

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 11

6:30 Elisa, Antonio, Anna Scala Saulino
 9:00 Alberta Skillman

Tuesday - March 12

6:30 Eleanor & Al Smith
 9:00 May Tortorici

Wednesday - March 13

6:30 Maria & Pietro Sirianni
 9:00 Thomas G. Mantovi

Thursday - March 14

6:30 Joseph & Catherine Courtney
 9:00 May Tortorici

Friday - March 15

6:30 Joseph A. Castora
 9:00 Mark & Margaret Ridge

Saturday - March 16

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Delia Connaughton, 40th Anniversary
 7:00 M/M Felice Basile & Thomas Cortese

Sunday - March 17 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Andrew McCarthy & Patrick Hopkins
 10:00 Mullaly & Lacey Families
 11:30 Patrick Holquist
 1:00 Winnie Donoghue
 5:30 Jack McManus

Readings For The Week

Mon. Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
 Tues. Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
 Wed. Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
 Thurs. Esther C:12, 14-16,23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
 Fri. Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
 Sat. Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

Sun. Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 *The promise made to Abraham go beyond his wildest dreams - he will be the father of a great nation, as numerous as the stars in the night sky.*

Philippians 3:17-4:1 *St. Paul challenges the Philippians to imitate him and to stand firm and faithful in the Lord.*

Luke 9:28b-36 *The glory of the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of the glory of the risen Christ.*



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

March 3, 2019: \$16,758.19

Thank you for your generous support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

As we enter this Lenten season let us allow God into our weaknesses to break us free from all



temptations. We cannot defeat sin alone, only God can do that.

We need to let God into our lives and clean up the mess within us. Be open to Him in prayer, be yourself and be vulnerable to His Love.

We are thankful for all Christian stewards who bear the ashes on their heads on Ash Wednesday and attend the special prayers available during Lent (i.e. Stations of the Cross). Their testimony shines a light in a dark world.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Because of today, tomorrow can be totally different than yesterday. The choices you make today can affect ALL of your tomorrows - good or bad. Eat healthier, exercise, forgive someone. Or - eat that loaded burger and large fries, binge watch 5 hours of TV, hold on tight to that anger. Your choice!

Here's a wise choice: come spend some time in our prayer meeting on Monday, March 11th. This week we will meet right after the parish mission which begins at 7:30PM in the church. You won't believe the difference it can make. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club Winners

3/4/19	#501	Loretta Eckhoff	\$25
3/5/19	#524	Nancy Schimmel	\$25
3/6/19	#275	Kenneth Selvester	\$25
3/7/19	#543	M/M Jim Devine	\$25
3/8/19	#116	Santa Portuese	\$50

Wedding Banns

1st: Raymond Swierkowski & Lindsey Quentin



St Mother Theresa
Outreach Center
St Martin of Tours

“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, tomato paste, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, coffee, cake mix, brownie mix, icing, cookies, crackers, juice, juice boxes, ketchup, mustard, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, dish soap, laundry soap, toothpaste, wipes & evaporated milk.

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

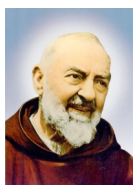


*Altar Bread & Wine
Week of March 10 - 16, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
Bernie Lavin*

*Sanctuary Candle
Week of March 10 - 16, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
Jean Wood & Amanda Henderson*



St. Padre Pio Holy Hour
PLEASE NOTE!!

The next holy hour will be on **TUESDAY, MARCH 26th at 7:30PM** in the Eucharistic Chapel. The church is being used on March 19th for another function.

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 Jean Vanturini, Diane Passaro, Mary Jane Bookman Toni Novak, Ryan Castles, Susan Estabrook, Baby Luke, Jerome LoPinto Tom Sirianni, Pat & Tom Schimmoler, Frances Valenti Dan McCormick, William Wojcik, Denise Lombardi



The Pastor's Letter

Bethpage St. Patrick's Day Parade St. Martin of Tours 2019

Years ago, I was assigned for eighteen years to our administration offices in Brooklyn, not too far from the Verrazano Bridge. For several years, along with my family and friends, we made a festive day out of St. Patrick's, March 17th. After all, I bear the name of the great saint and of my own dear father so I am happy to celebrate well St. Patrick's Day in New York. Even the natives of Ireland will tell you that New York has better parades and joyous celebrations than does even Dublin. Only the Bethpage St. Patrick's Day is greater.



Our routine was to attend the morning Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, find a nice place for an Irish breakfast, watch the parade for a couple of hours and then find where County Clare was lining up to march and join them in the parade. After the march with Clare, we'd return for a corned beef dinner prepared by mother. Full disclosure: I feel about cabbage as the

late George Bush did about broccoli.

I noticed that the Cardinal of New York had a challenge in coming up with a theme for each St. Patrick's Day homily since it was pretty much the same congregation attending each year. I remember one homily that Cardinal Egan gave on Alfred Smith. Since this is the 8th time that I am speaking at this annual Mass that kicks off the festivities in Bethpage for our parade, I am starting to run out of ideas. Some would say that already happened many years ago. I could probably give the same talk as last year and not a soul, other than Eaman Fitzgerald, would notice. He is quite attune to the failures of his pastor in terms of his sports teams.

As our town and parish honors our Grand Marshal, Bill Scharen, our outstanding Irishman and dedicated parishioner, I think of another Irish Catholic, Al Smith. I must confess, I do not remember much of what the Cardinal said about Al Smith, so I read up on him. I do recall my mother often spoke of the fierce anti-Catholic prejudice that Governor Smith faced when he became the first Catholic to run for President of the United States in 1928. She would say thank God he was not elected or they'd blame the Great Depression that followed in 1929 on the Catholics.

Alfred Smith was the son of a first generation Irish American woman and of a father who was a veteran of the American Civil War. Smith's grandparents on his father's side were Italian and German. So, in a land of immigrants, Al Smith fit the profile of being from the melting pot of three ethnic groups. Al grew up on the lower East Side of New York as the Brooklyn Bridge was being completed. His family were working class people. Smith attended a parochial Catholic school, and was an altar boy, but he had to leave school after the eighth grade when his father died. He then got a job at the Fulton Fish Market.

Smith married Catherine Dunn and had five children. His political career was built on his working-class beginnings and Irish roots, identifying himself with immigrants and campaigning as a man of the people. Although indebted to the Tammany Hall political machine, he remained untarnished by corruption and worked for the passage of progressive legislation. Over time, he was elected Governor of New York four times. Governor Smith became known nationally as a progressive who sought to make government more efficient and more effective in meeting social needs, the right of women in the work force, and campaigned against lynching and racial violence. When Franklin Delano Roosevelt nominated him at the 1924 Democratic convention for President, he called Smith *the Happy Warrior of the political battlefield*. In 1928, he became the first Catholic to run for president. Anti-Catholics were to say that he would build a tunnel to the Vatican. There was fierce prejudice against him because he was Catholic, from a family of immigrants, and against prohibition. **I am proud to meet those three criteria.**

Although he was a friend of Roosevelt, Smith did not agree with some of Roosevelt's programs and their relationship suffered. As Al Smith got older, he became more conservative and the life-long Democrat voted for some Republicans. So whether you are a Democrat or Republican, you cannot fault me for being too political in this homily. He died at the age of 70 and is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Queens, the same cemetery where my own beloved parents now rest.

The highest praise my father could give a man was to call him *Decent*. Al Smith was a decent man; a politician who never had any scandal in his personal or political life. His politics were about helping the working man while at the same time understanding businesses run correctly were good for the people. His Catholic faith, which he lived and practiced faithfully, influenced and shaped his values. He lived his faith. Although we do not face the overt bigotry as Catholics that Al Smith did, I believe much of the media still has a strong bias against the Catholic Church, mainly because of our commitment to family values and the protection of all human life from conception to natural life. Smith fought for the poor and vulnerable.

As Catholics, we follow Jesus in seeking to care for those who have no voice, be it a ninth month old baby in the womb or a man or woman desperately fleeing his/her own country to find work in America to support family. Alfred Smith, mostly forgotten by history, is a man of politics and faith that we Catholics can both admire and imitate.

Father Patrick Woods CSSR, Pastor
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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.

Lenten Letter 2019

Bishop John O. Barres has written a Lenten letter for all to read. You can find it on the diocesan web site at drcv.org. Scroll down the home page where you will see a link.

For anyone who does not have access to a computer or device, stop by the rectory for a copy.



St. Martin of Tours presents

Lenten Parish Mission

March 10th to March 14th

Fr. John McGowan, CSsR & Fr. Patrick Woods, CSsR

What shall I return to the Lord for all His goodness to me?
Psalm 116:12

EVENING ROSARY AT 7PM - Followed by instrumental or choir music.

EVENING SCHEDULE BEGINS 7:30PM

- Sunday: Jesus the Word
- Monday: Jesus the Healer
- Tuesday: Jesus the Pray-er
- Wednesday: Jesus the Lord of Life
- Thursday: Jesus the Son of Mary - with Mass

DAY SCHEDULE BEGINS 8:30AM

- Monday: Jesus, Set Me Free
- Tuesday: Why Do People Suffer?
- Wednesday: Jesus, Teach Me to Forgive
- Thursday: Jesus, the Lord of Mercy

All Are Welcome!

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



This will start tomorrow, March 11th.

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday of Lent - 7:30PM in Church

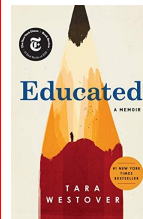
March 15, March 22
March 29, April 5, April 12



NEXT VIRTUS CLASS

St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage
Monday, March 18th at 7PM
St. Alphonsus Hall

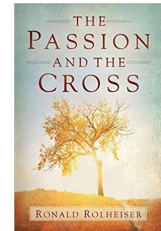
All those who wish to volunteer in any capacity in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must attend. To register online, go to drvc.org, click on Virtus found on their home page and follow the directions. Should you have a problem, please call our rectory office at 516-931-0818 and you will be directed to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



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

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

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



Exposition of Sacred Relics
School Cafeteria
Sunday, March 31, 2019 2:30 - 5PM

Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be at St. Martin of Tours with his ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. *Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will be a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.* Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics.

Bethpage Hartigan Council 5033
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Saturday and 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.



Bethpage Hartigan Council 5033
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OPEN HOUSE MEMBERSHIP EVENT
Thursday, March 28th 7 - 9PM
517 Central Avenue, Bethpage

The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men 18 and older who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their Church. If you are already a Knight and have not attended our Council for a while, please come and reacquaint yourself with our officers and members. The Hall is newly renovated with free food and beverages provided. A cash bar is also available. If you would like to join us but can't attend this open house, please email gk@koc5033.com, and I would be happy to arrange a time for us to meet. Thank you and I hope to see you there! Joe Interrante, Grand Knight

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island
including widows, widowers and singles

A social organization for single persons

New Member Orientation Meeting

Wednesday MARCH 27 at 7:30 PM

ST. FRANCES de CHANTAL CHURCH

Rectory Basement

1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793

Non- Denominational

ALL ARE WELCOME

Bring Proof of Single Status To Join

Annual Dues are \$25

Refreshments Following the Meeting

For Further Information, Please Call:

CAROL – 516-794-4933 OR

FRAN– 516-889-5790



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FORMED

Women's Group

of St. Martin of Tours

Our next meeting will be held on TUESDAY, March 19 at 7pm in St. Alphonsus Hall. All women are welcome and do bring a friend!

Please contact us at smtwomensgroup@gmail.com or at 516.931.0818 for more information. See you then!

FORMED PICK

Divine Mercy 10: The Final Question



By promoting the message of the Lord's infinite Divine Mercy and in the sharing our faith, we too can bring healing to a broken world. Watch inspirational and practical tips to show you how!

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

St. Anthony of Padua



Following the example of St. Anthony of Padua always telling the truth helps our friends. Watch as they learn an important lesson too!

Watch on: smtbethpage.formed.org

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Divine Mercy Episode 10: The Final Question

Now that we have participated in the entire series Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told and have been encouraged to make its story our own, one question remains: Will we in fact make it our own? In other words, will we consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary and encourage others to do so as well? Will we strive to experience Divine Mercy? And will we put Mercy into action in our lives? (To learn more, visit MarianMissionaries.org.) Now, before the closing prayer, take a time of silence so to speak to God about this.

Closing Prayer (after a time of silence.)

Heavenly Father, thank you for the great time of mercy you are giving to the Church and the world. Lord, please fill us with the fire of your Holy Spirit. Help us to receive your love deeply in our hearts. Give us the grace to trust in your mercy even more. Make us powerful instruments of mercy in the hands of our Immaculate Mother, Mary.

Blessed Mother, please bring us to the pierced side of Jesus, the fountain of Mercy, and teach us to pray... (repeat 3 times) *O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen*

FORMED: KIDS' KORNER St. Anthony of Padua

The Fair has reached the reef and our friends must earn their ticket. Peter gets into trouble and thanks to his Sister Agnes, and his friends, Lukas and Noah, we learn an important lesson, following the example of St. Anthony of Padua about always telling the truth.



PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MAJ Gregory Holownia, US Army
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
 SGT Dennis Diesel, USMC
 SGT Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
 CPT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
 SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
 SGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
 CPL William Corrigan, USMC
 PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC
 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
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 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
 SSG George Howard, US Army
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army
 LTC Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
 PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC
 LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC
 PFC Clint Applegate, US Army
 CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF
 SGT Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity



Tuesday, April 2nd: Spring Fling Fund Raiser at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. All women are welcome!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Be transformed by Jesus' love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Jun 28-30, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa.



Mass will begin at 2:30 pm. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Faith Formation by April 15, 2019. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 506.

Annual Soup Supper
Wednesday, March 27, 2019
6PM - 8PM School Cafeteria



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!



Ella Rose

At the St. Patrick's Day party held after the parade in our school, this lovely family made a point of coming to see me. They told me that they had come to our parish last October for the St. Gerard blessing. Mom said she faithfully wore the medal we gave out and said the prayers from the card. We are happy to welcome beautiful Ella Rose into the God's world and wish all our love and prayers and thank St. Gerard for his powerful intercession. - Father Pat

Fun N' Fundraiser Night!



St. Alphonsus Hall
Friday, March 22
6:30 - 9:30PM
\$55 per person

20% of all sales will go to St. Martin of Tours Church! Support the church, sip some wine and leave with a sign!

Order your sign online at barnyardlanesignco.com

Reservations must be received by March 18th. No walk-ins please.

LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS & SINGERS FOR THE 5:30PM SUNDAY MASS

We are looking for more teens to join the Life Teen Band who are given priority, but of course adults are welcome as long as they are properly vetted by the parish. All experience levels of singers are welcome, 8th grade & up. We are especially looking for musicians that play percussion, bass or keyboard, and 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. Practice is held Tuesday nights at 7:30PM unless otherwise noted.

Anyone interested in coming to worship with us should contact LGordonWorship@gmail.com or see me after Mass. *God bless! Liam Gordon*



I have seen one of our parishioners, Patrick Vanacore, sometimes spend several hours in our church praying before the Blessed Sacrament, walking the aisles saying the rosary, being very devout in church. I often kid him that he is the official parish pray-er and a saint. I know Patrick has a list of people he prays for, and if you are on the list, you are truly prayed for! He liked my teasing and now has made an official request to be declared the *official parish pray-er*. He is too humble to be named a saint at this time.

I figure if the Queen of England can declare someone a Knight, a pastor can give someone an official title. We already have a few people that I have given titles to, so I will make it official:

- Marliese Coveney - distinguished parishioner
- Steve Descovich - associate pastor (emeritus since he moved to the North Shore)
- Mary Langan RIP - parish administrator (God rest her good soul)
- Patrick Vanacore - official parish pray-er
- Vic Sirianni - lover of the Blessed Mother
- Jerry Miranda - chief of security

If you would like an official title, I will tell you there is no official ceremony and no cost. Some parishioners have said it is dangerous when I know your name since I will start to ask you to take on responsibilities or mention you in a homily. These titles are only official until August 1, 2019, or until I begin to take life too seriously.

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)

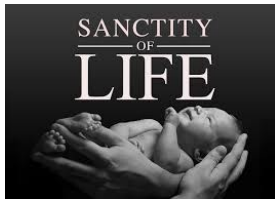
As parent or guardian, I assume all the risks and hazards incidental or associated with such participation including all activities, contests and practices. I hereby waive, release and absolve indemnity and agree to hold harmless St. Martin of Tours Church, Bethpage NY 11714.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: You may remember the display and information available last year in the Gathering Area by BIKERS FOR LIFE who will once again be available to answer any questions you may have about this wonderful organization that stands for the dignity of all human life. Please stop by the Gathering Area and take home some information, and hopefully attend one of the vigils outside of Planned Parenthood. More, now than ever, we need to stand together here in New York against Governor Cuomo's radical Reproductive Health Act passed into law this past January 22, and to bring the message of the importance of human life to other states that may be following NY, even to the point of discussions of Infanticide.



PRO-BIKERS FOR LIFE WILL BE SPONSORING A 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN ON LONG ISLAND: MARCH 9th THROUGH APRIL 14th. You are invited to join other Christians in peacefully praying for the Unborn during a 40 Day Vigil outside Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Avenue in Hempstead. The VIGIL TAKES PLACE 7 DAYS A WEEK, between the hours of 8AM - 7PM. The 40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING MASS was at ST. LADISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH on March 9th at 10AM.

SENATE DEMOCRATS BLOCK BILL THAT WOULD STOP INFANTICIDE AND CARE FOR BABIES BORN ALIVE AFTER ABORTIONS: LIFE NEWS: FEB. 25, 2019 Washington D.C. State Democrats blocked a request by Republicans to vote on a bill that would STOP INFANTICIDE and provide MEDICAL CARE and TREATMENT for BABIES BORN ALIVE AFTER BOTCHED ABORTIONS. *At a bare minimum, every one of us should be able to agree that INFANTICIDE, or the killing of a baby after it has BEEN BORN ALIVE, is unacceptable. This is a separate issue from abortion, which is abhorrent in itself. (South Dakota Senator Mike Rounds)* According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) between 2003 and 2014 at least 143 babies died after being born alive during botched abortions. **Go to www.LifeNews.com for the entire article showing who voted for and against this bill.** Your 153 petitions were mailed to the NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE and are on their way to GOVERNOR CUOMO'S DESK. Thank you, and God bless.

**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

Please register by Monday, April 1, 2019

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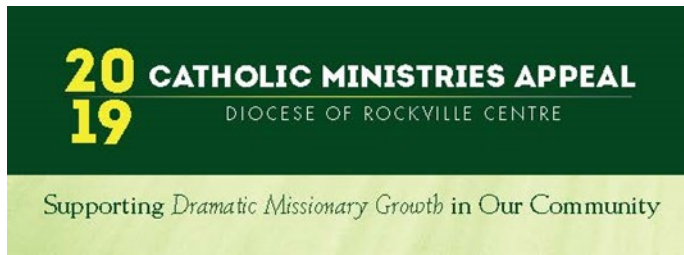
St. Gerard Majella, CSsR is a very popular saint of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those



who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery. He is Redemptorist, the same religious community that has served here at St. Martin's for the past thirty years. As you know, we have a beautiful icon of St. Gerard in our prayer area of our church. You are welcome to ask any of the priests or deacon for a blessing with the St. Gerard relic if you are seeking to become pregnant, adopt or are pregnant.

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.



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
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March, 2019

Dear Friends:

The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving open our hearts to the presence of our loving and ever present God. It is a time for reflecting on the enormous sacrifice our Lord made on Good Friday. It's also a time for making sacrifices of our own. One of the purest sacrifices we can make is also one of the most loving. And it begins when we show compassion to others.

As Pope Francis said, *"Prayer brings us back to the path of truth about ourselves and about God; fasting makes us share the reality of so many people who face the anguish of hunger and makes us pay more attention to our neighbor; charity is a blessed occasion to collaborate with God's providence in benefit of His children."*

When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, your neighbors experience the merciful presence of Christ through Outreach and Catholic Charities' programs that serve the basic needs of the poor, troubled, weak and oppressed in our community.

This Appeal also supports our efforts in evangelization, liturgy and worship. Consider the multitudes of children who are taught the faith through our Catholic schools and religious education programs and are able to continue their faith journey as they benefit from Campus, Young Adult and Youth Ministry Programs. It also funds the resources necessary to support our seminarians who are studying and preparing to serve us as priests.

If you have not yet made a pledge as of yet, please consider participating in the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal as one way of *"collaborating with God's providence in benefit of His children."*

May this Lent be a source of *dramatic missionary growth* both in our lives and for our great Diocese.

I keep you and your family in my Masses and Prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



All High School Teens are welcome and encouraged to attend the 5:30PM Mass every Sunday. We will be staying for the Parish Mission from 7:30 until 8:30 that our Pastor Father Pat and Father John McGowan will be giving.

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!

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.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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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.

For registration and additional information about the program, contact Kelly at ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com.

Registration deadline is March 22nd.

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, one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world.

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).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 10: K of C Lenten Pancake Breakfast 8AM-1PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 10-14: Parish Mission 7:30PM Church
- Mar 11: Charismatic Prayer Group will attend the Parish Mission with a meeting afterwards.
- Mar 12: NO Adoration
- Mar 18: Virtus Training 7PM Faculty Lounge of the School
- Mar 19: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM-7PM
- Mar 19: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 22: Fun N' Fundraiser Night 6:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall (see p. 10)
- Mar 23 & 24: Knights of Columbus Membership Drive Weekend Gathering Area
- Mar 26: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel (moved from Mar 19th)
- Mar 27: Soup Supper 6-8PM School Cafeteria
- Mar 28: K of C Open House Membership Event 7:00PM at the Hartigan Council
- Mar 31: Holy Relics Presentation School Cafeteria 2:30 - 5PM
- Apr 2: Christian Mothers Spring Fling Fund Raiser 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall

