

Masses For The Week

Monday - June 4

6:30 Seematie "Betty" Rahjeet
 9:00 Charlie, Margaret & Charlie Jr. Reilly

Tuesday - June 5 - Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

6:30 John Joyce
 9:00 Marie Capelli

Wednesday - June 6

6:30 Adele & James Corrigan & 7 Sons
 9:00 John Garofalo

Thursday - June 7

6:30 Vincent "Vinny" Costello
 9:00 Poster Family

Friday - June 8 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 George & Doris Held
 9:00 Kristine Benasutti

Saturday - June 9 - The Immaculate Heart of Mary

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 John Scully
 7:00 Frank Slater

Sunday - June 10 - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Frances Mekalainas
 10:00 Philip & Bridget Fitzgerald
 11:30 Anthony Guglielmo
 1:00 Richard McKenna
 5:30 Montana, Maggio & Belcastro Family

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Peter 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12
 Tues. 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12:13-17
 Wed. 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27
 Thurs. 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34
 Fri. Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19
 John 19:31-37
 Sat. 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Luke 2:41-51
Sun. Genesis 3:9-15 *The Lord God told Adam he disobeyed. Adam blamed the woman, and the woman blamed the serpent. The Lord God then put enmity between the serpent and the woman.*

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 *We believe that God who raises up the Lord Jesus will raise us up too. We know that when the earthly tent in which we dwell is destroyed, we have a dwelling provided for us by God.*

Mark 3:20-35 *Jesus asked, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" He continued, "These are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me."*



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
5/27/18 Collection: \$16,026.18

Thank you SMT for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



The Bishops' stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples, their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them..."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use their gifts of time to receive the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ through weekly Eucharist.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Do anchors weigh you down or keep you safely in place? Is it partly sunny or partly cloudy? Is your glass half empty or half full? So much of life is about your perspective. A positive attitude is much more beneficial than a negative outlook. Some people are afraid to expect anything better than the worst, because then they can't be disappointed. Maybe they feel they don't deserve anything good. If that sounds like you, sorry to disappoint you, but you are wrong!!!! It's time to change that attitude. After all, has it really been working for you ?

Our next meeting is Monday June 4th 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Are you ready? Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

HOP Club Winners

5/28/18	#253	Janet Scarpelli	\$25
5/29/18	#530	Mary Henson	\$25
5/30/18	#302	Matt & Sara Messina	\$25
5/31/18	#214	Linda Leek	\$25
6/1/18	#348	M/M Ronald Kenney	\$50

Wedding Banns

2nd Anthony Carrella & Michelle Saggese



**"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: oatmeal packets, pancake mix, tomato paste, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, red beans, vegetable soup, coffee, icing, evaporated milk, juice, juice boxes, macaroni & cheese, dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap, paper towels, napkins and baby wipes. We are so grateful for all 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 June 3 - 9, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of
Thomas Sr. & Thomas Jr. Critelli*



*Sanctuary Candle
Week of June 3 - 9, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of
Kristine Benasutti*

Rest in Peace

**Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit."**



Nicholas J. Grimaldi, Sr., Stuart Engelhardt
Frank Alfred LoPinto, Theresa K. Mandelkow
Timothy P. Paulsen, Mark Gundersen
Michael Sheehan, Kathleen "Kay" Wilson

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931-0818 to remove a name from the list.**

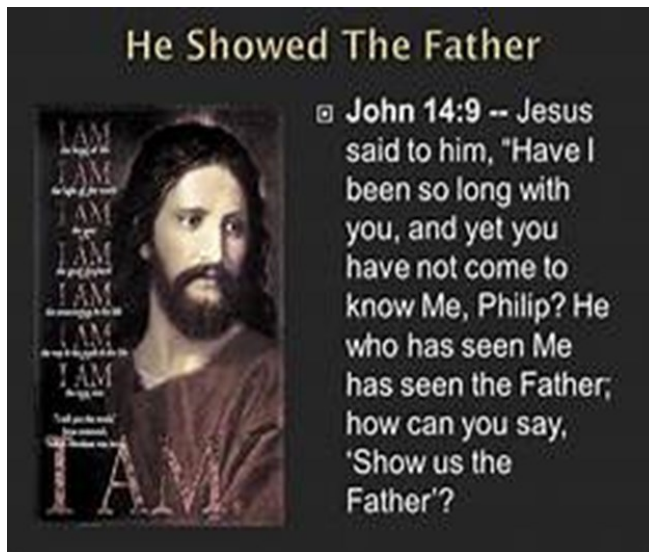
Please pray for the sick of our parish:

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 Baciуска 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
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 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, Robert Amato, Kate Mayerhofer, Yvonne McDonnell
The Gallagher Family, Terry & John Bunker



Pastor's Letter

Father Pat's homily of 5/27/18



A friend once told me a story about a difficult time in her life when her mother was dying a slow, painful death. She spent seven or eight hours every day in the hospital before going home to her husband and children. On one of the trips home she was at a red light that seemed excruciatingly slow in turning green. All the anxiety, grief, anger and pain overwhelmed her, and she started to scream and yell at God as she pounded on the steering wheel. When she talked to me about this, she felt guilty about what she had done. I told her that she was actually praying since prayer is talking to God. In the Psalms, God's people often complain and grow angry with him.

Still, she, like the vast majority of believers including myself, had an image of God as someone who sends people illness, diseases, suffering, and death as a way of testing them, or purifying them, or punishing them for past sins. It is an image that has us thinking and feeling that God is in heaven saying, *well, it's time for that person to have a heart attack, lung cancer, a car accident, or on a larger scale, this nation needs an earthquake or that island must have a hurricane, or that country a terrible famine.* In our minds, I think we all know that this is not true. We all know that this is a very distorted image of God, but I think for many of us, it has slipped into the marrow of our bones and the sinews of our hearts.

I have had the experience many times of a person telling me that they don't believe in God. After they say that, they then proceed to tell me why they don't believe. Some have philosophical or Biblical issues, but most of them speak about the suffering in the world or in their own lives. I have met a fair amount of people who stopped attending Mass because they had lost a loved one. When the person comes to the end of giving me their reasons for not believing in God, I say them, *I don't believe in **that** God either.*

I have suffered at times with seeing and hearing others speak of God as the "great bookkeeper" in heaven who is clearly marking down every sin and failure we have. He is a kind of "gotcha!" God who is ready to pounce on us for a sin, or something like a harsh judge giving out long prison sentences without any hope of parole. Some have an image of God as an absentee parent who is never present or a parent who we can never please. Some of us can turn God into an umpire who has instant review, and sees that we are not keeping every rule at every moment. Yet, there are other distortions of the Divine by those who make him into a kind of modern laid-back hippie who says, *don't worry, be happy! or do your own thing, baby!* The response to this God is *hey, man, whatever!* And the greatest danger of all lurks with those who solve all their questions about God by saying boldly: ***we are the center of the universe; there is no God but me!***

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. It is a core teaching of the Catholic faith revealed in Scripture by God, particularly in the New Testament. God is three distinct Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet has one Divine Nature - that of being God. At the end of this homily, we will say *The Creed*. The word *credo* means *I believe*.

Since the year 325, we have been saying this creed with the words that Jesus is *consubstantial with the Father*. *Consubstantial* is a fancy way of saying Jesus and the Father are different yet the same. We will also say, *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son*. The Holy Spirit is distinct from the Father and the Son but he *proceeds* from them.

Your eyes may be glazing over by now. I always quote a story about St. Augustine on Trinity Sunday. St. Augustine, along with St. Thomas Aquinas, are considered the two greatest minds that the Catholic Church has ever had. The story Augustine tells is that he was once walking along the seashore meditating about the mystery of God in light of the Blessed Trinity. He saw a little boy running in and out of the waters with a sea shell and so he said, *little boy, what are you trying to do?*

The boy said with great innocence, *I am trying to get the whole ocean in this shell*. Augustine smiled and said, *that is impossible! The ocean is too vast!*

*Glory be to the
Father and to the
Son and to the
Holy Spirit.
Amen*

The boy smiled back and said, *So, too you who think you can understand God*. Simply put, God is beyond us. No one can say they understand God completely. If they did, that person *would* be God.

What helps me to have a faithful image of God is to study and read the Scriptures, especially the Gospels. Jesus tells us that *the one who sees me, sees the Father*. He tells us that *he will not leave us orphans* - and that he *will send us the Holy Spirit to guide us*.



So, the Gospels give us very powerful images of the Living God - as an infant in a manger, as a Father who lovingly embraces his prodigal son, as a shepherd who seeks out a lost sheep, as a foot washer, as a man dying for us on a cross out of love for us.

The one who sees me, sees the Father. He promises that the Holy Spirit will come upon us. Our God so loves us that he gives us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. *I am the living bread that comes down from heaven*.

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 3rd: Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): After the 5:30 Mass, we will be walking in procession with other parish ministries as we publicly profess our devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

June 10: After the 5:30PM Mass we will have our BBQ for all our teens. The congregation is welcome to join us!

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. We need to THANK so many of you who have donated. We are so grateful for your generosity!

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!

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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.

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, June 6th
 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.

Reservations now being taken
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Corpus Christi

What Is the Feast of Corpus Christi?

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today), goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ's Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday.

Facts About Corpus Christi

Date: The Thursday after Trinity Sunday. The date changes each year: Trinity Sunday is celebrated a week after Pentecost Sunday which, in turn, is celebrated 50 days after Easter. In the United States, the celebration takes place on the Sunday after Corpus Christi. **This year we celebrate the Feast at the weekend Masses of June 2-3. We will have a outdoor procession (weather permitting) at the conclusion of the 5:30 p.m. Mass.**

History of the Feast of Corpus Christi

In 1246, Bishop Robert de Thorete of the Belgian diocese of Liège, at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (also in Belgium), convened a synod and instituted the celebration of the feast. From Liège, the celebration began to spread, and, on September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull "Transiturus," which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church, to be celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday.

At the request of Pope Urban IV, St. Thomas Aquinas composed the office (the official prayers of the Church) for the feast. This office is widely considered one of the most beautiful in the traditional Roman Breviary (the official prayer book of the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours), and it is the source of the famous Eucharistic hymns *Pange Lingua oriosi* and *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*.

For centuries after the celebration was extended to the universal Church, the feast was also celebrated with a Eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. The faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by. In recent years, this practice has almost disappeared, though some parishes still hold a brief procession around the outside of the parish church.

While the Feast of Corpus Christi is one of the ten Holy Days of Obligation in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, in some countries including the United States, the feast has been transferred to the following Sunday.



**Feast of Corpus Christi - June 3, 2018
Eucharistic Procession & Benediction**

**Honor Jesus
Walk With Jesus
Continue to Invite Him into Your Heart
Into Your Homes
Into Our Parish and Town**

After the 5:30PM Mass this Sunday, June 3rd, we will hold our annual Eucharistic Procession around the outside of the Church in honor of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You can either attend the Mass itself, or if you wish to go to an earlier Mass, come at 6:15PM and gather outside the Seaman Ave. entrance into the Church.

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



*June 1 - 7, 2018
A candle has been lit for
The Gambino Family
In honor of St. Therese of Lisieux*

Day of Renewal

Ignite the



Flame

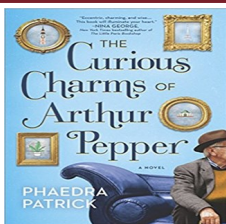
**St. Joseph R.C. Church
39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon NY 11702
SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018
9AM - 4:15PM**

Come and fan the flame and Renew yourself in the Holy Spirit!

**Featuring Fr. John Gordon, Barbara Campbell, Sarah Ryan
Fr. Charles Mangano, Fr. Peter Kazmarack & Fr. Anthony Stanganelli**

**Register and pay on line or send money order to
DRVC Charismatic Renewal, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre NY 11570
Cost includes light morning refreshment and lunch.
Pre registration: \$25.00/Registration at door: \$30.00**

**Any questions, please contact Philip Mandato
Diocese of Rockville Centre Charismatic Renewal
516-678-5800 x638 charisrenewal@drvc.org**



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

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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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.

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**

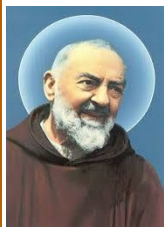
To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk). You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

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>.

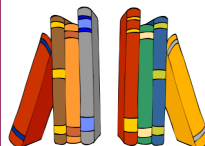
Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour



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!

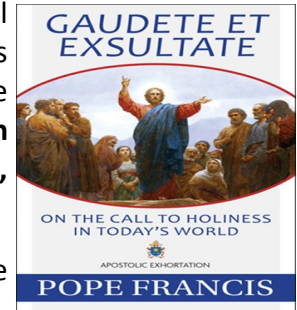
PARISH LIBRARY

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.

Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad) is a very moving and quite practical document recently written by Pope Francis. Unlike some church documents, it is quite readable and offers excellent insight on how to follow Jesus. It can be read in less than two hours. **I am planning on meeting over three sessions on this beautiful document at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall on June 8, June 18, and June 25.**



We will discuss chapter one at our first meeting, chapters two and three at the second gathering, and conclude with chapters four and five at the third session.

You can download the document by googling Gaudete et Exsultate: Apostolic Exhortation on the call to Holiness and then clicking on: w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/. **The document is about 50 pages when printed. It would be helpful if you've read the material prior to each session. You can obtain a copy in several ways:**

- **In booklet form on Amazon for \$9.95**
- **Or Kindle for \$5.96**
- **If you do not have access to a computer and would like to buy the document, I would be happy to help you with this or we can print you a copy for \$3.00.**
- **I also have copies in the rectory that you can purchase for \$10.00. I will make a nickel profit!**

This will be our selection for our spiritual book club, but I welcome any person to read this wonderful document and attend any of the meetings. **Father Pat, CSSR**

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

**Eucharistic Adoration
EVERY TUESDAY
3PM - 7:30PM
Eucharistic Chapel**

**Please check the Upcoming
Events for any change to the
hours of adoration.**

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Prep Course for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam

Also offered is a test taking strategies class the Friday evening before the exam. Call 631-587-8000 ext. 117 or visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net, and go to Academic Resources and click on CHSEE Exam Prep Course at bottom of pulldown for more information.

PREP COURSE - \$300 FOUR SATURDAY CLASSES:

8:00AM - 10:30AM - September 22nd, September 29th, October 13th, October 20th

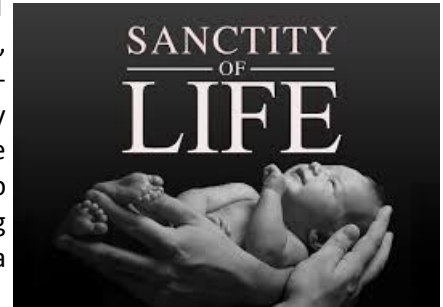
AND **ONE WEDNESDAY EVENING:** 6:00PM - 8:30PM - October 24th

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES - \$150 5:00PM - 8:00PM - Friday, October 26th

PREP COURSE & TEST TAKING STRATEGIES - \$400

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS FOR THEIR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY, DURING THE BABY SHOWER HELD ON MAY 19th & 20th. The rented 17 FOOT TRUCK was filled from back to front. Our committee accepted baby items, including HAND MADE BLANKETS, HATS, BOOTIES, CLOTHES, MONITORS, DIAPERS, FORMULA, everything a Mom would need and want to bring her baby home. When we asked for the names of those who work so hard to make these baby items, few will come forward. I received a call from someone who did not want to give her name, but I must mention, that she filled a baby bag with 20 little lambs, each wearing a tiny shirt. Inside each shirt was placed a \$20.00 bill.



If you could only see the smiles on your faces, as you bring those gifts, you are beautiful! Hopefully we caught those smiles in pictures that will be displayed on a poster in the next few weeks. Many of you that did not know the shower was that weekend, placed a donation in the little baskets at the doorways. Those donations amounted to \$622.19. Thank You! And, baby bottles are still coming in. We will post a new TOTAL on the poster. Helen Kurlowicz along with two of our other members, Pat and Bill Rochford, Jerry and I and our grandson Matt, took the drive out to Deer Park to deliver it all. Thank you to Sheila Regan and all our committee members that stood at the Masses.

Our thanks, as always, to Father Pat for inspiring and championing our efforts to save the life of a child. He always fits us in during busy schedules with a smile, saying, "Thank You, for your work." Thank you Father, for yours!

CNA/EWTN News, Dublin, Ireland, 5/26/18: IRELAND VOTES TO REPEAL ABORTION BAN: The abortion ban in Ireland, has been repealed, a decision pro-life groups are calling tragic and disappointing. "The result of today's referendum is a profound tragedy for the Irish people and the entire world," said Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List. "While other Western nations including the United States acquiesced to the extreme abortion lobby, Ireland has been a shining beacon of hope for its strong defense of unborn children and their mothers, and we are filled with sorrow at this outcome."

A statement from the Save the 8th Campaign, which fought against legalization of abortion in Ireland, said, "We are so proud of all those who stood with us in this campaign. They noted that they would continue fighting for the right to life in Ireland, saying that EVERY TIME AN UNBORN CHILD HAS HIS OR HER LIFE ENDED IN IRELAND, we WILL OPPOSE THAT, AND MAKE OUR VOICES KNOWN." "ABORTION WAS WRONG YESTERDAY, IT REMAINS WRONG TODAY. The constitution has changed, but the facts have not."

Come and join us as we celebrate the 36th Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference weekend held at Scranton University in Scranton, Pennsylvania. A bus has been chartered for the conference and will be picking up all interested at Saint Cyril and Methodius Parish in Deer Park and at Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport. Please call Anna Baciуска (516) 776-5750 for registration and transportation information.

Conference dates are August 3-5, 2018. This year's theme is, "*He makes me to lie down in green pastures ... He restores my soul.*" Psalm 23: 2-3. Pope Francis has been quoted to say, "When Jesus enters life, peace arrives, the kind that remains even in trials, in suffering."



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
 SGT Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
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 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
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 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
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 PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF
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 CPT Mike Polan, US Army
 L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC

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 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
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 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
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 LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC
 PFC Clint Applegate, US Army
 CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF
 CPL Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC



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 a 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.

Remembering Kay Wilson

In honor of her memory, Kay's family is having a Mass on **Saturday, June 9th at 11AM**. There will be a reception in St. Alphonsus Hall to follow. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 4: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 5: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM-7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- June 5: Christian Mothers Strawberry Treat & Installation of Officers 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 10: Youth Ministry BBQ after 5:30PM Mass
- 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"

