

Masses For The Week

Monday - December 24 (No 6:30AM Mass)

9:00AM Mary & John Hart

Christmas Eve Evening Masses

4:00 Joseph Spoto (Church)

4:00 Ronnie Downey (Auditorium)

4:30 Mass at Knights of Columbus

6:00 Henry Soluk

9:00 Youth Ministry Mass

11:15 Pre-Midnight Mass Concert

12:00AM The Nativity of the Lord - Solemnity

Christmas Day Masses

7AM Edward Naughton

8:30 Mary Mullaly

10:00 Carrie & John Lynam, Maria & Salvatore Accardi
Terrance Lynam

11:30 Louis & Inez Serventi

1PM John R. Kirk

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Wed. - December 26 - St. Stephen, The First Martyr (No 6:30AM Mass)

9:00 Joseph Sicurella

Thursday - December 27 - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita

9:00 Helen Haack

Friday - December 28 - The Holy Innocents

6:30 Carol Rizzotti

9:00 Dominic Godek

Saturday - December 29

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

5:00 Louis Ruggiero, John & Gertrude O'Rourke

7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - December 30 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Joan T. Constantine

10:00 Angelina Cilmi, 27th Anniversary

11:30 Richard McKenna

1:00 Patricia Foley

5:30 Pasquale Cafiero

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Luke 1:67-79

Tues. Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6;
John 1:1-18

Wed. Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Matthew 10:17-22

Thurs. 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8

Fri. 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Sat. 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

Sun. 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 *We hear about the birth of Samuel and how his mother gives thanks in the Temple and dedicates her son to the Lord.*

1 John 3:1-2, 21, 24 *John's letter highlights our dignity and destiny - we are God's children now and are commanded to love one another.*

Luke 2:41-52 *Luke's Gospel relates the story of Jesus at the age of twelve remaining in the Temple after his family had departed, and the subsequent worry and searching for him that his parents experienced.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

Collection 12/16/18: \$16,734.18

Thank you SMT for your generosity!



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

HOP Club Winners

12/17/18 #525 Joan Ferraro \$25

One Week Before Christmas 12/18

12/18/18 #460 Suzanne Robertson \$500

12/19/18 #86 Barbara Casey \$25

12/20/18 #552 Jo-Ann Durante \$25

12/21/18 #300 Barbara Marciano \$250

Reflection and Living Stewardship



The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior, gave her time and love to others as well.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who have the courage to follow the example of Mary by listening to God's voice and saying "yes" to the tasks to which they have been called.

Wedding Banns

2nd Philip Cataliani & Tricia McQuade



**"Whatever you do for one of these,
the least of my sisters and
brothers, you did it for me."**

This week the Pantry can use: tuna fish, sweet cereal, pancake mix, oatmeal, chili, beef stew, peanut butter, apple sauce, sugar, jelly, ketchup, hot chocolate, cookies, Jell-O, pudding, oatmeal, napkins, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, wipes & dish soap.

We are in need of helpers to work at the Pantry on Saturdays from 4 - 6PM, accepting Whole Foods donations as many workers are out for surgeries or vacations. You would be assigned one Saturday a month. If interested, please call Mary Vitti at the Pantry at 931-7332.

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 December 23 - 29, 2018
In Loving Memory of the
Szmytkowski & Zoitke Family

Sanctuary Candle

Week of December 23 - 29, 2018
In Loving Memory of the
Basile & Adkins Family



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 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 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 & Anna Baciuka 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, 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, Annemarie Frayler
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, Bridget
Karen Murphy, Catherine Comiskey, Connie Sheehan, Richard Baker
Dina Ledogard, Ed Russo, Petrina Dralas, Benito Picinic, Michael, John
Joanne Gorman, Jean Vanturini, Diane Passaro, Mary Jane Bookman
Toni Novak

Rest in Peace

Francesca Panahon Garcia

The Pastor's Letter



My father was a gentle man who rarely made waves. However, although I am not sure if inherited that trait, he had another quality that I believe is in my genes. Whenever we would go visit relatives, we would have a nice visit, but it would not be long after the dessert had been served that he would announce in his Irish brogue, *it is time to shorten the road* - which meant let's go home. I have had enough. My mother would respond, *we just got here!* and then he starts putting on his coat.

Like many men, and women too for that matter, he suffered a bit from impatience. I recall a St. Patrick's Day in New York about ten years ago, when after marching the parade on a very cold day, a friend and I managed to get a cab that would take us to a Redemptorist rectory on the East side of Manhattan, where welcoming spirits and corned beef awaited us. We soon found ourselves in intolerable traffic, moving inch by inch. When we finally got within two blocks of the rectory, a trip that should have taken ten minutes instead of almost an hour, I announced, *we are out of here!* I threw open the cab door and handed the cabbie his money. Unfortunately, I managed to bang the cab door into a limo that was parked. The limo driver got out shouting at me followed by the angry cab driver. Luckily for me, the limo had to leave to pick up a client and the cabbie saw the meter was no longer running so they both drove off waving what I think may have been unfriendly hand gestures toward me.

It is said that patience is a virtue, and one that I suspect about 99 percent of people need to deepen their practice of. If you ask people their number one fault, impatience often makes the top of the list. It is a sin that we confessors are quite familiar hearing in the confessional. I think of patience during Advent, not just because of the long lines at stores, but rather in the spiritual context of the Jewish people anticipating the fulfillment of the long awaited Messiah. Today, which we call Gaudete Sunday, is the day we light the pink candle and the priest gets to look very stylish in a rose colored chasuble. The pink colored candle speaks of anticipatory joy of our ancestors in faith as they announced that the time is now at hand when He will come.



John the Baptist, when asked if he is the long awaited Messiah, answered them all, saying, *"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

But you and I are not waiting for the Messiah to come. Jesus, the Son of God, entered into the world 2000 years ago, fully human and fully divine. He will come to us in a very real way in the Holy Eucharist at this Mass and at every Mass. When the people asked John how they should respond to this good news, he tells them to treat one another with justice and compassion. Be honest and fair. I think the cause of many sins and hurts in life is the power that lacking patience can cause in our daily lives. I always say the sin is not what we feel but what that feeling might lead us to do or say that becomes hurtful to another person.

Some examples might clarify what I mean:

You are in your car in the midst of traffic. The kids are in the back seat arguing over what video to watch or pushing each other to get more room. You explode in anger toward them, not because of what they are doing, but because you are frustrated with the traffic situation which you have no control over.

You've been on hold for fifteen minutes listening to wretched, boring music as your blood pressure rises. Finally you hear *Hello, can I help you*. The strong temptation is to take your impatience out on a stranger who is simply working to make a living.

You have a two o'clock appointment at the doctor. You get there at 1:45. You are asked to fill out the same questions that you have done ten times before. Your name is called an hour later and the nurse puts you in the little dreaded room, which has a scale staring at you, and tells you the doctor will be right with you. Finally the doctor arrives after another twenty minutes or so and takes your blood pressure and tells you it is a bit high. Are you under any stress?

It is okay to get impatient with commercials on TV, endless coming attractions at the movies, red lights, recorded phone calls selling you insurance at supper time, and I might even consider long sermons. However, we can ruin a dinner, devastate a person, leave someone in tears, or say something we will quickly regret by giving into anger by allowing our impatience to overcome us.

We should be impatient with war, social injustice, institutional abuse of any kind and other evils and allow the emotion to direct us to move us to take whatever constructive action we can possibly take. But in truth, I think most often our impatience is pointed at people who do not deserve such treatment.

I remember years ago being in the Staten Island Mall at Macy's at Christmastime. There was a long line to check out our items. I was about third on the line and a woman with a baby got impatient with the cashier and started criticizing her. The cashier responded with anger. The argument escalated as tempers rose. Finally, the cashier looked at the baby in the carriage and said to the mother, *what are we doing? It is Christmas; you have a baby!*

With those words, peace broke out in Macy's.

Father Patrick Woods, C.Ss.R., Pastor
woodscsr@aol.com smtbethpage.com

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face

and we shall be saved.

Psalm 2-3, 15-16, 18-19



Christmas 2018

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families! Christmas is a powerful time of unity and communion for our families, and every Christmas is a time for our families to open even more deeply to the healing and transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Holy Family.

The Holy Family not only transformed but revolutionized the world and history through humility, poverty, adoration, and trust in the plan of God, and a complete dedication to the Glory of God.

Mary's silent adoration and awe teaches us to see through everyday human events and appearances to the presence of Christ in every situation. Joseph teaches us rock solid trust and bold docility in the shifting terrain and unexpected events of daily life. The shepherds teach us simplicity, humility and reverent adoration. The Infant Prince of Peace teaches us that God's Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel and the beating heart of the Crèche scene. Mercy is the Foundation of the Church's mission to the world.

We approach the Prince of Peace this Christmas for special gifts of peace in our families, special gifts of peace for our Church and special gifts of peace for the World.

In the Mystery of the Nativity, we marvel and give Glory to God with the Shepherds and the Wise Men. We realize in the image of a poor, homeless family and the image of a poor, vulnerable baby that God's logic in the Incarnation overturns and confounds the narrow logic of human power and calculation. "Families transform the world and history."

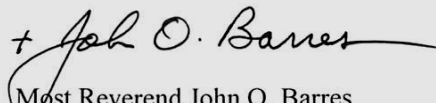
The Holy Family continues to transform our marriages and our families – right in our daily experiences of the joys, crosses, crises and the unresolved issues of every marriage and every family in a fallen world. In the midst of the weaknesses and failures of daily family life, we remember the Glory of God that radiates from the manger lifting our families, despite their daily imperfections, to transform the world and history through faith, holiness and a missionary spirit.

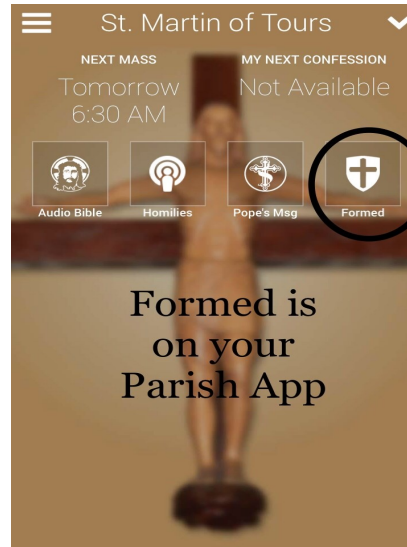
When we pray and meditate on the Crèche at Christmas, we experience a spiritual rebirth and fresh insights into our daily family routine and our daily family spiritual, emotional and relational patterns. We allow the ruts of sin and selfishness in our families to be purified with daily patterns of prayer, grace and conversion. We remember that personal conversion sends ripple effects throughout a family.

The Crèche leads us to a deep experience of Mercy and Forgiveness in our families. And we remember that the confessionals in our churches are "Doors of Mercy" and forgiveness for our families. I invite you to take advantage of the gift of reconciliation by participating in the confessions offered at your parish during this holy season.

During this Christmas season, I want to thank you and your families for transforming the world and history with Christ's love.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



FORMED RECOMMENDATION

The Story of the Nativity

The Story of the Nativity is a beautiful unfolding of the story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. Stunning works of art depicting the biblical story together with footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place beautifully demonstrate the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER: *O Holy Night*

This heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son shows how Mary, Joseph, and others made way for our Savior. With joyful tunes, we are reminded of Who we celebrate at Christmas!

FORMED PICK

The Story of the Nativity



Explore the story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

O Holy Night



O Holy Night is a wonderful way to remind everyone of Who we celebrate during the Christmas season!

Watch on: smtbethpage.formed.org

Charismatic Prayer Group

For God So loved the world thAt He gaVe HIs only begotten Son that whosOever believeth in Him shall not perish bUt have eteRnal life.

We wish you all a very merry, a very happy and a **VERY** blessed Christmas. There will be **no** meetings on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. **Our next meeting will be Monday, January 7th at 7:30PM in the Church. Start the New Year right. All are welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or for more information.**

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

Clinic begins Sunday, January 6th and end Sunday, March 31, 2019. All clinics will be in the school auditorium after the 10AM Family Mass.

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: _____

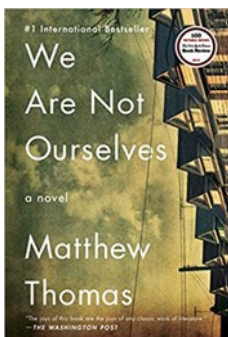
Email Address (please print)

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 next regular book club selection is **We Are Not Ourselves** by Matthew Thomas. **Our discussion will be on Friday, February 1, 2019.**



Review: "Okay, straight out, this novel is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but. *We Are Not Ourselves* delivers the deepest, most involving and best pleasures of reading, the pleasures that have you lose your hours while curled up in a comfy couch, that have you sneaking looks and reading when you should be doing other things. A true epic in the best sense of the word, encompassing the big great gorgeous heartbreak that was our American Century.

You doubt me. Please do not. Each page is suffused with a relentless and probing genius, as well as a generous and humane heart, and the result not only explodes across the darkening sky, but remains with you long after you've finished the last page and handed it to someone you love. So long as there are novels like *We Are Not Ourselves*, so long as there are writers like Matthew Thomas, the form of the novel is more than alive, it is thriving, palpitant." —Charles Bock, author of *Beautiful Children*



All High School Teens are welcomed and encouraged to attend the 5:30PM Mass every Sunday.

December 23rd: There is no Life Night.

Christmas Eve, December 24th: Life Teen's Christmas Mass 9PM.

We wish everyone a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

Diana Hughes & Liam Gordon, Youth Ministers & the Life Teen Core Team



NEXT VIRTUS CLASS

St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage

Wednesday, December 26th at 7PM - St. Alphonsus Hall

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



December 21 - 27, 2018

A candle has been lit for
The Gambino Family
in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux



December 21 - 27, 2018

A candle has been lit for
The Chiarappa Family
in honor of St. Jude

Notes From The Music Ministry

Please join the St. Martin's Musicians and Choir for a Pre-Midnight Mass Concert on *Christmas Eve at 11:00PM In the Church*. We will be performing songs, old and new, that we are sure you will enjoy. This will be followed by the beautiful Mass at Midnight for The Nativity of the Lord.

Don't Miss This Wonderful Celebration Of The Birth Of Our Savior.

Wishing You All a Blessed Christmas and Health and Happiness in the New Year...From All of us in the St. Martin's Music Ministry.

**DRIVER EDUCATION
DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
\$45.00 per person**

**Saturday, January 19, 2019
8:30AM-3PM in St. Alphonus Hall**

**Register with DRIVER EDUCATION
(631) 360-9720 Monday - Friday 9AM - 4PM**

**Minimum enrollment: 15 people
Maximum enrollment: 40 people**

The Visitation



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Bless are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY



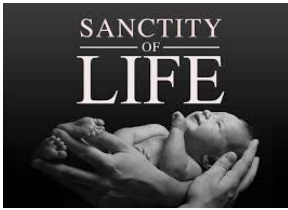
Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding 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 Battiatata, 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
SGT Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Over 2,000 years have passed since that glorious star lit the sky over Our Lord Jesus asleep in a manger. That same star shines above us each night. What a wonder it would be to walk out this Christmas Eve in search of that star. Maybe close our eyes and imagine that glorious moment that it led the way to the Child that would change the world forever.

Mary Did You Know

Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water?
 Mary did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters.
 Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new.
 This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man.
 Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand.
 Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod.
 And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God.

Mary did you know, Mary did you know, Mary did you know.
 The blind will see, the deaf will hear and the dead will live again.
 The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.

Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation.
 Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations.
 Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb.
 This sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM.
written by Buddy Greene, Mark Lowry.

**THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY WISHES EACH AND EVERY ONE, PEACE, JOY AND HOPE
 DURING THIS BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON.**

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Parish Info

- Easily contact our parish
- Helpful list of parish staff
- Connect with staff at the touch-of-a-button

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(C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

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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

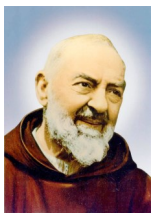
**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
(631) 858-0380 OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

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**

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

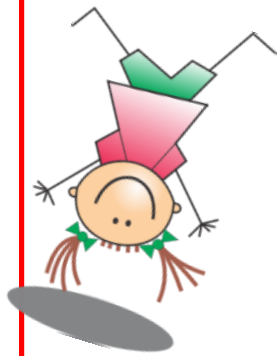
Please check the [Upcoming Events](#) for any change to the hours.

St. Martin de Porres Marianist School

Now is the time! Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is already underway! Don't miss out on all the fun that St. Martin de Porres Marianist School has to offer your child! Call (516) 481-3303 to schedule your personal tour!

This poem by John Shea in his book of Christmas poems entitled *Seeing Haloes* describes Christmas through the eyes of a child.

She was five, sure of the facts,
 and recited them with slow solemnity
 convinced every word was revelation.
 She said they were so poor they had
 only peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to eat
 and they went a long way from home
 without getting lost.
 The lady rode a donkey, the man walked,
 and the baby was inside the lady.



They had to stay in a stable
 with an ox and an ass (hee-hee)
 but the Three Rich Men found them
 because a star lited the roof.
 Shepherds came and you could
 pet the sheep but not feed them.
 Then the baby was borned.
 And do you know who he was?

Her quarter eyes inflated to silver dollars.
 The baby was *God*.
 And she jumped in the air whirled round,
 dove into the sofa
 and buried her head under the cushion
 which is the only proper response
 to the Good News of the Incarnation.



The new Outreach Center sign was donated to recognize Mother's canonization as Saint Mother Teresa.



St. Nicholas visited our parish and brought the children candy and the pastor broccoli and lettuce.

St. Martin of Tours CYO Girls' Volleyball

St. Martin will be offering CYO Volleyball for girls in grades 5 - 8. Priority for the program is to be parishioners of St. Martin's and girls who played in our initial season last year. Practices begin in January and games run from the end of February through the end of April. Local travel to other parishes in the Diocese will be required. If you are interested please contact CYO Coordinator Dave Fantry at email dfantry@drvc.org. If we get a good turnout, we will offer teams at each grade level possibly multiple teams. **Registration will be held in Parish Auditorium on Friday, December 28th from 7PM-9:30PM** and the program starts after the Christmas break. Last year was a huge success and we are working on building the program moving forward. Thanks and enjoy the holiday season.

FEES FOR SEASON

1st child: \$150/2nd child from the same family: \$240
3 or more children from the same family: \$295 New Uniform Fee - TBD

DECEMBER 24 -VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4:00PM CHURCH AND AUDITORIUM

4:30PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, CENTRAL AVENUE, BETHPAGE

6:00PM CHILDREN'S MASS IN CHURCH

9:00PM LIFE TEEN MASS IN CHURCH

11:00PM PRE MIDNIGHT MASS CONCERT

12AM MIDNIGHT MASS IN CHURCH

DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY - CHURCH

7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM, 11:30AM & 1PM. NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY



*May the Holy Infant grant all our parishioners
and those visiting St. Martin of Tours Church
His Peace and Joy this Christmas and all through the coming year.*

*In the Redeemer,
Father Pat, Father Jim, Father Ciya and Father Denis*

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Dec 26: VIRTUS Training 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 31: 9AM Morning Mass; Vigil at 5PM
- Jan 1: Mary, Mother of God 9AM, 12 Noon & 4PM
- Jan 4: First Friday Devotions at 9AM Mass
- Jan 5: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Jan 7: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- Jan 7: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Jan 8: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jan 15: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jan 23: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 19: Defensive Driving 8:30AM-3PM St. Alphonsus Hall