

Masses For The Week

Monday - February 4

- 6:30 Sirianni Family, Living and Deceased
- 9:00 Mark Ridge

Tuesday - February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

- 6:30 Rose & Jack DiCarlo & Family
- 9:00 Giovanni DiMaggio

Wednesday - February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions

- 6:30 Michael Laraia, (Living) Birthday Wishes
- 9:00 George Maggio

Thursday - February 7

- 6:30 Alfred Puppo
- 9:00 Marie Cecilia Rodman

Friday - February 8

- 6:30 Louis Matthew Fielack, Jr.
- 9:00 John Nappi II , Third Anniversary

Saturday - February 9

- 9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
- 5:00 Kathleen Preziosi
- 7:00 Speelman & Pedro Families

Sunday - February 10 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 The People of the Parish
- 8:30 May Tortorici
- 10:00 Paul & Theresa Rosenburg
- 11:30 Dr. Santiago Granada, Jr.
- 1:00 Anthony Guglielmo
- 5:30 Dolly Pfeifer

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20
- Tues. Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43
- Wed. Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6
- Thurs. Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13
- Fri. Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29
- Sat. Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34
- Sun. *Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8* After Isaiah was cleansed of wickedness and sin, the Lord asked, "Whom shall I send?" "Here I am," he said, "send me!"**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Paul commended those of Corinth who heard the gospel and believed that Jesus died for our sins, was buried and rose appearing to more than 500 brothers at once.

Luke 5:1-11 Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When he, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.



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 27, 2019: \$16,014.19
Fuel: \$6,378.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Reflection and Living Stewardship

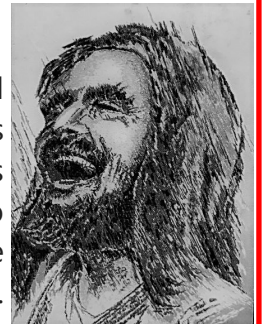


In today's first reading, God calls Jeremiah to be His voice in the world. In today's society, it is not always easy to stand up for what is right - but fear not! For God is with us as He was with Jeremiah.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who listen to the Voice of God in their lives and answer His call. We are grateful to those stewards who stand up for the unborn, the poor and the marginalized. In doing so, they become the voice of God in the world.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Jesus is so happy to call you His friend. He's always there to listen. He knows your pain and loves to share your joy. That's the definition of a good friend. That's Jesus!



Our next meeting is Monday, February 4th in the Church at 7:30PM weather permitting. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club Winners

1/28/19	#102	M/M Thomas Fazio	\$25
1/29/19	#167	Joseph Russo	\$25
1/30/19	#421	Joan Redka	\$25
1/31/19	#558	Catherine J. Wray	\$25
2/1/19	#323	Joe & Jane Brooks	\$50

Wedding Banns

1st Nicholas Montello & Kaitlin Baumbach



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

This week the pantry is in need of: egg noodles, pasta sauce, canned chicken, coffee, juice, juice boxes, icing, Jell-O, pudding, sugar, ketchup, paper towels, toilet papers, bar soap, dish soap, laundry soap, tissues and diapers size 6.

Many thanks for all that you do for the pantry.

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 February 3 - 9, 2019

In Loving Memory of
Tommy Corrado

Sanctuary Candle
Week of February 3 - 9, 2019

In Loving Memory of
Joe Brocco



Rest in Peace

Barbara R. Cardone
Anthony J. Galeotafiore

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, Ann Malavet, 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

A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.

What is truth? These words of Pontius Pilate heard every Holy Week always capture my attention since we all seek truth which can be very elusive. The news last week has been quite discouraging. New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has passed a bill that creates a massive expansion of access to abortion, including lifting restrictions on third-trimester abortions, allowing non-doctors to perform the procedure, and enshrining a fundamental right to “terminate a pregnancy.”



I know people have strong feelings about pro-life and pro-choice. Some people, fairly or not, accuse the Catholic Church of talking too much about life in the womb and not enough about the life among the poor, the immigrants, and the most vulnerable. Other Catholics feel that the church speaks too much about these topics and not enough about the right to life. I find that the Gospel of Jesus Christ calls believers to be concerned about **all** these most serious issues. Immigration rights, racism, concerns for the less fortunate, and issues that concern the beginning and end of life are all significant to our faith and its practice.

Last month, Sen. Kamala Harris of California (who has announced that she is seeking the Democratic Party's nomination for the presidency) and Sen. Mazie Hirono of Hawaii, both on the Senate Judiciary Committee, questioned a judicial nominee about his membership in the Knights of Columbus and whether it would affect his ability to fairly judge cases. I am a proud Knight of Columbus. I know best the work of the Hartigan Council: they raise money for those in need, distribute food at Thanksgiving, and donate their time and talent to our parish block party. These two senators want to paint the Knights as a radical organization. The Knights are no more radical than Catholics who hold to the teaching of the Church.

Then we experienced the story of the Covington All Boys Catholic School students who came to Washington D.C. for the Pro-life March. Initially, it was reported that the boys verbally abused and blocked an elder Native American Vietnam Veteran who simply wanted to play his native instrument as a form of prayer and culture. Some of the young men were wearing *MAGA* hats (Make America Great Again: the campaign theme of President Trump). The students were also accused of shouting racist chants.

All of these initial accounts were based on a two minute video. Much of the media, including pundits who were both liberal and conservative, Catholic Church officials, including the principal of Covington Catholic High School and the local bishop condemned the actions of these young men. Some of the students, their parents and the school itself received death threats. A day of school had to be cancelled. Some actors and commentators said they would like to punch the kids in the face and have the school burned with the students it! One movie director said the kids should be put in a woodcutter. I guess their norms about school bullying from adults to teens did not apply in this case.

By the next day, several hours of video had been viewed by many people. What was clear was that an adult group named the Black Hebrew Israelites had chanted vile and disgusting words at the high schoolers, including homophobic and racial slurs. Eventually, Nathan Philips, the Native American, came and approached one of the boys, Nick Sandmann, and stood several inches from him and played his drum. Sandmann just stood and stared at Philips (some say he smirked). Mr. Philips is a veteran (however, he did not serve in Vietnam as he claimed, but God bless him for his service to our nation). Some media people upon seeing and learning about the more revealing videos, apologized, some withdrew their tweets, and others, including the Catholic Bishop of Lexington, said that the students were wrong to wear MAGA hats. They believe such hats cause hurt and pain to others. What is the truth of this situation?

Having taught high school young men for years, I know that some can be compassionate, immature, mean, and kind, all within minutes of each action. Although teens should be held to high standards, I think adults should have a much higher bar for acting maturely. I believe this situation flowed from the very strong feelings in our nation about President Trump. They also were colored by the division in this country over abortion. These students had several strikes against them: they wore MAGA hats; they were Catholic; they were at a pro-life March. It is tolerated to be Catholic, but please do not express a view about law or culture that is out of step with what others feel about such issues. Essential to being a Catholic is how we treat others. The Catholic Church has been in the forefront in this country in seeking to protect immigrants, the vulnerable, the poor, and the unborn.

Is wearing a *Make America Great Again* hat wrong? I understand the great animosity that many people feel toward Donald Trump. We think of the recent government shutdown and the suffering of the laid off workers. Some of his words and actions are extremely disturbing to me. I do not seek to be an apologist for the President. However, have we as Americans moved to the point that free speech is no longer tolerated? Would we condemn a person for wearing a *Black Lives Matter* tee shirt or a pro-choice hat? I hope not. We may or may not agree with the sentiments that one expresses, but I hope the core American value of freedom of speech is always protected.

What is truth? What I wrote is no doubt colored by my feelings and beliefs. It is rare that anyone can be totally objective in matters of faith, morality, and politics. What I do believe to be the truth of this matter is that these young students were unjustly caught in the midst of a culture divide in our country. We must seek to get the facts and information about issues to the best of our abilities before making judgments. I have found that is not easy to do.

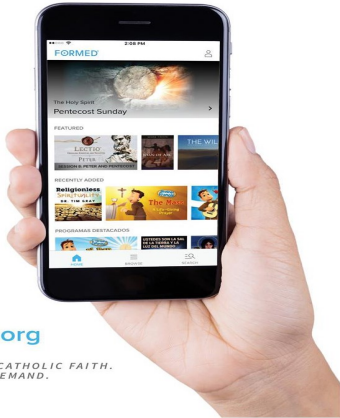
What is truth? *The one who says he/she loves God and hates his neighbor is a liar (First Letter of John)*. Can you or I respect, seek to understand and even love someone with whom we disagree on matters that are very important to us? Can we *listen* to each other? Can we *slow* our tendency to quick judgments? By the grace of God, we can try.

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FORMED PICK

Divine Mercy 5: Proclaim This Message



Explore the life of St. John Paul II and how the great message of Divine Mercy impacted him and his work as he proclaimed the message of Divine Mercy to the world.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:
DIVINE MERCY THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD
EPISODE 5: PROCLAIM THIS MESSAGE
(Taken from the Divine Mercy retreat guidebook)

In the last session, we looked at the powerful ways the modern message of Divine Mercy spread toward St. Faustina's life and especially after her death. We saw the twists and turns in the acceptance of the message throughout the Church and how it prevailed through the efforts of the man who would go on to become both Pope and Saint: John Paul II

We will now explore the life of St. John Paul II and how this great message of Divine Mercy impacted him and his work and how he would proclaim that message to the entire world.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

St. John Paul II and the Joy of Living



The life of St. John Paul II teaches us that with God in your heart, you will always have happiness!

Heavenly Father, we believe that all who say the words, "Jesus I Trust in You" with sincerity of heart will come to experience your mercy. And so we pray, *Jesus I Trust In You. Jesus I Trust In You. Jesus I Trust in You. Amen.*

KIDS' KORNER FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK: **Lukas Storyteller with St. John Paul II and the Joy of Living**
Anna, the littlest one, is tired and bored from always playing the same things. When suddenly, she finds herself in Noah's Ark! Lukas cannot resist telling her a wonderful story about a Pope who was once a child and enjoyed playing like she did. Anna won't believe how his story ends, and what she can do to follow St. John Paul's example.

Watch on: smtbethepage.formed.org

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.



MAJ Gregory Holownia, US Army	SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army	E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
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A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF	LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC
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L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC	CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF
	SGT Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC

Father Pat's homily of January 27, 2019

The other night I watched the movie, *The Four Seasons*. I had seen the musical on Broadway several years ago, and really felt the movie could not match the show, but it did, and I enjoyed it very much. There was a scene where Bob Gaudio, who was the song writer and musical arranger of the group, came in with a new song called *Walk Like a Man*. Frankie Valli, (lead singer) and Nick Massi (bass) thought it was a great song, but Tommy Devito, who was jealous of Gaudio, said it was stupid. He took the words literally and said, *how else is a man supposed to walk*. The others explained that it was a metaphor for coming of age, knowing who you are in life and what you want to be.

We all have key moments in our life: birth, graduations from grade school, high school and perhaps even college. We have the experience of our first job, our first car, our first apartment or home, our first love. Many of us marry, and certainly the experience of raising children is transformative. We get a job, begin a career, rise up in the structure of our job or get laid off, retire, or seek something else for our work. We may get divorced, suffer a life-changing illness, have people we love die, join the military service, become part of a volunteer group or causes that energize us, or have a deeply powerful religious experience that touches us to the core of our being. When did you start to walk like a woman? Walk like a man? What made you who you are today? What is your vision of life? Whether you are 16 or 86, what do you want to do with the days that God has given you?

I have always liked the eight stages of life's journey that psychologist Erik Erikson developed.:

Infancy: a stage when we are seeking to be secure in the arms of parents.
Early childhood: I am learning that I am a person. I am different than Mom and Dad
Childhood: I can do and accomplish things
Adolescence: what does it mean to a man/woman and adult?
Young adulthood: a time to seek intimacy, love and friendship
Adulthood: I want to create, leave a legacy, and have a family
Maturity: I am at peace with who I am and where I have been and where I am going.

Some of us get stuck on one stage for a time, and some of us never leave it. We all have lots of valleys and crises along the way. There are those who would propose today that we are seeking to dodge adulthood and responsibility. Others would say we are rushing children to become adults too quickly. I think the questions that society constantly raises to us is: What do I want from life? What do I need to be happy? I do not think they are the right questions. Better ones might be: What kind of person do I want to be? What do I want to give to others?

In today's Gospel, Jesus has begun to "walk like a man." His childhood and teenage years are over. He knows who he is and his mission from his Father is becoming very clear to him. At the local synagogue in the time of our Lord, any man could walk up to what was the pulpit, unroll the sacred scrolls of the Word of God that have been given to Abraham, Isaac, Saul, David, Solomon, Moses, Jeremiah, Isaiah and all the prophets.



So, Our Lord Jesus reads these words in Nazareth, the town where he grew up and is well known:

*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 captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

The prophet Isaiah spoke these words centuries before in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah. Everyone in that gathering knew them and what they were about. Every eye in the synagogue is on Jesus. What will he say next? There may be a low murmur among the people. Jesus looks them in the eye and announces: *Today this passage is fulfilled in me.* The crowd is shocked; he is claiming to be the Messiah, sent by God! Jesus knows that these words will eventually lead him to a dark and lonely hill named Calvary. His mission from the Father has begun. His life will be about turning the other cheek to his enemy, embracing sinners, comforting the poor and desperate, challenging the harsh religious authorities, breaking bread, preaching his message, and forming a church built on his body and blood. Today, he speaks these words to us: How do I want to live *my* life?

**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OFFICE**

Night of Praise

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 AT 7:30PM
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH, BETHPAGE NY**

**REGIONAL PRAYER MEETING
“WINDS OF FLAME” MUSIC MINISTRY**

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE COME TOGETHER
TO WORSHIP OUR LORD AND KING!**



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 February 3, 2019. All teens are encouraged to ask a friend to come.

We will have an overnight lock-in retreat on Sunday, February 17th beginning at the 5:30 Mass until Monday, February 18th at 7AM. 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

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

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island including widows, widowers and singles
A social organization for single persons
New Member Orientation Meeting

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 27 at 7:30 PM

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Bring Proof of Single Status To Join Refreshments Following the Meeting
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Perhaps you may think we are reluctant to take down our Christmas decorations!



This tree will be lit to further add to the beauty of the prayer garden that is dedicated to the unborn. We are using LED bulbs to keep the cost down.

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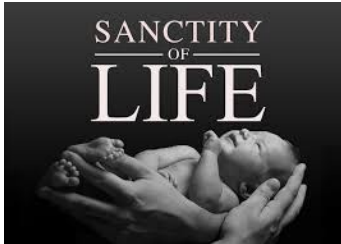


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We thank everyone for your support!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

“EVERY LIFE IS WORTH PROTECTING”: PRESIDENT TRUMP, VICE PRESIDENT PENCE TELL MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C.



The March for Life in Washington D.C. marked the anniversary of legalized abortion in America, and in a surprise appearance Vice President Mike Pence and Second Lady Karen Pence introduced a pre-recorded message from President Donald Trump.

"This is a movement founded on love and grounded in the nobility and dignity of every human life," President Trump said to the massive January 18, 2019 rally, before the crowd began its march through the streets of Washington, D.C.

"When we look into the eyes of a newborn child we see the beauty of the human soul and the majesty of God's creation, we know that every life has meaning and every life is worth protecting." "I will always protect the first right in the Declaration of Independence, the right to life," he said.

Priests for Life, Father Frank Pavone and Aleveda King, the Rev. Martin Luther King's niece, a strong advocate of life from conception to natural death were there supporting the massive crowd of mostly young pro-lifers. The Diocese of Rockville Centre had many buses headed for Washington, with faithful Long Islanders boarding at 5am. The strength, the love and the energy was there among all those that traveled from all over the country for the protection of human dignity. 60 million babies were aborted since 1973 with Roe V. Wade becoming law throughout the country.

Unfortunately, within days of the March, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law, the Reproductive Health Act. The Catholic Bishops of New York explained how this Act will expand our state's already radically permissive law, by empowering more health practitioners to provide abortion and removing all state restrictions on late-term abortions, including a baby born alive from a botched abortion.

ABORTION EXPANSION - LET YOUR LAWMAKERS KNOW HOW YOU FEEL: New York State Catholic Conference: **ACTION ALERT:** Now that the State Legislature has enacted a grave and permissive Abortion Expansion Act, we **MUST HOLD OUR LAWMAKERS ACCOUNTABLE.** Please take the time to **EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS ON ABORTION EXPANSION** to your **STATE SENATOR** and **ASSEMBLY MEMBER**, based on their votes. **TAKE ACTION NOW!** source: Catholic Action Network, Jan. 29, 2019.

We must stand together, never feel defeated, because our Lord stands with us in this battle for the right to life. We are never alone in it. So, as we pray, we remember the words of our beloved Saint Pope John Paul II, *"In the name of God, Respect, Protect, Love and Serve Life. Every Human Life."*

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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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.

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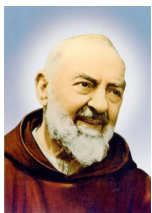
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PARISH LIBRARY

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!

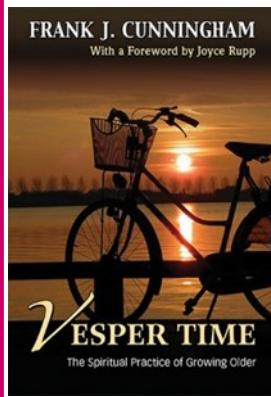
Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS 3-7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel

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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.



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NYS Bishops Statement on Passage of Child Victims Act

January 28, 2018

We pray that the passage of the Child Victims Act brings some measure of healing to all survivors by offering them a path of recourse and reconciliation. The legislation now recognizes that child sexual abuse is an evil not just limited to one institution, but a tragic societal ill that must be addressed in every place where it exists.

Sadly, we in the Church know all too well the devastating toll of abuse on survivors, their families, and the extended community. Every Catholic diocese in New York has taken important steps to support survivors of child sexual abuse, including the implementation of reconciliation and compensation programs. We are proud that these pioneering programs have not only helped well more than a thousand survivors of clergy abuse in New York, but have also become a model for how to help survivors in other states and in other institutions.

Now, we hope that this same type of survivor-centered approach, that puts the emphasis on healing, is available to all survivors, regardless of when the abuse occurred, or who their abuser was—whether it was a priest, a coach, a teacher, a doctor, or, as is all too common, a family member. We have long called for strengthening the Child Victims Act and will continue to advocate for the elimination of the criminal statute of limitations, compensations programs for those who prefer it to litigation, and mandatory safe environment training for anyone who works with children, as we have implemented in the eight dioceses throughout New York State.

We thank the brave survivors who have told their stories of abuse in every sector of society. Their witness has moved us all. We renew our commitment to combatting the monstrous crime of childhood sexual abuse and helping all survivors find recourse and reconciliation as they heal.

Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger
Bishop of Albany

Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio
Bishop of Brooklyn

Most Rev. Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo

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Most Rev. John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham
Bishop of Syracuse

And the Auxiliary and Retired Bishops of NYS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 11: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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
- Feb 25: DRVC Charismatic Renewal Office presents "Night of Praise" 7:30PM Church

**HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH**

- Mar 3: St. Patrick's Mass 1PM; Parade and Reception to follow
- Mar 6: Ash Wednesday Mass: 6:30, 9AM & 7PM; Services: 12 Noon & 4PM
- Mar 9: International Night 6PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 10: K of C Lenten Pancake Breakfast 8AM-1PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 10-14: Parish Mission with Fr. Patrick Woods, CSsR & Fr. John McGowan, CSsR
- Mar 27: Soup Supper 6-8PM School Cafeteria