

Masses For The Week

Monday - August 13

6:30 Bernard Kelly
9:00 John J. McGlynn

Tuesday - August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe

6:30 Thomas & Sarah Agatha Hennessy
9:00 Patrick Curtin
7PM Amanda Henderson

Wed. - August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

6:30 Julia Eberle & Richard Miller
9:00 Mark & Margaret Ridge
12 Noon Mary Alice Halloran
7PM Emmet McGeary

Thursday - August 16

6:30 Ben Kelly
9:00 Anne Merin, 1st Anniversary

Friday - August 17

6:30 John Speelman, Birthday Remembrance
9:00 Marie C. D'Ambrosio

Saturday - August 18

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 James Henson
7:00 Tommaso Scalici

Sunday - August 19 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Helen & Henry Ruff
10:00 Anne Merin
11:30 Louis Gaccione
1:00 Eleanor Bella
5:30 John Torre

Readings For The Week

Mon. Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27
Tues. Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed. Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
Thurs. Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1
Fri. Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12
Sat. Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15
Sun. Proverbs 9:1-6 *Wisdom built her house and prepared a banquet. The invitation was sent to "come, eat of my food and drink." When we forsake foolishness in our lives, we grow in understanding.*

Ephesians 5:15-20 *Paul counseled the Ephesians to keep careful watch over their conduct. In this way they could overcome their ignorance and discern the will of God.*

John 6:51-58 *Jesus assured his followers that he is the living bread come down from heaven. All who partake of this banquet will be raised up on the last day.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00
8/5/18 Collection: \$15,156.18

Thank you SMT for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah - food, water, rest and encouragement - were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize that God has given all of us special gifts and that those gifts are to be used in service to build God's Kingdom.

Charismatic Prayer Group

We all know the signs of a storm coming. The sky darkens; the winds pick up, maybe some lightning and thunder in the distance. Well, there's a different kind of storm coming - a good one. It's an awakening of the Holy Spirit. The signs are the thousands of people at a renewal conference or praise and worship concert. It's standing room only at a healing mass or service. People are realizing that the Holy Spirit is here. Remember Jesus said, "I won't leave you alone. I will send My Spirit to be with you." That's the Holy Spirit! It's Jesus living among us. This is a storm you will want to be in, so get involved.

Come to our next meeting on Monday August 13 at 7:30PM in the church. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests. All are welcome!

HOP Club Winners

8/6/18	#408	Loretta Haack-DeCaro	\$25
8/7/18	#467	Noreen & Tim Murphy	\$25
8/8/18	#437	John & Mary Ellen Ginty	\$25
8/9/18	#548	M/M Ronald Galenskask	\$25
8/10/18	#288	M/M James McMahon	\$50

Wedding Banns

1st Koji Kakimoto & Lauren Sullivan
 1st Ryan Reilly & Kate Ryan



"Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me."

This week, the Pantry is low on: sweet cereal, egg noodles, oatmeal, pasta sauce, tomato paste, tuna fish, tomato soup, vegetable soup, macaroni & cheese, canned peaches, mixed fruit, coffee, hot chocolate, brownie mix, sugar, flour, Jell-O, pudding, Rice-a-Roni, juice, diapers (sizes 5 & 6), wipes, tissues, paper towels, napkins and bar soap. We are so grateful for all you do for those in need.

We could use help in the Pantry on Saturdays from 4-6PM receiving food from Whole Foods. If you can help please call 931-7332.

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 August 12 - 18, 2018
 In Loving Memory of
 Ann & Bill Csajko

Sanctuary Candle
 Week of August 12 -18, 2018
 In Loving Memory of
 Anne Merin



Rest in Peace
Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
Margaret DeFeo, Dennis A. Satriana
Catherine Rupolo, Tillie Krupitsch
Carol Ann McCormick

REMINDER: Please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list.
Please pray for the sick of our parish:

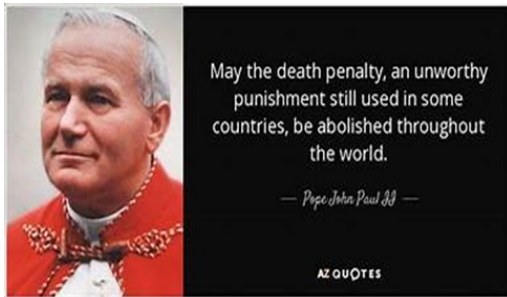
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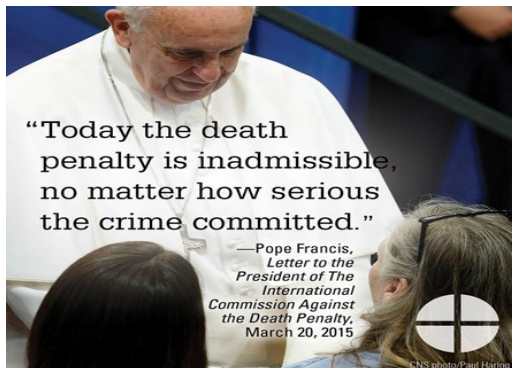
Divine Mercy Novena
Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.
in the Eucharistic Chapel
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Pastor's Letter

This past week, you may have read or seen the news that Pope Francis has decided to change the teaching of the Church on the death penalty, which had stated in *The Catechism of The Catholic Church* the following:



2267 Assuming that the guilty party's identity and responsibility have been fully determined, the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor. If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and are more in conformity to the dignity of the human person.



Today, in fact, as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for effectively preventing crime, by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm - without definitely taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself - **the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity "are very rare, if not practically non-existent.**

As you can see from this teaching, although the Catholic Church did allow the death penalty if certain conditions were met, it also stated that such conditions were very rare if not practically non-existent. Now, our Holy Father had decided to make Church teaching on the death penalty very clear:

This teaching will now be updated to reflect Pope Francis' teaching that the death penalty will never be acceptable. The Pope explained his decision by saying the death penalty is "inadmissible" because it "attacks" the inherent dignity of the human person.

I think it is good that the Pope has made this ruling although I wonder if it will have much impact on states in our nation that allow the death penalty. Certainly, there are accounts of people who have committed mass murders, including children, acts of violent terrorism that are barbaric, and other evil deeds that lead my heart to cry out for vengeance. If someone in my family was murdered, I may cry out for the death penalty. I am sure many good and intelligent people, including Catholics, will disagree with this new teaching and have good reasons.

- From what I have read and studied on this issue, the death penalty fails to act as a deterrent from other criminals committing murder. States with the death penalty do not have a lower percentage of murders than do other states.
- The death penalty is more expensive to implement on a prisoner than a life sentence. That may sound surprising but because of all the court appeals that go on for more than a decade that are mostly paid for by the state, the cost of finally executing someone is very expensive.

- With the new evidence that comes forth from DNA testing, there have been several cases of people on death row who were found to be innocent due to this very conclusive evidence. Sad to say, there have been cases of innocent people being executed.
- A key argument for me is the clear fact that wealthy people who commit a murder are far less likely to face the death penalty than a poor murderer. The poor cannot afford expensive lawyers.
- Fortunately, I have never been involved in issues of the death penalty. However, I have found in my life that seeing those who have hurt me suffer does not provide me any true healing.
- Murderers by clear justice should pay for their crimes. Society must be protected from criminals, especially violent ones. We need prisons. We should not be naïve about rehabilitation and paroles. However, in some cases, criminals do change from their violent past. Whether they should get out of prison is to be approached with great care for society, the victim's family, and the criminal.

An eye for an eye was the moral code of much of the Old Testament. One cannot read the words of Jesus in the Gospel about *turning the other cheek, loving one's enemy, and what we do to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do to him*. Jesus does not call for an eye for an eye but the law of love. As a New Yorker, you are most likely familiar with the Yiddish word *chutzpah*. The best definition of *chutzpah* I have heard is that of a man who kills both his parents and asks for mercy because he is an orphan. Well, as I read about Pope Francis and the death penalty, I saw that Andrew Cuomo got involved in the discussion. Full disclosure on my part - I am **not** a fan of the governor who said the following:

The death penalty is a stain on our conscience. Today, in solidarity with Pope Francis and in honor of my father, I will be advancing legislation to remove the death penalty from NY law once and for all. What *Chutzpah!* This man is perhaps the most active governor in the United States in promoting abortion on demand without any restrictions. He was quoted as saying, *people who are against abortion should leave New York State!*

Our Holy Father in his decision about the death penalty is affirming that all life, even that of a brutal killer, is a gift from God. Certainly, an infant in the womb is totally innocent and a murderer is not. Still, as a Catholic we stand for life from conception to natural death. We stand with the poor and the weak and the vulnerable.

I admire Pope Francis very much. Some of the things he says disturb me, and I struggle to see if I can accept them. I love Jesus. Some of the things he says challenge me very much and I find very difficult to live. We are all sinners in need of grace.

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

On Friday, August 24, at 7:00PM in St. Alphonsus Hall, I will show the movie ***Dead Man Walking***. This is a very powerful movie on the issue of the death penalty which has been in the news recently since Pope Francis has ruled the morality of the penalty. **Warning: this movie is rated R and has some very violent scenes.**





The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:
Tuesday, August 14th Vigil Mass 7PM
Wednesday, August 15th
6:30AM, 9AM, 12 Noon and 7PM

Thank you from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"Back to School" signs remind parents of those lists of "must haves" - notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons or markers for some, new sneakers and clothes for those who can afford them. During the summer months, "Rita" brings her three children with her to the pantry. The oldest girl sits on the floor near the box of children's books. She "keeps an eye" on her baby brother while she reads. Her younger sister helps her mother.

If Rita or any other mother who frequents the pantry asks for money to help with "back to school" expenses, the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** usually says "Yes." We know the families and we have the money because the St. Martin of Tours parishioners are so generous and caring. **The last collection raised close to \$2,000.** *Thank you so very much. May God bless you for joining us in our mission of charity.*

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.



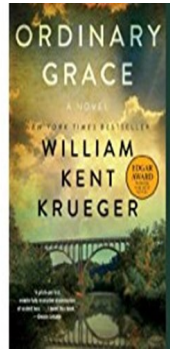
To reply as to whether you can attend, please call Ann Hughes at 516-433-6972 or leave a message at the rectory at 516-931-0818. *We are here for you and for any questions that you might have, and we certainly welcome your interest.*

Eucharistic Adoration
EVERY TUESDAY 3PM - 7:30PM in the Eucharistic Chapel
Please check the Upcoming Events for any change to the hours.

The Lamb's Supper 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

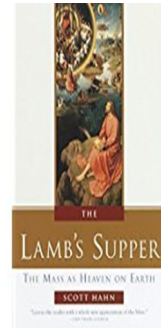
REGULAR BOOK CLUB

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



Please pray for our teens who will be at Camp Veritas this week. We ask the Holy Spirit to watch over them to keep them safe while having a fun and meaningful experience. I also want to thank all the teens who served at the soup kitchen this summer. Your kindness and participation brightened the faces of many who are less fortunate. We will continue to offer community service for our teens and especially to those who are preparing for their confirmation in 2019.

We meet every Sunday at the 5:30PM Mass. There are no life night meetings until the fall. Have a safe and happy rest of the summer!

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

There will be a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday August 28th from 3:00 - 4:00PM** followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



August 10 - 16, 2018
A candle has been lit for
Harold Messina
In honor of
St. Therese of Lisieux

Thank you from the NY Blood Center

On behalf of the patients and hospitals served by the Blood Center, thank you St. Martin's for the 54 lifesaving blood donations on July 18th.

Melissa Gatto, Account Manager for NYBC



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother into Heaven is August 15th, a holy day of obligation.

Here is a reflection from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on the Assumption of the Blessed Mother:

By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful.

Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon.

We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand.

Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary's guidance.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH COLLECTION - AUGUST 18th and 19th

The Long Xuyen Diocese of Vietnam has to build up to 5 chapels and many classrooms each year to accommodate new Catholic communities. They are caring for over 234,000 faithful nowadays. By your support we can help these poor brothers and sisters of ours as well as touch the non-Christians in the region who are hungry for the GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST and the LOVE of God. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Thank you.

VIRTUS CLASS

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
ST. ALPHONSUS HALL
38 SEAMAN AVE, BETHPAGE**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018 AT 7PM

**Please register at virtus.org
or on the diocese
home page at 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

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**



The Rosary will be recited in the prayer garden at 8:00PM on Wed. August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption in honor of the Blessed Mother.

LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING

www.livingwaterscounseling.biz

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

Please call the rectory office at 931-0818 if you are looking for someone to work as a companion for a loved one who is homebound.

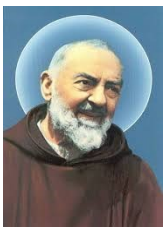
The rectory will supply the contact information. Thank you, Fr. Pat

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Retrouvaille Weekend: September 7-9, 2018. To register, please call 1-800-470-2230. Location: Immaculate Conception, 440 W Neck Rd, Huntington. 11743.

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>.

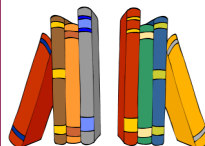
Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour



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.

*“What can we do to accomplish the works of God?”
Jesus answered and said to them,
“This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.”*

All babies are precious and wondrous. I have many pictures of myself holding babies, baptizing them, and making the funny faces that all adults do with newborns. I have a picture of myself feeding Thomas, my oldest great nephew who is now a junior in college, with a bottle. I remember his father saying to me, *Uncle Pat, do you want to feed Thomas?* Who could resist such an invitation? However, I failed to master the skill of burping him, and I was very quick to outsource changing his diapers.

I also had the holy experience of helping my mother drink her *Ensure* when her mind was failing and she had trouble taking in enough nourishment. I have often been in nursing homes, hospitals, and rehab centers and have seen the tender moments of spouses or adult children gently spoon-feeding a loved one with pudding or ice-cream. One cannot help think that when they are helping to feed an infirm parent, that these roles were once reversed many years before and the feeder was the one being fed - the mystery of the cycle of life.

Most of the weddings I have attended have the moment when the bride and groom feed each other with the wedding cake. Some newlyweds cannot resist the temptation to humorously push the cake in the face of the partner as the crowd laughs and the master of ceremonies makes corny jokes. Although I love funny moments, I think this can truly be a beautiful moment. It can symbolize powerfully that the husband and wife will truly be feeding each other in the marriage in the thousand upon thousands of meals that they will share, their children they will feed, and the distant thought that one day when they are old or sick, they may have to do the same for one another. The wedding cake is sweet and it suggests the sweetness of marriage when there is genuine sharing of kindness and tenderness toward one another.



Chapter six in the Gospel of John is called *The Bread of Life Discourse*. Unlike the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, John does not tell the story of the Last Supper. Jesus' words about the meaning of the Eucharist are found in chapter six of his Gospel. Last week we heard about the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This week, the people who experienced that miracle are searching for Jesus because they are seeking to make him their king. They want a king who will feed them with bread and fish so they never have to worry about being hungry again.

I read that the expression *a chicken in every pot* goes back to the 1928 presidential campaign of Herbert Hoover. A circular published by the Republican Party claimed that if Herbert Hoover won, there would be *a chicken in every pot and a car in every garage*. He was elected president on that promise and in the first year of his presidency, the Great Depression of 1929 began!

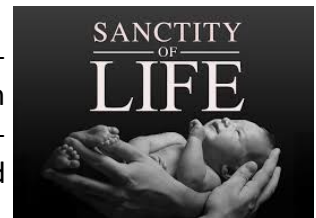
As we hear this Gospel, Jesus and his questioners are speaking on two different levels and the hearers are not getting what he is saying. They want to be fed with bread that satisfies human hunger. Jesus, as he speaks about feeding the people with food, is clearly talking about the Bread of Life, the Eucharist, as spiritual food that sustains us and gives us a path to God in this life and the next. Someone from the crowd asked the question: *What can we do to accomplish the works of God?* Jesus answered, *this is the work of God - that you believe in the one he sent.* The purpose of the food that Jesus offers is that you will believe in the one who sent him. You will deepen your faith that it is Jesus, God's Son, who was sent by the Father with the words of eternal life.

A couple of years ago, we had a very fine mission given to us by Father Kevin MacDonald, CSSR, a Redemptorist who was stationed here at St. Martin's for several years. He gave a wonderful talk on this Gospel calling us to be Eucharist, the Bread of Life, for one another. I have heard several parishioners refer to this talk and I think about it myself. We are what we eat - when we eat the Bread of Life at Mass and Jesus truly becomes part of us; when we seek to follow Jesus by being kind and compassionate to others; when we seek to forgive rather than to be angry; when we feed one another with kind and gentle words rather than negativity and gossip; when we respect those with whom we may disagree, we become Eucharist to them because we are feeding them with Jesus' love. *Wherever there is love, there is God.*

I love the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*. Through his work at the Savings and Loan, George Bailey helps ordinary people to have the opportunity to buy simple homes they can call their own. In one scene George and his wife Mary come to the housewarming for the Martini family who just moved into their first ever home. The Bailey's give them gifts with the following words: *Bread...that this house may never know hunger. Salt...that life may always have flavor, and wine...that joy and prosperity may reign forever.* Our Lord Jesus gives us himself in the Eucharist that we may share his love with one another.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Each day we watch, hear or read of the division we are facing here in our beloved America. We are facing cruel actions and hearing cruel words spoken out of fear, some from feelings of injustice, and others maybe, for political reasons. It seems there are few places we can escape to for peace of mind and heart. So, may we reach out for guidance, hope and love in prayer.



Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle, the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred.

We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created.

Please be sure to read Father Pat's Pastor's Letter on Pope Francis' decree on the death penalty.

SMT Parish Block Party

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

Friday, September 14th 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 or call the rectory at 931-0818.





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
 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

SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
 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
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
 SSG George Howard, US Army
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army
 MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
 PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC
 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.

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.



Formed is an online program that gives people the opportunity to view a great variety of spiritual materials including, movies, books, audio talks, programs on a great many spiritual topics by some of the great Catholic speakers and writers of our time. 80 parishes signed up for Formed since it has so much to offer. Due to a large grant from someone in the diocese, the parishes were able to enter into this program, that some have called a Catholic Netflix, at the recommendation of Bishop Barres. We will be promoting it in September, but if you want to sign up now on your computer, iPad, tablet, or smart phone, it is rather user friendly. I think this program has much to offer. There is no charge for signing up.

Password: at least 8 digits long, include 1 number and one special character or you can use as a password **Formed18!**

Go to www.formed.org ENTER CODE: **T36PWQ** St. Martins

Name: _____ (first) _____ (last)

Email: _____

Zip Code: _____

Password: _____

ATTENTION: **2018-2019 CYO Boys and Girls Basketball Registration for Grades 3 - 8: Wed, Sept 5th & Thurs, Sept 6th in the school cafeteria from 7:00 - 9:00PM.**



FEES: \$170 for one child, \$295 for two children; \$345 for three children. Checks are made payable to **ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CYO**. Please bring your child to the registration for fitting. Uniforms are a separate fee to be determined. **GIRLS SEASON:** mid-Sept to early Jan. **BOYS SEASON:** mid-Oct through March. For more info, contact Dave Fantry at dfantry@drvc.org

Assemblyman John K. Milkulin from the 17th Assembly District, has named our parishioner, **Ann Hughes**, as the 2018 Woman of Distinction. We know and love Ann as a deeply committed parishioner here at St. Martin's, for her leadership in the RCIA Program, ALPHA, and as a wonderful lector. She also coordinates the beautiful decorations in our church at Christmas and Easter as well as setting up many meditative displays during the year that help inspire and teach us.

This award recognizes the great role Ann plays in the local community. She had spent forty-four years teaching, and now teaches English to Spanish speaking women. She is also an advocate for her neighbor who is in a nursing home. She has welcomed his service dog into her home along with her own rescue dog, Charlie.

What a witness to the difference one person can make in the world around us! We, the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours, congratulate Ann on this award and are blessed by all she does.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 13: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Aug 14: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM-6PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Aug 14: Vigil Mass of the Assumption 7PM Mass
- Aug 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:30 & 9AM, Noon & 7PM Masses
- Aug 15: Rectory Closed
- Aug 15: Rosary in the Prayer Garden 8PM
- Aug 20-24: Bible Camp Week
- Aug 21: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Aug 23: VIRTUS Class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Aug 24: Movie "Dead Man Walking" 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall (Rated R)
- Aug 28: Holy Hour 3-4PM followed by Adoration in the Chapel
- Sept 3: Labor Day 9AM Mass only. Office is closed.
- Sept 4: Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity Gift Swap Meeting
- Sept 5 & 6: CYO Basketball Registration 7-9PM School Cafeteria
- Sept 14: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall
- **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