday  
May 5th & 6th at all masses.**

**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.

**Next Meeting - Wednesday, May 9th  
6:45PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**

The Life Teen Band celebrates Mass every Sunday at 5:30PM. We are building up a new repertoire of Christian music to lift up our hearts to worship and honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

If you are a teen or young adult and would like to join the band, please see Liam Gordon after Mass. We welcome singers and instrumentalists to share their talents and gifts with us!

**LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING**

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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



**Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour**

There is no Holy Hour in May, however, come to the next devotion honoring Saint Padre Pio on **Tuesday, June 19th at 7:30PM in the Eucharistic Chapel.** All are most welcome!

**DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LI  
INCLUDING WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND SINGLES  
A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION FOR SINGLE PERSONS  
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018 AT 7:30 PM**

**ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL SCHOOL  
1309 WANTAGH AVENUE, WANTAGH, NY 11793**

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL/ALL ARE WELCOME  
BRING PROOF OF SINGLE STATUS TO JOIN  
REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE MEETING**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
CAROL – 516-794-4933 OR BARBARA – 516-798-2858**

### **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), 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.

### **The Month of May is Traditionally Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**



May is a month of growth when nature is reborn. This month normally belongs to the Easter season, between Easter and Pentecost. Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this particular distinction.

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Our Lady is centuries old, dating back at least 700 years. Blessed Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical on the month of May focusing on the Virgin Mary. He wrote that the piety of the faithful has long dedicated the month of May to the Mother of God. He stated in his encyclical:

*We are delighted and consoled by this pious custom associated with the month of May, which pays honor to the Blessed Virgin and brings such rich benefits to the Christian people. Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise.*

The reason for dedicating May to Our Lady is associated with the particular season of the year. May is certainly known for its springtime beauty (at least in the Northern Hemisphere). It is associated with flowers and blossoms, with trees which spring back to life and sprouting grass. In classic western culture, both Greek and Roman, May was connected with the beginning of new life. This ancient belief led to May being associated with the motherhood of Mother Earth and thus to motherhood in general. It is for this reason that Mother's Day is celebrated in May in many countries. This connection between May and motherhood led Christians to adopt May as the month of Our Lady, the Mother of God and our heavenly Mother. She brought life into the world by giving birth to her Son Jesus, who brought about a new spring.

- **During May our parish will honor Mary by having her statue in the Sanctuary for the entire month.**
- **The May crowning of the Blessed Mother will take place at our outdoor statue of Mary (weather permitting) at the 10:00AM Mass on Mother's Day.**
- **We will say the rosary in our prayer garden on Wednesday nights - May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM; May 16<sup>th</sup>, 23, and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. If it rains, we will meet in the prayer chapel.**

### Homily for John Joyce, Parish Trustee of St. Martin of Tours

Our dear parishioner John Joyce went home to the God who created and breathed life into him this past Sunday. His beautiful family, his wife Noreen, his sons, Michael and John, and his daughter Mary Kate were prayerfully with him in his last hours at St. Joseph's Hospital, drawing strength from one another, from the love they bore their husband and father, and from the husband and father who had given and shared so much life with them. They helped him go home to eternal life and into the loving arms of Jesus as our banner proclaims. John took great pride, as you all know, in his Irish heritage, with his father being a native of County Mayo, Ireland. We Irish often confuse Ireland with heaven, an easy mistake to make, and I thought of the refrain of an old Irish ballad:

*Take me home to Mayo, across the sea  
Home to dear old Mayo, where once I roamed so free  
Take me home to Mayo, there let my body lie  
Home to dear old Mayo, beneath the western sky*



In our hearts and minds, we believe that John is home with God, his parents, and all those he loved who have gone before him. I offer condolences to his dear wife Noreen, to his children Mike and his wife Therese, John and his wife Patricia, and his daughter Mary Kate and her husband Kevin, his dear sister Patricia, his grandchildren Erin, Meghan, Jack, Ryan, Kate, Emma, Molly and Patrick, all family and friends and parishioners. The names of the grandchildren tell me they are ready for Notre Dame.

John had been sick for a while and he knew that his time to go home was drawing near. Noreen, in her wisdom, knew it was time to open the bottle of Jamison and share a drop of holy water as John could toast life and his family. A few days later, John, in the presence of his family, received the last rites of the Church. A shot of Jamison...the blessings of the Church he loved...surrounded by his family...I suppose that is as close to a happy death as any Irishman could ask for. I also discovered that there was a small branch of our St. Clement Bakers who formed a brigade of bakers who filled the Joyce house with Irish soda bread, brownies, rice pudding and other goodies.

I have been missing John for the last many months. I could say my mourning for him had begun awhile ago as I felt his absence whenever I would go into St. Alphonsus Hall to chat with the dedicated team of parishioners who count the collection. I missed his saying, *watch out here comes the boss* and some joke about Notre Dame losing. I cannot understand how an Irishman from the meatpacking section of New York (now called Chelsey by the yuppies) could not root for the fighting Irish. I think it had something to do with his having attended the University of Nebraska when he served our nation in the United States Air Force. I missed him at Sunday Mass sitting in the same pew so faithfully with Noreen. All of us on the financial council missed his wisdom and guidance on the parish financial committee.

John along with friend John Lyman are our parish trustees which is an official legal position mandated by the diocese. I trustee is called to help the pastor, especially in business and financial matters. They do that well, but even more than giving me wise advice, I drew inspiration from their love and dedication to our parish. The word *trustee* is well chosen. I trusted John with his gentle guidance and wisdom. However, he was removed from being the financial officer of his home by his wife Noreen who wanted to make sure all the house bills were paid on time.

We feel the loss of John very much in our parish, but as much as we do, I know the sorrow and sense of loss for his family is so very difficult. Noreen has known John for almost 50 years. 48 years ago, a *beautiful* bride named Noreen and a handsome groom named John stood at the altar of St. Mel's in Whitestone and *promised to take each other for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health until death due them part*. How beautifully you both lived that vow to one another and to God.

John loved the Triple Crown races; the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont. I wish I knew that, I might have gotten a few tips through the years. Two of the early entries for this year's Derby are *My Boy Jack* and the other is *Promises Fulfilled*. I plan on putting five dollars on *Promises Fulfilled* and saying a prayer to John for a winner since John lived his life so faithfully. John told me the two worse snowy days they ever had for the St. Patrick's Day Parade were when Father George Keaveney, Redemptorist, was pastor and the other was my own time as Grand Marshal. I think eight inches of snow fell during that parade. John told that if ever was going to chose a clergy person again, it would be a rabbi!

Our reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes speaks of the many seasons of life: a time to be born, a time to die, a time of war. a time of peace...The last verse of this beautiful scripture is often missed: *He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done*. We can see from the way John Joyce lived his life that God's work here on earth had been done by John in loving his family, his neighbors and friends, and most especially his God.

The family chose a powerful witness of their faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We hear St. Paul tell us: *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*. We know in our hearts that nothing can separate John from Jesus and the promise of eternal life. John lived his life based on this conviction. For the Gospel, I chose the text where Jesus refers to himself as the temple and tells the listeners that the temple will be destroyed and rebuilt in three days. The hearers are shocked; *it took forty-six to build the temple and you are going to rebuild it in three days*. They fail to understand that the temple is not made of brick and stones, but Jesus is speaking of himself, of his death and resurrection.

I know John loved his home, his community and his church. What makes a home is not walls and ceilings but the people who live in that home. Our faith tells us that our family is a church, a temple where God is present. I have no doubt that John loved St. Martin's. I know he helped raise money for this church many times. St. Martin's is a living, breathing body. As beautiful as the stained glass, the altar, the statues and wood are, it is the *people* who come here to pray, to eat and drink the Body of Christ, to help and support each other in good times and bad, *that* is the living Body of Christ. From what I came to know, John Joyce was a man who nurtured and loved the Body of Christ here on earth in the parishioners of St. Martin's. In the way John lived and died in faith, he showed us the Living Body of Christ.

I will end with a poem that invites us to follow John in loving God, our families and our parishioners.

*BURY MY BODY but don't bury my beliefs. BURY MY HEART but don't bury my love. BURY MY EYES but not my vision. BURY MY FEET but not the path of my life. BURY MY HANDS but don't bury my diligent efforts. BURY MY SHOULDERS but not the concerns I carried. BURY MY VOICE but not my message. BURY MY MIND but don't bury my dreams. BURY ME but don't bury my life. KNOW THAT MY LIFE CONTINUES IN ALL OF YOU. KNOW MY LOVE FOR YOU WILL BE FOREVER.*





**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?**

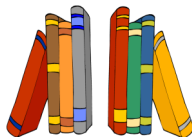
If you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are baptized and have received the Sacrament of Eucharist (Communion), we are offering classes that may enable you to receive Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.

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.

**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.



**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!

**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.

## May Crowning of the Blessed Mother

Sunday, May 13th - 10AM Mass

As weather permits we will process to the Grotto for the May Crowning. If not, we will process around the church and crown the statue inside.

Our very special guests are the children who made their First Holy Communion. We request that they wear their Communion clothes and lead the procession followed by all the other children and adults attending. **ALL ARE INVITED!**

St. Martin of Tours K of C 5033

### BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, May 21, 2018 from 2PM - 8PM  
517 Central Avenue, Bethpage

Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

**ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE A MCDONALDS  
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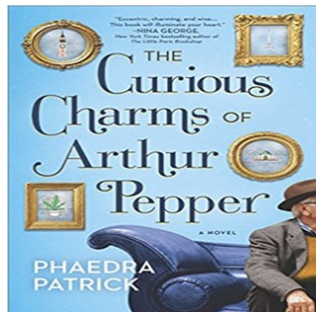
**THANK YOU FOR CARING!**

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bring your Blood Donor Card or ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission)
- Eat well (low fat) and drink plenty of fluids
- No tattoos for the past 12 months

**For questions concerning medical eligibility  
call 1-800-688-0900 [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)**

**For more information, please contact Jack Batt  
(516) 868-8192.**



*"Phaedra Patrick understands the soul. Eccentric, charming, and wise...The Curious Charms is not just for those who are mourning over love or the past. This book will illuminate your heart." — Nina George, New York Times bestselling author of The Little Paris Bookshop.*

Don't miss this curiously charming debut! In this hauntingly beautiful story of love, loneliness and self-discovery, an endearing widower embarks on a life-changing adventure. Sixty-nine-year-old Arthur Pepper lives a simple life. He gets out of bed at precisely 7:30 a.m., just as he did when his wife, Miriam, was alive. He dresses in the same gray slacks and mustard sweater vest, waters his fern, Frederica, and heads out to his garden. But on the one-year anniversary of Miriam's death, something changes. Sorting through Miriam's possessions, Arthur finds an exquisite gold charm bracelet he's never seen before. What follows is a surprising and unforgettable odyssey that takes Arthur from London to Paris and as far as India in an epic quest to find out the truth about his wife's secret life before they met—a journey that leads him to find hope, healing and self-discovery in the most unexpected places. **Discussion Date: June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall**

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY CORRECTION:** Last week's bulletin incorrectly listed the NY **Federal** Senators Kristen Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer as contacts to voice your opinion on the Late Term Abortion Expansion Bill under Reproductive Health Act S.2796. Instead please contact the New York **State** Senators from your Senatorial District (SD). *We thank the parishioner who noticed the error.*

5 SD: CARL MARCELLINO (R) (516) 922-1811 [marcelli@nysenate.gov](mailto:marcelli@nysenate.gov);

6 SD: KEMP HANNON (R) (516) 739-1700 [hannon@nysenate.gov](mailto:hannon@nysenate.gov);

7 SD: ELAINE PHILLIPS (R) (516) 746-5924 [ephillips@nysenate.gov](mailto:ephillips@nysenate.gov);

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9 SD: TODD KAMINSKY (D) (516) 766-8383 [kaminsky@nysenate.gov](mailto:kaminsky@nysenate.gov)

Baby Alfie Evans was from Liverpool with an undiagnosed neurodegenerative disorder and was 1 year and 11 months old. He was hospitalized at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, West Derby, Liverpool, UK. The medical team and the child's parents disagreed about whether to maintain Alfie's life support or to withdraw it, resulting in a legal battle. Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust sought a declaration that CONTINUED VENTILATOR SUPPORT was UNKIND and INHUMANE, and not in the baby's best interests. Alfie's parents, Kate James and Thomas Evans, resisted the application. *re: Wikipedia*

Alfie should have been allowed to die at home instead of in a hospital surrounded by police, his supporters said on Saturday. The toddler died five days after being taken off life support following several court rulings that further treatment would not be in his best interests. His parents suffered a further court defeat when three senior judges rejected an appeal to take the boy to Rome for treatment, despite earlier high-profile interventions from Pope Francis and the Italian government. In a tweet the Pope had written last week: *"Moved by the prayers and immense solidarity shown little Alfie Evans, I renew my appeal that the suffering of his parents may be heard and that their desire to seek new forms of treatment may be granted."* The Vatican's Bambino Gesù Hospital had offered to care for him. Following protests outside the hospital, police remained on guard inside and outside the building. *re: Telegraph.co.uk*

Little Alfie Evans passed away, but the struggle over his treatment provoked a worldwide conflict over parental rights, how to care properly for the seriously disabled, and the appropriate role of the state in such intimate and vexed matters. What it revealed is that the law of the UK is in desperate need of revision to make room for the profoundly disabled and their loved ones who wish to care for them, despite the judgment of others that such lives of radical dependence and frailty are not worth living. The heart of the problem is that, according to the UK Courts' interpretation of the CHILDREN ACT of 1989, a life of permanent disability and dependency, whether long or short is not worth living. The UK High Court rooted its opinion in the ethical guidance of the Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health, which asserts that "it is no longer in the child's best interests to continue (living)" in those cases "where the severity of the child's condition is such that it is difficult or impossible for them to derive benefit from continue life." Because of his disability, Alfie's very life was deemed no longer beneficial to him, and therefore it was declared ILLEGAL TO KEEP HIM ALIVE. Just as in the CHARLIE GARD case, the courts here effectively terminated the rights of Alfie's parents, forbidding them to seek transfer to other facilities that wished to care for Alfie. Both Pope Francis and the Italian government pled for Alfie's life, going as far as to make him an honorary Italian citizen and offering air transport to a pediatric hospital in Rome. But the UK government refused.

**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.



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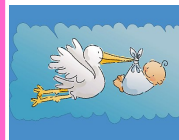
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**MOMMAS HOUSE**

**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:  
[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.

**SOMETHING IS BREWING, SO SAVE THE DATES**  
**SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHTS**

**SAINT  
ALPHONSUS  
HALL**



**FRIDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:00PM BOTH NIGHTS**

**Mellow Music from the Sixties to Present**  
**in a relaxed coffee house setting**  
**featuring select vocalists and instrumentalists**

**50/50 Raffle**

**FREE WILL DONATION**

**Kellenberg Memorial Reunions**

All members of Kellenberg Memorial's classes of 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2013 are invited to return to campus on Saturday, June 23, 2018, to celebrate their 20, 15, 10, and 5-year reunions (respectively). The evening will begin with Mass at 6 PM, followed by private cocktail parties for each class from 7 to 10 PM.

For more information or to register online, please visit [www.kellenberg.org/reunion](http://www.kellenberg.org/reunion). If you have any questions, please contact Director of Alumni Mr. Thomas Huggard at

[MrHuggard@kellenberg.org](mailto:MrHuggard@kellenberg.org)  
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**SACRED HEART ACADEMY**

**47 Cathedral Avenue, Hempstead NY 11550**

Sacred Heart Academy is offering a **Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course** on the following dates:

**August 20-24; October 6 & 13, 2018**  
**8:00AM - 10AM or 10:45AM-12:45PM**  
**Cost: \$250 includes all materials**

For information and applications, please call 516-483-7383 x234 or email [sperfetti@sacredheartacademyli.org](mailto:sperfetti@sacredheartacademyli.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Apr 6 - May 11: 33 Days to Morning Glory 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 5 & 6: Catholic War Vets Poppy Sale - all weekend masses
- May 7: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- May 7: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- May 8: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- May 9: Tips From God Reflection 6:45PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 9: Vigil Mass of The Ascension of the Lord 7PM Church
- May 9: Rosary Recitation **6:30PM** Prayer Garden (due to Vigil Mass at 7PM)
- May 16, 23 & 30: Rosary Recitation 7PM Prayer Garden
- 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 12: Youth Ministry Mother's Day Carnation Sale
- May 13: May Crowning of the Blessed Mother after 10AM Mass
- May 13: 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration 1PM Mass Church
- May 15: NO PADRE PIO HOLY HOUR IN MAY
- May 19 & 20: Life Center of Long Island Baby Shower - Gathering Area of the Church
- May 20: Pentecost Sunday - Confirmation of Adults 11:30AM Mass
- May 21: Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at the Hartigan Council, Central Avenue
- May 22: Virtus Class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 15 & 16: SMT Coffee House Nights 8PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 22: Regular Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper"

