

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 21

6:30 John Joyce
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday - May 22

6:30 Rose, Laurence & Edward Rasmussen
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday - May 23

6:30 Rev. George Keaveney, CSsR
9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Thursday - May 24

6:30 Matteo Ferro
9:00 Patrick & Mary Foley

Friday - May 25

6:30 Marty Laraia
9:00 Jessica & Catherine Hoolahan, Living

Saturday - May 26

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Jenene Trappasse
7:00 Robert Thomas Rohde

Sunday - May 27 - The Most Holy Trinity

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Mary Alice Halloran
10:00 Robert J. McCormick
11:30 Vicki Patsos
1:00 Joan DeBona
5:30 Phil Krawchuk

Readings For The Week

Mon. James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
Tues. James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37
Wed. James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40
Thurs. James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50
Fri. James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12
Sat. James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16

Sun. Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 *Know this: The Lord is God of heaven and earth. There is no other. Because God worked wonders for you, keep the commands that you and your children may prosper.*

Romans 8:14-17 *You did not receive a spirit of slavery but a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry out "Abba, Father!" The Spirit bears witness that we are children of God.*

Matthew 28:16-20 *Jesus commissioned the eleven to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*



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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00
5/13/18 Collection: \$16,995.18
Ascension: \$4,001.00
Communications: \$2,400.00

Thank you SMT for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts



have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given, "for the common good."

What gifts are mine to share?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who share their God-given gifts and talents through our parish ministries and community organizations, intent on serving our brothers and sisters in need.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Confucius said, "The man who says he can, and the man who says he can't are both correct." In other words, the message you tell yourself is very powerful. What messages are you telling yourself? Every success started out with someone's dream, idea, or vision. Where would we be without the dreams of Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Bill Gates or Rosa Parks? Sure, they had their failures, but they didn't lose that "I can" attitude. Continue to dream. Some of the best dreams you will ever have are when you are awake! God has a purpose for you. If your intentions are meant for good, He will help you achieve your dreams.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 21st at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club Winners

5/14/18	#583	Linda Segretto	\$25
5/15/18	#376	Loretta Haack-DeCaro	\$25
5/16/18	#23	Debbie & Frank Aiello	\$25
5/17/18	#64	George & Rosanna Benasutti	\$25
5/18/18	#193	T. & K. Robertson	\$250

Wedding Banns

3rd 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 baked beans, beef stew, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, tomato paste, vegetable soup, coffee, hot chocolate, juice, juice boxes, icing, evaporated milk, mustard, catsup, mayonnaise, dish soap, bar soap, paper towels and napkins.

We are so grateful for your tremendous generosity!

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 20- 26, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of
 Ann & Bill Csajko*

Sanctuary Candle

Week of May 20 - 26, 2018

*In Loving Memory of
 May & Luke White & Family*



Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49:

"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Lorraine J. Cotton, Jewel Kalpak

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, 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, Dorothy Eisenstadt
 David Drohan, Martin Lee, Ralph Caputo, Kristen Smith, Michael Vigott
 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, Robert Amato, Kate Mayerhofer, Yvonne McDonnell
 The Gallagher Family



Pastor's Letter

This ancient image of the Blessed Mother with Jesus comes from an image found in the Catacombs of the Second Century.



Several years ago, I went on a wonderful trip to Poland hosted by the Redemptorists of Warsaw. Our province had helped them financially with some projects, and they wanted to express their appreciation. Along with two other friends, we drove over 1900 kilometers all over Poland visiting Warsaw, Cracow, Wadowice (the birthplace of St. John Paul II), the Gdansk shipyards, Auschwitz, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. At the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, there were large crowds of people, walking on their knees as they approached the icon of what is sometimes called the Black Madonna because the image is very dark. Our Redemptorist guide was friends with the director of this Shrine and he arranged for three seats to be placed in front of the Madonna for us. Quite honestly, we were very embarrassed to be sitting while these pilgrims with a deep love of the Blessed Mother reverently approached the sacred image. On the icon there was a mark from an arrow shot by an enemy in the 13th century and later during the same time period, a soldier slashed the face of the Madonna with his sword.

As I looked at the image and the marks on it, I could not help but think of the suffering of the Polish people through the centuries. The country is located between Russia and Germany and has historically been attacked by many groups. In more recent times, the Poles endured Hitler, Stalin and communism. It was their deep faith in Jesus Christ and his Mother that sustained them. Because of a previous position I held in the Redemptorists, I have had the opportunity to visit Lourdes, Our Lady of Knock in Ireland, and Our Lady of Aparecida in Brazil. I have also read about the great graces of the Blessed Mother at Fatima, Medjugorje, Guadalupe and many other holy places where she has come to comfort her people in moments of great need. The countless generations of believers who have sought the intercession of Our Blessed Mother testify and witness to the love that Mary has brought to her children.

The most important question ever asked of a human being was to a young teenage girl in a tiny backwater village of Nazareth in Israel. The promise of God after the fall of Adam and Eve - to put an adversary between Satan and the broken human race - is now to begin. The Archangel Gabriel's question to a startled young girl was, *Will you be the mother of God?* One ancient writer said that at that moment all the angels in heaven surround Mary in prayer, imploring her to say *yes* to this awesome request. God has allowed salvation history and the Incarnation to rely on the response of this young woman. She responds, *let it be done according to His will.* The Angels of Heaven break forth in a chorus of Alleluias. The Redemptorist poet Father John Duffy wrote that *because of her yes, nothing will ever be the same again.*

Through the centuries, different groups have debated and argued: *how can a mere creature be the mother of God? This cannot be!* Yet, it is absolutely clear and an essential belief that she is the mother of God, since Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. That is the core of the Catholic faith. In



431 in a little Greek town named Ephesus, the leaders of the Church declared the eternal truth - she is *Theotokos*, the Mother of God. Of all her many titles, this is the most profound and significant. While the bishops were meeting in council, it is said that a large crowd surrounded the building chanting, *Theotokos, Theotokos*.

The last act of our Lord Jesus Christ as he is dying an agonizing death on the cross is to provide for his mother by placing her under the care of the Apostle John: *Behold your Mother*. At that moment, after washing feet, after promising us his body and blood in the Eucharist at his Last Supper, and as He struggles to breathe, Jesus gives us one final treasure – His mother. *Behold your Mother*. Mary becomes the Mother of all human beings through this gift given by her Son.

Sometimes, there are those who do not understand the love Catholics have for the Blessed Mother. They tell us we are saved by the blood of Jesus. Only God is Divine. We know that! Mary is a creature like us, except that she was delivered from original sin by her Son Jesus in the Immaculate Conception. Today, there are some growing groups of Protestants and Moslems who see the great place of Mary in our lives. The last words that Mary speaks in the Gospels are at the wedding feast of Cana: *Do whatever He tells you*. The Mother always points us to her Son.

I believe God gave us Mary out of love. God is God. As creatures, it can be difficult to understand and grasp the divine. Whatever we think and know about God, in all the thousands of books written by the most brilliant writers, we can never completely capture the wonder and mystery of God. But the Lord knew the depth of the bond that a child shares with a mother. In our imaginations we cannot get our hands around God. We do our best but He is beyond our human comprehension. Yet, we are so very familiar with a mother's love. The bond with a mother may well be the deepest of all human relationships. The dying soldier on the battlefield cries out for his mother. The football star who has scored the winning touchdown says to the television announcer, *let me say HI to my mother!* The despised murderer in the courtroom has his mother seated behind him, while the lost child in Walmart cries, *Mommy!* A desperate daughter on drugs says, *well, I can always go to my mother's*.

We sons and daughters know what a mother's love is. The God who created the heavens and the earth invites us to turn to the warmth, the love, the compassion of his Mother. So we honor Mary the Mother of God as we join with all generations who have gone before us proclaiming her words:

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.*

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor
www.smtbethpage.org woodscsr@aol.com



UPCOMING MEETING:

May 20th: Regular meeting after the 5:30PM Mass for all 8th graders and high school teens.

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. **THANK YOU!!**



Diana Hughes, Youth Minister & the Life Teen Core Members
SMT_lifeteen@yahoo.com

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!

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.



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Qualifications: Friendly, reliable, proficient in Microsoft Office Suite and able to learn new Parish Software Programs, ability to multi-task.

Contact: Ed Fronckwicz, Business Manager
Phone (516)249-0127/FAX (516)249-7131
Email: edwardf@stkilian.com

“Young at Heart”

We sponsored our yearly BABY SHOWER for BIRTHRIGHT and want to express our deep appreciation to all the ladies who so generously contributed to this worthy endeavor. Thank you one and all.

Table #5 Young at Heart



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

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 23rd
6:45PM in St. Alphonsus Hall

PROJECT RACHEL HOPE AFTER ABORTION



Do you know someone who is suffering abortion loss? There is hope and healing after abortion. Diocese of Rockville Centre Day of Prayer and Healing for Women on Saturday, June 9, 2018, is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space.

For more information, visit the Project Rachel Hope After Abortion website, call the Respect Life Office's confidential phone line at 1-888-456-HOPE or email projectrachel@drvc.org to begin healing after loss.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Are you a caregiver for an elderly or frail parent, spouse, child or sibling? Are you caring for someone who is ill or homebound?

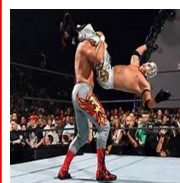
Holy Family Parish, 17 Fordham Avenue, Hicksville has a **Caregivers Support Group** that may be of help for you. We gather on the fourth Tuesdays each month from 1:00-2:15pm at the O'Dea Center.

A burden shared is often made lighter by the support of others. Call Sister Carol if you have any questions – 938-3846 x 331. Our next meeting is May 22nd.

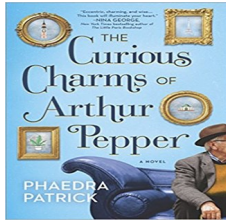
Recitation of the Rosary in the Prayer Garden during the following Wednesdays:

May 23 & 30
7PM

If it rains, please meet in the prayer chapel.



The Parish Men's Club will meet in St. Alphonsus Hall approximately 7:30PM on Wednesday, May 30th following the rosary in the Prayer Garden. All men 18 and over are welcome.



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 22nd at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.**



Perhaps you have noticed that there is some peeling on the newly installed memorial boards for our capital campaign. This is very upsetting to me as I am sure it is to you. I have spoken to the company and they have assured me that they will be addressing this. The company is well-known and respected so I am optimistic that we will resolved this. I will keep you informed.

Several parishioners have asked about the project with the six red candles. This is a project that is the work of an eagle scout. I appreciate his time and generosity. There will be some significant changes made to the project and it is not yet completed. As they say, it is a work in progress. The hope is to have candle lights that reflect the colors of the liturgical seasons such as red for Pentecost, purple for Advent and Lent, white for Christmas and Easter, and green for ordinary time. We will have Biblical quotes on some of the bricks. The large red candles will be replaced for something a bit simpler.



Next Virtus Class at St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage

**Tuesday, May 22nd at 7PM
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, 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.

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.

July 30th to August 3rd

The Redemptorists of North America come together every four years to provide a conversation, or rather, a Dialogue, between young adults and Redemptorists. This year, Dialogue will follow the theme Carry On. The audience of Dialogue has traditionally been Redemptorist missionaries, along with young adults eighteen to thirty-five. This year, our goal is to engage young adults in dialogue about real issues that are facing them in life, faith and culture. You are invited to Dialogue 2018 to help us continue the conversation of how we preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a wounded world.



Location: Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Rd, Canandaigua, NY 14424. This is a lovely retreat house overlooking one of the Finger Lakes.

Transportation: Transportation is the responsibility of each participant with support of their local Redemptorist Community.

Cost: The cost of Dialogue is \$275.00 (covered by the Redemptorists of St. Martin's). The Redemptorists of Bethpage are happy to sponsor two to three young men or women to this wonderful gathering of young people of faith in a very secular age. **Please let me know by June 1st if you are interested by emailing me at woodscsr@aol.com.**



It was with great pleasure and anticipation that the participants who took the **33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat**, written by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC at St. Martin of Tours, made their Marian Consecration on Sunday, May 13th, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima and the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. A very beautiful homily on Mary, the Theotokos - the Mother of God - was given by our pastor, Father Patrick Woods, CSsR.

This was followed by two consecration prayers that the participants prayed, and they signed and dated their consecration certificates. They are asked to pray those prayers every day of their lives, as Marian consecration is a life time commitment to Jesus through Mary. As St. Louis de Montfort wrote in his classic book, **True Devotion to Mary**, "Totus Tuus" - *Mary, I am totally yours* was his motto.

The last part of the ceremony was enrollment into the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which must be done only by a priest. - Rita Verow

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

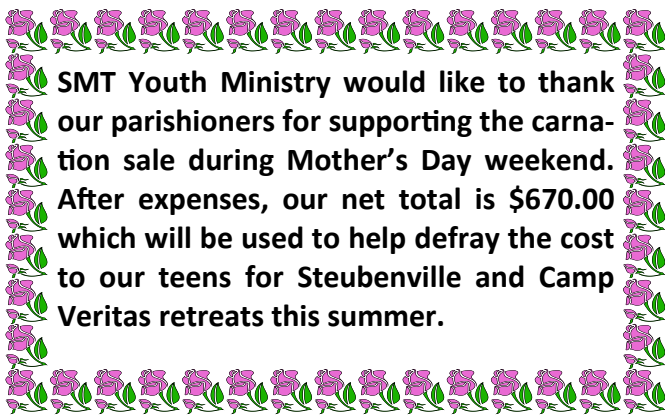
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1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453**



SMT Youth Ministry would like to thank our parishioners for supporting the carnation sale during Mother's Day weekend. After expenses, our net total is \$670.00 which will be used to help defray the cost to our teens for Steubenville and Camp Veritas retreats this summer.

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.

Luke's Young Artist Academy: June 26-July 25



Talented artist George Lucas is offering children in grades 1 to 11 the opportunity to discover their talents through pottery, hand building, drawing, painting, water color, acrylic, scratch board and print making. Individual attention can be given to those who have specific artistic interests.

Morning classes run from June 26th to July 25th at St. Martin of Tours School Building in Bethpage. The fee is \$230 for eight one and one half hour sessions with all materials and instruction included.

For more information please call Mr. Lucas at (516) 388-1011 or email lukesartacademy@aol.com.

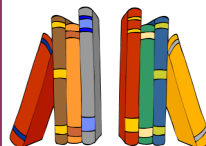
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Is God present in your marriage? Bring Him in more fully by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.


The next weekends are Nov 16-18, 2018 in Huntington, NY and Feb 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <http://www.wmeli.org>.

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.



A Candle has been lit for
John & Louise Pellicano
May 18 - 24, 2018
In honor of Saint Anne



A Candle has been lit for
Marge & Joe Hughes
May 18 - 24, 2018
In honor of Saint Anthony of Padua



A Candle has been lit for
John T. Ruane Jr. "Terry"
May 18 - 24, 2018
In honor of Saint Theresese of Lisieux

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Monday, May 21, 2018 from 2PM - 8PM
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- 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

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!



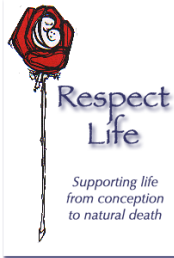
UNITED VETERANS BEACON HOUSE COLLECTION MAY 26 & 27

SMT parishioner Ro Malerba will once again be doing a collection for United Veterans Beacon House (UVBH) during Memorial Day Weekend, May 26th & 27th.



Suggestions: new twin sized sheets, gift cards to Target, Walmart, Stop & Shop and Shop Rite, or a check payable to UVBH. If you prefer, please bring donations to the rectory office any time before that weekend. They will be donated to Beacon House to benefit homeless veterans and their families. Thank you!!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING POLICY

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (USCCB)

As defined by the United Nations, human trafficking is a modern day form of SLAVERY that consists of the ILLEGAL TRADE OF HUMAN BEINGS THROUGH FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OR FORCED LABOR. It takes a variety of forms in every region of the world. Some people are trafficked for PROSTITUTION, PORNOGRAPHY, and other forms of SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. Some are trafficked for FORCED LABOR IN AGRICULTURE, SWEAT SHOPS, AND DOMESTIC SERVITUDE. Some are trafficked for BOTH!. Through SEXUAL SLAVERY, the body becomes little more than an object to be exploited. For victims of forced labor, the body is made into a DISPOSABLE MACHINE, made to WORK LONG HOURS for LITTLE OR NO PAY and for the profit of others. In both cases the person who is ENSLAVED is treated as an OBJECT for ANOTHER'S BENEFIT. The person's GOD-GIVEN HUMAN DIGNITY IS either ignored or forgotten. As an institution that actively opposes EVIL in ALL OF ITS FORMS, the Church publicly identifies with the POOR, the SUFFERING, and those in DESPAIR. In this light, the Bishops of the United States have been active in the fight against human trafficking. The Church has worked closely with government entities, private organizations, and individuals who are committed to eradicating this evil.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO SUPPORT USCCB MRS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES The following are some of the programs in place: Reception and Placement Grant. Cuban/Haitian Program. Matching Grant Program. Services to Newly Arrived Refugees. Refugee Marriage and Family Strengthening. Safe Passages I. Safe Passages II. Services to Victims of Trafficking Technical Assistance. Technical Assistance For Refugee Child Welfare Services. Trafficking in Unserved Areas.

SAFE PASSAGES I: The Safe Passages Program is funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement/Division of Unaccompanied Children's Services (ORR/DUCS). The program serves unaccompanied children who have been apprehended by immigration officials and who are in federal custody. The program provides family reunification services through a suitability assessment process and follow up services. It also places some of these children who are in federal custody in the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor programs for long-term placement. Finally the program funds sub-recipient CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES (foster care/group homes/shelter care) for immediate placement of children in federal custody.

SAFE PASSAGES II: This program is also funded by ORR/DUCS and serves unaccompanied children who have been apprehended by immigration officials. Through a team of USCCB/MRS and International Catholic Migration Commission field coordinators, recommendations regarding the placement, transfer and release of children in federal custody are made. The field coordinators are assigned to locations where there are high apprehensions of unaccompanied children and are housed within USCCB/MRS or CATHOLIC CHARITIES OFFICES. This program includes initiatives to assist with capacity development, and drafting of guidelines and criteria related to the system of care for unaccompanied children. For more information, [www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking program](http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program).

Pope Francis: *"Few people have considered how communities and nations tolerate and encourage human trafficking, particularly as it relates to prostitution. Modern forms of slavery "are far more widespread than previously imagined, even - to our scandal and shame - within the most prosperous of our societies."* February, 9, during a meeting with an international group of law enforcement and church workers.



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:
www.mommashouse.org



PENTECOST SUNDAY

At the 11:30AM Mass on May 20th adult candidates for Confirmation will be brought in-to Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Please welcome them and keep them in your prayers.

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

**SAINT
ALPHONSUS
HALL**



**FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH & SATURDAY JUNE 16TH
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

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

Our Lady of Mercy Academy will offer a **summer SAT course** to prepare for the August 25, 2018 test. **Classes will be held July 16-19 and July 23-26 from 10AM to 12Noon for a total of 16 hours at a cost of \$650.***

The instructor Ms. Jane Evans has been conducting SAT courses for 15 years at OLMA. For more information or to register, please contact Mrs. Theresa Mehern at (516) 921-1047, ext. 110.

**Please note that the SAT prep course is not the same as the HS entrance exam prep course.*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 19 & 20: Life Center of Long Island Baby Shower - Church Gathering Area
- May 20: Pentecost Sunday - Confirmation of Adults 11:30AM Mass
- May 21: Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at the Hartigan Council, Central Ave.
- May 21: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 22: Virtus Class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 26 & 27: United Veterans Beacon House Collection (see page 11 for details)
- May 28: Memorial Day - No 6:30AM Mass - Rectory is closed.
- May 29: Holy Hour 3 - 4PM Church - Followed by Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Chapel
- May 30: Men's Club approx. 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 1: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- June 2: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- June 3: K of C & SMT Parish Corpus Christi Procession & Benediction after 5:30PM Mass
- June 4: Holy Face of Jesus Devotions 1PM Church
- June 15 & 16: SMT Coffee House Nights 8PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 17: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- June 22: Regular Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper"