

Masses For The Week

Monday - October 1 - St. Therese- Virgin, Doctor of the Church

6:30 Michelle Manning
9:00 Dominick Cano

Tuesday - October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

6:30 William Ballatore
9:00 Gerry & John McCarthy, Living

Wed. - October 3

6:30 Bernie Helldorfer, Sr. 2nd Anniversary
9:00 Lance & Ina Lomot

Thursday - October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

6:30
9:00 Johanna Miller

Friday - October 5 - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

6:30 Michele Varriale Davis
9:00 Mildred D'Erasmo

Saturday - October 6

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Louis Ruggiero, John & Gertrude O'Rourke
7:00 Peter Cronk

Sunday - October 7 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Helen & Henry Ruff
10:00 Eamon, Eddie & Rose Higgins
11:30 In Memory of the Szmytkowski & Zoitke Families
1:00 Lenny Beaumont
5:30 Kristine McGarry

Readings For The Week

Mon. Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
Tues. Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Wed. Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
Thurs. Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12
Fri. Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16
Sat. Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
Sun. Genesis 2:18-24 "A man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh."

Hebrews 2:9-11 "He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin."

Mark 10:2-16 "So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00
9/23/18 Collection: \$15,319.18
Retired Priests: \$3,343.00

Thank you SMT for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who share their time and resources to support our parish Food Pantry and programs like Catholic Charities' Nutrition Outreach Education Project (NOEP).

Charismatic Prayer Group

Words that today's kids don't know: busy signal, car antennae, Fotomat, pay phones, clockwise & counter clockwise. Don't let the words God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, crucifixion and resurrection be on that list. Church shouldn't be the only place they hear about God and Jesus. Teach them to pray, and talk to them often. Kids learn by what they see others do. Be their role model.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 1 at 7:30PM in the Church. All are welcome! Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

HOP Club Winners

9/24/18	#213	Mildred Saloy	\$25
9/25/18	#602	Joann Steiger	\$25
9/26/18	#632	Elaine & Jim Ryan	\$25
9/27/18	#38	Janet Wolfe	\$25
9/28/18	#236	Noreen Joyce	\$50



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

Wedding Banns

3rd Stephen White & Gabrielle Westermann

3rd Alain Vispo & Jillian Diognardi

1st Anthony Ruocco & Nicole Diglio



"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: Corn, carrots, mayonnaise, hot chocolate, juice, juice boxes, mashed potatoes, pudding, sugar, brownies, vegetable soup, tomato soup, cookies, crackers, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, shampoo, diapers 5 & 6, wipes.

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 Sept 30-October 6, 2018
In Loving Memory of
Sr. Mary McGinness

Sanctuary Candle
Week of Sept 30- October 6, 2018
In Loving Memory of
Ronald Solomine



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 Grattton, 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 Baciуска Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Elsa Ryan, Sarah Messina William Boyce, Jo Ann Anastos, Michael Arato, Connie Burgess Dolores Miller, Elizabeth Ryan, Layla Barr, Susan Carroll-Goyan Patty & Tom Turano, Nicholas Amato, Jesusa Aquin, Joseph McCroary Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan, Taylor, Edward Boyce Geraldine Zeterberg, Fran Gandolfo, Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR 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 Collelouri, 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 Wood 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 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, Christian Bogdanos Terry & John Bunker, Margaret Young, John Lazzara, Rosemary Caiazzo Virginia Gala, Karen Murphy, Catherine Comiskey, Diana Hart Mirando Connie Sheehan, Richard Baker, Dina Ledogard, Ed Russo, Liam

Rest in Peace

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

Corinne G. Leigh, Colette Sin

Josef Sohl

The Pastor's Letter

RIGHT	WRONG
Correct Based in Truth	Incorrect Not based in Truth
Moral In Harmony with Natural Law	Immoral In Opposition to Natural Law
Actions based in it do not result in harm to others	Actions based in it result in harm to others

I am writing about a very old fashioned topic that is not often heard in our modern society: morality. The recent news about the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church and the accusations made against Judge Brett Kavanaugh by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford have been deeply troubling and confusing to many of us. As I sit to write about these issues, another accusation has arisen against the judge who has been nominated for the Supreme Court. Either he had a very troubled youth that

was abusive toward women, or he is being smeared by others who do not want to see him on the court. Perhaps, there is some middle ground between those stances. People have very strong feelings and opinions about these two news stories. Granted there are many other stories that are important such as the Middle East, Korea, hurricanes, immigration, and the economy, but there is no doubt that these two topics are being passionately discussed by many people. By the time you read this in the Sunday bulletin (I am writing on Monday, the 24th) who knows where these matters will be.

My goal in writing is not to take sides or defend anyone. Both the clergy abuse and the accusations against the judge have had tremendous news coverage. As I was thinking about these matters, there is rarely if ever a mention of sin and morality. We live in an age of relativism where many people reject any kind of absolute teachings about right and wrong. I am fully aware that only God can judge the human heart, but it is good to ponder where we might draw some moral wisdom from what we are hearing and reading. Again, I am trying to be objective and not be overly colored by my own feelings about clergy abuse and the sexual abuse and harassment of others.

I am struck that both of these realities bring us back to the power of sex and how this gift from God can be so misused to hurt others. Loving sexual intimacy in a marriage, freely entered into by both partners, is a sacrament. This teaching means that the loving couple in their lovemaking are encountering Christ. How far that beautiful reality is from the horrible darkness of the abuse of minors and sexual attacks and harassment of women. God gives us the gift of our sexuality for several reasons: to show a physical love that exists in the hearts and minds of the couple; to allow human beings to participate in the wonder and glory of sharing new life; and as energy that leads people to seek to love and care for one another as a man or as a woman in a non-sexual way. Whether married or celibate, men and women are sexual beings that choose to seek to have sexual energy move him or her toward the love of others with (in the case of marriage) or without sexual intimacy. It is good to be a man; it is good to be a woman. Although both sexes are equal, God has made men and women with different but complementary ways of thinking and acting. Additionally, every individual has his or her own unique personality.

People often portray the Catholic Church as negative about sexuality. On the contrary, our faith tradition deeply respects and values the gift of human sexuality that God has given us. Rather than allowing this gift to become tarnished and distorted by casualness such as a hooking up culture or the use of sex to sell products, the Church seeks to protect that sacredness of human sexuality. Our society that thinks itself so sexually liberated has often cheapened and devalued the awesome gift, joy and responsibility of being a sexual being.

So, the clergy that abused minors in any way sexually were breaking the commandments of God. The bishops who in any way failed to protect their people from abusers were failing to love their neighbor as themselves. If Brett Kavanaugh did what he has been accused of, he was also breaking the sixth commandment, and possibly the fifth commandment that calls us not to physically hurt another. If Dr. Ford, or any of the accusers and politicians, is not being honest, she/they would be breaking the eighth commandment that demands we not bear false witness against one's neighbor. If any of the people involved in these matters lie, especially under an oath sworn before God, he/she/they also violate the law of God and the commandments. Only God can read the human heart and know what the motives are of a person.

Drinking alcohol to the point of getting drunk has been mentioned in many of the clergy abuse accounts as well as in the Ford-Kavanaugh matter. I, like many people, enjoy an occasional drink. God gave us the gift of alcohol and Jesus transformed water into wine at a wedding. Yet, drinking alcohol to the point of excess that diminishes our freedom and actions is wrong and against the fifth commandment to respect our own bodies and not hurt them. Drunkenness often is the cause of serious disputes and unwanted sexual advances. Add *driving* under the influence of alcohol which puts others and the driver at risk, and we are dealing with a significant violation of God's law.

How much different our society and world be if people strove to live a life based on firm moral principles. We all sin and fail to meet the mark. We have the power to call on the power of God's grace when we are facing temptations that may lead us to violate God's law. We trust in the mercy of God when we sin; we trust in the grace of God to help us avoid sin.

My point in writing this letter is to shift the view we get so often from the media that almost presents everything in a winner and loser style. There is rarely a clear voice addressing moral principles. On the contrary, as our culture has moved to push God out of world, I wonder why they are so shocked when people act in destructive ways. A society that has no true moral code is doomed to serious problems. It is important for you and me not to see these stories as mere news accounts that we can talk about with others, but they are also an opportunity to examine our own lives and principles and how well we are living them.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR, Pastor

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THIS 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS 3-7:30PM in the Eucharistic Chapel

Please check the Upcoming Events

for any change to the hours.

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We invite you to visit our parish page located within the "Community" tab or if you are already registered with FORMED and currently logged on, our <https://smtbethepage.formed.org> link takes you directly to our parish page on FORMED. Here you can easily access and view a brief welcome video as well as watch a short walk through video to learn about FORMED features. Enjoy!

**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!



ALPHA started on Thursday, September 27th. *If you missed the opportunity to register and want to be a participant, call Ann Hughes at 433-6972 or the rectory at 931-0818.* Don't miss this opportunity to know Jesus Christ more fully in your personal life.

**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!



Our Parish Block Party



We had a beautiful block party on Friday evening, September 14th. I have often mentioned how I see the parish outreach center, and the generosity of the staff and parishioners who support this wonderful ministry of helping our brothers and sisters in need, as very connected to the celebration of our parish Masses. The Mass ends with *Go; the Mass is ended*, and it is our call to go and live what we have experienced at Mass. God has fed us with his Body and Blood, and we are to share our lives with others.

I would speak of the annual parish block party in the same terms. We come together as a parish community, of all ages and generations, family and friends, for no other reason than to be with one another, share a meal, dance to the music, play on the bouncer, have faces painted, hear an incredibly poor singer lead us in *Sweet Caroline*, and celebrate our parish. The Gospel of Emmaus reminds us that the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. I believe we also meet Jesus in the sharing of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, great desserts, and a cold beer.

I will not name names since I know I cannot capture all who were so much a part of this wonderful gathering. Certainly, to the Knights of Columbus #5033 Hartigan Council and the Catholic War Vets who set up the BBQ tents, donated and cooked burgers and hot dogs, the staff of St. Martin's, the many donors of raffle gifts, those who volunteered to do many different tasks, those who bought raffle tickets and tee shirts and made other donations, those businesses that made donations, all who participated - **THANK YOU!**

I love the block party and my only goal financially was to come close to breaking even. Actually, after paying our bills, we generated around \$2,000.00 for the parish. Two people I must mention by name are Tom Frost who so generously donated 100 tee shirts to the picnic as a fundraiser. He has also donated tee shirts and aprons to various parish groups. *Thank you Tom!* And the overall leader and guide of the party is Kim Poulos. I see her often at our Masses and loves St. Martin's but is a parishioner of another parish. She has a great love and loyalty to the our former regional school, St. John the Baptist de la Salle, and is so committed to keep the generous spirit of the school alive. *Thank you Kim,* for all you do and your witness of faith.

From top to bottom:

- Fr. Pat was voted "Best Dressed!?"
- Thank you Knights!
- St. Clement Bakers Delights!
- National Anthem
- Dedicated Volunteers and Bobbie
- As the late, great Aretha sang: **R-E-S-P-E-C-T**

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 Lacsa. Everyone please have fun seeing yourselves! Thank you, Rachel!



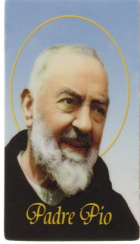
Fathers Pat, Jim, and Denis will be away this week from October 2nd through 4th for Redemptorist meetings in Long Branch, NJ. Father Ciya will be here at St. Martin's. If you feel the need to move the Church or change the Mass schedules or form a policy to prohibit attacks on the Yankees, this is the time to get it done. (Anything broken, call Steve Descovich; any complaints see Janice Fiscina!)

**Next Virtus Class at
St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage
Monday, October 15th at 7PM
St. Alphonsus Parish Hall**

All those who wish to volunteer in any capacity in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must attend. To register online, go to drvc.org, click on Virtus found on their home page and follow the directions. Should you have a problem, please call our rectory office at 516-931-0818 and you will be directed to someone that can help.

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.



**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS RELIGIOUS ED
AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY OCTOBER 27, 2018
10AM - 5PM SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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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, call Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408. All women are welcome!



- **THIS SUNDAY SEPT. 30th Life Teen will meet after the 5:30PM Mass for a Life Night. All high school teens are welcome.**
- **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 beginning this weekend. Thank you!!!**

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

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

Download the St. Martin of Tours Parish App:



myparishapp.com

K of C Soccer Challenge




All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in a penalty kick competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.

The competition will be held Sunday, October 7th at 9AM at Plainedge Field next to Plainedge Middle School, 200 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage.

For additional information, please contact Jim Ward at 827-1480.

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Readings

- Daily Mass readings
- Official NAB(re) version
- Easily bookmark readings to reread at a later time

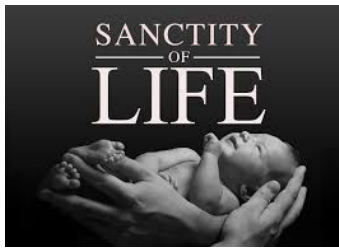
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*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

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.

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

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH & OCTOBER 7 IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

ANOTHER LOOK AT ABORTION: U.S.C.C.B (Part 2 of last week's article)

EFFECTS OF ABORTION: Abortion results in the death of a child. For many mothers, abortion causes severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma. Many women experience overwhelming guilt, shame, and grief. Other effects have also been documented: depression, withdrawal from others, eating disorders, self-punishing behaviors like "cutting," sexual dysfunction and problems with intimacy, alcohol and drug dependency, problems bonding with other or subsequent children, abortion-related nightmares, and other sleep problems. Family relationships may suffer as the aborted child's father, grandparents, or other family members experience their own guilt or loss. Even if the mother keeps her abortion secret, family members can be distressed by changes in the mother's behavior and mental or emotional health. **The Church has consistently taught that every HUMAN LIFE IS PRECIOUS AND WORTHY OF PROTECTION. Every intentional abortion is gravely wrong.** In April 2018, Pope Francis wrote, *"Our defense of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. The Church does not approach difficult pregnancy decisions with a false 'either/or' mentality by pitting mother against child. They both deserve compassionate care and support. Abortion doesn't bring healing or peace, but both can be found in the courageous decision to give birth to the baby."*

Today many babies diagnosed prenatally with a disability are aborted. Frightened parents, unsure of their ability to care for such a child, can trust that God gave them this child for a reason. Parents raising children with disabilities often write about the unexpected joys and transformative effect on their families. Even when the disabilities are so severe that the baby is likely to die before or soon after birth, many parents who carried their children to term say that protecting their baby and honoring his or her natural life, no matter how brief, was profoundly healing. ***Very rarely, continuing a pregnancy may put a mother's life at risk - for example, because of a tubular pregnancy or aggressive uterine cancer, it is morally right to remove the threat to the mother's life by removing the cancerous uterus or the fallopian tube where the child implanted, even though it is foreseeable that the child will die as an indirect and unintended result of such surgery. But abortion - a direct and intentional taking of a child's life - is never morally permissible.*** **WHAT ARE WE DO? LOVE THEM BOTH!** Support women who need help during and after difficult pregnancies through the work of your diocesan RESPECT LIFE OFFICE and LOCAL PREGNANCY CARE CENTERS. **EDUCATE YOURSELF** and others about struggles women experience after abortion, and find out where to refer those seeking help at www.hopeafterabortion.org. If you feel called to SUPPORT your local ministry, contact your diocesan PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY OFFICE for ways you might help. STAY INFORMED about key federal legislation and the voting records of your elected representatives by visiting www.humanlifeaction.org. and www.usccb.org/profile. Stay UPDATAED on STATE ISSUES by signing up to receive information from your state Catholic conference or diocesan pro-life Office. **MOST IMPORTANTLY, PRAY DAILY FOR THE END TO ABORTION**, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion, find healing and peace.

IN CELEBRATION OF RESPECT LIFE MONTH: OPEN HOUSE, Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 6 - 7:30PM, 661 Deer Park Ave Babylon GIANNA CENTER of Long Island Women's Health & Fertility.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th FROM 2 - 3:30PM (rain or shine) JOIN THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE in a silent, peaceful vigil in Huntington, at the intersection of Rts. 25 & 110 and in Manorville just south of LIE exit 70 S on County Rd. 111.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE: www.drvc.respectlifeoffice.org. Contact: Diana Tellis, Ministry/Department Assistant, dtellis@drvc.org, 516 678 5800 Ext. 626 Sr. Elizabeth Geraghty CSJ.

PLEASE VISIT THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY DISPLAY IN THE GATHERING SPACE. INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL LIFE ISSUES. PAMPHLETS AND ALL HANDOUTS ARE FREE FOR YOU TO TAKE HOME.

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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WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM**

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

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

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!



LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING

www.livingwaterscounseling.biz

**Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church
175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747
Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914**

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 - Now 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 between 7AM & 5PM.

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
(516) 746-8250**

(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)

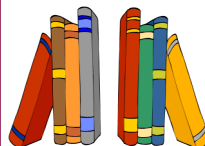
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6

**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
(631) 858-0380 OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

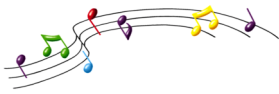
To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk). You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

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.



NOTES FROM THE *Music Ministry*

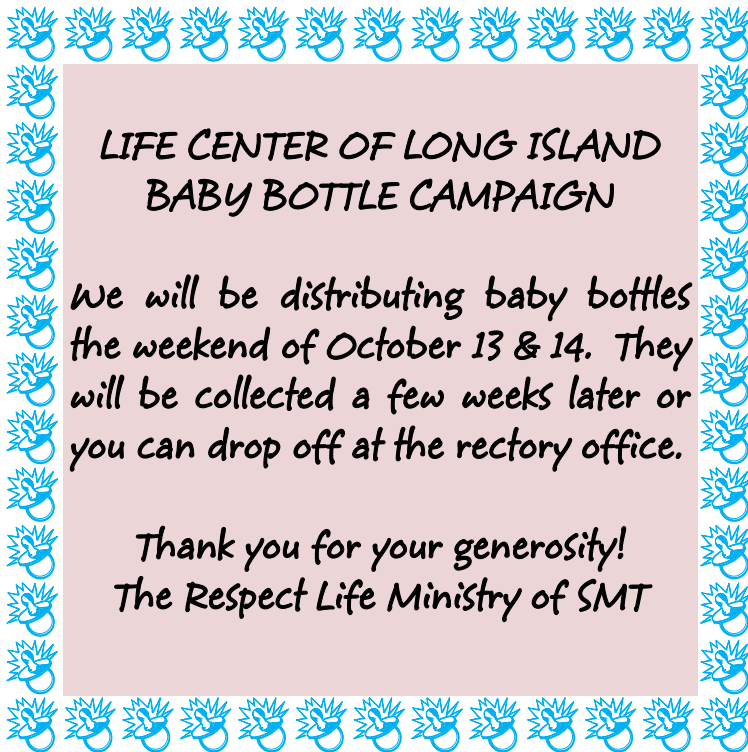
The Music Ministry is ready to be filled with the Spirit as music pours into our Church and out of our hearts here at St. Martin's. We are always looking for singers, musicians, or anyone who is technically inclined to help with equipment & sound. Here is a list of various choirs to consider, their practice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

ADULT CHOIR (18 and over): Practice Thursdays at 7:30PM for 11:30AM Mass

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: (grades 2 - 8): Practice Wednesdays 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.



LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We will be distributing baby bottles the weekend of October 13 & 14. They will be collected a few weeks later or you can drop off at the rectory office.

Thank you for your generosity!
The Respect Life Ministry of SMT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

St. Martin of Tours Religious Education needs volunteers to teach children in our program from grades 1-8.

Contact Pat Ryan at
pryan@smtbethpage.org
or Laura Leigh Agnese at
llagnese@smtbethpage.org.

Phone is 822-9768. Classes will begin in early October. They will give you all the information you need to get you started.

Coming Soon!

The bulletin will soon have the dates when the **GOLDEN HARVEST RAFFLE TICKETS** will be on sale. The dinner and winner announcements will be on Saturday night, November 17th at 8PM in the school auditorium! Only 500 tickets will be available at a cost of \$100 each! Go alone it or with a friend!



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.

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

- Oct 1: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- Oct 1: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Oct 2: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- 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
- Oct 27: Autumn Craft Fair 10AM-5PM School Cafeteria
- 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
- Nov 17: GOLDEN HARVEST RAFFLE and PARTY 8PM Auditorium

