

**Masses For The Week**

- Monday - July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor**  
 6:30 Maria Kirkorian  
 9:00 John McGlynn
- Tuesday - July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**  
 6:30 William F. Beiersdorfer, Sr.  
 9:00 William Zura, Sr.
- Wed. - August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor**  
 6:30 Art Vecchio  
 9:00 Janina Kaczynska
- Thursday - August 2**  
 6:30 Ann Marie Notoriani  
 9:00 Philip Reilly
- Friday - August 3**  
 6:30 Gloria & Elizabeth Quinones  
 9:00 Louis Gaccione
- Saturday - August 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest**  
 9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
 5:00 Louis & Connie Trappasse  
 7:00 Ronald Solomine
- Sunday - August 5 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Bernie Helldorfer, Jr.  
 10:00 Frank D. Barone  
 11:30 Shirley & Harold Peterson  
 1:00 Dolores Boyce  
 5:30 Dominick Tursi, Anniversary

**Readings For The Week**

- Mon. Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35  
 Tues. Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43  
 Wed. Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46  
 Thurs. Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53  
 Fri. Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58  
 Sat. Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12
- Sun. Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15** *In the desert the Israelites grumbled against Moses because they were hungry. The Lord sent down quail and bread for them to eat. By this, Israel came to know the Lord.*

**Ephesians 4:17, 20-24** *Paul told the Ephesians they could not continue to live as pagans did. As followers of Christ they were to lay aside their old selves and "put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."*

**John 6:24-35** *The crowd followed Jesus to Capernaum because he had given them bread to eat. Jesus told them instead to seek the food of eternal life. He said that he is "the bread of life."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00**  
**7/22/18 Collection: \$16,294.18**

**Thank you SMT for your generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the Psalmist, "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who feed the hungry through efforts such as St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Long Island Cares, Harry Chapin Food Bank and our own Parish Outreach Pantry!

*Charismatic Prayer Group*

You know what happens when you go without food or drink too long - you get cranky and irritable. There's even a new word for it - "hangry!" Once you allow yourself to have the bad stuff, you've eaten four donuts - followed by sugar cravings and guilt! It's the same with our spiritual food. We need a steady diet of Jesus to avoid the temptations of bad things. It's not just about receiving Him in the Eucharist, but about receiving Him into your every day life.

**If you want more Jesus, our next meeting is Monday, July 30th at 7:30PM in the Church. All are welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**

**HOP Club Winners**

<b>7/23/18 #44</b>	<b>Madeline Frederickson</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>7/24/18 #589</b>	<b>Helen Magee</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>7/25/18 #93</b>	<b>Eugene Muhs</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>7/26/18 #232</b>	<b>Kathleen Speelman</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>7/27/18 #373</b>	<b>Joyce Enderle</b>	<b>\$50</b>

*Wedding Banns*

3rd Christopher O'Neill & Caitriona Bourke  
 2nd Joseph Gombar & Jessica Beissell



**"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: Rice-a-Roni, pancake mix, egg noodles, tomato paste, pasta sauce, mixed fruit, macaroni & cheese, vegetable soup, coffee, salt, Jell-O, pudding, sugar, flour, juice, mayonnaise, lentils, paper towels, napkins, dish soap, laundry soap, toothpaste, diapers (size 5 & 6) and tissues.

Thank you 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 July 29 - Aug 4, 2018

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Emilie & Daniel Esposito*

*Sanctuary Candle*  
 Week of July 29-Aug 4, 2018

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Nicholas Tiseo*



*Rest in Peace*

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

Alice Brennan, Billy Meyer  
 Robert J. Smith, Filomena DiLorenzo

**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 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, 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, 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, Anthony Clese 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, Denise Dolan The Gallagher Family, Terry & John Bunker, Margaret Young Joan Ferraro, Henry Hamilton, John Lazzara, Virginia Gala



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

## Pastor's Letter



St. Mary's College, Ilchester, Maryland. Here is where I entered the novitiate in 1967-68. I took my first vows in the chapel and entered the Redemptorists fifty years ago. After the novitiate was moved, the building and property were sold. Eventually a fire destroyed the building. Local teens and adults are fascinated by the ruins of the property and claim the place is haunted. It even made online lists of haunted places! I never saw any ghosts except I once had a vision of Joe Namath. He promised me the Jets would win one Super Bowl in my lifetime. Little did I know it would be one year later (1969) and that the rest of my life was doomed to suffer as a Jet fan.

1968 was one of the most turbulent years in recent American history. The ongoing war in Vietnam had deeply divided our nation and a generation of the young went off to fight a war that gradually grew extremely unpopular among many Americans. There were many protests against the war and the government. Some of the protests turned to bombing and other acts of violence. In Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. This great tragedy led to rioting in many of our cities, and the authorities sent tanks into some cities to try to control the violence. A few weeks later, on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Senator Robert Kennedy was shot and killed in Los Angeles. For many, it felt like the very structures of the country we knew were falling apart. In August of 1968, there was more uproar in the streets of Chicago at the Democratic National Convention. In November, our deeply divided nation elected Richard Nixon as the next president.

The Catholic Church was having its own tensions that year. The decisions of Vatican II were beginning to be implemented. Altars were turned to face the congregation and English replaced Latin as the common language of our liturgical prayer. Many priests, Brothers, and Sisters chose to leave their vocations. Many Sisters began to dress in more contemporary clothes. Churches were renovated and some had their statues and saints removed. Some had the expectation that Vatican II would lead to a change in the Church's teaching on birth control. However, Pope Paul VI (soon to be canonized a saint) wrote the *Encyclical Humane Vitae* that reaffirmed the teaching against artificial use of contraceptives. This decision was a source of much debate among the theologians, clergy and the laity.

In the months leading up to 1968 and for much of that traumatic year, I may as well have been living in another world. After graduating from The Redemptorist High School Seminary in Western Pennsylvania, I had my summer vacation with my family and then soon founded myself putting on a black suit, a white shirt, and Panama straw hat, and took a bus to Baltimore in late July of 1967. This was the required dress code for a Redemptorist candidate for the novitiate. I was seventeen years old. We were to spend the next fourteen months or so in a town outside of Baltimore named Ilchester.

It is not easy to define exactly what a novitiate is. All religious, whether seeking to be Brothers, Sisters, or a religious order priest, must make at least a year long novitiate. Some orders, including the Jesuits, have a two-year novitiate. The Catholic Church has clear outlines of what is expected of a novitiate and a novice (one who is making the novitiate). Each particular order has its own norms.

Most of the fellows in my novitiate class had gone to the same high school so we knew each other pretty well. After a period of transition, we began the novitiate on August 1, 1967. The goal of a novitiate is to introduce the novices to the purpose of living the religious life, to learn the history and rule of the order that you are seeking to enter, to reflect seriously on making a commitment to the order through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and to deepen one's relationship with God through prayer, fasting, discipline, and the guidance of the novice master, who is in charge of the formation of the novices. We were often reminded that he was evaluating us to see if we were truly called to this life. At the same time, we were discerning if we wished to be a vowed Redemptorist. I often say that the novitiate is like a kind of religious boot camp to see if we have the perseverance and call to live the life of a Redemptorist.

Although there were many radical changes going on in the world around us, I could say that we made the same novitiate that was being made all over the world by Redemptorists. I think little had changed in the methodology over the past 200 years since our Order was founded. After four years in high school living dormitory-style, we were each given our own room. They were quite spartan, with four religious pictures on the wall, a crucifix, a chair and desk, a bed, and dresser. The day began with someone knocking on our door at 5:30AM saying a prayer in Latin (which I have forgotten), then we responded with a Latin prayer. There was a half hour of prayer, then prayers of the Psalms, then Mass, then a half an hour of prayer after Mass, and finally breakfast. Almost all our meals were eaten in silence except on Thursday (our recreation day) and Sunday. The rest of the day was made up of conferences, more praying of the Psalms, periods of meditation, work around the property, spiritual reading, time for visiting the Blessed Sacrament, saying the rosary, and other prayers. Recreation consisted of walking around the property with our class for a half hour after lunch and supper and entering into conversations. There was not too much to speak about since we had no access to television, the radio, or newspapers. Thursdays and Sundays, we were allowed to play sports for two hours or so.

The food was probably the best food I have ever had as a Redemptorist. We had two Redemptorist Brothers, one a fabulous baker and the other a great cook. The only problem was that we were strongly encouraged to do penance and give up our favorite foods and desserts. I had the misfortune to be sitting next to the novice master at meals so I really had to resist many delights. Pences were strongly encouraged and one could choose to kneel while eating his food, kneel in front of the altar with our arms outstretched in imitation of Jesus on the cross, or a favorite of mine, wear a sign saying *I am a fool!*

This was 1968. I often think we were the only teenagers in America to go to bed on New Year's Eve at 9:30PM. This style of Redemptorist novitiate no longer exists, and our novitiate today is very different. Some of this may sound very strange to you. Today, most of our men make the novitiate in their mid-twenties.

August 2nd was the feast of St. Alphonsus (his feast day is now August 1<sup>st</sup>). On that day, proudly wearing our Redemptorist habits, we novices nervously and humbly took the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for three years. After three years, we could then choose to commit to being a Redemptorist for life. Our parents and family were allowed to attend the ceremony, but they had to attend a separate dinner than we did after the ceremony. Taking the vows was the moment we became Redemptorists.

That was fifty years ago this August 2<sup>nd</sup>. For fifty years I have been a Redemptorist. In spite of how odd the practices of the novitiate may sound, in spite of the young age that I made it, in spite of the



complete withdrawal from family and the world around us, I have no complaints about that year. If I were novice master today, I would not run it that way, but that year had a most profound effect on me. Simply put, for the first time in my life, I felt truly in love with Jesus Christ.

Through the years, I have had many moments of deepening my faith in Him; and there have been other times when I drifted from His love. I do believe the novitiate gave me a sound foundation for the rest of my life.

Fifty years later, I am a very different man from the teenager who wore the straw hat on a bus to Baltimore. Nonetheless, I am so very grateful to God for calling me to be a Redemptorist, and I pray daily for the grace of perseverance. God is good all the time!

**Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor**  
[woodscsr@aol.com](mailto:woodscsr@aol.com) [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org)

### Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or do you need the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist (Holy Communion)?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will start in mid or late September. The process begins as inquiry, so anyone who is interested might want to join us for that and then decide further. **We will have an informal gathering on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.** If there are any high school students who have not received the Sacraments, please feel free to attend as I am sure we can help you to be in full communion in our faith.



**To reply as to whether you can attend, please call Ann Hughes at 516-433-6972 or leave a message at the rectory at 516-931-0818. We are here for you and for any questions that you might have, and we certainly welcome your interest.**

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

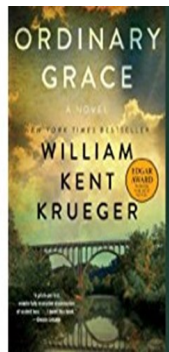
**Please check the Upcoming Events for any change to the hours of adoration.**

**D**uring my summer vacation, I have been reading the two books for our upcoming regular (Sept, 21) and spiritual book club (Sept. 28) meetings. I finished *Ordinary Grace* and loved it. It reminded me of perhaps my all time favorite novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Whether or not you belong to the book club, I highly recommend this beautiful book.

I am about half through Scott Hahn's *The Lamb's Supper*. It is a very readable and thoughtful book on the Mass. Hahn is a convert to Catholicism, and he brings a very fresh perspective to entering into the gift that Jesus has given us in the Eucharist. The parish was able to obtain a limited number of copies of *The Lamb's Supper*. For \$5 you can purchase one at the parish office. - Father Pat

**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



**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LIFE TEEN'S YOUTH MINISTRY THIS SUMMER**

*Last weekend we had 7 teens from SMT attend the Steubenville NYC retreat held at St. John's University where a total of 2,000 teens from various dioceses came together.* It is an amazing faith encounter for all those in or entering high school. Living a strong life of faith can be difficult especially for today's teens. The retreat offered workshops, motivational speakers, confession, Mass, amazing music, and so much more! We hope to bring more teens next year!

*I must thank my team* - Teresa "Little T" Clese, Kelly Ryan, Liam Gordon, Matt Goldstein and joining us was J.P. Cheslowitz. Without them, I could not do what we do for the teens! I also give *much thanks to the Lotten Family* who helped defray some of the cost, and *our parishioners* who always support this ministry with your invaluable donations. *Speaking of which, the CLOTHING DRIVE was another huge success! Through your great efforts, we collected 4,382 pounds of clothing which produced a check for \$876.40 for our parish!*

On **AUGUST 5th** all high school teens are encouraged to help at a soup kitchen. Please contact me at the email below. 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



**UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL WALL**

I, like you, continue to be very disappointed by the terrible deterioration of the Capital Campaign Memorial Wall. I know you gave your own names as well as those of your deceased loved ones.

W&E Baum has promised to redo the project, however, I have grown weary of waiting. I am having the project covered since it looks terrible and have written to the company to come and remove it and to return our money. I am insisting that they replace the project at their cost. This may well become a legal matter.

The W&E Baum Company has an excellent reputation but regrettably they have failed us. I regret the disappointment that many of you feel, and I am determined to get justice. - Father Pat

**VIRTUS CLASS**

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS  
ST. ALPHONSUS HALL  
38 SEAMAN AVE, BETHPAGE  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018 AT 7PM**

Please register at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org)  
or on the diocese  
home page at [drvc.org](http://drvc.org)

If you aren't able to register on line,  
please call the rectory at 516-931-0818  
and someone will help you.

**MOMMAS HOUSE**

**MOMMAS HOUSE** is a home for young women who are pregnant, homeless and alone. The young women are between 18 and 24 years old. While at MOMMAS, the young women will complete their education or vocational training. The babies are cared for by the staff and volunteers at MOMMAS House.

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



**St. Martin de Porres - Marianist School  
A division of Kellenberg Memorial High School**

***A Marianist Elementary School For Grades PreK through 8  
Our doors are open every day this summer  
Monday – Friday from 8am to 4 pm.  
Feel free to come by to see the great work that our students,  
graduates, and teachers are doing this summer  
as we prepare for the new school year.  
Call Mr. John Holian for a tour!  
530 Hempstead Boulevard, Uniondale, New York***

**516 481-3303  
[www.stmartinmarianist.org](http://www.stmartinmarianist.org)**

**ST. KILIAN PLAYERS' REEL MAGIC COMES TO FARMINGDALE**

Celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> show the St. Kilian Players will be presenting *Reel Magic* on August 3 (8 pm), August 4 (8 pm) and August 5 (3 pm) in the comfortably air-conditioned auditorium (50 Cherry Street). *Reel Magic* is a compilation of songs originating from some of director Fr. Chuck Romano's favorite movies. Fr. Chuck is the founder of the group and directed their first seven shows while an associate pastor at St. Kilian Church. Tickets are on sale now at the St. Kilian Rectory, 485 Conklin Street, Farmingdale, NY Monday through Friday from 8:30-noon and 1-4:30 or at the auditorium on performance dates. Tickets are \$12 for reserved seating. Please call 249-0127 for information.

**Feast of St. Pius X**

270 Washington Avenue, Plainview NY

August 22 - 26, 2018

Wednesday - Saturday 6PM - 11PM

Sunday 4PM - 10PM

Nightly entertainment, espresso and pastry bar, rides and games, beer and wine bar, chances to win at silent auction, outdoor grill! Pay One Price for all rides. Available every night.

**Come Support Catholic Day with the Diocese of Rockville Centre and The New York Mets!**

Sunday, August 5th at 1:10PM vs. Braves

The first 850 fans to arrive at the left field ramp, will have the opportunity to go on the field pre-game! To purchase tickets, visit: [groupmatics.events/event/CHSLI](http://groupmatics.events/event/CHSLI)

or

For more info, contact Chris Sortino at [csortino@nymets.com](mailto:csortino@nymets.com)



*July 27 - August 2, 2018*  
*A candle has been lit for*

*Etbna Cantwell*  
*In honor of St. Peregrine*



*July 27 - August 2, 2018*  
*A candle has been lit for*

*The Gambino Family*  
*In honor of*  
*St. Therese of Lisieux*

**Michael Cunningham, CSsR's** diaconate ordination is Saturday, August 11th at 11AM. There is a reception afterward in Emmaus Hall (school cafeteria).

Please either email: [gamit1946@hotmail.com](mailto:gamit1946@hotmail.com) or call the rectory at 931-0818 to let us know how many are coming to the reception. Thank you!



**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

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

**ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS 631-243-2373**

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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**

**LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING**

[www.livingwaterscounseling.biz](http://www.livingwaterscounseling.biz)

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

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

The Diocesan Young Adult Ministry is hosting a retreat "*So I Send You*" for young adults at the *Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, August 4, 2018 – 9am -5:30pm. All ages 21- 39 are welcomed to attend.*

Registration Link: <https://conta.cc/2JC6gcX>.

For more information, please contact Mary Mailloux at [youngadultministry@drvc.org](mailto:youngadultministry@drvc.org) or 516-678-5800 ext. 277.

**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.wmmeli.org>.

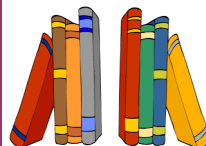
**Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour**



The next devotion honoring Saint Padre Pio on **Tuesday, August 21st 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.

# SMT Parish Block Party

**DATE CHANGE:** Due to street closings for town events,  
we have changed the date to

**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> starting 6PM**

**Food - Family - Fun**

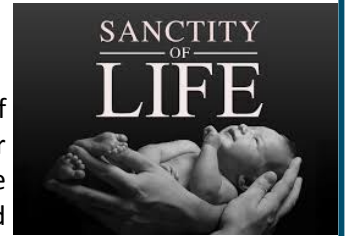
**We are looking for raffle prizes and welcome:**

gift cards, baskets of cheer, tickets to sporting events (even Yankee tickets are accepted), or theatre tickets. (Pictures of Hamilton, Grant and Franklin are also welcome - even George Washington!) Please drop off donations at the rectory.

If you would like to help with the block party, please contact Father Pat at [woodscsr@aol.com](mailto:woodscsr@aol.com) or call the rectory at 931-0818.



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



### THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND REPORT

For well over a decade you have heard and supported the message of the Life Center of Long Island by your generosity for the May, Baby Shower, and then again in October during their Baby Bottle Campaign. Each October we tell you of the services that the Center provides, We try to give you insight into a woman experiencing an unexpected pregnancy and the challenges she faces. From the moment a woman reaches out for help, the Life Center goes into action, making her feel welcome, and helps her with her individual needs. The following article, is from the Life Center News Letter for the Month of July 2018. The article describes those behind the scenes, the Counselors, who will stay with her from the moment she asks for help. They are the ones that sit and listen to her concerns, and open a door to the services the Center will provide until the baby reaches 2 years of age. These are the volunteers that hear the heartbreak, reach out to family and guide her to feel secure that she has made the right decision, bringing her child into the world.

### **NEVER DOUBT THE POWER OF PRAYER (names have changed to protect confidentiality)**

"It was a hot and humid day Samantha was in our reception area waiting to be seen. I brought her into our consulting room and offered her a cold cup of water. Samantha smiled as she accepted my offer. As she drank her water, she told me she wanted to take a pregnancy test kit now. Usually, we talk with the client before the pregnancy test kit, but I made an exception seeing how adamant she was in taking the pregnancy test kit immediately. I showed Samantha the bathroom and gave her the pregnancy test kit. When she returned to the consulting room she was extremely anxious and angry. She said the test was positive and showed it to me. She said she suspected that she might be pregnant. She continued to tell me that she already had four children, with the youngest being less than 1 year. She said her boyfriend did not want another child. She also shared that she had housing problems and was not working at the time. She said, "No way am I having this baby."

I tried to calm her fears, but she did not want to talk. She said she did not want to hear any more as she made up her mind. As she got up to leave, I looked at her and said I would keep her and the baby in my prayers. Giving no response, she left. I felt helpless as I watched her walk out the door. I said a silent prayer and put her in our Lord's loving hands. Over the following weeks, I tried reaching out to her, but she would not take my calls, nor call me back. Wondering if her child was another tragic victim of the abortion industry filled my heart with sadness, but I continued to pray for both of them.

Recently, I was in my office, when I was asked to come down to the reception area because someone wanted to talk to me. It was Samantha. I did not know what to expect, but her eyes filled with tears. Was she hurting because she aborted her baby? If she is, God's mercy is in this room. She told me that when she left our Center, she was determined to abort. But every time she had an appointment, something held her back. She could not go through with it and two months ago she gave birth to a healthy baby girl. She wanted to thank me for not giving up on her. I told her I believed that what kept her from going through with the abortion was the power of prayer being offered for her and her baby. And, somewhere in her despair, she opened herself to God's truth and healing grace.

Samantha was given clothes and diapers and all the needs she required for her baby girl. The day ended with an embrace and a prayer of thanksgiving to God for his mercy and grace. Samantha is on a journey of grown, and God will be the one directing her footsteps as He leads her and her children closer to Him. Veronica Gonzales, Bilingual Consultant, Deer Park

Diana Hart Mirando, Life Center Volunteer



**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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 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  
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 CPT Mike Polan, US Army  
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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.

**Help Our Parish Club (H.O.P.)**

Current members please look for your renewal letter in the mail in a few weeks. The HOP Club is still \$60 per year. The fiscal year begins September 1st to August 31st with weekly cash prizes. The proceeds are used to support the operating costs of the parish.

New members are always welcome to join. Just send your name, address and phone number along with \$60 check payable to St. Martin of Tours HOP Club, 40 Seaman Ave., Bethpage NY 11714.

**O**ur parish continues to be blessed by the dedication of young men seeking to become Eagle Scouts. The Eagle Scout Award is the Highest Advancement that a Scout can achieve. Eagle Scouts exemplify the virtues of service, leadership, and duty to God, using their training and influence to better their communities and the world. Part of the requirements to become an Eagle Scout is to complete a special project that serves the community. They plan the project, get it approved, fundraise for it, and then complete the task.



In our parish school, this beautiful office space was created *in memory of Deacon Jim Biggin* who was the director of our religious education program for many years. **This service project was organized and completed by James Mossman.**

We are calling this space the *Liturgical Meditation Prayer Garden*. Scripture quotes from both the Old and New Testaments invite us to ponder the Word of God. Six lights will be lit to match the current liturgical season:

- Green:* Ordinary Time
- White:* Christmas & Easter Seasons  
the Blessed Mother, Saints
- Purple:* Advent and Lent
- Red:* Holy Spirit, Good Friday, Martyrs.

**This service project was organized and completed by Thomas Raman.**



This particular project made some additions to our *Pro-Life Prayer Garden*. The dumpster has been covered so as to make the setting more attractive. Tiles with the names of the 20 decades of the rosary were added along with a tile cross.

**This service project was organized and completed by Patrick Imbornoni.**

This project involved the painting of the *Emmaus Hall (the parish cafeteria)* and **adding a closet** since our parish is always in need of storage space.

**This service project was organized and completed Christopher Scholz.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 30: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- July 31: Eucharistic Adoration 3-7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Aug 1: Feast Day of St. Alphonsus Liguori, CSSR Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Aug 3: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Aug 4: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Aug 6: Holy Face of Jesus Devotions 1PM Church
- Aug 11: Diaconate Ordination of Michael Cunningham, CSSR 11AM Church  
Followed by luncheon in the Cafeteria
- Aug 20-24: Bible Camp Week
- Aug 23: VIRTUS Class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 4: Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity Gift Swap Meeting
- **Sept 14: Parish Block Party 6PM School Parking Lot (NEW DATE)**
- Sept 24: Regular Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 28: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall

