

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 4 - Saint Casimir

6:30 Thomas P. Keegan
 9:00 Roy Charles & Elizabeth Bassett

Tuesday - March 5 - Shrove Tuesday

6:30 Barbara Mangiamele
 9:00 Michael Smith

Ash Wednesday - March 6

6:30 Lucy Speelman, Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 Deacon Eugene Capobianco, 4th Anniversary
 7PM Dorothy "Dolly" Pfeifer

Thursday - March 7 - Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

6:30 Sean, Pauline, Barry & Frank McCann
 9:00 Sonny Considine

Friday - March 8 - Saint John of God, Religious

6:30 Stephen Timoszuk
 9:00 Anthony Bonventre

Saturday - March 9 - Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Jerry Viviano
 7:00 Mary & Walter Maj

Sunday - March 10 - 1st Sunday of Lent

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Peggy McGeary
 10:00 Joseph J. Morales
 11:30 Paul James Fidnarick
 1:00 Anthony Guglielmo
 5:30 Charles Pirozzi

Readings For The Week

Mon. Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27
 Tues. Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31
 Wed. Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thurs. Deuteronomy 30:14-20; Luke 9:22-25
 Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
 Sat. Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

Sun. Deuteronomy 26:4-10 *Moses instructs the people to offer gifts to the Lord for their freedom from slavery in Egypt, and for God's never-ending care.*

Romans 10:8-13 *St. Paul reminds his readers that without any distinction of nationality, all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

Luke 4:1-13 *St. Luke's gospel tells how Jesus withstood the temptations of the devil.*



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
February 24, 2019: \$15,059.19
St. Vincent de Paul: \$2,222.00
Propagation of the Faith: \$2,393.00

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Can you remember the last time you invited a friend to Mass or told them you would pray for them? Can you remember the last time you critiqued a friend in a judgmental way or gossiped about them to someone? For some of us, we may remember the latter because it may have happened more frequently. This week, whenever we think of condemning someone or gossiping about someone, pray for them first and ask God what He wants you to do in that person's life.

We are grateful for all Christian stewards who do not judge our brothers and sisters but lead them to Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. To be stewards of the Faith, we must show the world Our Risen Lord.

Charismatic Prayer Group

When you find yourself in the dark, turn to the Light. The dark is a scary place. Emotional and Spiritual darkness can be worse than physical darkness. A dark night ends with the dawn. A dark room can be gone with the flick of a switch. But Spiritual & Emotional darkness can seem endless. Jesus is the Light of the World. Get drenched in Jesus' Light!

Our next meeting is Monday, March 4^h at 7:30PM. All are welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club Winners

2/25/19 #109 Gerri Laraia \$25
2/26/19 #305 Ted Rose \$25
2/27/19 #150 Mildred Kestler \$25
2/28/19 #140 Veronica White \$25
3/1/19 #478 M/M Richard Lafalce \$50



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

This week the pantry could use: pancake mix, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, juice, juice boxes, Jell-O, pudding, cake mix, cookies, crackers, evaporated milk, icing, paper towels, tissues, tooth paste, wipes and shampoo. As always, we thank you 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 March 3 - 9, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
Ann & Bill Csajko*

*Sanctuary Candle
Week of March 3 - 9, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
Dominick DeCaro*



There will be a DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE on Saturday, April 6th at Cardinal Spellman H.S., Bronx NY from 9AM-5:30PM. Featured speaker is Fr. Frank Pavone. Registration must be sent in by March 22nd. If interested, come to the rectory to pick up a form or go to TheDivineMercy.org/bronx. You can also call 1-800-462-7426. Sponsored by The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception (MIC) and Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR).

Rest in Peace

Virginia Cordaro, Ronald DiMieri
Barbara Finnan
Robert T. Wendelken

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, Henry Hamilton
Christian Bogdanos, Terry & John Bunker, Liam, The Mooney Family
Margaret Young, Ann Malavet, Virginia Gala, Bridget
Karen Murphy, Catherine Comiskey, Richard Baker, Kevin
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
Tom Sirianni, Pat & Tom Schimmoler, Frances Valenti





The Pastor's Letter

I am very much looking forward to the parish mission that Fr. John McGowan CSSR and I will be conducting at St. Martin's on March 10th through March 14th. Father John and I have preached more than 100 missions and retreats together and spending a week together preaching the Word of God. Over the days of a retreat or mission, we find ourselves sharing memories, telling Redemptorist stories, sharing faith, and doing lots of laughing. We've done mis-

sion in many parishes in the Eastern United States, and even had the joy of conducting three missions in the Holy Land (Ireland).

Teacher: I remember when Father John celebrated his 50th anniversary as a Redemptorist, I presented him with a chalice that I had engraved with the words: Teacher, Mentor, Pastor, Preacher and Friend. Those are all roles that John has played in my life and in the lives of many others. I first met John (he will probably deny this) when I was a sophomore in high school and he was teaching economics. He was a young, dynamic priest with an incredible sense of humor. He made going to class fun, played sports with us, and directed our school plays.

Mentor: Years later, after I was ordained, I was assigned to teach at the seminary where Father John had begun his priesthood. He was still there teaching, and that is when he took on the role in my life as mentor. He was a great model and guide to me. I learned from watching him preach and minister, and went to him when I was discouraged and confused. Whatever talents I have as a preacher and pastor began with modeling him.

Missionary: Years ago, he invited me to give a parish mission with him in Florida in the midst of the winter (the only time for a Florida mission!). That invitation began our journey of preaching retreats and missions together. Now, after more than 100 preaching events, even with adapting and changing our talks, I pretty much could give his talks and he could give mine. I remember when we did our 52nd week-long parish mission, I could then say that we had spent an entire year of our lives preaching together. Actually, I could now say it has been *two* full years of preaching together. I remember our mission in Erie, PA. The pastor had us stay in a convent with a delightful group of Sisters of St. Joseph. They were fabulous hosts to us. At the last meal we had with them, they presented us with two veils that they had worn in former times. In the midst of the laughter, John said, *some nuns want to be priests; we are two priests who want to be nuns!* On December 2, 1996, I was flying into Pittsburgh to meet John at the airport on our way to Erie. As I got off of the flight, I was met by an agent who gently informed me that my mother had died. I asked the agent to page Father John since I knew he was in the airport. He was my rock of support during those first hours of my hearing the sad news. On one of our missions in Ireland, he managed to break his bed and I broke the washing machine in the rectory. The fellow running the mission, with the wit of the Irish said to us, *I can't wait to see the backs of you two fellows! We can't afford ye!*

Pastor: Father John was stationed for more than ten years at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn. He was pastor for six of those years, so he was pastor to my family. When my sister Gerry died at the age of 44, I was in deep grief and incapable of preaching at her funeral Mass. Father John gave a beautiful sermon on Gerry and *The Lord of Dance* (she was an excellent Irish step-dancer), he concluded the homily with the words of the poet W. H. Auden: *When grace comes, you have to dance.*

When my father was suffering from Alzheimer's he went missing for eighteen hours in Brooklyn. I remember Father John rode his bike all over Bay Ridge looking for my Dad. John was a shepherd of a lost sheep. Thank God the police found Dad somewhere down around the Brooklyn Bridge area. One of the highlights of my mother's Christmas Day was the annual morning visit of Father John to Mrs. Woods. My mother would immediately offer him a shot of Bailey's Irish Cream and tell him he was working too hard.

Friend: I think from what I have written above you could see why I treasure this friendship and consider Father John a great gift from God in my life. We love the Mets, the Jets and Rangers. We tell each other about the books we are reading and usually, if it is a good one, we share it with the other. I often can be a bit skeptical when I hear a married couple say they never had a fight in more than fifty years of marriage. Well, we have been friends for more than fifty years and have never had an argument - some debates maybe, but never a serious disagreement. When I was facing my aortic aneurysm, it was John who drove me along with my family, to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. John was with my worried family for the entire day. When the doctor told them that the surgery had gone well, all was repaired, and I did not need to have my heart valve replaced, they went to the cafeteria for lunch. John had some kind of pasta and he told my family that the noodles were the valves that they would have used. Sounds crazy but his joke brought forth great laughter after the tension of waiting during the surgery. As I recuperated at my sister's, John brought me the Body of Jesus every day. I could not have a better gift than the face of Jesus that John has been for me.

I did not tell you any of his faults, nicknames and quirks. I will save that for the mission that begins on March 10th. This is the fourth mission that we have given at St. Martin's. You may remember the jokes, but please laugh anyway. I look forward to sharing this week with my favorite priest and dear friend and with family here at St. Martin's.

The Mission begins each night at 7:30 p.m. For those who like to come early, we will have a rosary at 7:00 p.m. and music at 7:15 p.m. We will also give a talk Monday through Thursday at 8:30 a.m. prior to the 9 a.m. Mass which will be different than that of the evening.

Father Patrick Woods CSsR, Pastor
www.smtbethpage.org woodscsr@aol.com



What are you giving up for Lent is a question that is often asked. Some choose to give up desserts, others eating between meals, some alcohol, and for the most ascetic, the heroic sacrifice of the denial of chocolate. Making such sacrifices can heighten our awareness of Lent and help us enter into a spirit of self-denial. However, the Scriptures of Lent speak far more about what are you **doing** for Lent rather than what are you giving up.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

A Reflection on Lenten Fasting

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.



Journey through Lent with Dr. Tim Gray

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Save the Date

Fridays, April 26 to June 28, 2019
Bishop Robert Barron's Series: CATHOLICISM
7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR & Rita Verow, Facilitators
Word on Fire Catholic Ministries for
Adult Faith Formation.

This is a 10 week series of DVD's with discussion to follow. This highly acclaimed series covers a wide range of topics pertinent to our faith with breathtaking details and visual beauty.

Refreshments will be served.

FORMED PICK

Divine Mercy 9: Mary's Knight



Saying yes to being an instrument in Mary's hands is not only a gift to our spiritual mother, it is also a gift to God. St. Maximilian Kolbe allowed Mary to use him as a living instrument for the benefit of all her children on earth.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
Divine Mercy Episode 9: Mary's Knight

The intense love of St. Maximilian Kolbe is inspiring to us now, as it was also inspiring to St. John Paul II. Both men are now saints. So we might conclude that St. Louis de Monforte's claim that Mary is the quickest, easiest and surest means to becoming a saint has some validity. But with so many aspects to the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, how can we take what we have learned and live it in our lives? That's what we'll consider next time.

Prayer from the Militia of the Immaculata: *Almighty and Eternal God, you gave us in the person of ST. Maximilian Kolbe an example of true devotion to the Immaculate Mother of our Savior and of unselfish love for our neighbor. Grant, we beseech you, through his intercession, that we may grow in our understanding and love of the Immaculata; that we may recognize her presence, her voice, her love, and her power with us and be filled with an ardent desire and will to fulfill her will which is perfectly united with God's will in every detail, and thus become sharers and true instruments of her most perfect response to you, in the Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

St. Mother Theresa and the Love to Others

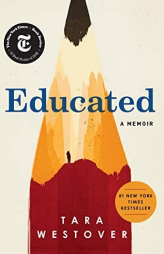


The story of St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us to ask God for a big heart so that we can love everybody just like Jesus did.

FORMED: KIDS' KORNER
St. Mother Teresa and The Love to Others
Studio CCC of America (taken from Formed)

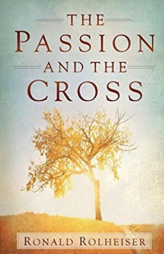
Lukas invites all his friends to a great adventure at the dark reef. As soon as they arrive, they are afraid to help others, and play with some long forgotten friends. So Lukas and Noah share with them the story of St. Theresa of Calcutta, and how she asked God for a big heart, so she could love everybody. The story changes their lives and helps them to understand the importance of loving others.

Watch on: smtbethpage.formed.org



REGULAR BOOK CLUB
Educated by Tara Westover
 April 12th 7:30 p.m.
 St. Alphonsus Hall

Amazon Editors' #1 Pick for the Best Book of 2018: Tara Westover wasn't your garden variety college student. For those of us who took our educations for granted, who occasionally fell asleep in large lecture halls (and inconveniently small ones), it's hard to grasp the level of grit—not to mention intellect—required to pull off what Westover did. But eventually earning a PhD from Cambridge University may have been the easy part, at least compared to what she had to sacrifice to attain it. The courage it took to make that sacrifice was the truest indicator of how far she'd come, and how much she'd learned. *Educated* is an inspiring reminder that knowledge is, indeed, power.



SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB
The Passion and the Cross
 by Ronald Rolheiser
 April 13th 10:00 St. Alphonsus Hall

Ronald Rolheiser, one of the most influential spiritual writers of the day, offers profound reflections on the central mystery of our Christian faith. His beautifully written meditations on the passion and the cross invites you to a new understanding of redemption and offers insight into the meaning of your own loss and suffering. Take a journey into the deeper meaning of pain with guidance from a trusted spiritual advisor.



ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th

Masses: 6:30AM, 9AM & 7PM
Services Only: 12 Noon & 4PM

Stations of the Cross
 Every Friday of Lent - 7:30PM in Church
 March 8, March 15, March 22
 March 29, April 5, April 12

During the weekdays of Lent, Monday through Friday, we will be saying the Divine Office, the Morning Prayer of the Church at 8:30AM (before the 9:00AM Mass).



This will start on Monday, March 7th.

The Bethpage Hartigan Council 5033
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Saturday & Sunday, March 23 & 24th



Please come by the gathering area after mass to get information on what they're about and how to become a member.

The Knights of Columbus is and has always been true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity and are vital supporters of St. Martin of Tours Parish of which we are eternally grateful.

2019 EXAM PREP COURSE FOR MAY 4TH EXAM
 First come - first served basis
 There will be no refunds once the course begins.

Course Fee: \$250.00 includes textbook
 Dates: March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6 & 13
 9AM to 11:30AM in Marian Hall

To register, please write your name, address, phone, school presently attending & email address
 Mail to:
ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL
 110 Anstice St., Oyster Bay, NY 11771
 Attention: Mrs. Stutzmann
 Call Mrs. Stutzmann for any questions at
 516-922-4888 ext 5241

healing prayer

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." James 5:16



Last week, we heard about the dismissing of Theodore McCarrick from the priesthood. We also read in the media about two accusations against the former Bishop of Rockville Centre, John McGann, of sexually abusing two minors when he was a Monsignor. For four days, the Pope and many leaders of the Church met at the Vatican to discuss the horrific issue of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church and the great pain it has brought to so many. Many have given up on the Church, others are cynical, while others seek healing and new beginnings. Here are some excerpts from the meetings. The most moving may well be the words a victim of clergy abuse spoke. They are at the end of this article.

Confession of the Pope and Bishops at the Penitential Service

The collective confession of faults by Pope Francis and almost two hundred Cardinals, Bishops, and other church leaders, was perhaps the most striking portion of the Penitential Service that marked the end of the final working day of the Meeting for the Protection of Minors in the Church

"We confess that bishops priests, deacons, and religious in the Church have done violence to children and youth... that we have shielded the guilty... that we have not acknowledged the suffering of many victims... that we bishops did not live up to our responsibilities". "Lord Jesus Christ", they prayed, "we ask for your mercy on us sinners. Kyrie eleison". Lord, have mercy.

Archbishop of Tamale, Philip Naameh, President of the Episcopal Conference of Ghana, gave the homily at the Penitential Celebration

Dear brothers, dear sisters, the Gospel of the prodigal son is well known to us. We have often recounted it, and often preached about it. It is almost taken for granted in our congregations and communities, to address the sinners and to encourage them to repent. We perhaps already do this so routinely that we forget something important. We readily forget to apply this scripture to ourselves, to see ourselves as we are, namely as prodigal sons.

Just like the prodigal son in the Gospel, we have also demanded our inheritance, got it, and now we are busy squandering it. The current abuse crisis is an expression of this. The Lord has entrusted us with the management of the goods of salvation. He trusts that we will fulfil his mission, proclaim the Good News, and help to establish the kingdom of God. But what do we do? Do we do justice to what is entrusted to us? We will not be able to answer this question with a sincere yes, beyond all doubts. Too often we have kept quiet, looked the other way, avoided conflicts – we were too smug to confront ourselves with the dark sides of our Church. We have thereby squandered the trust placed in us – especially with regard to abuse within the area of responsibility of the Church, which is primarily our responsibility. We have not afforded people the protection they are entitled to, have destroyed hopes, and people were massively violated in both body and soul.

The prodigal son in the Gospel loses everything – not only his inheritance, but also his social status, his good standing, his reputation. We should not be surprised if we suffer a similar fate. If people talk badly about us, if there is distrust toward us, if some threaten to withdraw their material support. We should not complain about this, but instead ask what we should do differently. No one can exempt themselves, nobody can say: but I have personally not done anything wrong. We are a brotherhood, we bear responsibility not only for ourselves, but also for every other member of our brotherhood, and for the brotherhood as a whole.

What must we do differently, and where should we start? Let us look again at the prodigal son in the Gospel. For him, the situation starts to take a turn for the better when he decides to be very humble, to perform very simple tasks, and not to demand any privileges. His situation changes as he recognizes himself, and admits to having made a mistake, confesses this to his father, speaks openly about it, and is ready to accept the consequences. In this way, the Father experiences great joy at the return of his prodigal son, and facilitates the brothers' mutual acceptance.

Can we also do this? Are we willing to do so? The current meeting will reveal this, must reveal this, if we want to show that we are worthy sons of the Lord, our Heavenly Father. As we have heard and discussed today and the previous two days, this includes taking responsibility, demonstrating accountability, and establishing transparency. There is a long road ahead of us, to actually implement all of this sustainably in an appropriate manner. We have made different progress, and attained different speeds. The current meeting was only one step of many. We should not believe that just because we have begun to change something together, that all difficulties have thereby been eliminated. As with the son who returns home in the Gospel, everything is not yet accomplished – at the very least, he must still win over his brother again. We should also do the same: win over our brothers and sisters in the congregations and communities, regain their trust, and re-establish their willingness to cooperate with us, to contribute to establishing the kingdom of God.

But the poignant moment of the celebration came when a victim of abuse (from Latin America) offered his testimony, which we publish here in full. After this, the same person played a Bach piece for violin, like a life that comes back from the abyss.

Abuse of any kind is the worst humiliation which an individual can experience. One is confronted with the fact of having to recognize that one cannot - and may not - defend oneself against the superior strength of the offender. You cannot escape what happens, but must endure it, no matter what or how bad it is. When experiencing abuse, one would like to end it all. But this is not possible.

One wants to flee, and so it comes to pass that you are no longer yourself. One tries to flee, by effectively trying to flee oneself. Thus, with time, one becomes completely alone. You are alone, because you have retreated elsewhere, and you can't/don't want to return to yourself. The more often it happens, the less you return to yourself. You are someone else, and will always remain so. What you carry inside you is like a ghost, which others are unable to see. They will never fully see and know you. What hurts the most is the certainty that nobody will understand you. That lives with you, for the rest of your life.

The attempts to return with the own true self and participate in the "previous" world, as it was before the abuse, are just as painful as the abuse itself. One always lives in these two worlds simultaneously. I wish that the perpetrators could understand that they create this split in the victim. For the rest of our lives. The greater your desire and your efforts to reconcile these two worlds, the more painful the certainty that this is not possible. There is no dream without memories of what has occurred, no day without flashbacks.

I now manage to cope with this better, by learning to live with these two lives. I try to focus on the God-given right to be allowed to live. I can and should be here. This gives me courage. It's over now. I can now go on. I should continue. If I give up now or stand still, I will allow the injustice to interfere with my life. I can prevent this, by learning to control it, and by learning to speak about it.

Annual Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

from 6PM - 8PM



Emmaus Hall located in the school

It's time to think about making soup for this annual Lenten event!

To make soup or to volunteer, please call Pat Ricci at (516) 796-1320.

**Any leftover soup will be brought to the homebound and the sick.
This is the gift of our faith reaching out during this sacrificial season!**



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
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 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC
 CPT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
 A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF
 CPT Mike Polan, US Army
 L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC

SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
 SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
 LTC John Evans, US Army
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
 SSG George Howard, US Army
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC
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 LTC Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
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 SGT Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC



**Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade 2019
Grand Marshal William Scharen**

TODAY

28th Annual Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade – Sunday, March 3, 2019

Grand Marshal William (Bill) Scharen, and his wife Maureen moved to Bethpage in 1979, where they raised their five children. Bill began his involvement in Saint Martin of Tours as a member of Pre-Cana. Bill served 2 terms on Parish Council; he was chairperson of the Liturgy Committee & has been a Eucharist Minister for over 20 years. Before St Martin's School closed and regionalized, Bill had been a member of the school board. Bill is the immediate Past President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 15.

**Beginning with the 1:00 PM Mass at St. Martin of Tours
St. Patrick's Parade to follow through Downtown Bethpage
Reception after the parade in the school**

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS SOCCER CLINIC REGISTRATION

CLINIC BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 24th IN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AFTER THE 10:00 FAMILY MASS

Child's Information (please print):

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

M / F Date of Birth: _____ Circle Grade: 2 years + up Kindergarten 1st 2nd

Street: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mother's Name _____ Cell _____

Father's Name _____ Cell _____

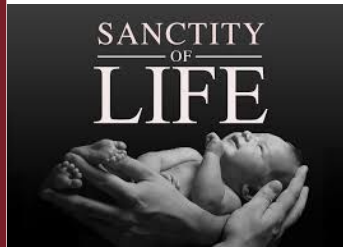
Attending Parish: _____

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: _____



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND: For Immediate Release: Long Island, NY, February 19, 2019. The Board of Directors of the Life Center of Long Island is deeply saddened by the passage of late-term abortion legislation in New York, which is now being promoted in other states throughout our country. The act of killing a child at any stage of life is unconscionable, but killing a baby about to be born into the world, can be considered as nothing more than a barbaric act unworthy of this great nation, a nation that notes the right to life in our Declaration of Independence. We pray that our legislators will understand the sacredness and extraordinary gift of life and that abortion is not a political issue but that there is a moral imperative to preserve and cherish life at all stages. We believe that there is always forgiveness for those who have chosen abortion, and we know that God loves them as He does all His children and hope they find the healing they will come to need. There are wonderful options for those who carry a child but do not feel they can parent that child. With medical advances, as well as the services of the Life Center of Long Island, there are few, if any cases where the choice must be made of one life over another. gschreiber@lifecenterli.org. or call 516 798 9100 for more information.

The Respect Life Committee is proud to announce that last weekend, 563 of you signed the petitions against the radical Reproduction Health Act, Governor Cuomo signed into law, here in the state of New York. It was a sign of hope, joy, and determination that we will not stand for such a law, and that we will do everything possible to make known that many do not agree with such a radical attack on the child in the womb. It was such an uplifting day as you lined up and waited to sign your name to oppose such attacks on a pre-born baby. The petitions are mailed to the National Right to Life, 517 10th St., NW, Washington, DC 20004. (202) 626 8800 www.nrlc.org/getinvolved.org.

This past Sunday, February 24th, STAND UP FOR LIFE AGAINST CUOMO'S LATE TERM ABORTION LAW drew hundreds of pro-lifers on both sides of Old Country Road in Garden City. It was an honor to stand with these devoted people that stood together, DRESSED IN BLACK, holding signs, praying the rosary, and singing the Ave Maria. Gloria Schreiber spoke about the choices young women have when turning to a Pregnancy Center instead of Planned Parenthood. Two hours, on a windy, cold day, YOUNG, OLD, CHILDREN and so many TEENAGERS held signs: WE ARE THE NEW GENERATION FOR LIFE! Both Jerry and I, Sheila Regan, Bill and Pat Rochford and many of our committee not in our sight were there to show support for the FUTURE OF AMERICA, OUR CHILDREN! Channel 12 News interviewed Pat Rochford who voiced her view on the sanctity of life. THANK YOU! all who signed those petitions, showed up in Garden City, Hauppauge and Albany last Sunday. Thank you, God bless you, each and every one.

Diana Hart Mirando, Respect Life Committee

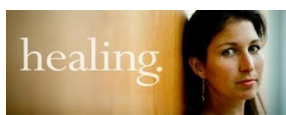
DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING FOR WOMEN AFTER ABORTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

To register and for more information, please visit www.respectlife.drvc.org

or contact PROJECT RACHEL at (888) 456-HOPE or (516) 766-2538

projectrachel@drvc.org



HOPE
AFTER + ABORTION

Please register by Monday, April 1, 2019

ALL RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

International Night

Saturday, March 9th 6:00PM in St. Alphonus Hall
Italian, German, Vietnamese, French, English, Filipino, Greek,
Russian, Swedish, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, Polish
African, Irish, Indian, Middle Eastern, Native American, or any other ethnic dish

International Beers

*Please leave a message at the rectory 931-0818
to let us know the main dish or dessert you are bringing. Thank you!*

ATTENTION ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS!



We are continually looking for new members to join the Lifeteen Band at our 5:30PM Mass. All experience levels of singers are welcome, 8th grade and up. If you want to sing, we will make sure you have a place in our ranks. Musicians should be able to sight read a chord chart or lead sheet and learn each week's music with minimal assistance on their respective instruments, but a willingness to work hard, learn, and worship our God trumps all. We are especially looking for percussion, bass, and keyboard.

Teens are absolutely preferred and given priority, but adults are welcome as long as they are properly vetted by the parish. Practice is held Tuesday night at

7:30PM unless otherwise noted. Anyone interested in coming to worship with us should feel free to contact LGordonWorship@gmail.com specifying your name, age, and contact info, or stop by after the 5:30 Mass on Sunday night. **God bless! Liam Gordon**

ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN!

We Invite you to visit the Catholic Men's Blog: "Fishers of Men." Welcome to Fishers of Men, a place where all are welcome. A blog about living life as a Catholic man with a focus on the weekly Gospel readings.

Our primary purpose for being here is to provide a space for Catholic Men to share fellowship in Christ our Lord. This is simply who we are. So if you are a man of the Catholic faith, welcome. If that is not who you are, please know that all are welcome here and we say to you - welcome brother, sister, friend.

Visit the "Fishers of Men" blog at:
<https://outcasts4christ.blogspot.com/>

Are you or is someone you know struggling from a mental health disorder such as anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, substance abuse, OCD, eating disorder or schizophrenia?



Please join us at St. Kilian Parish Center located in the basement of the church, 485 Conklin Street, Farmingdale on Tuesday, March 19th at 7PM. Ellen Ritz, RN and President of the National Alliance for Mental Illness Nassau/Queens, will present what a disorder is, current treatments and how you can help a friend or family member who is struggling.



All High School Teens are welcome and encouraged to attend the 5:30PM Mass every Sunday. Meetings announced after Mass.

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

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 10th 8:00AM to 1:00PM
Sponsored by the
Hartigan Council of the Knights of Columbus
Breakfast will be served in Saint Alphonsus Hall

Free Will Offering - All are Welcome!

BASKETBALL CLINIC
No Clinic March 3rd due to
St. Patrick's Day Parade

Our last clinic will be Sunday, March 10th
followed by Pancake Breakfast
in St. Alphonsus Hall

AWARDS CEREMONY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY
Call Diana Hart Mirando itsidi@aol.com
(C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979
ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS 631-243-2373

PROJECT RACHEL
WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM

Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place
at 1 (877) 796-HOPE
Adoption, Foster Care
Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau
1 (800) 592-4357

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE
1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

OUR LADY OF MERCY CYO TRACK & FIELD
Spring 2019 Registration
Boys & Girls K - 8th grade

The spring season runs during the months of April -June. Meets are held outdoors on weekends at track facilities throughout Nassau and Suffolk. Events consist of team relays and individual dashes of both short sprints and middle distances.

At the conclusion of the season, we will hold our annual end of year celebration. Our Lady of Mercy CYO is a non-profit organization.

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Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church
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THE CHURCH IN NEED COLLECTION
MARCH 10TH

On **March 10th** a collection will be taken for "*The Church in Need.*" The monies collected will be shared among three areas of the world where there is a particular need for help for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and in Africa.

Please be as generous as your means will allow.

**Spring Ahead: Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th at 2AM.
Please remember to set your clocks one hour ahead before retiring.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Mar 3: St. Patrick's Mass 1PM; Parade and Reception to follow
- Mar 3: No children's basketball clinic due to St. Patrick festivities
- Mar 4: Charismatic Pray Group 7:30PM Church
- Mar 5: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- Mar 5: Christian Mothers meeting 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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 7:30PM Church
- Mar 23 & 23: Knights of Columbus Membership Weekend
- Mar 27: Soup Supper 6-8PM School Cafeteria
- Mar 31: 2-5PM Holy Relics Presentation