

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord**

6:30 Michael Zura  
9:00 Wendy Fox

**Tuesday - March 26**

6:30 John Riccardello  
9:00 John Osicki

**Wednesday - March 27**

6:30 Robert Rodman & Irene Richardson  
9:00 Jerome Viviano

**Thursday - March 28**

6:30 Gloria T. Hall  
9:00 Richard Godek

**Friday - March 29**

6:30 Carmine Bassano, 4th Anniversary  
9:00 Peggy McCabe & Family

**Saturday - March 30**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Teresa Flynn  
7:00 Szymtkowski & Zoitke Family

**Sunday - March 31 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Peter Volberg  
10:00 Deacon Jim Biggin & Anthony Biggin  
11:30 William McCabe & Family  
1:00 Joseph Formichelli  
5:30 Richard McKenna, Patrick & Sarah McCann

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38  
Tues. Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35  
Wed. Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19  
Thurs. Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23  
Fri. Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34  
Sat. Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14  
**Sun. Joshua 5:9a, 10-12** *God stops the miraculous manna as soon as the Israelites are able to eat the produce of the Promised Land.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21** *Paul tells the Corinthians they are a new creation through reconciliation with God.*

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32** *The prodigal son demonstrates God's willingness to welcome us back as soon as we turn to him.*



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

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**  
**March 17, 2019: \$15,322.19**

**Thank you for your generous support!**

**One Family in Mission - Called to Evangelize**



Last Tuesday was the feast day of St. Joseph, foster-father of Jesus. Despite the lack of recorded dialogue in the Gospels, St. Joseph teaches us that despite the many hardships he faced in protecting Mary and Jesus his wholehearted trust in God was his greatest strength.

As stewards of our Faith, we are all called to lead by example. Let others see that when the storms come, we anchor ourselves with trust in God.

***Charismatic Prayer Group***

**MISSION POSSIBLE:** I know the mission was two weeks ago but I'm writing this on the Friday after it ended. I kept thinking of these words, "Your mission, should you choose to accept it!" And it's not impossible! Our mission is to spread God's promise - His love to all we encounter. At the end of Mass, we are told to go and spread the good news. Remember, your actions will speak much louder and last much longer than your words.

**Our next meeting is Monday, March 25th at 7:30PM in Church. Come and tell us how you are spreading God's love. 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**

3/18/19	#61	Joanne Veltri	\$25
3/19/19	#191	James Tancora	\$25
3/20/19	#446	J. & D. Liverani	\$25
3/21/19	#145	Khloe Basilicato	\$25
3/22/19	#444	James Duke	\$50

*Wedding Banns*

3rd: 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 we are in need of pasta sauce, sweet and plain cereal, pancake mix, pears, peaches, mixed fruit, coffee, ketchup, mayonnaise, Jell-O, pudding, brownie mix, frosting, cake mix, macaroni and cheese, boxed milk, cookies, crackers and sugar. Non-food items like shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry soap, diapers size 4, 5, 6, and wipes are also appreciated. God bless you.

Thank you all for bringing so much to our food pantry! We are able to help so many families with your donations. Truly, God blesses us with you.

**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 24 - 30, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of  
Monica Szymkowski*

*Sanctuary Candle  
Week of March 24 - 30, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of  
Laura & Vincent Cesareo*



**REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Edward J. Anderson  
Louis Fielack, Jr., Salvatore Coico  
Francesca DeVito**

**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, Patrick Vanacore  
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*



### *Father Pat's Homily of 3/17/19*

Several years ago, I had the great blessing of being to the top of Mount Tabor, the mountaintop of the Transfiguration where the glory of God shone through Jesus as Moses and Elijah were present, leaving the apostles Peter, James and John both terrified and awe stricken. It was a glimpse of heaven. I can tell you that it was a harrowing ride in an old mini-van that clung perilously close to the edge of the road overlooking a very

deep drop. I prayed harder on the trip up that mountain than I did at the sacred site of the Transfiguration. I thought I might soon be seeing Jesus face to face!

This Gospel account leads me to think on another powerful mountaintop experience: *"We've got some difficult days ahead,"* Martin Luther King, Jr. told an overflowing crowd in Memphis, Tennessee on the 3rd of April 1968, where the city's sanitation workers were striking. *"But it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop...I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land.* Less than 24 hours after these prophetic words, King was assassinated by James Earl Ray. Although Doctor King died before he felt his work was completed, and although we still have significant racial issues in our country, we have elected an African-American President and there have been many other positive developments in terms of racial healing.

Scripture scholars tell us that Jesus brought the apostles Peter, James and John, the three key leaders of his disciples, up the mountain to see the glory of God shone through him because dark days lay ahead that would severely test the faith of those who followed Jesus. They would see the one they believed was the Messiah sent from God arrested, brutally scourged, crowned with thorns, nailed to a cross, die, and then be buried in a borrowed grave. They would all run away and hide for fear that the same fate might befall them. Although Jesus spoke about his resurrection, the disciples naturally did not grasp what that meant. We wonder if Peter and the others drew any comfort and strength from this moment on the top of Mount Tabor in those shattering days to come.

Have you had moments when you were on the top of the mountain and for an instant had a glimpse at the wonder and glory of God? Certainly, nature has offered me some. I remember the first time I saw the majestic beauty of the Grand Canyon or the awesome power of the thundering waters of Niagara Falls, or the stunning view of a glorious sunset over the ocean or star-filled skies on a cold, crisp night. Such sights move us to awe and a whispered prayer of *Oh, my God!*

You may have had a transfiguration moment at the birth of your children and grandchildren, when you fell in love and knew this time he or she was the one, or when you went through a serious illness and found healing. Such moments might be a visit with a close friend, a surprise gift, an email from a friend that brought you light and comfort, a song that inspired you to almost want to dance, or a movie so powerful that you could not find the words to describe it. Maybe it was a birthday with one of those round numbers like 50, 75, 80 that you felt in the core of your being that God was good and life was precious. You may have been lifted up from the ordinary by a powerful homily or a hymn at Mass. Transfiguration moments! Although not always from happening daily, they lift us, comfort and inspire us to move forward. We need such moments in our journey of life.

Ordinary Time makes up most of the Church year in the midst of the Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter Seasons. At the moment of the Transfiguration, Peter says to Jesus *let us erect tents and stay here forever*. Jesus gently tells them that they must go back down the mountain to face what is to come. We live in ordinary times. We live with working hard, seeking to pay bills, dealing with the ups and downs of our marriages and friendships, with sickness, aging, troubling news in the media, loss and death. A friend of mine often said as he grew older: *Old age is not for the faint-hearted*. Sometimes, the joy of the mountaintop seems very far away in the distance. The parish mission we just had brought me up the mountain. The faith of our parishioners, the friendship and preaching of Father McGowan, the great assistance of so many, and the magnificent music created a kind of spiritual transfiguration for me.

Lent is a time that invites us to review our spiritual journey. I know God is very much with us in the midst of the ordinary moments of life and we often fail to see how present he is. This holy season invites us to look more deeply into our present realities and see the amazing grace of God. In a few minutes, you and I will receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. He will enter into our bodies, our hearts and souls. How blessed we are to be here and to have our faith.

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## 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**

## GARDENING MINISTRY

Springtime is 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.



Please contact Debbie Mekalainas with questions at 681-6560 or email [platnum117@aol.com](mailto:platnum117@aol.com).

### NEW VIRTUS DATE

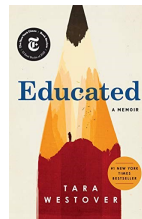
**St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage  
Thursday, April 11th at 7PM  
School Faculty Lounge**

All those who wish to volunteer in any capacity in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must attend. To register online, go to [drcv.org](http://drcv.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**

**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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.**

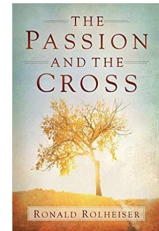
**St. Alphonsus Hall**

### SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

***The Passion and the Cross***

**by Ronald Rolheiser**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> 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



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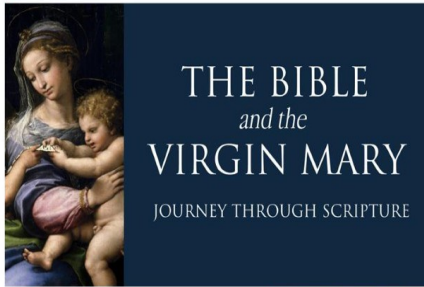
St. Gerard Majella, CSsR is a very popular saint of



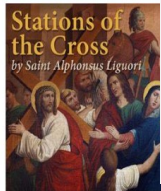
the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery. He is Redemptorist, the same religious community that has served here at St. Martin's for the past thirty years.

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.

FORMED PICK



Journey through Scripture is the St. Paul Center's dynamic Bible study program designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the Virgin Mary & the Bible.



Enjoy a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

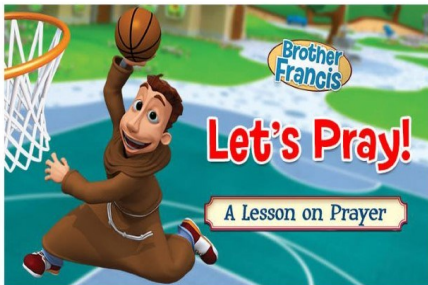
Episode 2: The Bible and the Virgin Mary Handmaid of the Lord

This week we celebrate the "yes" that changed everything. *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* will help you see the Annunciation in a whole new light.

Since it is Lent, I am also recommending *Stations of the Cross* by St. Alphonsus Liguori for listening and meditating. Narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum, this prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Littleton CO chanting the traditional Catholic Latin hymn, *Stabat Mater*. It depicts the loving presence of our Sorrowful Mother sharing in the suffering of Christ at the foot of the Cross. Take advantage of this 34 minute audio in your car, at home or anywhere you find the time to enrich your prayer life and unite yourself to the Passion of Christ. This is a wonderful tool to pray for those that are too ill or home bound and cannot attend the Stations of the Cross in Church.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

Brother Francis: Let's Pray



Captivating songs & catchy tunes with the ever-joyful Brother Francis will help your children establish a personal relationship with God!

Watch on: [smtbethpage.formed.org](http://smtbethpage.formed.org)

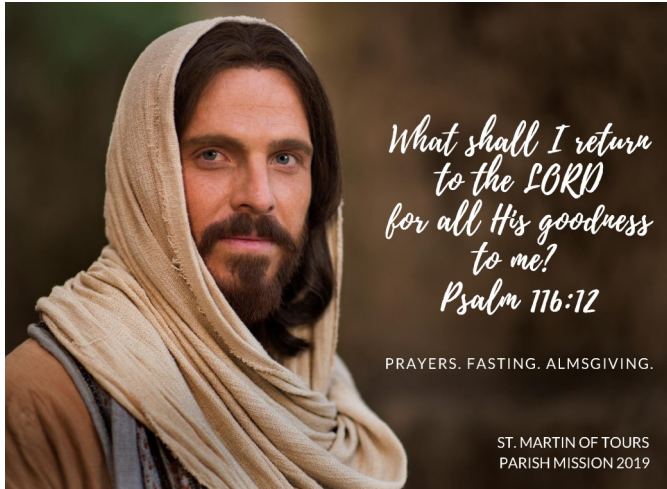
Kids' Korner: Brother Francis: Let's Pray!

*Practice makes perfect!* This is a true saying whether one is playing basketball, drawing a picture, reading, or even praying! In this wonderfully fun episode, the ever-joyful Brother Francis will help your children establish a personal relationship with God! Run time 20 minutes.

# St. Martin of Tours Parish Mission Week - Sunday, March 10 - Thursday, March 14, 2019

## *The Pastor's Letter*

At the closing of our parish mission last week, I simply said, *I am so very proud to be a member of the parish of St. Martin of Tours.* I have given more than one hundred parish missions, with about 90 of them with Father John McGowan CSSR. This was the fourth mission that we have given here at St. Martin's. Two of them were years ago, and one was when I first arrived as pastor.



There was something very different about this mission for me since I feel so much a part of the lives of our parishioners. I know many of your joys at moments of baptisms, first communions, confirmations, weddings and anniversaries as well as the many tears and sorrows we have shared at times of illness and death. We have had many moments of laughter as well, over

soups, hamburgers, and pancakes. I was the preacher, but your deep faith and love of God preached far more to me by the witness of your faith. How blessed I am to be your pastor and co-parishioner. Father John and I also deeply appreciate your very generous donations of \$4,765.00 which will help support the ministries at San Alfonso Retreat House and St. Martin of Tours.

I thank Pat Ricci and Ann Hughes for the overall co-ordination of the mission, Lucy McNamara for her excellent work on publicity, all the many volunteers who participated in the mission services, and of course, our wonderful music ministry under the leadership of Elena Scollo. Fathers Denis and Jim were wonderful in their roles as presiders and Denis also did so much to make our mission flow so smoothly. Of course, I, along with all of you, were so very grateful for the presence of Father John McGowan. I can tell you he was so happy to be here and he spoke so well of all of you. We did a great deal of laughing in Church, in the rectory, and at Sweeney's. What a week of faith and joy!

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On a morning instruction, Father John gave us this image from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta defining what it means to follow Jesus by loving one another.



The Amazing Grace of God.  
Each stone: a burden carried,  
a sin we struggle with,  
a broken relationship, a deep hurt.  
Jesus, Roll Away the Stone!



Christ be our Light.  
Being with our deceased in the  
Presence of Jesus our Redeemer  
and the Lord of life.

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Men in Black  
On a Mission from God.



In His Presence.  
Walking on a pilgrimage to  
adore our Lord Jesus in the  
Blessed Sacrament.



Honoring  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
with a Procession of Flowers.

### ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH

The parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Parish offer their sincere gratitude to

*Father John McGowan CS&R*

for sharing his Redemptorist Ministry with us during our March 2019, Lenten Parish Mission: What Shall I Return to the Lord for All His Goodness to Me?

Your spirituality and effort touched our hearts and our souls. Be confident in the success of your efforts as we reflect on the impact:

Jesus calls... and you taught us how to listen.  
Jesus knocks... and you showed us how to open the door.  
Jesus prays... and you taught us the power of prayer in word and in action.  
Jesus is merciful... and you showed us how to forgive ourselves and others.  
Jesus died... and you showed us true love and compassion.  
Jesus rose... and you showed us our salvation.  
Jesus lives... and you showed us how to find His Presence within ourselves.

We thank you for sharing this five day journey that allowed us to walk with you and Jesus Christ through His story and therefore, the story of our faith. Through your deep conviction in that faith, enhanced by your Redemptorist vows, through the use of symbols, reverence, and homilies, you helped us create a home where we felt like a family within our church community so that together we realize that we are one in Christ and that oneness is forever.

May this certificate and its words let you be aware of your ability to make us realize the power of our faith and to help us reflect on our need for discernment, our need for prayer, our need to open our hearts and minds to the calling of our Lord, and, our need to always have hope in our relationship with our God.

We bless you for a wonderful week only enhanced by humor. God knows the power of laughter.

### Parish Tribute to the Missionaries







**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 7PM**

**St. Alphonsus Hall Annual Fundraiser**

**Bingo and Raffles - Doors open at 6:30PM**

**Tickets \$3.00 on sale at the 8:30, 10 & 11:30**

**Sunday Masses on March 24th.**

**Contact Janet Dion at 428-4615 or**

**Margo Pigott at 796-5053**

**All women are welcome!**



**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 2:30PM. 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!

Website Know-How Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer who has skills in working with the parish website. We have some dedicated volunteers who are very creative but need assistance on how to add information to the site.

ALPHA NEWS

Alpha will be hosting Coffee Sunday on March 31 in St. Alphonsus Hall after the 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Masses. Come by and enjoy some refreshments after Mass.



The Spring Session of Alpha will begin on Tuesday April 9th at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Call the rectory at 931-0818 if you are interested. From past participants, many have said it was a great experience not only spiritually but also meeting and sharing with people you don't normally connect with at Mass.



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

We will be selling chances to raise funds for our teen programs. First prize is a trip to Disney. More details to follow!

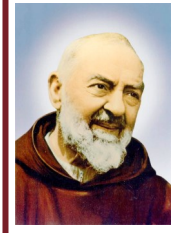
Diana Hughes & Liam Gordon, Youth Ministers  
 and the Life Teen Core Team      SMT\_lifeteen@yahoo.com

**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](mailto:LGordonWorship@gmail.com) or see me after Mass. *God bless! Liam Gordon*

**D**uring 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

The next holy hour will be on **TUESDAY, MARCH 26th at 7:30PM** in the Eucharistic Chapel.

All are welcome!

*Stations of the Cross*



Every Friday of Lent  
7:30PM in Church  
March 29  
April 5, April 12

**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!*

Msgr. Delaney Columbiettes present  
*a fun-filled BUNKO PARTY*

Friday, April 12, 2019 at 7:00PM  
Knights of Columbus Hall

110 Merritts Road in Farmingdale  
Cash Prizes - Lots of Raffles - Soft Drinks  
Snacks - Viennese Table - Coffee & Tea

Donation \$12 Per Person

*Last Date for Reservations is April 8th.*

Chairperson: Angie Lo Biondo 516-731-4636  
Reservations: Grace Angioli 516-349-6244

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

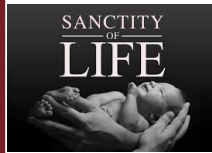
Attending Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

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:** In the wake of the tragic legislation passed in NY, and similar legislation across the country, **FOCUS ON THE FAMILY** is determined to make the public face the reality of the humanity of the preborn. Over the course of 12 weeks, FOCUS ON THE FAMILY is running **SEE LIFE CLEARLY CAMPAIGN, culminating in a Saturday May 4th event in Times Square, "Alive From New York."** According to FOCUS "We're looking to fill TIMES SQUARE with Pro-Life Americans, featuring live music, compelling and inspirational speakers and best of all, live 4-D ultrasounds broadcast on a massive digital marquee powerfully showing the world that a baby inside the womb is fully human and should be given the chance to be born." Please make a city trip of it and bring a friend!

The movie, **UNPLANNED**, will be featured at the Regal Deer Park Stadium 16 IMAX & RPX at The Arches Circle, Tanger Outlet. Admission is free but you must make reservations ASAP. Ask for Barbara at 631-472-4314. The date is MARCH 31 at 4:00PM. It tells the story of Abby Johnson who became the youngest clinic director in the history of Planned Parenthood, but a life changing experience turned her into a Pro-Life Activist. Rated R. Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life.

During two generations, the act of abortion has become little more than a word. For the uninformed masses, abortion is just another procedure that women go through when they have to. It's legal, so it must be safe (few stories surface about injured women). Pro Life women, men and children are invited to take part in a peaceful, lawful FACE THE TRUTH event for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed at NUMC and throughout Long Island. We stand as a reminder that abortion is not healthcare.

Sponsored by Long Island Coalition of Life 631-234-1435 [www.info@prolifeLI.org](http://www.info@prolifeLI.org). **VISIBILITY COUNTS!**

**APRIL 19th 10:30 TO NOON** (rain or shine) in front of NASSAU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, 220I Hempstead Tpke, E. Meadow on the public sidewalk and sponsored by LICL.

**APRIL 20 10AM** in front of Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave. Hempstead. Sponsored by Cathedral Church of the Intercessor 516 599 3780. [www.seekfirst@verizon.net](http://www.seekfirst@verizon.net).

**THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND:** The new name for AAA Pregnancy Options is now called **WOMEN FIRST PREGNANCY OPTIONS** at its four centers. The Life Center's baby shower will be at St. Martin's during May.

*If you are interested in joining the RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE, we meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 11:00AM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please join us for an informal conversation on all life issues. A short film and light refreshments will be served.*

**DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING  
FOR WOMEN AFTER ABORTION  
SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH**  
To register and for more information,  
please visit [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org)  
or contact PROJECT RACHEL at (888) 456-HOPE  
or (516) 766-2538  
[projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org)  
  
Please register by Monday, April 1, 2019  
ALL RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION  
WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**  
Call Diana Hart Mirando [itsidi@aol.com](mailto: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

**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](mailto:gamit1946@hotmail.com) with the information below. Thank you!**

NAME(S)

PHONE

EMAIL

HOW MANY

**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. The Prayer Group will determine the series end date, however the following dates have been scheduled:

March 25 - Church; April 1 & 8 - St. Alphonsus Hall

April 15 & 23 - Faculty Lounge

April 29 & May 6 - St. Alphonsus Hall

May 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.

**LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING**

[www.livingwaterscounseling.biz](http://www.livingwaterscounseling.biz)

**Campus of St. Elizabeth's Church**

**175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville 11747**

**Tel: 631-754-3990/Fax: 631-271-0914**

**Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity**

**Monday, March 25th is the Feast of the Annunciation. Reserved seating at the 9AM Mass for all members.**

*Before*

**Woods & McGowan - up to no good, I tell ya!**



*After*

**Father John McGowan & Father Patrick Woods  
Two Holy & Redeemed Men of Mission**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mar 25: The Annunciation of the Lord 9AM Mass - Christian Mothers reserved seating
- Mar 25: Charismatic Prayer Group 7PM Video; 7:30PM Meeting St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 26: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM-7PM
- Mar 26: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Mar 27: Respect Life Committee Meeting 11AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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: Lenten Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Apr 2: Christian Mothers Fund Raiser 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 5: First Friday Devotions at 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 17: Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 24: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall

