

Masses For The Week

- Monday - September 24**
 6:30 Christine Lapidez
 9:00 William Zura, Sr.
- Tuesday - September 25**
 6:30 Kathy Hilpl, Living
 9:00 Bernadette Magnani
- Wed. - September 26 - Blessed Gaspar Stanggassinger, CSSR**
 6:30 For the 6:30 Crew
 9:00 Michele Rita Barone, Anniversary
- Thursday - September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**
 6:30
 9:00 George Spindler
- Friday - September 28 - Sts. Wencelaus, Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**
 6:30 Luigi Bosco
 9:00 Angelina & Vincenzo Saulino
- Saturday - September 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**
 9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Mary & Walter Maj
 7:00 Frank Dillon
- Sunday - September 30 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Michael DeZervos
 10:00 Edward Lauritsen
 11:30 Frances Mekalainis
 1:00 Ray & Helen Manetta
 5:30 Montana, Maggio & Crème Families

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
 Tues. Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
 Wed. Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
 Thurs. Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
 Fri. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
 Sat. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a
 John 1:47-51
- Sun. Numbers 11:25-29** *Moses said to Joshua, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!"*

James 5:1-6 *"Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away."*

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 *Jesus reassured the disciples, "Whoever is not against us is for us...If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00
 9/16/18 Collection: \$15,582.93
 Education Support: \$1,397.25

Thank you SMT for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, "Freely will I offer sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who offer welcome and assistance to our newest parishioners, whether through our Hospitality Ministry or right from the pews!



Charismatic Prayer Group

You are not the same person you were yesterday. You are constantly being made new. Millions of your cells die every day and new cells are formed. Nature is amazing. Some species live only for 1 day ! Their only mission is to create the next generation. They are born ,then mature, mate and die all in 24 hours!! And you thought the summer went fast !! It's all in God's plan. We don't always understand it but then we don't have to. He's got it all figured out, He's been to tomorrow already. So celebrate the new you every day and give thanks and praise to our awesome God!

Our next meeting is Monday, September 24th at 7:30PM in the Church. All are welcome! Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

HOP Club Winners

9/17/18	#175	Robert Lomot	\$25
9/18/18	#484	Rosemary Schmidt	\$25
9/19/18	#513	John Reilly	\$25
9/20/18	#409	Jane Wojcik	\$25
9/21/18	#502	Y. & D. Iovieno	\$250



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

Wedding Banns

3rd Thomas Scherer & Angela Sposato
 2nd Stephen White & Gabrielle Westermann
 2nd Alain Vispo & Jillian Diognardi



***"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: tomato paste, corn, carrots, tomato soup, vegetable soup, hot chocolate, brownies, evaporated milk, juice, juice boxes, mayonnaise, Rice-A-Roni, oatmeal, mashed potatoes, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, tissues, diapers (sized 5 & 6), baby wipes and bar soap.

Thank you so very much for your help! Because of you, we were able to serve 423 people from 73 individual families.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage
 Phone: 516-931-7332
 Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM
 Thursday: 2:00PM - 7:00PM

HELP WANTED: On Saturdays to go to Whole Foods and pick up donations for the Pantry. We could use a substitute for when our regular team members are ill or on vacation. If interested, please, call the Pantry at 516 931-7332.



*Altar Bread & Wine
 Week of September 23-29, 2018
 In Loving Memory of
 Janina Grochowska*

*Sanctuary Candle
 Week of September 23-29, 2018
 In Loving Memory of
 Montana & Maggio Family*



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 Gratto, 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 Carminate
 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 Baciaska 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
 Joseph & Joyce 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 Colletouri, Arthur Baudo, Kathy Smith, Samantha McNeill
 Unborn Identical Twins, Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, Anthony Hanlon
 Janine, Mary Jedlicka, Pete Moran, Brian John Roe III, Fr. Paul Woods
 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, Ed Segretto, Fred Cameron
 Ryan Westbrook, Donna Strickland, Anthony Clese, Valerie Haberly
 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
 Noelle Buchner, Margaret DeMarco, Robert Amato, Yvonne McDonnell
 Denise Dolan, The Gallagher Family, Henry Hamilton
 Terry & John Bunker, Margaret Young, John Lazzara
 Virginia Gala, Karen Murphy, Catherine Comiskey, Diana Hart Mirando
 Connie Sheehan, Richard Baker, Dina Ledogard

Rest in Peace

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

**Katie Asaro, Eugene F. Maley
 Frederick W. Kottmann, Anthony J. Guglielmo**

The Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

One of my final goals here for our parish before I leave in August of 2019 is to have ALPHA well established in our parish. I believe in it very much as a tool that will deepen our own faith in God, and one that will help us to continue to invite others to come to know Jesus. The parish has already had two ALPHAS, and we are presently working on a third. It would be my dream that we have at least two a year in the years to come.

We have had a very fine response in our call for volunteers to assist, as well as in our invitations to attend ALPHA as a participant. There are many volunteer roles and even if you can only help once, it would be great. A key part of ALPHA is the simple meal that opens the session. When we first started ALPHA, I questioned the importance of having a meal. I felt that it took time, effort and resources to create a meal for 30 or so people. Why not let them eat at home and then come? I was so wrong (I am used to that experience). A meal creates a beautiful and warm atmosphere. How often we see Jesus eating meals with others in the Gospels. I love the Scripture text from the Easter Emmaus Gospel: *They recognized him in the breaking of the bread.* The shared meal is an essential part of the ALPHA experience and it so helps create a communal spirit.

So, to help our parish grow in ALPHA and allow people to experience this opportunity of God's grace, I am asking if you might consider sponsoring a meal. There is no charge to make ALPHA so the meals have to be provided by the parish. I believe in this investment but it would help if it could be shared among us.

If you or a group of you are willing to prepare one meal that would feed about 30-35 people (we do not yet have a final count), it would be a great blessing. The meal is simple: perhaps a salad, a tasty but inexpensive main course and a light dessert.

Another way you can support an ALPHA meal is to financially sponsor a meal with a donation of \$100.00. Our ALPHA team will then buy a meal that will work for us from a local restaurant. There are ten opportunities to do this before Thanksgiving, and we will do all we can to make it as user friendly for you, such as picking up the meal at your home and bringing it to St. Alphonsus Hall, and giving you suggestions for what type of meal you might consider preparing. You are welcome to make your donation in memory of someone, in the name of a group or a particular person.

I continue to be amazed and ever grateful for your ongoing financial support of our parish in the regular collection, in our fundraisers, and in our call to help those in need who are facing emergencies (such as your recent great support of the people of Kerala, India). I am reluctant to ask you for financial help because I do not want to burden you since I know how much you do already. But, because I would love to see ALPHA as a project of the entire parish, I am asking you to consider this request. Thank you as always for your prayers and support of all we do at St. Martin's. You can contact me at woodscsr@aol.com or 516 931-0818. Thank you, Father Pat

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR, Pastor

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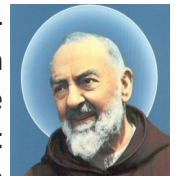
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YOUNG AT HEART ROAD TRIP!**October 24, 2018**

Please call Martha Martini at 516-822-2213 to book a seat on the bus to Empire City Casino, Yonkers. The cost is \$30 per person. You will get back \$10 to play and \$5 for food. The bus will leave from St. Martin of Tours at 8:30AM sharp!

**St. Padre Pio Holy Hour**

Please join us on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:30 in the Eucharistic Chapel for the Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated.



Next weekend, September 29 & 30, Bethpage Hartigan Council #5033 of the Knights of Columbus will be in the gathering area promoting new memberships and selling raffles for the K of C Charity & Benevolent Program which supports numerous charities within New York State. All practicing Catholic men ages 18 and over are welcome to find out more about the Council.

BEGINNING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13 AND CONTINUING ON THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH ONLY (DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH) THERE WILL BE NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL. THIS WILL ALLOW TEACHERS TO BRING OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS WHO HAVE CLASSES ON TUESDAY TO CHURCH FOR PRAYER AND INSTRUCTION. PLEASE CHECK THE UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE LAST PAGE WHICH WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN THERE IS NO ADORATION.

**The Diocese of Rockville Centre
GOLDEN WEDDING LITURGY
HONORING COUPLES MARRIED FIFTY YEARS OR MORE**

The liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the Church of Christ the King in Com-mack. Mass will begin at 2:30PM.

Please either call 931-0818 or come by the rectory office to register. Registration must be received by October 12th. If you have any questions that the rectory office can't help you with, please call Suzanne at 516-678-5800 ext. 207.

The St. Martin of Tours Basketball Clinic will be starting in January. In the meantime, we are looking for little tykes basketball hoops for our preschoolers.

If you have one to donate, please call the rectory at 931-0818. We are hoping for 4 hoops. Much appreciated!





I recall a professor I had in the seminary who was a very fine man. He had an interesting style of giving a Sunday sermon. He would tell us what he was **not** going to speak about. So, he spoke a bit about the first reading and then he would do the same for the next two readings. Each little snapshot about the reading would end with his saying that he was not going to speak on it. By the time he finished telling us what he was not going to speak on, he looked at his watch, saw that he had been speaking for a good while, and sat down. We never did hear what he wanted to speak on but we did get three mini-homilies. I feel a bit like that. I prayed and studied the three Scripture readings for today. In our first reading the prophet Isaiah speaks about his suffering. Scholars tell us that he is also speaking about all the suffering of the Jewish people at that time. Since we all face suffering in our lives, this is certainly a powerful theme to ponder. In the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter and the other apostles a key question of the Gospels: *Peter, who do you say that I am?* Certainly, that question is most important for us all to ask ourselves. Who is Jesus? What difference does he make in our lives? However key these themes are, I was struck by the words of St. James in our second reading. The words we heard today have and continue to be debated through the centuries. They have led to Christians being divided, wars being fought, and people being killed in the name of God. St. James asks: *What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?*

Misinterpretations and sin on the part of many people of faith in the early 16th century led to the Protestant Reformation whose 500th anniversary was commemorated last year. Martin Luther, a Catholic monk, was so disturbed by the theological interpretations of these words and by a great deal of corruption in the Church that he began a revolution that led to a major split in Christianity that continues to this day. Luther believed that this text and many practices of the Catholic Church put too much stress on doing good works and not enough on the truth that we are saved only by the grace of God revealed to us in his death and resurrection. The pope at the time, Leo X, had a major project going on with the building of St. Peter's Basilica and there was a priest named Father John Tetzel who was preaching that you could save your soul and those of your family by doing the good work of donating money and gaining powerful indulgences. The Catholic Church believes in indulgences but they are not for sale, nor do they guarantee salvation. Luther eventually left the church and started Lutheranism. The reformation in 1520 led to many other groups breaking off from Catholicism into other denominations such as Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist.

Martin Luther stressed the Bible very much and Catholics throughout the centuries focus on the Eucharist. I think this is one of the reasons that many Catholics feel that they have a weak background in the Holy Bible. Most Protestant denominations slowly moved away from the belief of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Protestants began to hold their services in the language of the people rather than in Latin. Luther believed that each person had the right to interpret the Bible as he or she believed and rejected the pope and the priesthood as we know it. Since Luther focused so much on the power of God's grace, he dismissed the intercessory role of the Blessed Mother and the saints. So, Catholics and Protestants argued and debated, fought wars and condemned one another. This went on for almost 450 years. That is quite a fight. When I was growing up, we felt that it was a sin to visit a Protestant Church. We also would not allow a Christian of another faith to get married in the sanctuaries of our churches. I would make a comparison to a family or a friend who had a terrible fight with the other.

Sometimes, it takes years for reconciliation and sometimes it never occurs. However, the Council of Vatican II stressed the need to reach out to other Christians and to work for unity where possible. We know Jesus prayed for unity...*that they may all be one*. Almost 450 years later, we Catholics have accepted some of the changes that Luther called for such as having our Mass in the language of the people and a stress on the Bible. So where are we today in this story? Here is quote from a recent article:

One of the greatest rifts in Christianity — between Catholics and Lutherans — isn't what it used to be. As a sign of those much improved relations, Pope Francis is traveling Monday to Sweden, an overwhelmingly Lutheran country, to kick off a yearlong commemoration of the Protestant Reformation that split the churches 500 years ago. There are still many issues that Catholics and Protestants do not agree on, and some of them are very significant. I believe that Catholicism, in spite of its struggles and failures, is the true faith given to us by Jesus Christ. Yet, we still seek to respect the beliefs of other faith traditions, especially Christians with whom we share the profound bond of belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. After a long period of meetings, the Vatican and leaders of the Lutheran Church have agreed that we are only saved by the grace of God. We do not save ourselves, but are saved by the Blood of the Lamb - Jesus Christ. At the same time, when we experience God's grace, it leads us to do good works and to seek to be merciful and forgiving of others. I think of the Blessed Mother, whom the Archangel Gabriel called *full of grace*. The grace of God in the heart of Mary leads her to action by going to visit her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth. I think of a saying I often heard when I was a student. *Pray as if everything depended on God and study as if everything depended on you*. If there is someone in your life that you cannot forgive, *pray* for that grace. But be careful of what you pray for because God will give you that grace and you then must move on toward mercy.

We are utterly dependent on the grace of God, and his grace is always amazingly abundant. When God comes into your life, it shows in action. When my sister Gerry died in 1983 in her early forties, it was devastating for all our family. I said her funeral Mass, but felt too emotional to preach a homily so my dear friend, Father John McGowan gave a very consoling homily. Gerry loved Irish step-dancing so John focused on the hymn, *The Lord of the Dance*. I always remember a line he quoted from the poet W.H. Auden, *when grace comes, you have to dance*. When grace comes into our lives, we dance by doing good works.

Liturgical Ministry Training

SESSION A: Required for all Extraordinary Ministers and must be taken before Session B.

SESSION B: In addition to Session A for those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes or to the homebound.

The pastor must send a letter to Bishop Barres requesting the training for each person attending. Please be sure to write to Father Pat stating your desire to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In your letter please stipulate if you wish to serve in church only (Session A) or if you would like to serve in hospitals, nursing homes or the homebound (Sessions A & B). Also state the date(s) you plan to attend training. See choices below.

SESSION A: FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

NASSAU - OCTOBER 27, 2018 - ST. AGNES PARISH CENTER, ROCKVILLE CENTRE 9AM - 1PM
SUFFOLK - OCTOBER 6, 2018 - ST. ROSALIE, HAMPTON BAYS 9AM - 1PM
EVENING - OCTOBER 15, 2018 - ST. ELIZABETH, MELVILLE 7PM - 10PM

SESSION B: FOR HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

NASSAU - NOVEMBER 3, 2018 - ST. AGNES PARISH CENTER, ROCKVILLE CENTRE 9AM - 1PM
SUFFOLK - OCTOBER 13, 2018 - ST. ROSALIE, HAMPTON BAYS 9AM - 1PM
EVENING - OCTOBER 22, 2018 - ST. ELIZABETH, MELVILLE 7PM - 10PM



Join St. Martin of Tours on a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy Stockbridge MA on St. Maria Faustina's Feast Day Friday, October 5, 2018

Experience:

- Life size Stations of the Cross
- Memorial Shrines and Statues on Eden Hill
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Reconciliation
- Gift Shop
- Special Feast Day Events

Cost: \$50 per person (non-refundable)

- Cash or check payable to St. Martin of Tours. Please write Divine Mercy Pilgrimage in the memo line.

Departure Time:

- 7AM From St. Martin of Tours parking lot

Return Time:

- The bus will leave the Shrine at 4:30PM. Depending on traffic, we should arrive back to Bethpage around 9PM.

NOTE: There is no place to purchase food. Please bring your own lunch. Vending machines are available on site for coffee, drinks and snacks. We will be making a dinner stop on the way home around 6PM.



For those needing assistance to travel the areas of The Shrine, golf service *may* be available. You must let us know ahead of time if you are in need of this service.

MAIL registration form & payment to St. Martin of Tours, Att: Divine Mercy Pilgrimage, 40 Seaman Ave., Bethpage NY 11714
QUESTIONS? Contact Patty Donohue-Brown (516) 433-6242 or pattydb0313@gmail.com. Please put SMT Pilgrimage in the subject line.

Cut and return this registration slip with payment

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Total Number Attending: _____ Total Cost \$ _____ (\$50 per person)

Additional attendees' first & last names: _____

****Additionally, an emergency contact form will need to be completed to finalize the reservation. This form will be sent to you once you have submitted payment.**

**Diocese of Rockville Centre Charismatic Renewal
Register Now at www.drvc.org/renewal**

SAVE THE DATE: NIGHTS OF PRAISE

- Monday, October 29th at St. Francis of Assisi in Greenlawn 7:30PM
- Thursday, November 15th at St. John Nepomucene in Bohemia 7:30PM

Visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Charismatic-Renewal-of-the-Diocese-of-Rockville-Centre-129030877761036/>

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN



We are in need of a custodian to transport the statue to the homes of those wanting a week or a month with Our Lady as well as bring the statue to church on special Marian feast days. Anyone interested in helping, please call Sheila Regan at 516-396-1471.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY
Meeting Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

CMRC's October meeting will be held in St. Alphonsus Hall at 7:00PM. Rosary and CMRC prayers will be followed by Investiture of New Members. There will be a talk on fire prevention.

If you would like to become a member, please call Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408. All women are welcome!

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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



- **THIS SUNDAY, SEPT. 23RD: LIFE TEEN KICK OFF!** All high school teens. We are planning a great year ahead. Come to the 5:30PM Mass followed by a Life Night BBQ.
- We will have another sign up **TO MAKE SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS** some time in **OCTOBER**. All kids from 6th to 8th grade are invited to sign up. More information to come.
- **SOCK-TOBER:** We will be collecting new, warm socks for those in most need during the whole month of October. There will be a container in the gathering area the week-end of Sept 29th & 30th. Thank you!!!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

St. Martin of Tours Religious Education is in need of volunteers to teach children in our program from grades 1 to 8. Please contact Patricia Ryan at pryan@smtbethpage.org or Laura Leigh Agnese at llagnese@smtbethpage.org. Their phone number is 822-9768. Classes will begin in early October. They will give you all the information you need to get you started.

Our sincerest thanks to the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours for their generous response to the **St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk/Run**. Quite a few of our parishioners plan to join us as walkers and even more as runners.

All the donations and sponsorships will benefit the people who come to the St. Martin of Tours Vincentian conference for help during a difficult time. It's not too late to join us. Brochures are in the gathering area. Again, our sincerest thanks. God bless and may St. Vincent de Paul bring us a beautiful fall day on 9/29.

September 23rd Coffee Sunday

Come to St. Alphonsus Hall after the 8:30, 10 and 11:30 Masses this Sunday, September 23 and enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat!



Blessing of the Animals

In honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, we will have the blessing of animals on **Sunday, October 7th at 2:15PM in the prayer garden** located off the school parking lot. We ask the Father to bless all His creatures great and small!



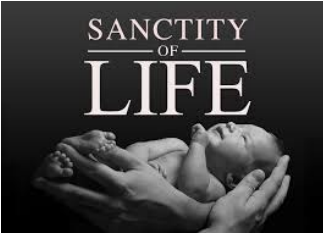
**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES
YOU ARE INVITED TO EXPLORE THE BENEFITS OF A CATHOLIC H. S. EDUCATION
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO VISIT OUR SCHOOLS DURING THE TIMES AND DATES BELOW.**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
<u>SEPTEMBER 2018</u>		
SATURDAY 29	10AM-1:00PM	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY 30	10AM-1:00PM	ST. ANTHONY'S H.S.
<u>OCTOBER 2018</u>		
SATURDAY 13	10AM-1:00PM	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	2PM - 4PM	CHAMINADE H.S.
SUNDAY 14	2PM - 4:30PM	ST. MARY'S H.S.
SATURDAY 20	11AM - 2PM	HOLY TRINITY DIOC. H.S.
SUNDAY 21	10AM - 1:00PM	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.
	1:00PM - 3:30PM	ST. DOMINIC H.S.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

ANOTHER LOOK AT ABORTION - U.S.C.C.B.

From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your SEX, FACIAL FEATURES, PHYSIQUE and the COLOR OF YOUR SKIN, HAIR and EYES. At 24 days, your HEART BEGAN BEATING. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. ULTRASOUNDS show that by 18 weeks, you could SWIM, SOMERSAULT, SUCK YOUR THUMB and even COVER YOUR EARS if you heard loud music. If you'd been BORN JUST 23 WEEKS after CONCEPTION, your chance of survival would be 50 - 80 percent, by 25 weeks, it's over 90 percent, and that is still months before full-term birth.



Now, if someone takes an innocent person's life after he or she is born, it's AGAINST THE LAW, just MINUTES BEFORE BIRTH, it's LEGAL in most states and called ABORTION. The only real difference is a declaration by the United States Supreme Court in ROE V. WADE (1973). ABORTION is Permitted Up To FULL-TERM BIRTH. Many people don't realize how unrestricted legal abortion is, misled by Roe's claim that states may ban abortions after viability "except when it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother." (Viability) is when the baby has a reasonable chance of survival outside the womb. But in Roe's companion case, Doe v. Bolton, the Court defined "health" to include "all factors - Physical, Emotional, Psychological, Familial, and the Woman's Age -relevant to the wellbeing" of the mother. That seems broad enough to permit virtually any abortion post-viability. The Supreme Court, however, has yet to be confronted with a challenge to a post-viability ban that will test Doe's breadth. Indeed, 20 states currently ban late-term abortions subject to a narrow exception for the mother's life or physical health (not for Emotional, Psychological, Familial, or Age-Related reasons). Most of these laws have gone unchallenged, but they are hard to enforce even if they are constitutionally permissible. (Next week's article will be a continuation of the U.S.C.C.B.'s discussion of this important topic).

The LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE EDUCATIONAL TRUST: Sponsored GOSNELL - THE TRIAL OF AMERICA'S BIGGEST SERIAL KILLER at a Trailer Showing of the movie on September 16th at United Artist Regal Cinema in Farmingdale. Rated PG13. The movie will be OPENING NATIONWIDE on OCTOBER 12TH. To view the trailer go to: <http://www.gosnellmovie.com> and click on "Home".

LIFESITE NEWS: The makers of Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer have released the first trailer set to open in theaters on October 12. Completed in 2015 the film depicts the arrest and trial of notorious Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell, who KILLED NEWBORNS WHO SURVIVED ABORTION in his clinic by snipping their spinal cords with scissors. Gosnell 77, was sent to prison for life five years ago on three first-degree murder convictions for killing babies. The author of the book GOSNELL and film makers Phelim McAllen and Ann McElhinney: the movie is rated PG 13 despite the horrific subject matter, because filmmakers took pains to avoid being too explicit, executive producer John Sullivan told *Hollywood Reporter*. Please check your local movie theatres for a showing of this important film opening on October 12.

FORMED®

We will soon be doing a Formed Sunday here at the parish. Our team has found a very easy way for you to enter this excellent and extensive program of spiritual programs. Here is very user friendly way to get into FORMED.

If you are already registered with FORMED and currently logged into FORMED, our <https://smtbethpage.formed.org> link takes you to the attached parish page. If you are new and need to register, you will see the following after accessing <https://smtbethpage.formed.org>: ENTER CODE: T36PWQ. Enter your first/last name, email, zip code and make up a password (at least 8 digits long, include 1 number & 1 special character.)

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We Are Family!

Go to youtube.com and type St. Martin of Tours Bethpage NY Block Party. Here is a video memory beautifully put together by Rachel Lacsca. Everyone please have fun seeing yourselves! Thank you Rachel!

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Pro Bikers for Life

40 Days for Life

(flyers on the info table in Gathering Area)

Pro Bikers for Life will be sponsoring a 40 Days for Life campaign on Long Island - September 22nd through November 4th. Join us and other Christians in peacefully praying for the unborn outside Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave, Hempstead. 7 days a week betw 7AM & 5PM.

Opening Mass at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church
was on Saturday, Sept 22 at 9AM

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:

2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY
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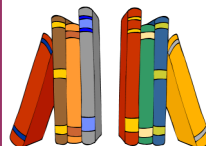
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To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk). You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

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.

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Beginning: September 27th at 700 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

For more information or to register:

contact woodscsr@aol.com or call 516 931-0818



NOTES FROM THE *Music Ministry*



The Music Ministry is ready to be filled with the Spirit as music pours into our Church and out of our hearts here at St. Martin's. We are always looking for singers, musicians, or anyone who is technically inclined to help with equipment & sound. Here is a list of various choirs to consider, their practice and Mass times:

ADULT CHOIR (18 and over): Practice begins Thursday, Sept. 27th at 7:30PM for 11:30AM Mass

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: (grades 2 - 8): Practice begins Wednesday, Sept 26th at 5PM for 10AM Mass

LIFE TEEN BAND: (high school & college students) Practice: Tuesdays at 7:30PM for 5:30PM Mass

If you are interested, please contact Elena Scollo, Director of Music at 516-713-8854. All practices are held in the church.

**Next bulletin will have thank you's and pictures
of the Block Party that was held on Friday,
September 14th!**



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
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 SGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
 CPL William Corrigan, USMC
 PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF
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 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
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 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
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 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Find peace in your marriage 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 <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 23: Coffee Sunday in St. Alphonsus Hall after 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Masses
- Sept 24: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Sept 25: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Sept 25: Eucharistic Adoration 4PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Sept 27: ALPHA begins 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 28: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 29 & 30: Knights of Columbus Charity & Benevolent Raffle and Membership Drive
- Oct 1: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- Oct 2: Christian Mothers General Meeting 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 5: First Friday Devotions 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Oct 6: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Oct 7: Blessing of the Animals 2:15PM by the Prayer Garden
- Oct 8: Columbus Day No 6:30AM Mass. Rectory Office is Closed
- Oct 13 & 14: Baby Bottle Campaign
- Oct 16: Christian Mothers meet at 9AM Mass for St. Gerard Majella
- Nov 5: Christian Mothers meet at 9AM Mass for St. Elizabeth, mother of St. John the Baptist
- Nov 13: Christian Mothers Thanksgiving Feast Sharing Table 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall

