

**Masses For The Week**

- Monday - October 22 - St. John Paul II, Pope**  
 6:30 Schram & King Families  
 9:00 Filomena LaTora
- Tuesday - October 23 - St. John of Capistrano, Priest**  
 6:30 Mary "Ronnie" Downey  
 9:00 Joseph Spoto
- Wed. - October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**  
 6:30  
 9:00 Sarah Zura
- Thursday - October 25**  
 6:30  
 9:00 Bernadette Magnani
- Friday - October 26**  
 6:30  
 9:00 Renate Bourdon
- Saturday - October 27**  
 9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
 5:00 Elizabeth & Lawrence Kruckel  
 7:00 Marcelo Altuna
- Sunday - October 28 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Frances & Anthony Valenti  
 10:00 Accardi, Lynam, Castles, Dioguardia & Pravata Fam.  
 11:30 Michael F. Maley  
 1:00 Richard & Ann Ericson's 40th Wedding Anniversary  
 5:30 Mildred & Frank D'Erasmio

**Readings For The Week**

- Mon. Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21  
 Tues. Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38  
 Wed. Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48  
 Thurs. Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53  
 Fri. Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59  
 Sat. Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9  
**Sun. *Jeremiah 31:7-9* The Lord said, I will bring back the blind and the lame; "I will lead them to brooks of water."**

**Hebrews 5:1-6** *The one who said to Christ, "You are my son: this day I have begotten you" also said, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."*

**Mark 10:46-52** *Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00**  
**10/14/18 Collection: \$18,432.18**

**Thank you SMT for your generosity!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

All discipleship involves mission. The Bishops Pastoral Letter on Stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."



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We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who evangelize by bringing Christ to the world by the example of their lives, especially through service in our parish ministries.

*Charismatic Prayer Group*

**JESUS IS ALIVE!**

In this world where there's so much hatred and disease, some people wonder where Jesus is when bad things happen. He knew first-hand about evil and disease. Sure, He cured many diseases and turned countless people from their evil ways, but He's here to save our souls not fix all our problems. You don't have to wait for a problem to talk to Jesus. He loves to hear from you - problems or not!

**Our next meeting is Monday, October 22nd at 7:30PM in the Church. I'll save a seat for you. Don't leave it empty! All are welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or for more information.**

**HOP Club Winners**

10/15/18 #66	Tom Imbornoni	\$25
10/16/18 #54	Catherine M. Vassallo	\$25
10/17/18 #408	Loretta Haack-DeCaro	\$25
10/18/18 #439	Marylou E. Connelly	\$25
10/19/18 #206	Charles & Harriett Kane	\$250



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

## Wedding Banns

3rd John Romano & Dianna Olic  
 2nd Michael Larose & April Delligatti  
 2nd Steven Stewart & Katherine Harms  
 1st Robert Mecabe & Kerry O'Connor  
 1st Dominic Volpe & Francesca Giannuzzi



**"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 Raman noodles, pancake mix, tomato paste, pasta sauce, tomato soup, canned pasta, boxed milk, Jell-O, pudding, evaporated milk, mayonnaise, juice, diapers size 6, wipes, toilet paper, tissues, dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo.

### 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 October 21-27, 2018*  
*In Loving Memory of*  
*Crème, Montana & Maggio*  
*Family*

### *Sanctuary Candle*

*Week of October 21-27, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Amanda Henderson*



**REMINDER: Please call the rectory at  
 931-0818 to remove a name from the list.**

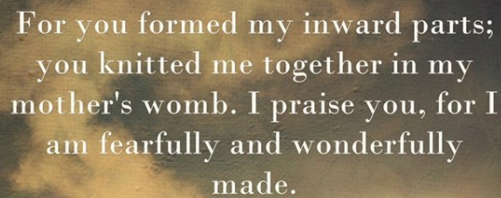
**Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

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 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 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 Czarnicki, 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  
 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, Elaine Caiazzo  
 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  
 Petrina Dralas, Benito Picinic, Michael

***If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, this is the support group for you. We plan to offer groups on Thursday mornings from 10am to 11:30am on November 1, 15, 29; Dec 6, 13; Jan 3, 10 & 17. We will meet at 208 Broadway. Call Parish Outreach at 516-931-7332 and leave a message for Mary.***

## *The Pastor's Letter*

For the past several weeks, many of us have been disturbed by the process of nominating a Supreme Court Justice. Feelings on all sides of the issue were both passionate and angry. I have no doubt that almost all of you have your own strong opinions about what you witnessed. I found the Senate hearing where both Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and Judge Brett Kavanaugh were interviewed led me to feel great compassion for both of them. Both swore under oath about what might or might not have happened more than thirty six years ago. I wonder if we will ever know the full facts of each one's testimony.



For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my  
mother's womb. I praise you, for I  
am fearfully and wonderfully  
made.

- Psalm 139:13-14a

Certainly, in addition, there were many other key issues and questions that continue to reverberate in our nation: was a woman's charge of sexual abuse not taken seriously; was an innocent man and his family destroyed over politics; was the media fair to both Dr. Ford and Judge Kavanaugh; was President Trump respectful of Dr. Ford; were the Democrats in the Senate respectful to Judge Kavanaugh. I am sure these and many other questions will continue to haunt us.

Without taking a sides, I am convinced that the underlying issue, the foundation of much of the debate, was the issue of abortion. Many feel that the Supreme Court may seek to limit abortions in our nation. Many others feel that the court has moved from interpreting laws to making laws. The debate about legal abortions has gone on for many decades and reached its apex with the Roe v Wade decision in 1973 that legalized abortion in the United States. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, we had an ongoing debate about slavery that ultimately led to the Civil War. Many of us lived through the very intense and at times violent arguments about civil rights as well as the Vietnam War. Today, there are strong feelings about immigration, health care, and the economy, but I believe that there is no greater cultural divide in our nation than in the issues of the protection of human life.

Whenever I discuss prolife and abortion topics, I offer a word of hope to anyone reading this who might have been involved in an abortion. Abortion is against the law of God. Yet, no one should ever believe that they are outside the mercy of God. God is a God of mercy and many women and men who have been involved in abortions need healing from emotional and spiritual devastations. There are excellent programs offered that seek to bring about such healing that are both spiritual and psychological in nature.

Also, although the right to life is the most basic of all rights, it is important to realize that being pro-life means that I am *also* concerned about the poor, victims of war, those who are most vulnerable in our society, the dying, those on death row. *All* human life is precious to God and to us. As Catholics we believe strongly that abortion is against the fifth commandment "thou shall not kill" and is a serious breach of God's law. God is the giver of life. Assisted suicide is also on the rise and again. We believe that only *God* can decide when it is our time to go home to Him. No one is obliged to use all sorts of highly advanced medical technology to stay alive, **but** no one is to take any direct action that leads to taking one's own life or that of another person.

There are those who challenge the Catholic Church on its pro-life teachings and say that we are only concerned about life in the womb. Once the baby is born, the child and family is forgotten. That is a life that flies in the face of what we are doing here in our parish with the baby bottle campaign that raises money to help families who are pregnant and those with newborns to have the resources to provide for the care of the baby.

Abortion is clearly a moral issue that is very important in the teaching of the Catholic Church. There are those who will say that you should not impose your beliefs on me. However, abortion is also a legal issue. Our Declaration of Independence states: *that all people are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, among them are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.* There is nothing more basic than the very right to life. What is the right of a newly conceived person? Does a six month old baby in the womb have any legal rights or a nine month old child about to be born? The cry we hear is that *it is my body and I have a right to do with it as I wish.* The rights of a baby in the womb is an issue that is not just for religious people. It is about the civil right of the child in the womb.

I remember receiving a Christmas card with the image of the couple's first child. It is hard to look at a sonogram and not see a separate person that should have the same rights as you and I.

The refrain of John Denver's song *I Want to Live* captures the yearning for life:

*I want to live/I want to grow/I want to see/I want to know  
I want to share what I can give/I want to be/I want to live*

I love the words of the prophet Jeremiah: *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I appointed you as prophet to the nations."*

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

**Diocese of Rockville Centre: An Evening of Prayer for Men Suffering Abortion Loss**

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018 from 7-9PM**

**Mass, Dinner, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration**

**PROJECT RACHEL:** This is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The evening is directed by a spiritual team who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer. ***Please register by Monday, November 25, 2018.*** For more information, visit [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org) or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE or 1 (516) 766-2538 [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org). *All reservations and information will remain confidential.*

**Diocese of Rockville Centre: Healing after Abortion - Day of Prayer and Healing for Women**

**Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 9AM-5PM**

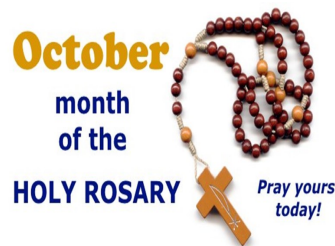
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The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. As we have done in the past, we will recite a decade of the rosary five minutes before all the weekend Masses.

**Recitation of the Rosary:** October 22, 29 at 7:00PM in the Prayer Garden (weather permitting).

If there is a cancelation for any of the outdoor events, notice will be sent out on the parish app.



### Early Education Childhood Week at Our Lady of Mercy School



520 So. Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville NY 11801  
(516) 433-7040 [olmshicks.org](http://olmshicks.org)

**OPEN HOUSE - Register for the 2019 - 2020 term; it's not too early!**  
Sunday, Oct 21 from 11:30-1:30PM  
Tuesday, Oct 23 from 9:30 - 10:30AM  
Wednesday, Oct 24 from 9:30 - 10:30AM

Enter our Open House drawing to earn a \$200 credit toward one child's 2019-2020 Nursery, Pre-K or Kindergarten fees.

### RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR

October is the Month of Respect Life and our parish holy hour on **Wednesday, October 24, at 3:00PM.** will be to pray for the protection of life from conception to natural death.

### LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Please return the bottles by November 3 & 4. Thank you for your generosity!

The Respect Life Ministry of SMT

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The Parish Men's Club will meet on Monday, 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall, October 29<sup>th</sup>. All men 18 and over

are welcome to attend.

Our gatherings consist of a prayer and some discussion of following Jesus in today's complicated world. All are welcome.

### Eucharistic Adoration

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





**ROME — Thirty-eight years after being gunned down in a hospital church in El Salvador, Archbishop Óscar Romero was named a saint on Sunday to cheers in St. Peter's Square, while thousands watched the ceremony on video monitors in the Salvadoran capital. Pope Francis also canonized Pope Paul VI, who is credited with continuing the work begun by Pope John XXIII and bringing the church into the modern era with reforms wrought from the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s.**

In his homily, Francis said Archbishop Romero “left the security of the world, even his own safety, in order to give his life according to the Gospel, close to the poor and to his people.” Of the pope, he said, “Even in the midst of tiredness and misunderstanding, Paul VI bore witness in a passionate way to the beauty and the joy of following Christ totally. ”In all, Francis canonized seven people at the ceremony, which was attended by 70,000 people in St. Peter's Square, according to the Vatican.

On Sunday, Francis wore the bloodstained cincture of the martyred archbishop, who was killed by a right-wing death squad on March 24, 1980, while celebrating Mass. The pope also used a cloak, staff and chalice belonging to Pope Paul VI. “Paul VI spent his life for Christ's Gospel, crossing new boundaries and becoming its witness in proclamation and in dialogue, a prophet of a Church turned outward, looking to those far away and taking care of the poor,” Francis said on Sunday.

Archbishop Romero's path to sainthood was strewn with obstacles, including strong opposition from some in the church to what were perceived as his political motivations. Those reservations had sidelined previous attempts by his supporters to have him recognized by the Vatican. For decades, Archbishop Romero's legacy was obstructed because several powerful prelates saw him as a proponent of liberation theology, a movement focused on the poor that had been spawned by the church's discussions on social justice in the 1960s. For conservatives, the movement was a thinly veiled adaptation of Marxist ideology manipulated by communists to foment revolution in Latin America. “Romero wasn't communist; he wasn't a man of the guerrilla; he was a pastor,” said Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, the president of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life and the promoter of the archbishop's cause. “And yet he was accused of being political, just as Jesus was,” he said. He noted that it was “extraordinary” that: “Romero and Paul VI are being canonized together because, in effect, it is like theory and practice, uniting in one, and that is a great truth for today, putting the poor and the weakest first,” he said. About 70,000 people attended the ceremony on Sunday at St. Peter's Square, the Vatican said. In an interview, Archbishop Paglia said that Pope John Paul II had come to understand Archbishop Romero's message. “We have to reclaim Romero, he is ours, he belongs to the church,” he recalled John Paul II saying. Benedict XVI cleared the path to Archbishop Romero's sainthood shortly before resigning in 2013.

“As a pastor, he understood that to enact the Gospel was to serve the poor, and he put the church at the service of the people,” Father Sandoval said, adding that the archbishop had followed in the footsteps of Paul VI, “a courageous and free pontiff who understood and supported Romero.” “They were the movers at the time,” he said. To suppress the movement, he noted, their opponents had a simple tactic: “Kill the priests.” He added, “Hopefully, Romero will serve to be a pastoral model for the bishops of Latin America.” Karina Morey and Renee Workman, both 15, had traveled to Rome from Fairfax, Va., to pay homage to their Catholic school's namesake: Paul VI. The pope's message still resonated with young people, they said. “It's progressive and present,” said Ms. Morey. Ms. Workman said, “We look to him to see how we should act like Christians.”



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

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- Sunday, October 21st: All high school students are welcome to a Life Night after the 5:30PM Mass.
- Sunday, October 28th: All 9th to 12th grade high school students are invited to our Halloween Party after the 5:30PM Mass. Halloween fun and lots of food!
- SOCK-TOBER: We will be collecting new, warm socks for those in most need during the whole month of October. Thank you!!!
- THE YOUTH MINISTRY TALENT SHOW will be on Friday, November 30th at 7PM in the Auditorium. As we did last year, all proceeds will go to purchase an adaptive tricycle for a special needs child to be delivered in time for Christmas. There will be more information in future bulletins.

Diana Hughes, Youth Minister & the Life Teen Core Team

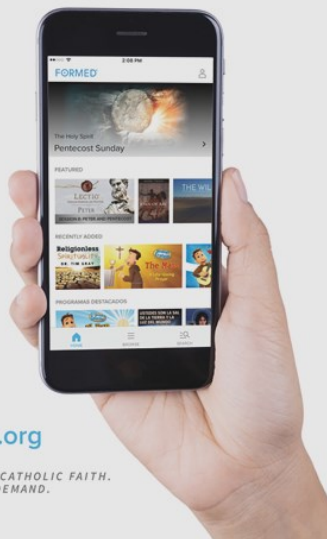
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Grades Pre-K - 8  
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530 Hempstead Boulevard  
Uniondale NY  
516- 481-3303  
[www.stmartinmarianist.org](http://www.stmartinmarianist.org)**

### 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**

#### **SESSION B: FOR HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, HOMEBOUND MINISTERS**

**NASSAU - NOVEMBER 3, 2018 - ST. AGNES PARISH CENTER, ROCKVILLE CENTRE 9AM - 1PM**

**EVENING - OCTOBER 22, 2018 - ST. ELIZABETH, MELVILLE 7PM - 10PM**



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**Homily of Father Pat to the 8th graders attending 5:30PM Mass on 10/14/18**

If I say the name Lebron to you, I am sure almost everybody who is here tonight at Mass would know that I am referring to Lebron James, now of the Los Angeles Lakers, who is considered by most experts to be the best basketball player in the world and an equal to Michael Jordan. I may not agree with all that he does and says but from what I have read he is a good man who loves his family and is supportive of various charities. It is against my principles to speak well about any of the New York Yankees, but I must confess that Aaron Judge is a wonderful baseball player, and from what I have observed, he seems to be a man, who in spite of his great talents, is very humble and a very good teammate.

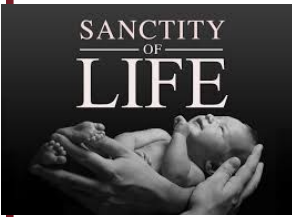
I want to read to you a prayer that I read the other day: *Dear Lord, thank you so much for the blessings of all my friends, my fans, and my family.* Shortly thereafter she said, *Dear Lord, please give me strength to be a winner for all of them and not for myself. Dear Lord, remind me to empower not myself but to empower all those people around me because that is my gift.* She then asked God for courage, begging, *Do not let me give in to my own insecurities. Allow me to walk in Your way.* Can anyone guess who wrote that prayer? Yes, it was Lady GaGa who went to Catholic school as a teenager and was raised as a Catholic. She said this prayer before she went on stage at for a concert at Madison Square Garden. I saw the movie *A Star is Born* and she was an excellent actress and sure can sing. Again, I do not agree with everything that she says and does, but God certainly gave her talent and she truly developed it.

Lady GaGa, Lebron James, and Aaron Judge are very popular in our world. Many admire them for their skills and abilities, and we may even wish we had their talents and their money. They are famous and have some qualities we might admire, but in my mind they are not heroes. Being a hero is different than being famous. A hero is someone who is willing to take on great risks and make great sacrifices for others. A hero is someone who follows his or her beliefs even when others make fun of them and ridicule them. I think firefighters and police officers are often heroes since they are willing to risk their lives for the sake of others. I think doctors and nurses who go to poor countries to treat people who have no money are heroes. Your Mom and Dad could be heroes since they make great sacrifices and work so hard to try to help you succeed in life, and love you so very much, even when you are arguing with them. There are lots of ordinary heroes all around us we may not notice; they do so much good for others and they make our world better. They have generous hearts.

Perhaps, you saw the movie *Hacksaw Ridge*. It is an amazing story of a true hero of World War II. Here is a description of the movie: *Hacksaw Ridge* is the true-to-life story of Desmond T. Doss, a devout Seventh-day Adventist Christian whose strongly-held pacifist beliefs are at odds with the war's motives. He was awarded the Medal of Honor when he single-handedly saved the lives of 75 of his fellow soldiers. He was an Army medic who refused to bear arms, much less shoot at the enemy, even while he was saving his comrades under constant enemy fire.

Desmond Doss refused to carry a weapon and the other soldiers called him a coward and a chicken. but he saved 75 of those who ridiculed by his courage and beliefs during a key battle of the war. The Catholic Church has a name for heroes; we call them saints. The saints are men and women who dedicated their lives to following Jesus Christ because he was God's Son. Many of them were persecuted and bullied for being followers of Jesus.

As you prepare for your Confirmation, you will choose a sponsor. Perhaps, you will choose your brother or sister, an aunt or uncle or a friend. Choose a sponsor whom you admire, who has qualities that you want to follow in your own life. You will choose a Confirmation name; choose a saint or virtue that you want to have in your own life, a person who can be your personal hero. You will do community service since we are asking you to be followers of Jesus, to be a kind of hero who is willing to sacrifice for others. Whenever you see a hero on television or in your daily life, you are getting a glimpse, a glance at the source of all courage and heroes: Jesus Christ. He was both God and man. He loved us so much that he gave his life on the cross for each one of us. There is no one greater to follow than Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The month of October is annually observed by the Catholic Church in the United States as Respect Life Month. We are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

Each week, I write an article about Respecting Life from its beginning in the womb, until the dignity of death, bringing life to its very end. So many issues to cover! It's amazing that there is never a time that I run out of subjects that touch on the lives of many of us, at one time or another - from Abortion, End of Life Issues, Child Abuse, Spousal Abuse, Bullying, The Death Penalty, Religious Freedom, Assisted Suicide, Suicide, Rachel's Vineyard, Gabriel's Courage, Maternity Residences, Pregnancy Centers, Caregivers, Opioids and our Youth, the list goes on and on.

But what is most evident in today's society is the lack of respect for each other. Just to turn on the TV, Social Media, Facebook, Twitter, the news is filled with attacks on just about everybody, depending upon what side of the isle you vote on. We have been a divided nation before. During the 60s, we fought for civil rights, women's rights, Vietnam, the draft and saw the execution of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Robert Kennedy. Seems we would have learned that peace would lead us to change - hat your vote changes things. Your vote is your power.

We may or may not agree with our President. We may or may not like Congress, we may or may not agree on where the country is headed, but it does not give us the moral right to disrespect our differences. We should celebrate our differences. Sure, we have freedom of speech, and many have given the ultimate sacrifice for it. It's what makes us America! But to criticize someone's appearance, ridicule those who disagree with us, call names, threaten and harass those in opposition to our own views is wrong. It is our freedom to say what we feel, but to slander and reduce people into categories such as racists, level of education and political leanings is simply not a good place for America to be headed. We are America, we are better than that. November we vote which is our right to change in disagreements.

My 9 year old grandson Liam is in the 4th grade at Holy Family School in Hicksville. He wrote this composition, and I would like to share it with you. October 12, 2018 - Liam's Guidance Entry at Holy Family  
*I think kindness is like dominos - once one falls all the others do. Kindness is important. No one wants to feel bad and no one wants to make anyone feel bad. Most people who aren't kind have experienced some kind of harshness. When you get home say a little prayer for that person. Be kind and pray for the unkind, for they will be healed. Kindness is something you won't see or touch, but it's one of the most important things in the world. Kindness is how you will make your mark. Do someone a favor and be kind.*

- Liam

So as Liam says in his composition, kindness is certainly a respect for life.



**Our religious education program is in need of a volunteer to teach a child with special needs. If you have skills and training in this area and are willing to assist this pastoral concern, please let me know.**

**Father Patrick Woods CSSR woodscsr@aol.com**

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

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

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**PROJECT RACHEL**

**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**

**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/>.

**MOMMAS HOUSE**

**MOMMAS HOUSE** is a home for young women who are pregnant, homeless and alone. The young women are between 18 and 24 years old. While at MOMMAS, the young women will complete their education or vocational training. The babies are cared for by the staff and volunteers at MOMMAS House. For more information, call 516 781-8637 or go to the website: [www.mommashouse.org](http://www.mommashouse.org).

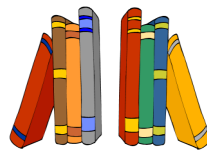
**St. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:**

**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.

**Spiritual Book Club**

***Inspired* by Rachel Weld Evans**

**Discussion November 7th at 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall**

**First Meeting: Introduction and Chapter One (pp xi to 28). It is best to read and discuss this book by sections since discussing the entire book at once would be difficult.**

**Regular Book Club**

***The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Ray Hinton**

**Discussion on Friday, November 16th at 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall**

**ATTENTION CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**

We have our Thanksgiving Feast coming up on November 13th, and we are in need of more people to bring vegetable side dishes and other goodies.

Please call Laurel R. at 681-4211 to find out exactly what is needed. Thank you!!

All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule is:



**Wednesday, October 31st**  
**Vigil at 7PM**

**Thursday, November 1st**  
**6:30AM, 9AM, 12 Noon and 7PM**



**Golden Harvest**



Raffle limited to five hundred tickets at \$100 each  
 ...fifty cash prizes for excellent odds of one in ten!

**Let's sell ALL 500 tickets this year!!**

**WHEN:** Drawing will be held at a Festival Party  
**Saturday, November 17th at 8PM in the School Cafeteria**

**LIST OF PRIZES**

- First Prize \$5,000**
- 2 Prizes \$2,000**
- 3 Prizes \$ 500**
- 4 Prizes \$ 200**
- 20 Prizes \$ 150**
- 20 Prizes \$ 125**

**\$100 per ticket.**  
**Go it alone or**  
**share a ticket**  
**with others!**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE EVERY WEEKEND!!!**

**IN THE GATHERING AREA**

**BEFORE *and* AFTER ALL MASSES including the 5:30 Mass**

**Stop by the Rectory Office during the week to buy your ticket!**





**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



Registration for the Maria Regina CYO Swim Team will be held on **Wednesday, October 24th from 6PM to 8:30PM** in the Commons area of Farmingdale High School, 150 Lincoln Street, Farmingdale. **The program is for boys and girls ages 6-18**, and St. Martin of Tours parishioners are welcome to join. It is **not** a Learn to Swim program, as all swimmers must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted. All practices are at Farmingdale High School. Please visit [mariaregina.swimtopia.com](http://mariaregina.swimtopia.com) for further information.

**B**EGINNING 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct 22: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Oct 23: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Oct 24: Respect Life Holy Hour 3:00PM Church
- Oct 27: Autumn Craft Fair 10AM-5PM School Cafeteria
- Oct 27 & 28: FORMED kickoff weekend
- Oct 29: Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 1: Bereavement Group (see p. 3 for more details)
- Nov 3 & 4: Return Baby Bottles
- Nov 5: Christian Mothers meet at 9AM Mass for St. Elizabeth, mother of St. John the Baptist
- Nov 7: Spiritual Book Club "Inspired" 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 13: NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- Nov 13: Christian Mothers Thanksgiving Feast Sharing Table 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 16: Regular Book Club "The Sun Does Shine" 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 17: GOLDEN HARVEST RAFFLE and PARTY 8PM Auditorium

