

Masses For The Week

Monday - November 26

6:30 Eddie Atkins
9:00 Margaret Drew Barry

Tuesday - November 27

6:30 Stephen Ryan
9:00 Tommaso Scalici & Calogero, Pierro, Francesca Mannino

Wed. - November 28

6:30 Mr. Denis Sweeney
9:00 Annie Graham

Thursday - November 29

6:30 Liz Waters, LIVING
9:00 Kenneth W. Meyer

Friday - November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

6:30 Michael Pigott, Anniversary
9:00 Martha Ryerson, 2nd Anniversary

Saturday - December 1

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Louis & Ann Chiarelli
7:00 Joseph Aloia

Sunday - December 2 - First Sunday of Advent

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Stephen & Maria Rykowski
10:00 Thomas P. LaFalce, Sr.
11:30 Andrew Bartolozzi
1:00 Sarah Zura
5:30 Maggio, Montana Family

Readings For The Week

Mon. Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tues. Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
Wed. Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thurs. Rev 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28
Fri. Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Sat. Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
Sun. Jeremiah 33:14-16 *I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.*

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 *May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.*

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 *Jesus said, "...for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budgeted: \$17,500.00

The November 18th collection will be reported in the December 1st bulletin due to early submission of this issue.

Reflection and Living Stewardship



Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who actively choose service to our neighbor by holding a door, being patient on line, remaining calm while on the road or offering a smile to a stranger.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Thanksgiving dinners remind me of the first Thanksgiving, but not the one with the Pilgrims and Indians. I mean the one on Holy Thursday. Think about it! Jesus was with good friends. He passed around food and drink - the bread and wine. He was about to consecrate, and He gave thanks to God. Every Mass is a Thanksgiving celebration. Have no fear, turkeys, you're not the food we come for!!

Our next meeting is Monday, November 26th at 7:30PM in the Church. All are welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or for more information.



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

HOP Club Winners

11/19/18 #486	Dolores M. Novelli	\$25
11/20/18 #397	James M. Burke	\$25
11/21/18 #20	G. & S. Sammarco	\$25
11/22/18 #309	Paul Ciaramello	\$25
11/23/18 #352	T. & C. McCormick	\$50

Wedding Banns

2nd 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 Nov. 25 - Dec. 1, 2018

In Loving Memory of
Robert Crocitto

Sanctuary Candle

Week of Nov. 25 - Dec. 1, 2018

In Loving Memory of
Anthony & Evelyn Salzano



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 Pierini, 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 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 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



The Pastor's Letter



Father Pat's homily on Thanksgiving Day 2018

Do you have a favorite Thanksgiving movie? Certainly, if you asked me this questions about *Christmas*, I would say *It's a Wonderful Life*, hands down! Others might favor *A Christmas Story*, the many versions of *A Christmas Carol* with Scrooge, perhaps others such as *The Grinch*, *Elf*, or *Frosty*. There is no shortage of holiday films. But how about your favorite Thanksgiving movie? Certainly, the classic *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* comes to mind. There is a movie I enjoy that begins and ends on a Thanksgiving Day called *Broadway Danny Rose* directed by Woody Allan.

Another movie that gets mentioned is also a favorite of mine called *The Blind Side*. It's a true story based on a family named the Tuohy's helping and then legally adopting a young man named Michael Oher who is basically homeless. Michael turns out to be a fabulous football player who has just retired after a very successful time in college and the pros. There is a Thanksgiving Day scene where the entire family is sitting in front of the television joyfully watching football as they grab their Thanksgiving dinner on the run. Michael chooses to sit down at the table and ignore the football game. He longs for a traditional family Thanksgiving, something he has never experienced in his life. Soon, the rest of the family realizes that Thanksgiving is about more than watching football. They sit down, pray and then begin to share the meal.



I know I get annoyed a bit when I constantly hear *have a good holiday* or *Seasons Greetings*. I want to hear *Merry Christmas* but I figure during the season of peace, it is not worth arguing about how another person feels. I also do not like when people say *have a great Turkey Day* or *today is football day*. Although not a religious holiday like the feast of the Immaculate Conception or All Saints Day, I think today is one of the most sacred days of the year. It is such a simple day, except perhaps for those who are cooking the dinner or stuck in traffic on the Southern State!

Thanksgiving brings us to some very basic core values: we come together as family and friends; we want this day to be shared with others; we also have a strong principle that if at all possible, no one should eat alone on this day. Our gratitude leads us to want to help by donations of food to those in need and by helping at soup kitchens. The days before are filled with people seeking to donate turkeys to families who may not be able to afford them. Gratitude leads to generosity. Being together with others is essential.

Secondly, we eat together. Let us not take that for granted. We live in a culture where we are very much on the go; work, soccer practice, dance class, meetings, can make it very challenging to have a family dinner around a table. Perhaps, even more difficult is to get everyone to put down their cell phones for an hour and have the experience of actually talking with one another. The ritual of the food is important. There has to be turkey and stuffing. After that, each family may have their own tradition. When I sit down to our family Thanksgiving dinner we will have *the green stuff*. *The green stuff* may not sound too attractive, but it is actually called *cottage cheese delight* which is a mixture of cottage cheese, lime Jell-O and whipped cream and cherries. One of our now deceased cousins introduced that dish to our Thanksgiving table and we never fail to have it as we say a prayer for her as we eat.



One of the kids will ask why we call it *the green stuff* and we will explain that we are Brooklyn people and *cottage cheese delight* sounds too pretentious. And, God forbid if someone forgets to put marshmallows on the sweet potatoes. Certainly the meal is rich in tradition and we very much feel the presence of those who have gone home to God with whom we shared this great feast in the past. On this day we pray. This is day that every family, no matter how secular or what religious denomination, lifts their hearts to God and prays in gratitude for their blessings.

That is what we are doing here this morning at St. Martin's. We are gathering together. Everybody is welcome here. We greet each other and listen to the story of how our God who has in his infinite love left us the great gift of himself in his Bible that tells our family history all the way back to the story of creation. We listen, we pray, we sing, and we are a family around this table. We live the words that Jesus gave us the night before he died: *Do this in memory of me*. So, we break the bread and pour the wine that becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus. This meal moves us into a profound intimacy with God who has become the Bread of life for us. I love the music that we sing here at St. Martins; my favorite song is *How Beautiful is the Body of Christ*. The Body of Christ: beautiful when He walked the face of the earth, gloriously beautiful in his resurrected Body, and wonderful in the diversity and humanity that makes us the Body of Christ here on earth. The word *Eucharist* is Greek for thanksgiving.



Our Mass ends with the words *Go, the Mass is ended*. We go forward to thanking God for the gift of life, our faith, our family and friends, our nation, our world. We do not seek to be thankful for a day but to live in the spirit of genuine spirit of the virtue of thanksgiving recognizing that every breath and moment is a gift from God. All is grace. We will receive bread at the end of this Eucharist to take home. Although you may have shopped for the perfect rolls or baked a homemade loaf of warm bread, the bread we bring home reminds us that what we do later in the day at home around our table is a continuation of this holy meal. God is good all the time. Amen

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. Please take a tag from the Giving Tree 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!

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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**.



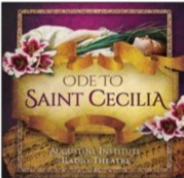
FORMED RECOMMENDATION
ODE TO SAINT CECILIA

Ode to Saint Cecilia tells the dramatic story of a modest young woman from Rome whose life transcended time to influence poets, composers, sculptors, and painters. A patron saint to some, a muse to others, Cecilia has inspired George F. Handel, John Dryden, Henry Purcell, Stefan Maderno, John Waterhouse, Paul Simon, and scores of other artists over the past 20 centuries.

FORMED Kids' Korner recommends "God With Us." Journey with Jesus and encounter His miracles, His astonishing teachings and His unsurpassed bravery.


FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Ode to Saint Cecilia



The Story of a Holy Muse
Meet an inspiring woman with fierce courage and unwavering faith, willing to follow the path of beauty and truth—no matter the cost. Saint Cecilia's remarkable story will come to life in Augustine Institute Radio Theatre's most recent audio drama featuring award-winning actors and cinematic sound and music.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER



Journey with Jesus and encounter His miracles, His astonishing teachings, and His unsurpassed bravery.
Discover the power and love of Jesus Christ!



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 _____

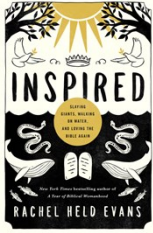
Attending Parish: _____

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

LIFE LINE SCREENING Thursday, December 13, 2018 St. Alphonsus Hall

St. Martin of Tours Parish is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 12/13/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$124 with the member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount you must call 1-877-380-1743, visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle. You can also text the word **circle** to 797979.

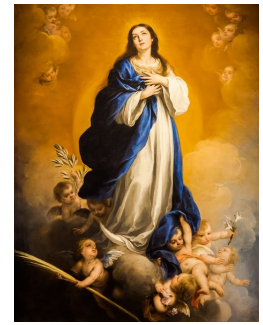
ADVENT MISSION
"Spend one hour with Me."

On December 10, 11, and 12 beginning at 7:30PM in the church the focus will be on the Real Presence of Jesus. Each night will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The service is about an hour.

Come any night or all three to reflect on our belief and devotion to Christ in the Real Presence. It can be one way to prepare ourselves as we go through the Season of Advent.

*The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, December 7th - Vigil Mass 7PM
Saturday, December 8th
6:30AM, 9AM and 12 NOON



(Please note: the 5PM & 7PM Masses on Saturday, December 8th celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent)



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.



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| MAJ Gregory Holownia, US Army | SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC |
| MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army | E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy |
| SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC | 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy |
| PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army | PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy |
| SGT Dennis Diesel, USMC | MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army |
| SGT Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army | SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army |
| CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC | PO3 James Fischer, US Navy |
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| PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy | ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy |
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| SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC | SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army |
| 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army | 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy |
| SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army | SSG George Howard, US Army |
| SGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army | LT Mario Lopes, USMC |
| CPL William Corrigan, USMC | PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army |
| PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF | CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN |
| LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG | MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army |
| PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army | PVT Edward Morales, US Army |
| LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC | LTC Michael F. Wendelken, USAF |
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| CPT Mike Polan, US Army | PFC Clint Applegate, US Army |
| L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC | CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF |
| | CPL Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC |

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.

There is NO meeting on Sunday, November 25th after Mass. Enjoy the 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 ADAP-
TIVE TRICYCLE FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. (Supported by the Share
the Voice Organization)

If you are a Golden Harvest winner, congratulations!!
All winners will receive their checks in the mail in early December.

Thanks to everyone who helped support our parish by buying tickets.

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.

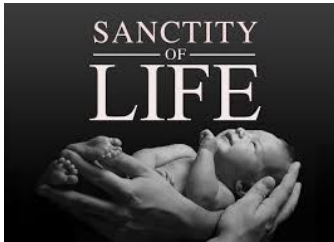
CHILD'S NAME(S): _____

AGE(S): _____ PHONE: _____

PART REQUESTED: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE & DATE

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Father, we beg Your blessing for the Right to Life, the unborn, the weak, the sick and the old; all who are finding themselves being targets of the vicious culture of death; that our Lord Jesus, bless and protect all who stand up for the Christian dignity of persons; that God enlighten those who are traveling down death's highway by their involvement, in any way, with either the contemporary death culture, selfism, relativism or any of the new age errors of our times; that God envelope our culture with His Divine Protection and help us both individually and as a nation to true enlightenment, conversion and repentance of ourselves and our culture. Help us to return once again to become a nation on the narrow road, that is, the path to becoming a nation and culture under God. Amen

As we gathered on Thanksgiving Day and every day, may we keep in mind that this celebration first came about during the Civil War when America was divided. Abraham Lincoln gave us a day to stop and give thanks for all we have, our country, our loved ones and our very lives. Once again, we are seeing our country divided on many issues. We may still disagree or agree strongly on whatever course we will take in the coming year. Let us always come together as family, friends and Americans. Let us always give THANKS for the beauty of this incredible country we call home. Remember our freedom, the blood that was shed to make this country a free nation. Let us always join hands, pray together and celebrate what is right with America. Be kind, and honor each other's different points of view with respect. Pray for world peace, for those who suffer starvation and oppression.

The Respect Life Committee would like to thank each and every one of you for your generosity during the Baby Bottle Campaign 2018. As always, your enthusiasm for the needs of women and their babies that are seeking help and shelter has once again been incredible. All the bottles are being counted at the Life Center, and we will have a total sometime in December or January.

During the Baby Shower, a parishioner donated 20 LAMBS OF GOD each carrying \$20. At the Baby Bottle Campaign, she instead used donkeys with a cross on their back, signifying Mary and her journey to Bethlehem. Once again, all 12 held a \$20 donation. She remains anonymous. Without saying, none of this would be possible without our dedicated clergy and each of you! Our Respect Life Committee, and the Life Center of Long Island would like to thank each of you for your home made blankets, booties, hats, continuous contributions, your love and caring. May God bless each of you, here at St. Martin's this Thanksgiving Holiday.

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
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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)

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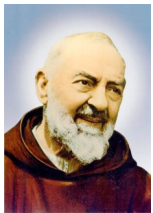
**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
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To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk). You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

PARISH LIBRARY

Hours: Mondays after 12PM - 3PM; Tuesday - Saturday from 9:30AM until 3:00PM.

Instead of using the Seaman Avenue entrance, please come to the rectory and ask for the key to the side door of St. Alphonsus Hall.

**Padre Pio Holy Hour**

There is no Padre Pio Holy Hour in December. The next date is January 15, 2019 at 7:30PM in the Eucharistic Chapel.

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.



I was twelve years old during the Cuban Missile Crisis. I remember going down into our basement and filling a large sink we had down there with water. I wanted my family and myself to have water if a nuclear war had broken out. Those of us who are a bit older can remember how as school children we prepared for a war with the Soviet Union by practicing putting our heads under our school desks. Some people had fallout shelters built and there are still some old signs that I have seen telling us where the community fallout shelters were.

Many of us remember vividly that terrible Tuesday in September of 2001 when our nation experienced the terror attacks of 9/11. My sister, who worked in a building in mid-town New York, says that she truly felt the world was coming to an end. Certainly, we can say that world we knew before 9/11 has changed as we enter into screening at airports, sporting events and historical monuments. Sad to say, in our present time we are beginning to get used to random shootings and terror attacks that can kill many people. I remember when I was trying to convince a friend who was afraid of going to the Holy Land with me, saying we are in as much danger in New York City on the streets or on the subway as we would be in Jerusalem. I believe that. Terror has no boundaries.



In spite of all this anxiety and threat of imminent danger, it is a grace that we continue to live our daily lives. We have children, we go to school and work, we talk about sports and the news, we go to parties and family celebrations, and we shop and go on vacations. We continue to live and enjoy life and trust in the future. Our scripture readings today are what are called apocalyptic texts. These writings speak about imminent danger, dark times, death and destruction. In the first reading from Daniel we heard: *"At that time, there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since the nations began at that time.*

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. St. Michael the Archangel is the warrior whose mission is overcome Satan and evil.

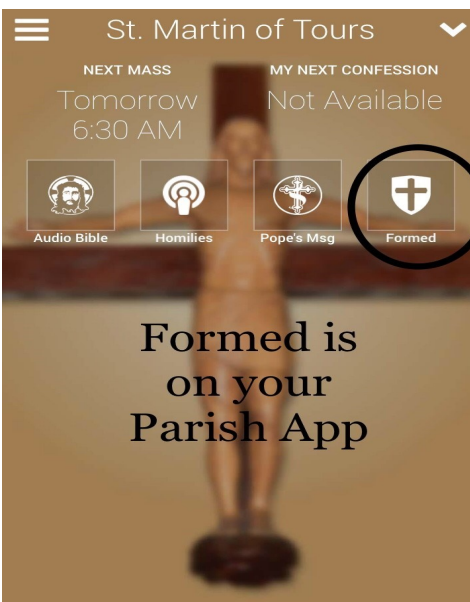
The words of Jesus in the Gospel speak to us in a similar way: *"In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.* We might call this the horror and gothic section of the Bible. We are reminded in a vivid way that there is darkness and evil lurking in the world. I believe every age has seen such danger and certainly we have in our time. What is the inspired word of God saying to us and how should we react in such distressing times? The scriptures show us a clear pattern in the writing: first, that the present age is ruled by Satan and evil; secondly, the age to come will be ruled by God; and the transition will occur very quickly. You and I live in a between time: God has saved us but the reality of sin and evil will continue until the end of time.

The message also pulls into the truth we all know but seek to keep out of our minds: I too shall die. My time on earth will come to an end. Jesus has told us that we know neither the hour nor the day. We are given this message not to frighten or terrorize us, but to teach us to value every day and each moment. We are being taught to live our lives in a way that we are ready to go home to the Lord when he calls.

I remember when I was facing major surgery for an aortic heart aneurysm. I had done all I could to have completed all the necessary tasks that my ministry called me to do. I had told the people who were important to me that I loved them, had prayed to accept the will of God, and had been anointed and gone to confession. There was some fear but I was at peace. As I waited with my family in the waiting room to be called to begin the preparation process, I was reading the paper about the Met game the night before. Either I was in total denial or very much at peace.

I think the ideal answer to what would I do if I knew that I was going to be called home suddenly this day by God would be to keep living it as I usually do. Ideally, there would be not serious unfinished business in my life in terms of things I needed to say to others, whether it be that I love them or I forgive them or ask for their forgiveness. To be at peace with the world every day is a pretty high bar.

But evil, Satan, death – they are not the final victor. God is the God of the living and the dead. We walk in hope and trust. I have been saved by the Blood of the Lamb. *Even though I walk through the shadow of death, I fear no evil for you are with me.*



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.

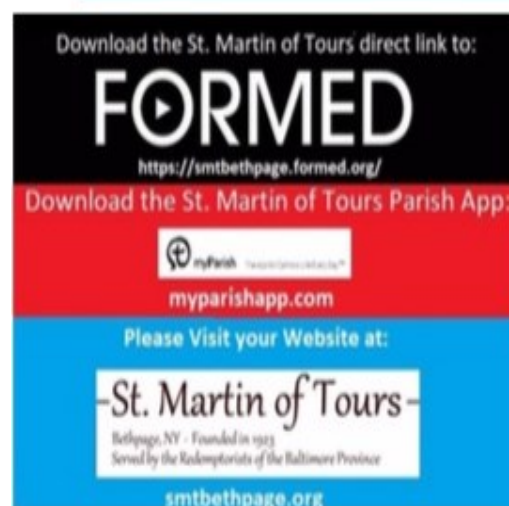
However, social and economical pressures, a sharp fall in tourism, and a diminishing number of craftsmen who had to leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to difficult and dangerous conditions in their homeland, leaves this market in jeopardy. By visiting other countries, they are making a valiant 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 24/25: Gifts from the Holy Land Sale after all Masses, St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 26: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Nov 27: Eucharistic Adoration 4PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Nov 27: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- 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 7: Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception 7PM
- Dec 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception 6:30AM, 9AM & 12 Noon Masses
- Dec 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent Masses 5PM & 7PM (not Masses for the Immaculate Conception)
- Dec 10, 11 & 12: ADV ENT MISSION 7:30pm Church
- Dec 14: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM in the Library
- Dec 19: Women's Group 7PM School Auditorium

