

Masses For The Week

Monday - March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor

- 6:30 Marty Laraia
- 9:00 Kubera Family

Tuesday - March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

- 6:30 Michael J. Alloggo, Birthday Remembrance
- 9:00 Joseph Spoto

Wednesday - March 20

- 6:30 Fred Strianizzi
- 9:00 Pina Naclerio

Thursday - March 21

- 6:30 Silvio & Catherine Sita
- 9:00 Elda Natali

Friday - March 22

- 6:30 John O'Grady
- 9:00 Dorothy & Frank Corbet

Saturday - March 23

- 9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
- 5:00 Louis Ruggiero, John & Gertrude O'Rourke
- 7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - March 24 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 7:00 The People of the Parish
- 8:30 Robert Rodman
- 10:00 Ivy Ostermeier
- 11:30 Jennie & Frank Juliano
- 1:00 Lazzati & Tesoriero Family
- 5:30 Shirley & Harold Peterson & the McKenna Family - Living and Deceased

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
- Tues. 2 Sam. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 2:41-51a
- Wed. Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
- Thurs. Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
- Fri. Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matt 21:33-46
- Sat. Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun. Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 *God speaks to Moses from the burning bush, announcing his presence as the God of his father, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.*

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 *Paul speaks of the Old Testament ancestors, many with whom God was not pleased.*

Luke 13:1-9 *The crowd tells Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus calls them to repentance and tells them a parable of the fig tree that produces no fruit.*



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 10, 2019: \$15,853.19

Ash Wednesday: \$5,539.00

Church in Need: \$3,189.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Jesus offers us hope when life is difficult. He tells us to come to Him and take His yoke upon ourselves. In this week's reading, we learn from Abraham that we can - and should - trust in God.

This week's Gospel is about Formation. God is forming us to be His disciples - do not be afraid! Listen to His call and trust in His will. As He guides us through life's problems, allow God to form you, like St. Patrick, into his disciple. He will if you let Him!



Charismatic Prayer Group

You don't read the last chapter of a book before starting the book. It wouldn't make sense. It's the same with our lives. God doesn't show us the ending because it wouldn't make sense. We need to experience it in small pieces. He is always there to help in hard times and share our joy in good times. The trials are not meant to drive us away but to bring us closer to Him. If you need help understanding that, then come to our next meeting. Bring your doubts and leave them here.

Our next meeting is Monday, March 18th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. A video will be shown before the meeting at 7PM. (see p 14) Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club Winners

- 3/11/19 #382 Peggy & Ray Sobier \$25
- 3/12/19 #50 Ruth McCarron \$25
- 3/13/19 #553 Donna Bishop \$25
- 3/14/19 #51 P. & M. Sangirardi \$25
- 3/15/19 #255 F. & V. Valenti \$250

Wedding Banns

2nd: 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: ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, coffee, Jell-O, pudding, brownie mix, icing, evaporated milk, boxed milk, cake mix, cookies, crackers, juice boxes, paper towels, wipes, dish soap, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste.

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 17 - 23, 2019

In Loving Memory of
Michele & Frank D. Barone

Sanctuary Candle
Week of March 17 - 23, 2019

In Loving Memory of
Virginia Kane



REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Joseph Subbiondo, Sadie Lodato
Ursula Todaro, Rosalie T. Sayles
Benito Picinic, Lucille Sulkowski**



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 Gratten, Barbara Thompson
Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov, Patricia Morrone
Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro
Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino, Nicole Cagna
Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh, Louise Sandberg, Anthony Luisi
Tommy Johnson, Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio 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, 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, Christopher Connelly



The Pastor's Letter

Fr. Pat's Homily of March 10th

When my nephew Robert, now a husband and father of three, was a young boy, he and his friends loved to watch the World Wide Federation of Wrestling on television. I did the same when I was a child. I think it might be a boy thing, but I don't want to appear sexist so if you are a female who loved the WWF growing up, I apologize. I remember some of the names: *Sargent Slaughter, the Iron Sheik, Randy Macho Man Savage, Andre the Giant, Bobby the Brain Heenan, Haystack Calhoun*, and of course the great *Hulk Hogan*. It was a world of good and bad guys, where for most of the matches the good guys would be losing and suddenly in a burst of energy they would rise up from the ashes of defeat to win the match and humble the enemy. We also debated the question: it is real or fake?

As I was reflecting on the Gospel today, the encounter of Jesus that brings him face to face with Satan, I thought of those wrestling matches. I believe in the devil, the spirit of darkness and evil. I do not believe in a funny fellow with horns and pitchfork! There is nothing funny about the power of evil. It is as real to me as the Holocaust, school shootings and September 11th. We first meet the prince of darkness in the Garden of Evil with his seductive voice telling Adam that God is a liar and that eating the forbidden fruit will them happiness.

God sends his Son Jesus to free us from the power of the satanic forces, not by violence, but by a pure act of loving and the outpouring of his life on the cross for us. Lucifer seeks to destroy the plan of God before it begins. He seduced Adam and Eve by telling them not to settle for being human, however, today he takes an opposite tact with Jesus. He seeks to have Jesus deny his humanity. It is said that some of the angels fell from grace when they could not accept the idea that God would become a man. This was a great insult to these brilliant spirits. They refused to accept that they were to worship a God who would become human, a mere limited creature of the earth. So, Satan sees that Jesus is hungry. He has been fasting. Why should the Son of God feel hunger? He created all the foods of the world.



Jesus, don't be hungry! You see those stones? Turn them into bread! Don't be a man of flesh and blood who knows hunger. Jesus refuses. So having failed, Satan moves to a second temptation. *Jesus, if you must be on this earth, why settle for not having a great kingdom of riches and power? I will give you all the kingdoms of this world. Run from poverty and rejection. Why not have glory and servants and all the riches that I can shower upon you. Do not accept this path that your Father has asked you to walk!*

Again, Jesus resists. Frustrated, the father of lies will try a third time. *Jesus, go up to the top of the great temple and jump off. See if your Father is really there. See if you can trust him and his plan for you.* But Jesus tells him, *you shall not put the Lord your God to the test.* We might say that was a nice way for our Lord to tell Satan to *go to hell!* But notice that last sentence of the Gospel. *Satan departed for a time.* The Gospel lets us know that this is not the last time Jesus will wrestle with Satan. He will meet him again in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross of Calvary.

We are sons and daughters of God. We have been washed and saved in the Blood of the Lamb. Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. Still, we all have our own wrestling matches with sin and temptation and with the Prince of Darkness. I am not so much speaking of dramatic temptations that might cause us to lose our faith, such as to bring serious pain and hurt to another, to have a heart full of hate toward another person or toward a group of people, or to lose all hope in the goodness of God and life. We may have battled such dangerous moments in our lives from time to time, but by the grace of God, we have come through them.

For me, and perhaps for you, there is an ancient term used called the *Noonday Devil*. The term comes from the monastic life and a special word for it is called *acedia*. It is not an easy word to capture, but it suggests mediocrity, cynicism, a loss of passion and energy, a sense of settling, why bother, or in the popular response of today, *it is what it is*. We might call it a kind of spiritual depression. For me it shows up in a spiritual weariness and discouragement. Prayer does not come easily. The news of the world is often so negative. The Catholic Church I have belonged to all my life is much wounded. The young seem to be walking away from the faith. Society is growing increasingly secular. I am getting older and what will my future be.

Yet, I trust in Jesus and his promises. The faith of those around me, who face the same challenges as do I with courage and humor lifts me up. The ever ancient, ever new world of God can surprise me and stun me. A song at Mass, a moment of family or friendship, a glimpse of God in the glory of nature, the Eucharist - they all lift me up and move me forward renewed and refreshed for another day.

Just we face temptations on a daily basis, we know God is the victor. We know we are precious in his sight. He comes to us in moments that surprise us, in spectacular and ordinary ways. God is with us at St. Martin's in the Blessed Sacrament, the liturgy, our community, our families and friends. The parish mission is a special time to come together around the Word and Eucharist, with one another, in song and laughter, to renew and refresh us. I promise you, in his own way, God will touch you during this week. I love the quote that we say at the sign of peace: *Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church*. Together in Christ, we are strong!

Father Patrick Woods CSsR, Pastor
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St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Solemnity, Tuesday March 19th

Prayer for Families

Gracious St Joseph, protect my family and all other families from danger, as you did protect the baby Jesus and His mother from the wrath of king Herod.

Pray for us, that we respect, love and care for each other in our family as you were with Mary and Jesus. Help us to be understanding and forgiving towards each other.

Most of all St Joseph, bring us closer to Jesus, and ask that you please pray for our family. Amen.

NEW VIRTUS DATE

**St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage
Thursday, April 11th at 7PM
School Faculty Lounge**

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.

Bethpage Hartigan Council 5033

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Saturday and Sunday, March 23 & 24th**

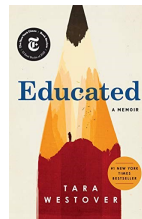
Please come by the gathering area after mass to get information on what they're about and how to become a member. The Knights of Columbus is and has always been true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity and are vital supporters of St. Martin of Tours Parish of which we are eternally grateful.



**Bethpage Hartigan Council 5033
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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

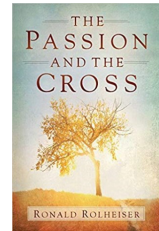
The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men 18 and older who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their Church. If you are already a Knight and have not attended our Council for a while, please come and reacquaint yourself with our officers and members. The Hall is newly 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

**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.

**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

Lenten Regulations from March 6, 2019 [Ash Wednesday] to the Paschal Triduum

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.



As you can see, they ask very little of us. We always seek to follow Christ by how we live our lives, but Lent is a time that invites us to really listen to the words that are said when the ashes are given to us - *Repent and believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ*. We are invited during this sacred time to examine our lives in light of the Gospels. Simply put, am I loving the God who created me and who loves me, and loving my neighbor? There are three traditional pillars to entering into a truly spiritual Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. These virtues are interdependent. To live them well, by the grace of God, we must seek to do all three.

Prayer: The most sacred prayer we have as Catholics is going to Mass. If we can go daily during Lent, that is wonderful. If we can go an extra time or two during the week, that is a blessing. Perhaps, you might commit to saying the rosary during Lent, reading a spiritual book or the Bible (I recommend a chapter of the Gospels at a sitting), or a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. Be realistic about your goals - perhaps ten to fifteen minutes a day of prayer would be a great beginning.

Fasting: is seen as giving up something such as certain foods or drinks, sweets or desserts. They are good practices. We can also fast from gossip, anger, resentments, too much television or the internet. Fasting by the grace of God helps us to be set free from certain compulsions.

Almsgiving: is perhaps the most challenging of the three and the virtue that the Word of God gives great attention to in the Lenten readings. The prophet Hosea tells us: I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings. Almsgiving literally means to give help to others. Very often, this might be a donation of food or money to a person in need or a program that helps others in need. Almsgiving is about charity and compassion for others, perhaps even those who are closest to us among our family and friends. Almsgiving might mean making a phone call or visit a shut-in friend who is lonely. We can only fast and give alms by the power of prayer. Fasting helps us find a space for prayer. Almsgiving is - at the root - the Gospels.

Some Lenten Practices you might consider entering into at St. Martin's:

- **Morning Prayer from the Lenten Booklet is said Monday to Friday at 8:30AM before the 9AM Mass.**
- **Stations of the Cross is said every Friday at 7:30PM in the Church**
- **On Good Friday at 10AM the Stations of the Cross is said at Bethpage State Park (weather permitting).**
- **Another session of Alpha is beginning on April 9th**
- **The Parish Lenten books were given out on the First Sunday of Lent and can be read alone or perhaps before a meal by a family**
- **The Spiritual Book Club is reading The Passion and Cross by Ronald Rolheiser**
- **You are invited to wear you Lenten bracelet as both a reminder to yourself and a witness of your faith.**



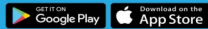
Journey through Lent with Dr. Tim Gray

Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days with FORMED Lenten Reflections. Get daily videos from esteemed Scripture expert, Dr. Tim Gray delivered right to your inbox so you don't miss a day of growing closer to our Lord. Visit lent.formed.org to sign up.

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Women's Group

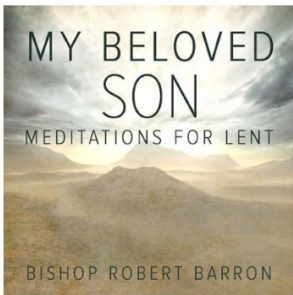
of St. Martin of Tours

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

My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent



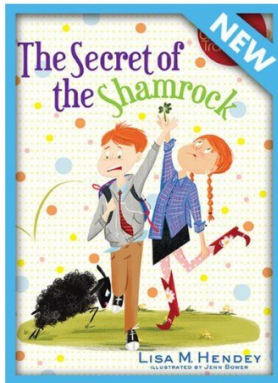
Bishop Robert Barron's Lenten meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent by Bishop Robert Baron

Bishop Baron offers five sermons on the Spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a spirit centered on Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, and how to embrace the way of happiness joyfully. Bishop Baron also stresses that we must be a conduit for God's grace and love in this world, to reach out to others.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

The Secret of the Shamrock



Often referred to as the Catholic alternative to the Magic Tree House books, this book is engaging, relatable, faith-filled, and so descriptive that the reader can imagine what it was like in Ireland at the time of St. Patrick.

Kids' Korner: The Secret of the Shamrock by Lisa Hendy

When Patrick has to work on his Church's cleaning team on a Saturday, he thinks that his weekend is ruined. But when the old Church bells start chiming Patrick and his pet Frog Francis are suddenly taken back through time to ancient Ireland. Will the strange shepherd he meets be able to get him home, or will Patrick be stuck taking care of sheep in the rain and mud forever? This book is ideal for children in grades 2-4.

Much of the dialogue in this book between Patrick and St. Patrick is inspired by quotations from St. Patrick's book, The Confession. For more about St. Patrick, see page 113.

Go to smtbethpage.formed.org



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
 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
 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!

All High School Teens are welcome and encouraged to attend the 5:30PM Mass every Sunday. There will be a meeting after Mass.

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



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

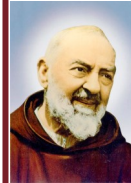
Reservations must be received by
March 18th. No walk-ins please.

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*

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).



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.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent
7:30PM in Church
March 22, March 29

BULLETIN DEADLINES

For those who have notices or weekly columns in the bulletin, the editor must have your articles for Palm Sunday by Monday, 4/8 and for Easter by Monday, 4/15. Thank you!

Ministry Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a volunteers in the following ministries:

ARIMATHEA, RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS OR HELPERS, HOSPITALITY, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & SOCIAL MINISTRY. If interested and for more information, please contact the rectory at 931-0818. All volunteers must fill out Volunteer Disclosure Forms and also take a Virtus class.

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: _____

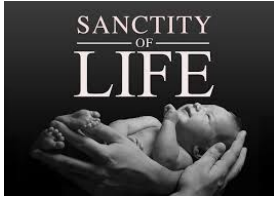
Email Address (please print)

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



To obtain a copy of the **March 2019 RESPECT LIFE NEWS LETTER**, contact Diana Tellis Ministry Department Assistant at the Respect Life Office at 516-536-3473 or 516-678-5800 ext 381 or 626 or write to her at the Diocese of Rockville Centre, 50 North Park Avenue, Rockville Centre NY 11570.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: The St. Gianna Feast Day Mass and Diocesan Pregnancy Support Reception on APRIL 27 at 5:00PM at St. Agnes Cathedral, Bishop John O. Barres presiding. The relics of St. Giana will be venerated assisted by the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. Part of the liturgy will include a blessing in thanksgiving for those celebrating the gift of a child, those expecting or those planning now or in the future. See below for information Project Rachel’s Day of Prayer and Healing.

To hear the video of Bishop Barres on the Abortion Expansion Legislation (Reproductive Health Act), go to www.drvc.org; then the Ministries pull down tab and click on Respect Life Office. Scroll down to the video which is on the left. The Bishop encourages us to contact our local legislators, elected officials and continue to pray for a conversion of minds and hearts among citizens of our state and our elected officials.

UPDATE: On Feb. 25th, the US Senate failed to pass the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. In spite of this shocking result, we must not become discouraged. Please write your senators to express appreciation for their support or disappointment if they voted against it.

The Respect life Office would like you to join in a Novena to St. Joseph. We ask you to join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 19th. This occasion is an opportunity to highlight the gift of adoption by seeking the intercession of St. Joseph for the many people whose lives are touched by adoption. Resources are available to assist you with inviting others to join in prayer leading up to the solemnity, March 10 - 18, 2019 (source is USCCB.org and search St Joseph’s Novena).

The Respect Life Committee would like to wish everyone a blessed and joyous St. Patrick's Day to all!

**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

**ALL RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION
WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.**



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.

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.



I wish to offer a great word of thanks to **Laura Leigh Agnese** and her dedicated team for hosting a wonderful evening of food and fun for our annual parish international night. Great job!

Also, I thank **Father Denis** and all the volunteers who created our basketball program to the parish little ones that they so enjoyed. I was able to dunk with a three foot basket so it was great.

I am grateful for the delicious pancake breakfast that the **Hartigan Council of the Knights of Columbus** served our parishioners last Sunday. Although our pastor can occasionally exaggerate the meals that are being offered, this one was above and beyond anything on the cooking channel. Father Pat



MOVIE NIGHT

Calvary

Friday, March 29th at 7:30PM - St. Alphonsus Hall

Father James is a small-town priest in Ireland whose Sunday confessionals suddenly include a threat to kill him in a week's time as a matter of principle. Deeply troubled and conflicted about how to respond, Father James tries to go on with his calling through that week. However, that proves impossible as he is confronted with a troubling variety of spiritual challenges from both his estranged daughter and his own parishioners. In those dispiriting struggles, Father James' life begins to fall apart as time runs out towards a confrontation that seems to crystallize his values and what he wants his life to be.

Viewer alert: I think this is a very thought-provoking movie. It is not rated but it is probably between a PG and R so be forewarned. Father Pat

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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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

GARDENING MINISTRY



Springtime is just about here and time to beautify the church grounds. If you enjoy planting and creating lovely flower beds, we are looking for you. The Gardening Ministry is responsible for keeping our church property beautiful and inviting. **Our first meeting this season is Saturday, March 23rd at 10AM in St. Alphonsus Hall Library.**

Please contact Debbie Mekalainas with any questions at 681-6560 or email platnum117@aol.com.

Long-time Parishioner Elsie Barone Celebrates 100th Birthday

A parishioner of St. Martin of Tours for 70 years, **Elise Marie (Corrigan) Barone** celebrated her 100th birthday on March 1, 2019. A devout Catholic, Elsie has led a virtuous life each day and helped spiritually guide her children — Deacon Frank Barone (deceased daughter-in-law, Michele) and Jane Barbieri (son-in-law John) — into children of Christ.

Following 26 years as a nurse at Grumman Corp., Elsie retired at 72 years-old and began volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul by donating her time, talent and friendship to the St. Martin Parish Outreach Food Pantry where she helped countless people in the Bethpage community. Happy Birthday, Elsie, and may God continue to bless you and your loved ones!



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THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP would like to invite you to see a 14-part video series entitled **The Wild Goose - Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit.** Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR speaks on an attribute of the Holy Spirit, a practical application on how to respond to the Holy Spirit and testimonies of people who have been impacted by the Spirit of God.

Join them every Monday at 7PM beginning March 18th. The Prayer Group will determine the series end date, however the following dates have been scheduled:

- 3/18 St. Alphonsus Hall
- 3/25 Church
- 4/1 St. Alphonsus Hall
- 4/8 St. Alphonsus Hall
- 4/15 Faculty Lounge
- 4/23 Faculty Lounge
- 4/29 St. Alphonsus Hall
- 5/6 St. Alphonsus Hall
- 5/13, 20 & 27 Church

You are also invited to stay for their prayer meeting following the video at 7:30PM. For more information, please call 516-993-9672.

REGISTRATION FORM
CATHOLICISM

Fridays, April 26 to June 28, 2019
Bishop Robert Barron's 10 Session Series
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. **Please drop off this form at the rectory or email gamit1946@hotmail.com with the information below. Thank you!**

NAME(S)

PHONE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 18: Charismatic Prayer Group 7PM Video; 7:30PM Meeting St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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 1: Holy Face Devotion 1PM Church
- Apr 2: Christian Mothers Spring Fling Fund Raiser 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 5: First Friday Devotions 1t 9AM Mass
- Apr 6: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Apr 11: Virtus Class 7PM School Faculty Lounge
- Apr 12: Regular Book Club 7:30 St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 13: Spiritual Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 24: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall

