

Masses For The Week

Monday - January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

- 6:30 Janet Sullivan
- 9:00 Raymond Godek

Tuesday - January 29

- 6:30 Adele C. McConnell
- 9:00 Daniel M. Flynn

Wednesday - January 30

- 6:30 Ronald Gedney
- 9:00 Madeline Pellicano

Thursday - January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest

- 6:30 Louis Matthew Fielack, Jr.
- 9:00 John Nappi II, Birthday Remembrance

Friday - February 1

- 6:30 Robert Weston
- 9:00 Kathy Preziosi

Saturday - February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

- 9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
- 5:00 Louis Ruggiero, Anniversary
- 7:00 Marie Cecilia Rodman

Sunday - February 3 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 The People of the Parish
- 8:30 John Nappi II
- 10:00 Stanley & Joseph Drobig
- 11:30 Josefina DeGuzman & Dr. Adoracion M. Balonon
- 1:00 Vincent Falcone
- 5:30 Trinidad Monroy

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30
- Tues. Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35
- Wed. Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20
- Thurs. Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25
- Fri. Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34
- Sat. Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Sun. Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 *The Lord said to Jeremiah, "before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you...against Judah's kings and princes...I am with you to deliver you."*

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 *Love is patient, kind, not jealous or pompous. It is not inflated or rude. Love never fails.*

Luke 4:21-30 *No prophet is accepted in his own native place. The people in the synagogue were filled with fury at Jesus and were ready to hurl him down over the brow of the hill. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.*



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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
January 20, 2019: \$12,589.18

Thank you for your generous support!

Reflection and Living Stewardship



The US Bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members - the personal responsibility of each of us. We are all stewards of the Church.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who invite a new family in town to supper, actively celebrating a corporal work of mercy as they provide welcome to a stranger.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Imitation is the highest form of flattery. But, to thine own self be true. Absence makes the heart grow fonder. But, out of sight, out of mind. A penny saved is a penny earned. But, money is the root of all evil. God helps those who help themselves. But, ask and you shall receive. Where am I going with this? Even I don't know yet. Maybe you can help me out.

Our next meeting is Monday January 28th in the Church at 7:30PM weather permitting. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club Winners

1/21/19	#266	Betty Pope	\$25
1/22/19	#450	James Robertson	\$25
1/23/19	#350	Ralph Seiter	\$25
1/24/19	#78	Ellen Johnson	\$25
1/25/19	#117	Philip Roeske	\$50



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

This week, the Pantry is low on: egg noodles, pasta sauce, tomato paste, mayo, pudding, Jello, sugar, juice, juice boxes, evaporated milk, Rice-aroni, chili, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers size 6, dish soap, and tissues. Many thanks for all you do.

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 Jan 27 - February 2, 2019
 In Loving Memory of the
 Maggio, Montana & Belcastro
 Family

Sanctuary Candle
 Week of Jan 27 - February 2, 2019
 In Loving Memory of
 John Nappi II



Rest in Peace

**Katherine Fariello, Frank Portuese
 Albert C. Tomaselli, Sophie Leary**



Praying for children who are hidden from sight, but not hidden from God.

Praying for the protection of unborn people.

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, Liz 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, Daniel Costa Anna M. Bosco, Janet Medina, Kevin Henson, Marie Newman The Mascia Family, Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss, Terry Hall Bob & Anna Baciuska Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder, Elsa Ryan Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, Catherine A. McCarthy Paul Granberg, 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, Ryan Westbrook, Donna Strickland Anthony Clese, Valerie Haberly, Brendan Langhauser Family Helen Kurlowicz, Christine Marsiello, Michael M. Durante Sonny D'Ambrosio, Pasquale Patalano, Thomas Triola, Keith Ferrara Margaret DeMarco, Annemarie Frayler, Mario Ratti Robert Amato, Yvonne McDonnell, Denise Dolan, The Gallagher Family Henry Hamilton, Christian Bogdanos, Terry & John Bunker, Liam Margaret Young, John Lazzara, Virginia Gala, Bridget Karen Murphy, Catherine Comiskey, Richard Baker Dina Ledogard, Ed Russo, Petrina Dralas, Benito Picinic, Michael, John Joanne Gorman, Jean Vanturini, Diane Passaro, Mary Jane Bookman Toni Novak, Ryan Castles, Susan Estabrook, Baby Luke, Jerome LoPinto Geraldine S., Tom Sirianni, Virginia Cordaro



The Pastor's Letter

Last week Fathers Denis, Jim and I had to attend a meeting in Long Branch, New Jersey that lasted four days. I want to thank Father Ciya for his generosity in taking care of the parish by himself. With several funerals, visits to the sick, and the two daily Masses, he was busy. I joked when I came home that I did not recognize all the changes that he had made in our church. Actually, I was referring to the Christmas decorations which were taken down. Next week, Father Ciya will go home to visit his family. Unlike the rest of us in our Redemptorist community, Father Ciya only gets to see his family once a year. How blessed is our Redemptorist community and parish to have him here. He is a deeply spiritual man with a million dollar smile.

The meeting we attended is called a provincial chapter which is held about every two years. The leadership of our Province along with elected delegates are in attendance. There were forty-six men attending this session. I smile when parishioners, in particular Jim Belmonte, who said to me, *Padre, how was your vacation?* Even though we were right on the ocean at the Jersey Shore, the days and evenings were rather busy. The purpose of the chapter, and almost every religious Congregation of men and women who have such meetings, is to evaluate our ministries, our personnel, elections for leadership offices, evaluation of our financial resources, review health care programs for our senior men, and to plan for the future. It is a very democratic process and proposals are voted upon by all. The chapter is only in session for a week or so, and then the leadership of the Province, the Provincial, his two consultants, and five other elected delegates direct the province until the next chapter. All of these offices are elected by the priests and brothers of our Province. Although I have great admiration for the structures of the world-wide church and its many dioceses, I am happy to be a religious since our structures allow us to choose our leaders by the vote of every member. None of these offices are for life as is true for a bishop until he retires.

One of the best parts of the chapter is coming together with so many other confreres. We all know each other in varying degrees. I was with men who had taught me, and with men whom I had taught, with fellows with whom I had been stationed and who had been stationed with me, with classmates from my seminary days, and with fellows with whom I had preached missions and given retreats. There were lots of *remembering when*, funny stories, and great laughter. Like our parish here, we have talented musicians and singers who led us in beautiful prayers services and Masses. It is good to be able to sit and listen to another confrere give an inspiring homily.

And, there were serious discussions, presentations and debates around many issues. Once, our province had six hundred men; now we are 140 confreres. Many of us are over eighty, and there are many men in need of assisted living and skilled nursing care. We had passionate discussions about how to attract vocations, how to reach out to younger people who are drifting from the practice of their faith, dealing with the opioid crisis, immigration concerns, pro-life issues, and how we can best use our limited pool of men to serve in ministry.

*"The Lord
does not ask us
to be successful,
but rather to be
faithful."*

I have been part of such discussions for more than forty years. I sometimes feel a sense of being overwhelmed by these realities. The temptation for me is to want to blame someone or some group, to long for the days of the past, to judge others with whom I disagree, to fall into apathy and discouragement. I think of the word *discourage* which comes from the Latin *to lose heart*. Perhaps, you may have similar feelings about the future of the Church, the decline in attendance, especially among younger people, the bitterness in our politics, financial troubles, health concerns, family tensions and a host of other challenges.

*Saint Mother
Teresa of Calcutta*

I have no simple words for you or for me. I seek to trust in God, and to do what I can do in my little corner of the world, to be a faithful follower of Jesus with all my sins and faults. Faith does not take away problems, but without knowing that God is Emmanuel, with us in all the moments of life, I would be lost. So, each day is a gift that God gives me and I pray for the grace to be faithful to Him.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR, Pastor
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FROM PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFICE - CONTINUING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

USCCB has a website available online through www.usccb.org called "*Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*." Following is a quote:

Call to Family, Community and Participation

"In a global culture driven by excessive individualism, our tradition proclaims that the person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society, in economics and politics, in law and policy, directly affects the human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community.

The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. While our society often exalts individualism, the Catholic tradition teaches that human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community. We believe that people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Our Church teaches that the role of government and other institutions is to protect human life and human dignity and promote the common good."

NEXT VIRTUS CLASS

St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage

Monday, January 28th 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.

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring glad
tidings to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to cap-
tives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let
the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year
acceptable to the Lord.’*

Luke 4:18-19

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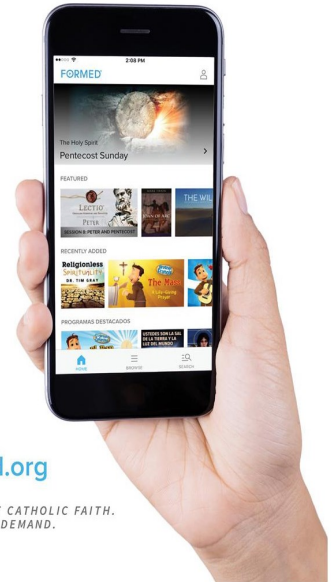
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FORMED PICK

Divine Mercy 4: Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy



The Divine Mercy message is one of consolation and hope, of God's compassion of those who are suffering, and of love that is more powerful than evil. It was St. Faustina's mission to help us learn to trust this message.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

Brother Francis: Born into the Kingdom



Let's celebrate becoming part of God's big family through the Sacrament of Baptism!

Watch on: smtbethepage.formed.org

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK: DIVINE MERCY EPISODE 4:

Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy

In this session, we will see how Poland continues to play a vital role in God's school of trust through a saint who becomes the central catalyst for the Second Greatest Story Ever Told.

The Divine Mercy message and devotion brought great comfort to people who suffered the devastating effects of World War II, and it continues to comfort people amid the darkness of the modern world.

KIDS' KORNER FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:

Brother Francis: Born into the Kingdom

In this happy presentation, Brother Francis invites us to share in the realities of the Sacrament of Baptism and the union it provides us with God's big family! "Born into the Kingdom" is a great reminder of God's wonderful grace!

Father Pat's homily of January 20, 2019

“Do you believe in miracles?”

On February 22 at the 1980 Winter Olympics, sportscaster Al Michaels proclaimed those words as a group of college age kids from America played the Soviet Union hockey team, considered the greatest team in the world, having even beaten the All-Stars of the National Hockey League. As the clock ticked down to ten seconds, and as the puck was sliding away from the American goal, the clock hit zero, Michaels shouted, *Yes!* This was probably the greatest upset in sport's history.

Ten years ago this past week, Captain Chesley Sullenburger landed a plane filled with 155 people on the Hudson without a life being lost and this moment has now been referred to as the *Miracle on the Hudson*. Last July, the world watched and prayed as 12 Thai boys and their coach trapped for many days and nearing death, were rescued from a cave by a heroic group of rescuers.

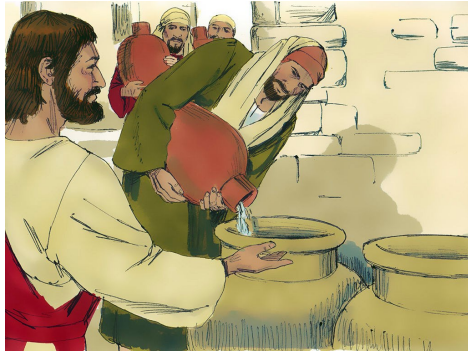
Are these events miracles? I do not believe that God is a hockey fan chanting *U-S-A* as our hockey team played a game. Experts would point to the amazing aviation skills of Captain Sully and the perfect circumstances that surrounded the event. Even though all the boys and their coach were saved, a courageous Navy Seal from Thailand died during the rescue.

Yet, each event took human beings functioning at their highest capacity to succeed. Each of these extraordinary moments reflected a commitment to people working together, supporting one another, and a great capacity to train and prepare for a moment that they probably never expected to be called to achieve. These three events lifted human spirits and made us feel better about our humanity. Do you believe in miracles?

Our Gospel today gives us the first miracle that Jesus will perform while he is on earth. The Wedding Feast of Cana is a well-known scripture passage to us. Oftentimes at parish gatherings or parties, if the adult libations appear to be running low, someone will kid me with the words, *Father, we might need you to do another 'Cana'*. We are amazed at all the miracles of Jesus, but this one is far from the most awesome. I would think raising a man who has been dead for four days, or feeding 5,000 people with a few loaves of bread and some fish, or calming the storm on the sea and then walking on the waters, are miraculous events even more astonishing than the Cana miracle.

But I love this story for what it reveals us to about Jesus. First of all, he is at a wedding. There you go: you have the Son of God, Lord of the Heavens and the Earth, at a wedding! We can wonder if Jesus did the hokey pokey at this wedding. Did he congratulate the groom and kiss the bride? Did he complain that the band was too loud? Scripture scholars believe that it was probably a wedding in a small village where everyone was invited to rejoice in the event. There must have been a great deal of rejoicing because the wine is running low! Most nationalities consider themselves hospitable. Still, a first century Jew who did not have enough wine for his guests would have been shamed.

But who is going to notice the wine running low? That is a key to this first miracle. Jesus, perhaps caught up in deciding whether to order fish or meat, does not see the looming crisis. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is also at the wedding. With the heart of a sensitive and attentive woman, she sees that the wine is running low. A young couple is about to have their wedding ruined. No bride should be disappointed on her wedding day. So, Mary goes to Jesus and simply says, *they have no wine*. Jesus responds that it is not yet the plan of salvation that he begins to do miracles. That will come later.



I love the words that follow his saying it not yet his time. Mary can read the heart of her Son and knows nothing she asks of him will be refused. Mary says with complete confidences to the wedding stewards: *do whatever he says*. So Jesus, without drawing any attention on himself, has six large water jars filled with water. When the chief steward tastes the water, now wine, and a far better wine than had been previously poured the chief steward is awed struck.

The six stone jars would have had about 120 to 150 gallons of wine. 150 gallons! Jesus must have loved a good party. He is a God of abundance: twelve baskets of leftover loaves and fishes, so many fish that nets are breaking, seeds sown everywhere showing his mercy for every sinner. He is revealing to us a God of abundance.

Don't miss a key detail: Jesus does this miracle quietly. He does not want to steal the attention of the guests from the bride and groom. He does this miracle so a young couple can have a happy wedding day and for love of his mother. Today, we have presented before us another miracle: bread turned into his body and wine into his blood.

I have a lot of pictures and plaques. In fact, I have so many that I have placed some on the wall outside of my office. One reads:



I hope as you go forth today, you see the wondrous presence of God in your life and in the world around you. If you are attentive, you will experience it.

Liturgical Ministry Training - Spring 2019

For **BASIC TRAINING** for those who like to minister at parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ask your pastor to write a letter requesting training indicating the date, time and place of training.

DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS FOR BASIC TRAINING and LECTOR TRAINING:

Sat NASSAU: Feb 23 St. Christopher, Baldwin 9AM-12:30PM
 Sat SUFFOLK: Mar 9 St. Rosalie Hampton Bays 9AM-12:30PM (in English at Community Center and K of C Hall)
 Sat SUFFOLK: Mar 9 St. Rosalie Hampton Bays 9AM-12:30PM (in Spanish at the Parish Center)
 Wed NASSAU: Apr 3 St. Christopher, Baldwin 7PM-10PM
 Thur SUFFOLK: May 23 St. Elizabeth Melville (7PM-10PM) Msgr. Kane Hall

For volunteers in the Ministry to the Sick: Please check drvc-faith.org in January for more information. *NOTE: Basic training must be taken PRIOR to this training in order to serve the homebound, hospitals and nursing homes.*

LECTOR TRAINING: Send your name, parish, town, and phone number with the session you will be attending. (see above). Mail information to Office of Worship, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre NY 11571. Contact Gina Imperioli at the Office of Worship with any questions: 516-678-5800 x504

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.



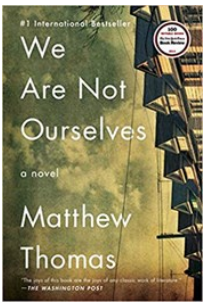
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L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC	CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF
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All High School Teens are welcome and encouraged to attend the 5:30PM Mass every Sunday. We are meeting after the 5:30PM Mass on January 27, 2019. All teens are encouraged to ask a friend to come.

We will have an overnight lock-in retreat from Sunday, February 17th after the 5:30 Mass until Monday, February 18th. Permission slips must be completed and given to Diana.

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



Our next regular book club selection is We Are Not Ourselves by Matthew Thomas. Our discussion will be on Friday, February 1, 2019 in St. Alphonsus Hall at 7:30PM.
—Charles Bock
author of *Beautiful Children*

REGIFTING SALE
Sunday, January 27th
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Massapequa - 8:00AM -2:30PM

Buy brand new items at rummage sale prices. From housewares, clothing, tools, jewelry, electronics and more! Come early for best selection. Proceeds will benefit the work of The Life Center of Long Island.

If you have any new, unused item you wish to donate, please call 516-798-9100 and ask for Gloria or Lisa.


BASKETBALL CLINIC

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

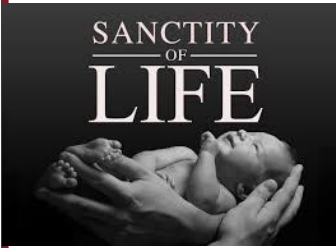
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We thank everyone for your support!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



NEW YORK STATE PASSED THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT (RHA) SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOV. ANDREW CUOMO ON JANUARY 22, 2019, 46 YEARS TO THE DAY OF ROE V. WADE LEGALIZING ABORTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.

Last Tuesday, New York State has added a sad chapter to this already solemn date. With the legislature's passage our beloved state has become a more dangerous one for women and their unborn babies. Many of the state Senators and Assembly Members who voted for this ABORTION EXPANSION are mothers themselves, who felt their child toss, turn and kick in their womb, and delighted in the progress of their pregnancy. Many others, as well as our governor, area fathers, who held their partner's hand as they viewed the ultrasound videos, watched their child and rejoiced at the first sound of a heart-beat. Many of these same officials were themselves born into less-than-perfect-conditions - poverty, health problems, disabilities, broken families. All overcame these issues to rise to leadership in our state because their parents chose life for them.

We thank all of our partners in the 12 year-long fight to stop this horrendous policy, and all pro-life New Yorkers who made their voices heard in an effort to stop it. Let us all pray for the conversion of heart for those who celebrate this tragic moment in the history of our state. And we pray in a special way for the lives that WILL BE LOST, and for the women of our state who are made LESS SAFE under this law. ***(source: The Long Island Catholic, January 23, 2019)***

CRUX: Emily Benson, Catholic News Service: Albany, N.Y. Officials at the New York State Catholic Conference area calling the Reproductive Health Act "worse than we thought it would be." "It foresees a time in New York where it's a crime to be pro-life," said Kathleen Gallagher, director of pro-life activities at the Catholic Action Network for the conference which is the public policy arm of the state's Catholic bishops. The measure, signed into law will expand access to abortion in the state, despite being promoted as simply codifying Roe V. Wade. It not only increases access to abortion across the board, including late-term abortions, but also goes beyond Roe, which left some limits in place.

The bill refers to abortion as a "fundamental human right." The RHA also repeals the current state requirement that only a licensed physician can perform an abortion and repeals the current law that states THIRD-TRIMESTER ABORTIONS can only be performed in cases where the mother's life is in danger. The bill also repeals protections for ACCIDENTAL LIVE BIRTHS and disallows criminal charges for illegal abortions, such as when a perpetrator seeks to abort their partner's child through drugs or physical violence.

While the legislative battle is over, we don't feel that all is lost. The challenge now becomes CHANGING HEARTS and MINDS MORE THAN EVER. Those working in the PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT say their work will focus on educating the public on PRO-LIFE ISSUES and providing resources so that fewer women will choose abortion. Please continue to write, email, call and text GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO that you oppose the passing of this bill, and pray. Pray that hearts and minds will be changed to honor and protect every human life.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Hart Mirando itsidi@aol.com
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1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Let Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage 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**

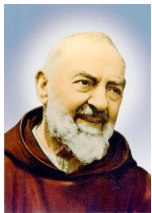
**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
(631) 858-0380 OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

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**

The next date is February 19, 2019 at 7:30PM in the Eucharistic Chapel.

All are welcome!

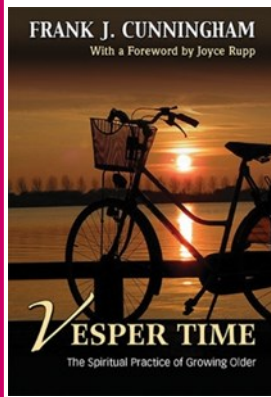
Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS 3-7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel

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

LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING

**www.livingwaterscounseling.biz
Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church
175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville 11747
Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914**



Our next book for our Spiritual Book Club is *Vesper Time* by Frank Cunningham. It is available in both paperback and Kindle. The publisher is Orbis Books and was written in 2017. **We will meet on February 15th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.** I am almost finished reading this book and have found it quite thought provoking, challenging, and filled with spiritual insights. Certainly, people of any age can read it, but it does focus on the spiritual issues that come forward as we advance into our senior years. A thoughtful little book that reflects on the issues and graces that influence the spiritual life as one grows older. [Cunningham's] words are sensitive, validating, and encouraging as he describes the challenges and blessings encountered at each stage. This is not a work of psychology or philosophy but a loving affirmation of life nearing its completion. Recommended for parish libraries and personal enrichment.

Robert J. Wicks, author, *Riding the Dragon*: Reading 'Vesper Time' is like taking a long walk with a wise but down-to-earth friend . . . Relax with this book. It will nourish your tired soul.

Judith Valente, PBS-TV: Anyone who has gazed at the rising moon or the emerging stars at twilight knows the beauty of this hour of day. Frank Cunningham reminds us that the "vesper time" of life is a rich seedbed for spiritual growth.

Richard Rohr, Center for Action and Contemplation What good work Frank Cunningham has done . . . His book is an invitation to more fully engage this stage of our journey and be enriched by it.

One of the many lovely traditional practices of our Catholic faith is the blessing of the throat near or on the feast of St. Blaise which is celebrated on February 3rd. Catholics love symbols and rituals since they speak to us of the Incarnational God who is with us in the ordinary moments of life.

At the weekend Masses of February 2 & 3, we will have a general blessing of throats. If anyone feels the need for an individual blessing, you can ask the celebrant for a blessing after Mass.



The following is an account of Saint Blaise:

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise." Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

In 316, Agricola, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, arrested the then Bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet. Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. Therefore, Agricola beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.

Catholic Schools Week Information Page

MARIA REGINA SCHOOL

4045 Jerusalem Avenue, Seaford NY 11783
(516) 541-1229 Fax (516) 541-1235
Www.mariareginaschool.org

OPEN HOUSE AND STUDENT REGISTRATION

Early childhood program: Nursery - 3 years old
Pre-K: 4 years old; Kindergarten: 5 years old
Grades 1 - 8

Immediate registration
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th 12Noon - 2PM

First come, first served. Program fills quickly.

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR SCHOOL

2 Teibrook Avenue, Syosset NY 11791
(516) 921-7767 www.stedwardconfessor.org

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th 10:30AM - 2:30PM

Welcome Home Tuesdays Open House
Every Tuesday from 10AM - 12 Noon

A variety programs offered such as:
Extracurricular activities for all grade levels
Before and after care
Extended & Half day Nursery and Pre-K Classes
STEM Program
Mentoring and tutoring programs

HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

Invites all 6th, 7th and 8th graders
to join us as we start

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
with a dance party!

To RSVP, please visit
www.holytrinityhs.org/admissions/CSW19

OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL

520 So. Oyster Bay Rd., Hicksville 11801
(516) 433-7040 www.olmshicks.org

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th 11:45AM - 2:00PM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30th 9:30 - 10:30AM & 1:15 - 2PM

OLM provides:
Choice of full/half day Early Childhood sessions
Before and After School Supervision Program
STEM Based Discovery Rooms
Tomorrow's Hope Tuition Assistance Program

Let us make a difference in your child's life!



ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL

275 Wolf Hill Road
S. Huntington NY 11747

An Evening of Celtic Music
February 2, 2019 7PM at the HS Auditorium
\$20 in advance/\$25 at the door

Tickets can be purchased by sending a check
payable to St. Anthony's HS Alumni
at the above address.

Please include your name, email address,
phone and number of tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Jan 28: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Jan 28: Virtus Class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 29: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 6PM
- Feb 1: First Friday Devotions after communion at 9AM Mass
- Feb 1: Regular Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 2: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Feb 2/3: General Blessing of Throats after all weekend Masses
- Feb 4: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- Feb 4: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Feb 5: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- Feb 12: NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- Feb 15: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 19 & 26: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- Feb 19: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Feb 20: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall