Masses For The Week

Monday - July 2

6:30 Anthony Messina

9:00 Raymond Godek

Tuesday - July 3 - Saint Thomas, Apostle

6:30 John Joyce

9:00 William A. Cordone

Wednesday - July 4 - Independence Day NO 6:30m Mass

9:00 Piero Mannino

Thursday - July 5 - St. Elizabeth of Portugal

6:30 William Eichenlaub

9:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo

Friday - July 6 - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

6:30 Blanche & Emil Zalzal

9:00 Henry Soluk

Saturday - July 7

MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS 9:00

5:00 Mildred & Frank McKenna

7:00 Tommaso Scalici

Sunday - July 8 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The People of the Parish 7:00

8:30 Benjamine Mauro

Catherine Faiella 10:00

11:30 John & Antonio Burburan, Pepi Family & Paul Daly

Joseph J. Morales 1:00

5:30 John Torre

Readings For The Week

Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22 Mon. Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29 Tues. Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34 Wed.

Thurs. Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8 Fri. Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13 Sat. Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17

Ezekiel 2:2-5 The Spirit sent Ezekiel to Israel and Sun. empowered him to speak with authority. God told Ezekiel that, regardless of Israel's response, they will know that a prophet was there.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Paul confessed his weakness but also thanks God for it "for power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, Paul humbly accepted persecution for Christ's sake.

Mark 6:1-6a Jesus went to his own part of the country and began teaching. The people were incredulous. They all knew him as a child. He was one of them; how could he teach them?



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

6/24/18 Collection: \$18,397.18 Additional A/C Collection: \$254.00

Thank you SMT for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Today's reading from St. Paul explains the



Stewardship "divine economy" of stewardship - "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you;

there should be a certain equality. Your plenty...should supply their need so their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who ask themselves "What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?"

Charismatic Prayer Group

Summer fun!

60 years ago summer meant reading books for fun, playing cards, walking into town with our nickels for candy, playing games like kickball, giant step, red light green light, mother may I, and waiting for the ice cream man. We even played school! Go figure. We didn't



have to be plugged in, connected or charged, but we had fun because we used our imaginations and discovered it. God does the same with us. He lets us discover things for ourselves - good or bad, but He will lead us towards the good if we let Him.

Our next meeting is Monday, July 2nd at 7:30PM in the Church. All are welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

HOP Club Winners

\$25 6/25/18 #397 James M. Burke 6/26/18 #394 Marliese Coveney \$25 6/27/18 #175 Robert S. Lomot \$25 6/28/18 #374 Jane Von Bevern \$25 6/29/18 #68 Gloria Masci \$50

Wedding Banns

3rd Kevin Vilbig & Christina Kolokathis 1st Clint Applegate & Christina Marroquin



"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: Ramen noodles, sweet cereals, mashed potatoes, canned potatoes, carrots, lentils, vegetable soup, mayonnaise, icing, cake mix, brownie mix, evaporated milk, boxed milk, Jell-O, pudding, sugar, cookies, crackers, paper towels, diapers (sizes 5 & 6), baby wipes and toilet paper.

Thank you for all you do for the less fortunate.

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 July 1 - 7, 2018

In Loving Memory of F.d. Brown

Sanctuary Candle Week of July 1 - 7, 2018

In Loving Memory of Adolph Haack





Rest in Peace
Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit."

Peggy Boltja, Joseph Formichelli Velma Smith, Stephen Briggs, Jr. 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 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 Aguin, Joseph McCroary Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan, Taylor, Edward Boyce Geraldine Zeterberg, Fran Gandalfo, 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, Brendan Donahoe, Janet Scarpelli Andrew McCarthy, Alicia Manetta, 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'Ambrosio, Pasquale Patalano Noelle Eichenlaub, Thomas Triola, Keith Ferrara, Marie Mascia Anthony "Tony" Romano, Kathleen Preziosi, Noelle Buchner Margaret DeMarco, Robert Amato, Yvonne McDonnell The Gallagher Family, Terry & John Bunker, Anthony Clese Joan Ferraro, Henry Hamilton, John Healey







Pastor's Letter

Celebration of Our Clergy's Ordinations - June 23, 2018

orty-three years ago, on June 8, 1975, I was ordained a priest by the late Cardinal Terrence Cooke, then Archbishop of New York. As is the custom for a newly ordained priest, at the conclusion of the ceremony, they offer an individual first blessing to their family and friends. I found it most humbling and moving to have my Mom and Dad come for my first blessing. They gave me life and nurtured it through the years, raised and sustained me in the Catholic faith, worked long, hard hours to provide a home and education for me. All my life they had blessed me, and now I was giving them a first blessing as a priest. It is all but impossible to describe that feeling.

I recall my mother telling me that on Mother's Day, one of her young children innocently asked her how come there is no *Kid's Day*. Mom responded with a smile, *Everyday is kid's day!* For the past several years, we have had a Mass in June dedicated to celebrating the ordination anniversaries of our deacon and priests. Sometimes, for want of a better title, I have called it *Clergy Appreciation Day*.

The Redemptorists celebrate two different significant days as part of their lives. The first date is the day they took their first vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. That day is the day that they became members of the Redemptorist Congregation. It is usually several years before one's ordination. Before we became ordained priests, we became members of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Redemptorists.

In the case of Deacon Tom Hennessy, he also has two very special anniversaries to celebrate - that of his marriage to his lovely wife, Rocio and then that of his ordination. They are different sacraments that have become the vocation he lives. Even if he were to forget his ordination anniversary (which I doubt would happen) he better never forget his wedding anniversary date!

A clear reality for me over the past forty-three years, in particular my last seven years here at St. Martin's, is that you, God's people, continue to shape and form us as priests and deacons. We could just as easily call this *Parishioners Appreciation Day*.

When we see the joy you have

- at the birth of your child or grandchild,
- as we pour the grace-filled water at a baptism
- when we preach the Word of God to you who have spoken it to us through your daily living
- when you witness to your faith by your participation in Mass
- by your presence in front of the Blessed Sacrament
- by your dedicated care in how you raise your children
- when you humbly confess your sins

- when after a full day's work, you give your time, talent and treasure in support of the many activities of our parish
- when you stand in the front pew at a funeral and through your tears, trust in the power of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ for a loved one you are burying
- when you first make the commitment or renew it to love one another until death do you part
- when you continue to fill the red wagon with food for the poor
- and when you give more than \$10,000 in dimes and quarters in protection of life in the womb, we
 clergy get a glimpse into the amazing grace of God. You witness your faith so well to us and by your
 lives, inspire us to be better priests and deacons. You give us your blessing by how you live your lives
 and witness to our Lord Jesus Christ. We can only humbly thank you and praise God from whom all
 good things come. There is a famous old prayer written by a French priest long ago that still inspires:

To live in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures;

To be a member of each family, yet belonging to none;

To share all suffering; to penetrate all secrets; to heal all wounds;

to go from men to God and offer Him their prayers;

To return from God to men to bring pardon and hope;

To have a heart of fire for Charity, and a heart of bronze for Chastity

To teach and to pardon, console and bless always.

My God, what a life; and it is yours, O priest of Jesus Christ.

—Jean Baptiste Lacordaire

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

FATHER PATRICK WOODS, CSSR

Professed as a Redemptorist: August 2, 1968 Ordained a priest: June 8, 1975 50 years a Redemptorist

43 years a priest

FATHER CIYA THOMAS, CSSR

Professed as a Redemptorist: June 1, 1998 Ordained a priest: April 29, 2006 20 years a Redemptorist

12 years a priest

FATHER DENIS SWEENEY, CSSR

Professed as a Redemptorist: July 30, 1977

Ordained a priest: May 23, 1981

41 years a Redemptorist

37 years a priest

FATHER JAMES McCABE, CSSR

Professed as a Redemptorist: Dec. 8, 2007

Ordained a priest: June 11, 2011

10 years a Redemptorist

7 years a priest

THE DIACONATE

DEACON THOMAS R. HENNESSY

Ordained a deacon: May 27, 2000 - 18 years a deacon

REST IN PEACE

DEACON JAMES A. BIGGIN

Ordained a deacon: May 4, 1985

DEACON EUGENE H. CAPOBIANCO

Ordained a deacon: June 7, 1987

DEACON CANDIDATES

CHRISTOPHER QUINN three years completed ordination 2019
RONALD LACSA two years completed ordination 2020

To all my friends and parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Church,

Thank you for your kindnesses to me and my family during the time of John's passing. Thank you to all who came to his wake and Mass; to those who sent a sympathy card or a mass card; to those who donated to St. Martin's or to Mommas House in his memory; and to those who shared a kind word or a cherished memory.

The blessings that I received during John's illness was such a great help to me. Thank you to all those who called or visited to keep John apprised of all the ministries that he was involved with and thanks to all of you who kept John happy with homemade cakes, cookies, muffins, breads and puddings. He loved them and he loved you! The Joyce Family is so grateful for all that you did for our family!

Gratefully, Noreen Joyce

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

W e thank Mrs. Mary Looney for her donation to have a plaque in her dear mother's memory which will be placed our new piano.

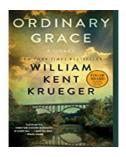
It will read:

In Memory of Helen R. Ahern

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

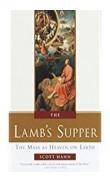
Please check the Upcoming Events for any change to the hours of adoration.

SUMMER READING



REGULAR BOOK CLUB

Ordinary Grace
by William Kent Krueger
Discussion Meeting
Friday, September 21st
7:30 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Hall



SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

The Lamb's Supper
by Scott Hahn
Discussion Meeting
Friday, September 28th
7:30 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Hall



June 29 - July 5, 2018 A candle has been lit for Serafino Faranello In honor of St. Anthony of Padua



June 29 - July 5, 2018 A candle has been lit for Reardon & D'Avanzo Families In honor of St. Jude



June 29 - July 5, 2018 A candle has been lit for Maria Mercado In honor of St. Peregrine

All high school teens are encouraged to help at a soup kitchen on the following dates: JULY 8, JULY 15 AND AUGUST 5. Please contact Diana at the email below.

The peanut butter and jelly collection is still going on. Thank you all for supporting our ministry as we feed the hungry. We will continue to reach out to the community by having our teens work toward serving those less fortunate.

> Diana Hughes, Youth Minister & the Life Teen Core Team SMT lifeteen@yahoo.com

St. Martin of Tours LIFE TEEN **Clothing Drive**

From now until July 8th, please drop off at the Rectory Office.

Please Support our Ministry by donating:

- Clean, wearable, unwanted clothing free of rips or stains
- Paired Shoes, Stuffed Animals, Handbags
- Small Toys (NO board games, puzzles or toys with pieces)
- NO blankets or pillows

Care Cycle will weigh all the items that are on the list. A check is paid to St. Martin of Tours depending on the price per pound.



Dear Lord, this Independence Day, we thank you for our freedom. We thank you for the rights, opportunities, and happiness we enjoy every day as citizens of the United States.

We pray for the military men and women who serve our country, for we know that our freedom is not free. Like your son, Jesus Christ, who died to save all people from sin, these

brave Americans sacrifice their lives so that all citizens of our country may live without fear and oppression.

We ask you to be with our nation's leaders. Guide them in their decision-making and empower them with the Holy Spirit's gifts of right-judgement and wisdom. May they always act in your grace, preserving the dignity of all humans and moving this country along a path of compassion and peace.

Bless this great nation, Dear God. We pray that, as citizens, we may follow the examples of the Americans who founded this country 242 years ago and live always in courage and brotherhood.

We pray this and all things, O God, in your name and in your love because we know all things are possible with you. Amen.

Job Opening

Kellenberg Memorial High School is accepting resumes for the position of Assistant Director of the Annual Appeal.

The individual will be responsible for developing solicitation themes and donor appeal mailings, maintaining donor database, and coordinating donor acknowledgements, generating donor reports, and assisting with the Office of Advancement's special events. Strong writing skills and proficiency in Microsoft Office and Raiser's Edge are required.

For more information, please email Director of Advancement Denise Miles at mrsmiles@kellenberg.org. Holy Trinity High School is having an event for middle school students who would like more information about Catholic high school admissions process, how to go about visiting high schools, the scholarship and financial aid process, and more!

You will also have the opportunity to learn about Holy Trinity and what makes us unique from other high schools.

Dates: Tuesday, July 17th at 7PM Wednesday, August 1st @7PM Thursday, August 16th @7PM

RSVP online at www.holytrinityhs.org/admissions/ admissions_events Questions? Call Admissions at 516-433-2900 x 151

BECOME A BAYHAWK FOR THE DAY

Calling All 7th & 8th Graders to Shadow Or Schedule a Personalized Tour Please contact 516-922-4888 x5325 or admissions@stdoms.org
St. Dominic High School, 110 Anstice St., Oyster Bay, NY 11771 hs.stdoms.org

will be on my summer vacation beginning June 28th - July 16. My plan is to go to Port



St. Lucie and attend the tryouts that the New York Mets are having. *Even though* when I got my first hit ever in Little League, I ran to third base rather than first, and *even though* my five-year-old great nephew strikes me out at whiffle ball, and *even though* I find a baseball hard to lift, I think, after watching them play, I have a good shot at making the team. If I do, Bishop Barres will appoint Steve Descovich as pastor. He has no shot at the tryouts since he is a poor athlete.

Actually, Father Jim is the acting pastor when I am away. I will miss you, but as MacArthur said (or in my case - warned), "I shall return!" - Father Pat

St. Martin of Tours Blood Drive Wednesday, July 18, 2018 2:30PM - 8:30PM - St. Alphonsus Hall

To sign up, please contact Genny Mitchell at 516-931-0818

Eligibility Criteria:

Bring Donor Card or ID; Minimum Weight 110 lbs. No new tattoos for past 12 months Ages 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission)

For questions re: medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900 or visit www.nybc.org



Dive in to donate!



FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

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Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE **Adoption, Foster Care Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau** 1 (800) 592-4357

> **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE** 1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

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/thriftstores.html. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour



The next devotion honoring Saint Padre Pio on Tuesday, July 17th at 7:30PM in the Eucharistic Chapel. All are most welcome!

LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING

www.livingwaterscounseling.biz

Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church 175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747

Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914

Rectory Summer Hours

The office will be open Monday-Saturday from 9AM - 7PM. (closed Sunday) from June 25th to September 3rd after which we will close at 8PM weekdays and 7PM Saturdays.



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.wwmeli.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.

ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL 2018 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM PREP COURSE FOR THE OCTOBER 27TH EXAM - Fee: \$250 includes textbook

Course will be held on the following Saturdays: Sept 8, 15 & 29, October 13 & 20 9AM - 11:30AM in Marian Hall

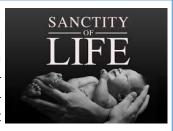
To register, please complete the form below and return it with a check payable to:
St. Dominic High School, 110 Anstice St., Oyster Bay NY 11771; Attention: Mrs. Stutzmann (516) 922-4888 ext 5241. First come - first served basis. No refunds once the course begins.

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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE MATTERS: RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND THE AMERICAN SOUL

In the American tradition, people have a right to bring their beliefs to bear in every social, economic and political problem facing their community. For Christians, that's not a PRIVILEGE. It's not just a RIGHT. It's a DEMAND OF THE GOSPEL. Believers can't be SILENT in PUBLIC LIFE and be faithful to Jesus Christ at the same time. Actively witnessing to our convictions and advancing what we



believe about key moral issues in public life are acts of truth telling. They're vital to the health of every democracy. And again, they're also a DUTY - not only of our religious faith, but about our CITIZENSHIP. Today, people of faith are facing a multitude of threats to religious liberty that demand our active witness and opposition: Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. USCCB.

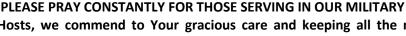
CNA/EWTN Update: STUDY FINDS MOUNTING GLOBAL RESTRICTIONS ON RELIGION> 6/22/18

Government restrictions on religion continued to rise across the globe in 2016, according to a recently released Pew Study, which linked the STIFILING OF RELIGION to NATIONALIST PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. "This marks the second year in a row of increases in the overall level of restrictions imposed either by governments or by private actors (groups and individuals) in the 198 countries examined in the study," said the Pew report. The research found that 42% of countries experienced high or very high levels of overall religious restriction, which included hostile acts by government or private individuals or groups. This number is up from 40% in 2015 and 29% in 2007. The most popular targets for religious restrictions were Muslims, Christians and Jews. This research, which included 198 countries making up 99.5% of the world, comes from Pew's 9th annual study of global restrictions on religion. These levels were measured by government laws and policies, acts of individuals or group hostility AGAINST RELIGION, including ARMED CONFLICT and TERRORISM. HARASSMENT of RELIGIOUS GROUPS was gathered by data relating to PHYSICAL or VERBAL ASSAULTS, ARRESTS, DETENTIONS, DESECRATION OF HOLY SITES, AND DISCRIMINATION against RELIGIOUS GROUPS via EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOUSING.

<u>Sidebar:</u> There are 195 countries in the world today. This total comprises 193 countries that are member states of the United Nations and 2 countries are non-member observer states: The Holy See and the State of Palestine. (Not included in this total count of 195 countries are: Taiwan, The Cook Islands and Niue.)

Religious Freedom Week was June 22 - June 29, 2018. USCCB, Washington Catholics across the United States were encouraged to pray and act in support of religious liberty at home and abroad during SERV-ING OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK 2018. The bishops' encouraged people of faith to reflect on the importance of religious freedom so that we may have the space to carry out our mission of service and mercy, and invited everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world. Let us continue to pray every day, that each individual here and abroad will have the right to practice their religious beliefs and be kept free from persecution. Remember, that we face an uphill battle here in the U.S. as these rights are being tested continually. For more information www.usccb.org/freedom.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE - RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE - SATURDAY JULY 7, 2018
St. James Church, 80 Hicksville Road, Seaford NY
5:00 - 5:50PM Resource Tables; 6PM Mass; 7:00 - 8PM Light Refreshments
Fr. John Derasmo, Presider; Fr. Stephen Donnelly, Preacher
For more information contact: YES.RecoveryIsPossible@gmail.com or call 516-203-7486.



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 CPT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army SGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army CPL William Corrigan, USMC PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF CPT Mike Polan, US Army L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC

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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.

Our Annual Parish Block Party
Friday Night, August 24th
6PM
More info to follow!



Cost:

\$25.00 for one child



SMT Summer Bible Camp Registration Form Monday, August 20 to Friday, August 24, 2018

All forms must be returned to the parish rectory office no later than <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>July 25</u>, <u>2018</u> so that we have adequate time to order tee shirts for the children and camp staff volunteers.

The children will enjoy arts & crafts, games, videos, prayer time, Bible time and snacks.

Morning Session: 9:30AM to 12:00PM for children between ages 5 & 8

\$40.00 for two children from the same family

\$50 for three or more children from the same family

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Email Address:				
Tee Shirt sizes and how many:				
Child: small medium	large	x-large		
Adult: small medium	large	x-large		

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RALLY THIS WEEKEND IN WEST ISLIP

A rally, cosponsored by CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION and the DIOCESE OF ROCK-VILLE CENTRE, will be held at ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL, W. ISLIP on SATURDAY, JUNE 30 starting with an outdoor recitation of the rosary at 10AM. For more details, visit: www.drvc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 2: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- July 2: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM-7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- July 2: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- July 4: Independence Day: 9AM Mass only Rectory Office is Closed
- July 6: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- July 7: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- July 17: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- July 18: Emergency Blood Drive 2:30-8:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Aug 1: Feast Day of St. Alphonsus Liguori, CSSR Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Aug 11: Diaconate Ordination of Michael Cunningham, CSSR 11AM Church Followed by luncheon in the Cafeteria
- Aug 20-24: Bible Camp
- Aug 24: Parish Block Party 6PM School Parking Lot