

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - December 31**

**NO 6:30AM Mass**

9:00 Sr. Rose Marie Donogue

**5PM Vigil** Kathleen O'Brien

**Tuesday - January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**NO 6:30AM Mass**

9:00 Stephen & Helen Parsnick

12 Noon Michael Russo

4PM José Zoleta

**Wed. - January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory, Bishops**

6:30 Kathleen Fortescue

9:00 Tony Romano

**Thursday - January 3**

6:30 Gregory Hammill

9:00 Gerald Meehan

**Friday - January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

6:30 John & Lucy Speelman, Anniversary Remembrance

9:00 Mary Godek

**Saturday - January 5 - Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

5:00 Antonio Caneda

7:00 Madeline T. Stein

**Sunday - January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Dennis A. Satriana

10:00 Maria & Salvatore Accardi and  
John, Carolyn & Terrence Lynam

11:30 Tillie Krupitsch

1:00 Anna Tomasello

5:30 Ernesto Solano

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

Tues. Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Wed. 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Thurs. 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

Fri. 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Sat. 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

**Sun. *Isaiah 60:1-6*** *Isaiah tells Jerusalem that many will come to give honor to the Lord. "...upon you the Lord shines; and over you appears his glory."*

***Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6:*** *St. Paul tells the Ephesians that "it has been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body..."*

***Matthew 2:1-12*** *The Magi came upon the place where the child was with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and offered him gifts. But instead of reporting back to Herod where to find the child, they were warned in a dream not to return there and departed for their country by another way.*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

***This issue had to be submitted the week before Christmas, therefore, collections will be reported in the January 6th bulletin.***

**Reflection and Living Stewardship**



The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize their relationships with family, friends and co-workers are now different because they have been influenced by a spirit of generosity and sharing through embracing *Stewardship as a Way of Life*.

***Charismatic Prayer Group***

***The wise still seek Jesus for the New Year. Try to listen like the shepherds. Rejoice like the angels. Seek like the Wise Men and love like Mary and Joseph. 2019 will be a blessed year! Happy New Year!***

***Our next meeting will be Monday, January 7th in the Church. Please 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**

<b>12/24/18</b>	<b>#398 Kevin Ross</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>12/25/18</b>	<b>#373 Joyce Enderle</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>12/26/18</b>	<b>#163 M/M Richard Baker</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>12/27/18</b>	<b>#36 Margaret Ruggiero</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>12/28/18</b>	<b>#11 Marty Stack</b>	<b>\$50</b>

## Wedding Banns

3rd Philip Cataliani & Tricia McQuade

1st Larry Negron & Theresa Gomban



**"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 Dec. 30 - Jan. 5, 2019

In Loving Memory of  
*Atkins, Basile & Cortese Family*



## Sanctuary Candle

Week of Dec. 30 - Jan. 5, 2019

In Loving Memory of the  
*Mitchell, Hughes  
and Pellicano Family*

**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 Gratten, 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 Carmentate  
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 Baciуска Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder  
Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall  
Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Elsa Ryan, Sarah Messina  
William Boyce, Jo Ann Anastos, Michael Arato, Connie Burgess  
Dolores Miller, Elizabeth Ryan, Layla Barr, Susan Carroll-Goyan  
Patty & Tom Turano, Nicholas Amato, Jesusa Aquin, Joseph McCroary  
Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan, Taylor, Edward Boyce  
Geraldine Zeterberg, Fran Gandolfo, Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR  
Joseph & Joyce Kostyak, Johnny D., William Castle, Anthony Della Croce  
Nicole Carbone, Barbara Rusch, Connie Kane, Beverly Viselli, Casey  
Betty Mara, Teri Pigott, George Reif, Ed Ingels, Liam Escaniel, Gus Kunze  
Eddie Morales, Tom Miles, Debra Dowdell, Elizabeth Hill, Louie Gandolfo  
John Anderson, Daniel McCullough, Mary Lafauci, Gerry Russo  
Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki, Bill Monahan, Maureen Roberts  
Francis Meehan, Brendan Donahoe, Janet Scarpelli, Andrew McCarthy  
Alicia Manetta, Baby Lucia Bianchi, Pat James, Joseph David Iovieno  
Robert Daniel, Dorothy Eisenstadt, David Drohan, Martin Lee  
Ralph Caputo, Kristen Smith, Michael Vigotty, Vinny Vanturini  
Tom Mitchell, Pat Murphy, Tarabokija Family, Philip Marino  
Henry Hamilton, Libia & Maria Teresa Valdez, Nancy Gerace  
Robert Collelouri, Arthur Baudo, Kathy Smith, Samantha McNeill  
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*

**Kevin Peters**

## *The Pastor's Letter*

### **Father Pat's Christmas Homily**



I was thinking about Christmas foods. That is not unusual for me since I think about food all through the year. It seems that there are two main meals now associated with Christmas. The first would be the Christmas Eve celebration which has often grown more popular than the Christmas Day meal. Although the Masses of Christmas Eve keep me from attending a dinner of the seven fishes, such a meal must be wonderful. When I was a child, the only Mass on Christmas Eve was the midnight Mass. After Mass, my family would leave church and go to my cousin Philomena's and have the most wonderful Irish breakfast which included great Irish sausages and thick Irish bacon.

We still have a midnight Mass here at St. Martin's and people still call and ask what time is the midnight Mass. Now, after saying several masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, I very much look forward to the wonderful dinner that my family celebrates in Brooklyn with a turkey, ham, stuffing, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, cranberry, baked beans, and Irish soda bread, finished with a round of great desserts. There is an old joke that says give the gift that lasts all year - a fruit cake - since nobody ever eats it. But one of my memories of Christmas was how happy my Mom was when our neighbor Mrs. Brennan would give us one of her homemade fruit cakes. They were so delicious and did not last a day in our home.

There are many foods we associate with Christmas. We often hear people say how they have to go home and do Christmas baking. Everyone has their own favorite type of cookies that are made with great love. Oftentimes families make gingerbread houses but they never seem to eat them. In addition to the occasional adult beverage that might be tasted during the holidays, cider and egg nog are two Christmas specialties. Candy canes are also very popular at Christmas but I prefer large chocolate Santa Clauses. Another memory of Christmas past for me is that my friend Father John McGowan, the pastor of my home parish at the time, would stop by our home to wish my mother a Merry Christmas. She would insist, in spite of being 10:00 o'clock in the morning, of giving him a shot of Irish Bailey's Cream.

By now, this homily might have you wondering if you accidentally had too much eggnog and are attending an episode of the Food Channel. If this talk goes on you are going to start screaming, *Father, stop talking; you are making us hungry! We can't wait to go home and eat! We are hungry.* Every human being who has ever lived is hungry, not only for the food that sustains them, gives them comfort and brings them together in both moments of great joy and in moments of sorrow, but we are hungry for God. You are here at this Mass to once again hear the greatest story ever told; God so loves the world that he sent his only Son, that whoever believes him, may not die but will have eternal life.

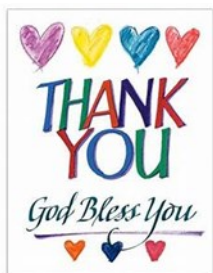


**J**esus taught us that it is good to eat, but when we eat, we will get hungry and have to eat again. But when we have God in our lives, we meet the most essential longings and desires of the human heart. Even though we are not always aware of it, even though we may try to meet this hunger with possessions, success, achievement, money, family, friends, however good these realities are - and they **are** good - they will not satisfy our hungers and yearnings for God. Some of us try to deaden this hunger by food, alcohol, drugs, excessive work, and endless time on the internet; however, they do not relieve the deepest hungers of the heart. A great writer named St. Augustine wrote more than 1500 years ago - *our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, my God.*

The word *Bethlehem*, the little town where Jesus was born, means *House of Bread* in Hebrew. Where does Mary and Joseph place their newborn child Jesus who is born in a stable? The Gospels tells us that they placed Jesus, the Son of God, fully human and fully divine, the God who created all that is and will ever be in the universe, in a manger. A manger is a place where food is placed and eaten by the farm animals. You think it a coincidence that the Son of God is born in a town named *House of Bread* and placed in a food troth? This God-Man Jesus will grow up to tell us: *I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.* When the child grows ups he will tell us that **He** is the *Bread of Life*. The night before Jesus dies on the cross out of di-vine love for us, He then takes bread and says, *This is my Body which will be given up for you.* He takes a cup and says, *This is my blood which will be shed for you.*

Bruce Springsteen sings: *Everybody's got a hungry heart.* Our hungry hearts bring us tonight to the manger of Bethlehem .

**Father Patrick Woods, CSsR, Pastor**  
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**A** great thank you to Doug and Ken Chapey and to Chapey's Funeral Home in Bethpage. They were generous enough to buy a Golden Harvest ticket by our super seller Donna Reardon. And the winning ticket for the grand prize of \$5,000 that night was Chapey's Funeral Home!

I recently attended a wake there and Ken returned the check to me as a donation to our parish. Thank you Chapey's for your generosity and for your many kindnesses in support of our parish.

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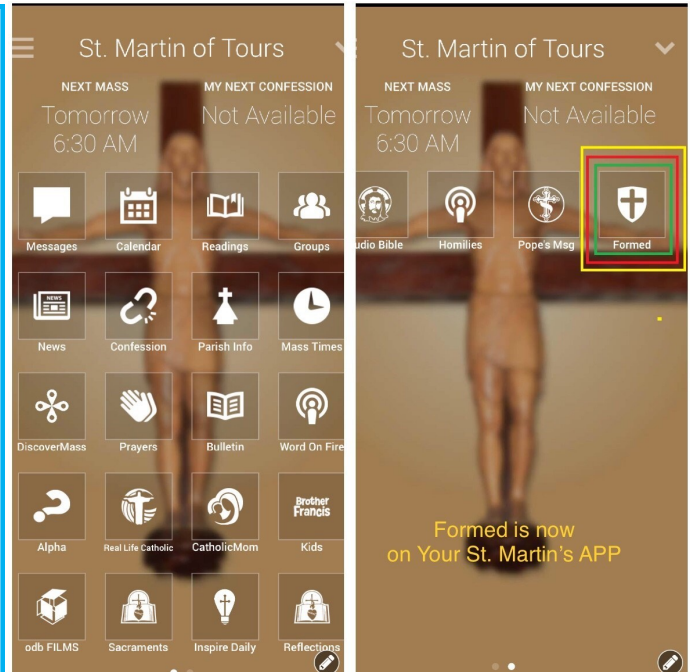
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On December 31st, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The love, protection, and diligent care that the Holy Family gave to Jesus is a model for all Christian families. Learn more about St. Joseph, the patron of Christian families, and our Mother Mary with the following FORMED recommendations!

### FORMED RECOMMENDATION:

#### **St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church**

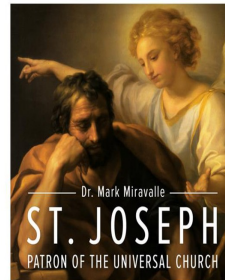
Listen to the fascinating life of St. Joseph, the man closest to Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was the individual that God gave the most daunting task ever asked of a man – to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and to be the father and protector of this Holy Family.

### FORMED KIDS' KORNER: *The Living Word of God*

Per Mother Mary's request, God grants the characters of *The Living Word of God* the superpowers needed for their mission of saving the world from darkness. Watch their adventures unfold!

### FORMED PICK

#### **St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church**



Listen to the captivating presentation of the life of the holy man whom God chose to substitute for Himself when Jesus dwelt among us.

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With guidance from Mother Mary, watch Opus and his friends journey on a mission to save the world from darkness by using their God-granted superpowers.

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**BASKETBALL CLINIC NEWS**  
 To the parents of boys and girls 2 years and up,  
 Kindergarten, first and second graders.  
 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



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**

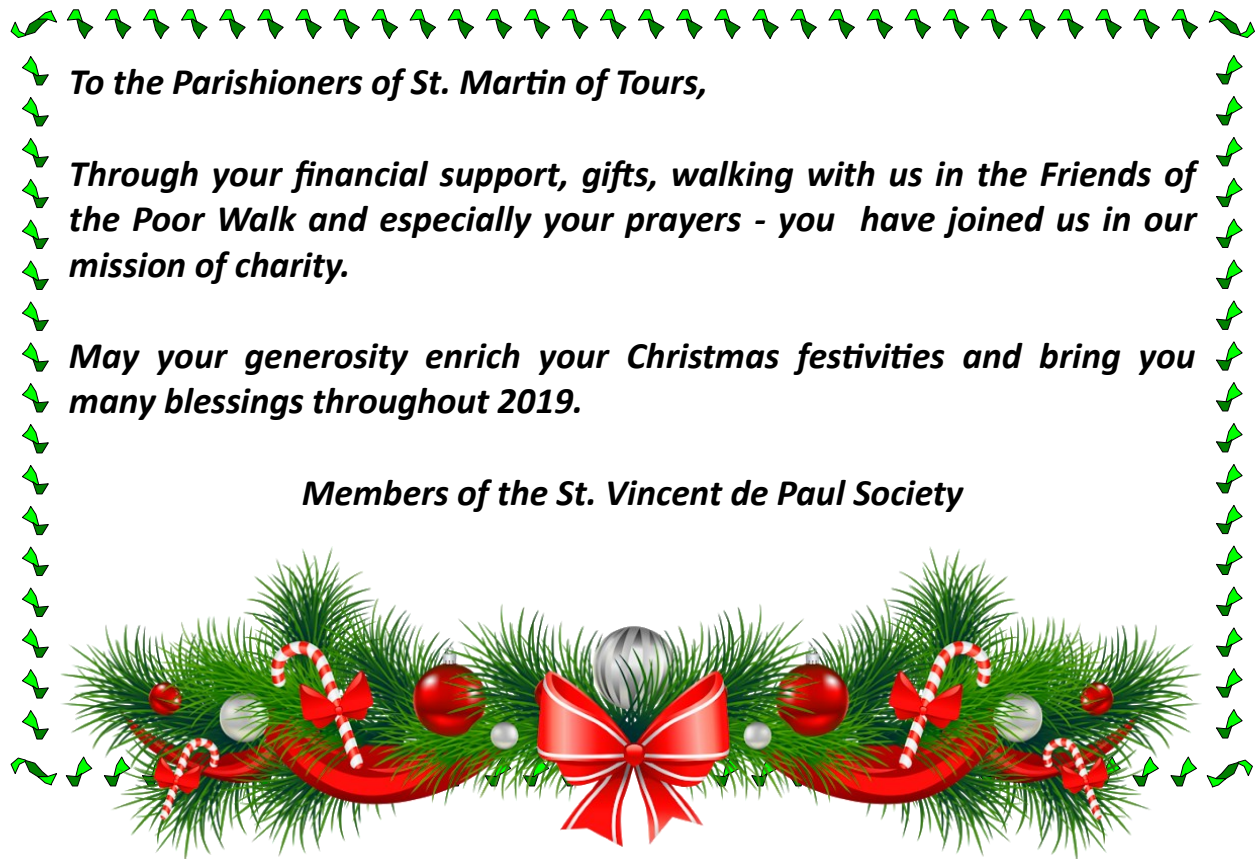


- Daily Mass readings
- Official NAB(re) version
- Easily bookmark readings to reread at a later time

Readings

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easily contact our parish</li><li>• Helpful list of parish staff</li><li>• Connect with staff at the touch-of-a-button</li></ul>
<b>Parish Info</b>	Learn more or download our parish app at <a href="http://myparishapp.com">myparishapp.com</a>
	<small>*Available on Apple and Android Phones.</small>

***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.

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

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

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

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

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**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

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 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy  
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy  
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 SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army  
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 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC  
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 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

**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!





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

We are looking forward to a successful year in 2019 and wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year with all of God's blessings.

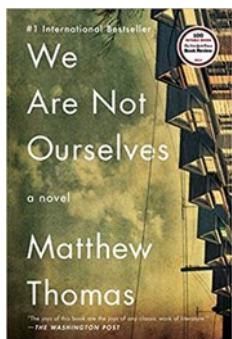
Diana Hughes & Liam Gordon  
Youth Ministers  
and the Life Teen Core Team

SMT\_lifeteen@yahoo.com



**O**ur 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 heart-break 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.*

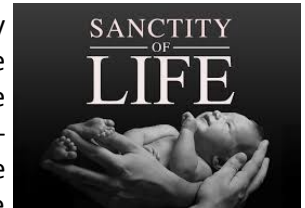
*So long as there are novels like *We Are Not Ourselves*, so long as there are writers like Matthew Thomas, the form of the novel is more than alive, it is thriving, palpitant."*

—Charles Bock, author of *Beautiful Children*

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY HAPPY NEW YEAR

### UNITED CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS: HOW DO WE LIVE OUT THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS IN THE NEW YEAR?

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "Yes" to God show us how to live year-round with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life at every stage and in every circumstance.



One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 DAYS FOR LIFE, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action. The U.S. Catholic Bishops invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide from **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 26. JOIN TODAY AT [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)** Each day's one-page prayer guide focuses on a different intentions and is comprised of five short sections. Intercession, Prayers, Reflection, Acts of Reparation.

### RESPECT LIFE OFFICE: DRVC: MARCH FOR LIFE: FRIDAY JANUARY 18, 2019 WASHINGTON D.C.

*"The birth of every child changes the world: let every child be born for a better world."*



**PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND GROUPS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE** if you will be attending the March For Life by filling out the March For Life Information Form Online or emailing [dtellis@drvc.org](mailto:dtellis@drvc.org). or call (516) 678 5800 x 626. Diocesan Respect Life Signs are available and free of charge. Please pick them up at: RESPECT LIFE OFFICE, 50 North Park Ave. Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

### ROE V. WADE MEMORIAL: FACE THE TRUTH: SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019 1:30 - 3 PM.

(In front of NUMC, 2201 Hempstead Tpke, (Rt. 24) East Meadow. Sponsored by the LICL. 631 243 1435 email: [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org). Pro-lifers are asked to join the vigil on behalf of the hundreds of unborn children tragically aborted at NUMC.

**NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION:** The loss of the NYS Senate Republican majority in the 2019/2020 NYS Legislative sessions will make our efforts to defend innocent lives much more difficult. Over the next weeks and months we will have to re-group and strategize on how to deal with

this. The one thing we cannot do is give up! To discuss Federal Legislation, email Charles Feldman [cdefeldman@optonline.net](mailto:cdefeldman@optonline.net). To discuss State Legislation, email Jim Miller at [jimmiller9@aol.com](mailto:jimmiller9@aol.com). Ref: LICL

**THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND AND THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, WOULD LIKE TO WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE A HEALTHY, HAPPY, NEW YEAR FILLED WITH PEACE AND LOVE.**

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

Call Diana Hart Mirando [itsidi@aol.com](mailto:itsidi@aol.com)  
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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](http://www.mommashouse.org).

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

**2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY  
(516) 746-8250**

**(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)**

**OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

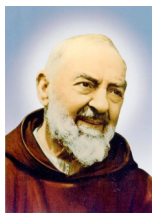
**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY  
(631) 858-0380 OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

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

**PARISH LIBRARY**

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

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

**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.

**LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING**

[www.livingwaterscounseling.biz](http://www.livingwaterscounseling.biz)

**Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church**

**175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville 11747**

**Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914**



**December 28 - January 3, 2019**

**A Candle has been lit for  
Special Intentions**

**In honor of St. Jude**

*Crèche Characters**Ask Questions**The Child in the Manger*

My Son is too young to speak. So I will say a few words to help you place him at the center of your crèche and, as you do it, allow him to place himself in the center of you.

How many have I courted in dreams and deserts only to be forgotten in the demands of the day? They put me on a throne, so you must kneel. They say I withhold blessings, so you must beg. They claim I punish, so you must be afraid.

Then my Son came out of the water and swallowed my word from the sky. The dove of love descended and my pleasure ran through him.

He never looked back, but looked everywhere else and saw what no one else did.

When people cried from the crowd, he turned. When people hid in their sins, he forgave. When people lost their way, he pursued. When people were shunned, he reached out. When people were in pain, he touched. When people did not understand, he explained. He gave himself away like one who lays in the feeding trough of the manger as food for every hunger.

He knows Me well. Yet no one could thin a crowd like my Son. His parables were mirrors. People saw themselves and did not like what they saw. His actions were scandalous attacks on the conventions of separateness. His arguments silenced adversaries. The cry of the child in the manger became the voice of the prophet.

My word of mercy was never so strong, yet never so rejected. My word of love was never so perseverant, yet never so avoided.

Of course, they came for him with clubs and swords and lies and he met them with Me. I was always his welcome for those who do not know, drawing light from their darkness, life from their death. In him, I Am Who I Am. You see, he is Me among you. So my question to you will be no surprise.

How do you listen to My Word?

*From Seeing Haloes - Christmas Poems to Open the Heart written by John Shea*



### *Prayer for the New Year*

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church.

Convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any.

Assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018**

**9AM MORNING MASS**

**VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - 5PM**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER  
OF GOD**

**9AM, 12 NOON AND 4PM**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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

