

Masses For The Week

Monday - November 19

6:30 Marty Laraia
9:00 Rosalie Pasi

Tuesday - November 20

6:30 Elizabeth Quinones
9:00 Aida Gilday

Wed. - November 21 - The Presentation of Mary

6:30
9:00 Bernard Kennedy

Thursday - November 22 - St. Cecilia (Thanksgiving Mass)

9:00 The People of the Parish

Friday - November 23

6:30
9:00 Christopher Profita

Saturday - November 24 - St. Andrew Dung Lac & Martyrs

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Ann & Bill Csajko
7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - Nov 25 - Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Anthony Krich
10:00 Thomas Cilmi
11:30 Kristine Benasutti
1:00 Ann DeMarsico
5:30 Tom Mitchell, Birthday Remembrance & Ann Adams

Readings For The Week

Mon. Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
Tues. Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
Wed. Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
Thurs. Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
Fri. Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
Sat. Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
Sun. Daniel 7:13-14 *Daniel had a vision and saw "one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven...His dominion is an everlasting dominion."*

Revelation 1:5-8 *The firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth has made us a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.*

John 18:33b-37 *When Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "You say I am a king."*



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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00
11/11/18 Collection: \$15,016.18
Redemptorists: \$5,524.00

Thank you SMT for your generosity!

Reflection and Living Stewardship



The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with the present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes which people foster now." May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who live each day preparing for the coming of the Son of Man.

Charismatic Prayer Group

There's a sign in my gym that says, "If it's important to you to do something, you will make the time. If it's not important to you, you will make excuses." So, what messages are you sending God? Think about it. Then make the time for prayer, praise and worship!

Our next meeting is Monday, November 19th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. All are welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or for more information.

HOP Club Winners

11/11/18 - FEAST OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
#315 Sarah L. Raab \$500
11/12/18 #203 Liz Delaney \$25
11/13/18 #27 M/M Andrew Murray \$25
11/14/18 #125 Dorothy Mancini \$25
11/15/18 #234 M/M Edward Pecinka \$25
11/16/18 #465 Diana Viviano \$250

Congratulations to all our winners!

Wedding Banns

1st Christopher Sirico & Lauren Quealy



*"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: pancake mix, egg noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, tomato paste, pasta sauce, Chef Boyardee canned pastas, tomato soup, boxed milk, icing, juice, juice boxes, ketchup, mayonnaise, diapers (size 5), baby wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, dish soap and laundry soap.

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 November 18 - 24, 2018*

*In Loving Memory of
Ann & Bill Csajko*

Sanctuary Candle

Week of November 18 - 24, 2018

*In Loving Memory of
Christopher Profita*



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 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.

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
Matthew Messina, Pat Cannata, Christopher Gratton, Barbara Thompson
Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov, Patricia Morrone
Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro
Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino, Nicole Cagna
Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh, Louise Sandberg, Anthony Luisi
Tommy Johnson, Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio 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 Baciuska Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder
Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall
Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Elsa Ryan, Sarah Messina
William Boyce, Jo Ann Anastos, Michael Arato, Connie Burgess
Dolores Miller, Elizabeth Ryan, Layla Barr, Susan Carroll-Goyan
Patty & Tom Turano, Nicholas Amato, Jesusa Aquino, 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
Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, 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, 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, Noelle Buchner, Margaret DeMarco
Robert Amato, Yvonne McDonnell Denise Dolan, The Gallagher Family
Henry Hamilton, Christian Bogdanos, Terry & John Bunker, Liam
Margaret Young, John Lazzara, Rosemary Caiazzo, Virginia Gala
Karen Murphy, Catherine Comiskey, Connie Sheehan, Richard Baker
Dina Ledogard, Ed Russo, Petrina Dralas, Benito Picinic, Michael
Sonny Considine, Joanne Gorman

Rest in Peace
Alberta Skillman

The Pastor's Letter

Homily at Mass of Remembrance 11/10/18

Although this is a somber time as we come together to remember those we loved who have died over the past year, I am going to begin my reflections with two slightly irreverent stories, one that is true and one that is made up. I am sure in your pain and grief, there have been at least a few smiles and even a bit of laughter as you hold your deceased loved one in your heart.

The joke goes like this: A teacher of the first grade catechism class asked the children the question: *Where is God?* As is the wont of children, all raised their hands begging to be called upon. The first little boy said, *God is in heaven*, and the teacher commends him for this answer. A little girl enthusiastically said, *God is in our hearts*, and again the teacher offers praise. A third little girl said, *God is in the Holy Communion at Mass*, and the teacher says well done. Finally, a little boy said, *God is in our family's bathroom*. Naturally, the teacher is a bit perplexed and asked the boy why he thinks God is in the bathroom. He said, *"Well, I have four sisters and every morning my father stands at the bathroom door, and says, 'God Almighty, get out of that bathroom.'"*

The second story is a true one that I heard from another priest. A mother and daughter asked a priest to come to the cemetery to bless the grave of their husband and father. It snowed with about four inches on the ground. The cemetery was very large and as they went up and down looking for the grave, the wife in exasperation cries out, *Where the heck are you Harry?*

Each of the two stories raises two profound theological and spiritual questions that interconnect. *Where is Harry?* and *Where is God?* You might have asked God that question when your husband, your wife or your friend was dying. Why did we have to lose them at this time of our lives? Why do we have to die? These are serious, difficult questions with no simple answers. The only truth that makes sense to me is that if God was on a cross dying on a Friday in Jerusalem - and He was - then He is with every dying and suffering person in the world. That is what it means to say that Jesus is fully human and fully divine. He was right there in that hospice, the hospital, and your bedroom when you tearfully let go of your beloved.

That brings us to where is Harry (or Harriet)? I think our response would be that we hope they are in Heaven. We might even point our finger and say he or she is up there. That is our hope and our prayer. But even if they are in heaven, (and we are so happy that they are), we so wish that they were still here with us. *I miss him; I miss her so much. I miss them on their birthdays, on our anniversary, at Thanksgiving at Christmas; I miss them next to me in bed, at the kitchen table, or on the phone. There is not a day that goes by that I do think about them and mourn them.*

Well, that is part of my response to *where is Harry*. The deceased we mourn are as present to us as we think about them and carry them with us. They are with us in the thousands of memories we carry, and experience them when we least expect. It may sound strange to say, but we feel them so much in their absence. We see them in the faces of our children and our grandchildren. That very longing, the profound bond that we shared with them for many years is perhaps even more alive now than ever.

We may lovingly visit the cemetery or view their ashes and say they are there. This is a powerful reminder of their presence, but they are not there in the way we wish them to be. I often preach at funerals on the Gospel of the women coming to the tomb to anoint Jesus' broken body. Because of the Jewish Sabbath, Jesus' burial was rushed and his dear friends wanted to anoint his body with oils and perfumes. When they go into the tomb, an angel says to them, *why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen.* That is the core of our faith: *He is risen.* I believe all those who have died are alive with the Living God. Their spirits, their souls, that which made them who they were when they walked among us, their memories, their loves, their feelings, their personalities, the dreams and hopes are with them now with God.

I suppose that little boy was correct that God was in the bathroom since we believe God is present everywhere. He is not on some distant planet looking down at us, but *truly* with us. Here is how St. Paul describes it: *God intended that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being.* Where are our deceased? They are with God. Where is God? He is with us.

At this Mass, at every Mass, we believe that God is truly present in the Holy Eucharist: the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As we celebrate this Mass, I truly believe I know where your beloved deceased are - they are right here with God and with us, present here in the Eucharist.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR, Pastor
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St. Martin of Tours Giving Tree



Once again we are asking our generous family of St. Martin's to help our needy neighbors who need assistance this Christmas Season. The Giving Tree will be ready on Saturday, November 17th after the 9:00AM Mass. Please take a tag and purchase a gift card from the store that is named on the tag. Due to space restrictions, we can only accept gift cards, which allows our neighbors the ability to purchase what they need for their families.

Gift cards must be **returned by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH** to give us time to sort and deliver them to the families in our community. Please write the dollar amount on the gift card and deposit it in the rectory door mail slot. St. Vincent de Paul and SMT's Outreach are very grateful for your compassion and support of our neighbors!

Next Virtus Class at St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage

**Tuesday, November 20 at 7PM
Faculty Lounge in the School Building**

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.

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ONE DAY CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The Youth Ministry will be selling Christmas trees at St. Martin's Church parking lot on Friday, December 7th from **4:00PM - 9:00PM only**. All trees are \$35.00.



FORMED RECOMMENDATION

Mary of Nazareth

Church tradition holds that at a young age, Mary was presented to the Lord in the temple by her parents, Joachim and Ann. During this special time, Mary offered her life to God as a gift of service to Him, and grew rich in all the heavenly virtues, especially contemplating love of God, love of others, patience, chastity, humility and obedience. In essence, even as a young girl, she learned to ponder and trust in the will of God above her own will, that all things may be accomplished in her, according to God's plan. *The Presentation of Mary is November 21st.*

For the children, the Rosary is a special way to pray through music and prayer in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation. Brother Francis inspires children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary. Rita Verow

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER



Join Brother Francis and use your heart, mind, and song to learn the prayers of the Rosary!



St. Martin of Tours Children's Choir & Barnyard Lane Sign Company are hosting a

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CRAFT PROJECT

Saturday, December 1st
2:00 - 4:00PM in St. Alphonsus Hall



Your child or grandchild will create their own wooden sign that they can proudly display during the Christmas Season. Total cost is \$15 per child. There will be snacks and "Live" Christmas Music provided by the St. Martin's Children's Choir.

RESERVATIONS: email Elena Scollo at ladymusicst@aol.com by November 28th to reserve a spot.

Dear Parents,

As we begin our second basketball clinic program in January 2019 in St. Martin of Tours Auditorium, there are certain things that must be clarified to each of you concerning the use of the auditorium. Please note that the clinic ages are now from 2 years and up, K, 1st & 2nd grades. I ask that you read and discuss the following rules with your child:

1. Please do not leave your child without checking in with the clinic staff. Be sure to pick up your child on time.
2. Please do not allow other children (siblings, friends, etc.) to remain in the auditorium unsupervised. Clinic staff cannot be responsible for them.
3. Remind your child:
 - No running in the hall of the school building.
 - No ball playing except in the auditorium.
 - No spitting water or playing at the water fountain or in the bathrooms.
 - Children must be reminded that they are representing themselves, you and St. Martin of Tours each time they participate. Good behavior is a must.

We expect each parent to go over these rules to ensure their child's good behavior. We ask for your full cooperation and look forward to a happy and fun program.

Sincerely,

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR, Pastor

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS BASKETBALL CLINIC REGISTRATION - Deadline December 30, 2018

Child's Information (please print):

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

M / F Date of Birth: _____ Circle Grade: 2 years + up Kindergarten First Second

Street: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mother's Name _____ Cell _____

Father's Name _____ Cell _____

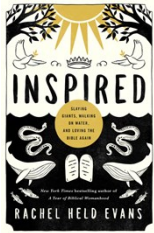
Attending Parish: _____

Email Address (please print)

As parent or guardian, I assume all the risks and hazards incidental or associated with such participation including all activities, contests and practices. I hereby waive, release and absolve indemnity and agree to hold harmless St. Martin of Tours Church, Bethpage NY 11714.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____



Our second meeting of Rachel Held Evan's book, *Inspired*, will be on December 14th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. We will be going through chapters 5, 6 and 7 (pp 115-175). Even if you were not able to attend the first session, you are most welcome to come to this meeting to discuss this very interesting book on entering into the Bible.

Our monthly Holy Hour will be on Tuesday November 27th from 3:00-4:00PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4:00 - 7:30PM.



The Parish Men's Club will meet on Thursday, November 29th at 7:30PM in the library located in St. Alphonsus Hall. All men 18 and over are welcome.



Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28 at 7pm in St. Alphonsus Hall. For more information, please contact us at smtwomensgroup@gmail.com or 516.931.0818 See you then!

BASKETBALL CLINIC NEWS



To the parents of boys and girls 2 years and up, Kindergarten, first and second graders. Please see page 7 of this bulletin for details to register your child for the St. Martin of Tours Basketball Clinic.

Clinic starts: Sunday, January 6, 2019
Clinic ends: Sunday, March 31, 2019

We will meet following the 10AM Mass from 11AM- 12 Noon at SMT Auditorium

A memory that has stayed with me of one my earliest experiences of parish ministry came when I was a sophomore in our college seminary. During the summers we were given assignments in some local parishes to begin our pastoral training. I was assigned to do a parish census in a poor parish in the city of Hartford. Since we had taken our religious vows and were Redemptorists, we wore clerical shirts. It was the end of the day of my work, and I was knocked on the door and a man came out and welcomed me calling me *Father*. I explained I was not a priest but rather a seminarian. It was clear that his family had just sat down to eat, and I told him I would come back another time to take the parish information. He insisted that I sit down with his family and eat with them. It was clear the family did not have much, but I was so very humbled by their welcome and their generosity. This memory comes to me when I ponder the Gospel of the Widow's Mite.

Years later, now ordained, I was in the director of our seminary formation for our men who were preparing to take their final vows as Redemptorists and to take the final steps to ordination. Certainly, there were many qualities that were expected of a man preparing for vows and ordination: some of them I desired to see in the candidates were: prayerfulness, good character, intelligence, faithfulness, and the ability to get along with others. I often thought to myself the quality I thought that I most wished to see in the student was a spirit of generosity, of not counting the cost, of a willingness to go the extra mile. For me, the quality of generosity is a virtue is the underpinning of many other key spiritual qualities.

In our readings today, we are presented with two widows whose generosity is inspiring. Widows hold a special place in the scriptures. The Biblical times were quite patriarchal and women were seen as very much dependent on their husbands for all their needs. So, when a husband died, a widow was left without any resources and was often quite dependent to the point of poverty. Quite often the Biblical prophets challenge the community to care for widows. As we read this text, we might consider our widows anyone who is need of care and compassion. In our first reading today, the prophet Elijah, during a time of famine, asks a poor widow for some food. Although she has very little flour, she responds generously to him. Ironically, the present King of the Jewish nation is not being generous and kind to his people and there is a great contrast between the widow and the selfish King. In today's Gospel, a poor widow gives her last two pennies in a donation to the Temple in Jerusalem. Jesus points out that some of the religious are making generous donations to the Temple so they can be seen and praised. We would have been moved if the widow would have given one penny which would have been half of her money, but she gives both coins, all that she has.

Now, do not fear, I am not about to speak about money to you. Through my years here, I have been humbled by the great financial generosity of our parishioners. As I think about generosity, and given from what is very precious to me, I think about the use of time as a challenge to a spirit of generosity. Something that most of us deeply value and try to protect is our time; it is a limited resource, twenty four hours to a day. There are many demands on our time: work, the need for rest and sleep, caring for our home or apartment, doctor's visits, going to school, attending church, family occasions, recreation, exercise, reading or watching television. When someone asks me can you do me a favor, I want to say yes immediately, but there is an inner nervousness about what is about to be asked: does he need a ride to the airport, do they want me to fix something in their home, do they want me to go to the doctor with them. Our first thought before we respond might leave us thinking: how much time will this take. Time is precious. Time is a great way to determine what is important to us. We give our time to what is absolutely necessary and to what we like to do. We spend our time in what we value. So, if we value our relationship with our spouse, our children, our parents, our friends, how much of my time is devoted to these relationships? If we value our faith, how much time is given to my relationship with God? Does God get my prime time of the day or whatever I can squeeze in? People sometimes say to me - Father, I want to give something back; God has been good to me. This is a beautiful thought and it can move us to want to serve in some way in our community or parish. We all have a long list of things we have to do. They are essential. However, as I look over my use of time, I can ask how generous I am in its use. Am I ready at times to let go of both pennies or am I clutching the coins firmly in my hand. I have found it is often far easier to give money to a person in need rather than the precious gift of time. I often say that I can get pretty busy, but is rare, perhaps too rare, when I don't find the time to eat. However, busy I may, there is some time for the Jets to be watched, although I am beginning to list that as a time of penance. No doubt all of us have a need for some private time when we can just be alone. Still, I think perhaps that the greatest challenge to our virtue of generosity is that we can become a bit selfish with our time.

As I thought about these two widows of our readings who are great witnesses to generosity, I could not help but think of our presence here at Mass today and the continual and ever present generosity of God who has given us life, who loves and nurtures us, and continues to feed us with his body and blood. *11/11/18 homily*

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY
CHRISTMAS PARTY & RAFFLE NIGHT**



CMRC Christmas Celebration
Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00PM
St. Alphonsus Hall with a feast and raffle night!

**Please bring either an appetizer or dessert
and a NEW \$10 wrapped gift.**





- All High School teens are welcome to join us at the 5:30PM Mass on Sunday, November 18th. It will be followed by our Thanksgiving feast in the school cafeteria.
- There is NO meeting on Sunday, November 25th after Mass. Enjoy Thanksgiving weekend!

Diana Hughes & Liam Gordon, Youth Ministers & the Life Teen Core Team
 SMT_lifeteen@yahoo.com

AUCTION AND TALENT SHOW: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Auction Baskets will be in the cafeteria. Doors open at 6PM.

Talent Show will begin at 7PM in the Auditorium.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE RECTORY OR AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW.

TICKET SALES: \$10 General Admission; \$5 Seniors & children 12 and under.

Family Price: \$25.00

Donations of gift cards/certificates, spirits and new items are still being accepted.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE TALENT SHOW AND THE AUCTION WILL GO TO PURCHASE AN ADAPTIVE TRICYCLE FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. (Supported by the Share the Voice Organization)



On behalf of the Redemptorists, I thank the parishioners of St. Martin for your very generous offering of \$5,524.00 to our Congregation in the recent second collection. We appreciate the love you have for us, and you show it in so many ways. - Father Pat

CALLING ALL ANGELS, KINGS AND SHEPHERDS

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on Monday, December 24th at the 6:00PM Mass in the Church. Please fill the space below and submit it to the rectory by December 20th. The one and only practice for the pageant will be on Thursday, December 20th at 4PM in Church.

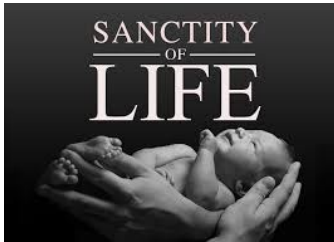
CHILD'S NAME(S): _____

AGE(S): _____ PHONE: _____

PART REQUESTED: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE & DATE

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



11/8/18 Excerpts from CATHOLIC NEW AGENCY, Washington D.C. Following the 2018 mid-term elections, President Trump said he has a plan for making pro-life progress, now that Democrats have taken control of the House. In his first two years Trump has enacted several pro-life policies, focused largely on reversing Obama-era measures to expand abortion funding. Within days of taking office, he reinstated and expanded the Mexico City Policy, ensuring that U.S. tax dollars are not funding the provision or promotion of abortion overseas in any U.S. global health spending. He has defunded UNFPA on the grounds that it supports coercive abortion and

sterilization in China, and has repealed Obama-era guidance preventing states from defunding abortion facilities of Medicaid dollars. The Department of Health and Human Services has issued new rules that require health insurers to specify whether plans cover abortions and has proposed a rule to cut TITLE X taxpayer funding from any facility that performs or refers abortions. It has also announced the creation of a CONSCIENCE and RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DIVISION, which will work to protect MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS who object to cooperating with abortion.

President Trump has appointed two PRO-LIFE JUSTICES to the SUPREME COURT, and dozens more to lower courts throughout the country. Ending the FEDERAL FUNDING of PLANNED PARENTHOOD, a major pro-life objective, would require the cooperation of a now-divided Congress. Overturning Roe v. Wade would fall to the Supreme Court: RESTRICTIONS ON ABORTION - such as 20 WEEK LIMITS, ULTRASOUND REQUIREMENTS, and BANS on ABORTIONS BASED ON GENETIC ABNORMALITY - are largely enacted at the state level. If Roe V. Wade were to be overturned, it would also be up to individual states to prohibit abortion. One possibility for sidestepping Congressional gridlock and advancing pro-life legislation is to offer some other issue as a compromise. Given the Democratic Party's emphasis in recent years on abortion as a non-negotiable value, it could be difficult to find any other issue that would incentivize them to cede any ground in this realm. One more realistic area of focus for the pro-life movement is the Supreme Court. Two justices on the court are in their 80s. It is likely that Trump will have the opportunity to appoint at least one - if not two- more justices, and with the Senate still in the hands of the GOP, the appointment probably will be confirmed.

President Trump has so far lived up to his campaign promise of appointing pro-life justices, and another addition or two of the nation's highest court would create a solid pro-life majority. His appointment to the Supreme Court may prove to be his most enduring contribution to the pro-life movement. Executive orders can easily be - and in fact - generally are - overturned by a future president upon taking office. Laws can be repealed by a future Congress, but Supreme Court justices serve lifetime appointments and their rulings routinely go decades before being reconsidered, if ever. Since President Trump did not give details about his plan to fight abortion, it is uncertain what that plan actually entails. But given the limits of his own power, such a solution would realistically require either an extraordinary feat of cooperation in Congress, or a long-term battle in the nation's highest court.

*The Redemptorist Community, Deacon Thomas Hennessy,
all Church Ministries, Volunteers and Staff
wish our parishioners and all visitors to
St. Martin of Tours
a Happy and Most Blessed Thanksgiving!*

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Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau

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NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Listen to God's voice by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Apr 26-28, 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.

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

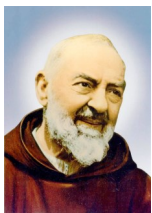
**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
(631) 858-0380 OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

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.

**Padre Pio Holy Hour**

Please join us on Tues, Nov. 20th at 7:30PM in the Eucharistic Chapel for the Padre Pio Holy Hour. His 1st & 2nd class relics will be venerated.

Eucharistic Adoration

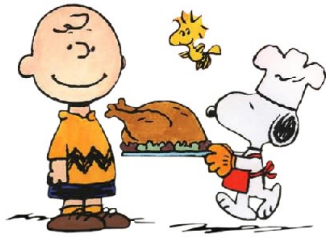
TUESDAYS 3-7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel

Please check the [Upcoming Events](#) for any change to the hours.

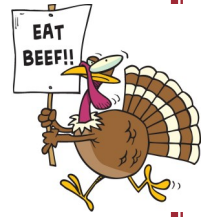
BOY SCOUT TROOP #604 CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Boys Scout Troop 604, Bethpage, will be selling beautiful wreaths during the weekend of December 1 & 2 after all Masses or until sold out. Wreathes are \$20.





The Rectory Office is Closed
 Friday, November 23rd
 the Day after Thanksgiving.
 We will open on Saturday
 November 24th - 9AM to 7PM.



A Prayer Before the Thanksgiving Meal

O Heavenly Father:

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service
 that Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

The Redemptorist Community, Deacon, Staff and Volunteers of St. Martin of Tours
 wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

An SMT family is donating their time to host a Thanksgiving Day Dinner in St. Alphonsus Hall at 12:30PM. If you or a friend will be alone on Thanksgiving, come and enjoy a hot meal together with other folks.

Please call the rectory at 931-0818 and let us know if you can make it and how many with you!



NEW FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

We will no longer have devotions at 7PM. Beginning December 7th, First Friday devotions will be at the 9AM mass as a communion meditation.

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

**Diocese of Rockville Centre: Healing after Abortion
Prayer for Men Suffering Abortion Loss
 Wed., November 28, 2018 from 7-9PM
 Mass, Dinner, Reconciliation, Adoration
PROJECT RACHEL: Please register by Mon, Nov. 26th**

Day of Prayer and Healing for Women
 Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 9AM-5PM
 Mass, Dinner, Reconciliation, Adoration
PROJECT RACHEL: Please register by Tues, Nov 27th
 For more information, visit www.respectlife.drvc.org or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE, 1(516) 766-253 will remain 8 or projectrachel@drvc.org. All reservations and information confidential.



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
 LTC 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

Gifts from the Holy Land Sale 11/24 & 25

Please visit St. Alphonsus Hall after all Masses (11/24 & 25) to help support the work of the Christians in the Holy Land who have many beautiful crafts made from olive wood that originates from regions in and around Bethlehem. More than 65% of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. However, social and economical pressures, a sharp fall in tourism, and a diminishing number of craftsmen who had to leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to difficult and dangerous conditions in their homeland, leaves this market in jeopardy. By visiting other countries, they are making a valiant effort to keep this Christian tradition alive which is very important to their culture and industry.

St. Martin of Tours

BLOOD DRIVE

Wed., December 12, 2018

2:30 - 8:30PM

**38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage
 St. Alphonsus Hall**

**Questions on medical eligibility,
 call 1-800-688-0900**

**To make an appointment,
 please contact
 Genny Mitchell at 516-931-0818**

WALK-INS WELCOME!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 19: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 20: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Nov 20: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Nov 20: VIRTUS 7PM Faculty Lounge
- Nov 22: Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM
- Nov 23: Rectory Office is Closed
- Nov 24/25: Gifts from the Holy Land Sale after all Masses, St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 27: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Nov 27: Eucharistic Adoration 4PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Nov 28: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 30: Youth Ministry Talent Show & Auction 7PM School Auditorium
- Dec 1: First Saturday 8:30AM Church
- Dec 3: Holy Face Devotion 1PM Church
- Dec 7: First Friday Devotions at 9AM Mass
- Dec 7: Youth Ministry Christmas Tree **ONE DAY SALE** 4PM - 9PM Church Lot
- Dec 14: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM in the Library
- Dec 19: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall

