

Masses For The Week

Monday - April 8

6:30 Mary Godek
 9:00 Lucretia (Grace) Alloggio, 15th Anniversary

Tuesday - April 9

6:30 Silvio & Catherine Sita
 9:00 William & Erma Eichenlaub

Wednesday - April 10

6:30 Marty Laraia
 9:00 Matilda Dolan

Thursday - April 11

6:30 Eddie & Karen Ann Adkins
 9:00 John Kaspar & Mary Keefer

Friday - April 12

6:30 Carolyn Licata
 9:00 Joseph Pellicano

Saturday - April 13

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Frank Dillon
 7:00 Csajko Family - Birthday Remembrance

Sunday - April 14 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Mary Mullaly, 2nd Anniversary
 10:00 Rae Buto
 11:30 Michael F. Maley
 1:00 Robert Rodman
 5:30 Jean Riccardello

Readings For The Week

Mon. Daniel 13:41c-62; John 8:12-20
 Tues. Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
 Wed. Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
 Thurs. Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
 Fri. Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
 Sat. Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Sun. Luke 19:28-40 *In the procession with palms, Luke recounts the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.*

Isaiah 50:4-7 *Isaiah prophesies about the Lord's servant.*

Philippians 2:6-11 *Paul quotes a hymn that tells of the "emptying" and subsequent exaltation of Christ.*

Luke 22:14-23:56 *Luke recounts the events of Christ's passion: from the meal with his apostles to his agony on the Mount of Olives, and then his arrest, crucifixion, death and burial.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
March 31, 2019: \$15,512.19
Catholic Relief Services: \$3,367.00

Thank you for your generous support!



Reflection & Living Stewardship

Today's Gospel reading is an important one for all of us to hear; we have all sinned and have felt the weight of guilt and shame. Thankfully, we have a loving God who wants us to come to Him and be free of our pain and sin. As St. John Paul the Great said, "Jesus is newness of life for those who open their hearts and, after acknowledging their sins, receive his saving mercy." Jesus' forgiveness is there for all of us who acknowledge and repent of our sins.

As Christian Stewards we need to remind the world of God's love and forgiveness. Every aspect of our lives - gifts as well as sufferings - can, if surrendered to God, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Food for the Soul: What you feed your body will affect how it performs. What you see, hear and say is the food your soul lives on. The words you speak and your actions in this life, you will answer for in your next life. Imagine yourself being recorded every minute of the day. You will be amazed at how many things you will do and say differently. Try it for the last two weeks of Lent.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 8th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Come at 7PM for the Wild Goose video and stay for the meeting. It's fun. It's free; and you will leave renewed! Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



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

HOP Club Winners

4/1/19	#183	C & D Lotten	\$25
4/2/19	#613	Marion Mendola	\$25
4/3/19	#617	Joanne Whelan	\$25
4/4/19	#111	Fr. Ciya Thomas	\$25
4/5/19	#48	Ida Bosi	\$50



1st Banns

Matthew Rottkamp & Jeanette Brand



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.”*

Food items needed for this week

are: sweet and regular cereal, pasta sauce, Ramen, Rice-a-Roni, canned pasta, vegetable soup, tuna, salmon, tomato paste, macaroni and cheese, mayonnaise, ketchup, pancake mix, peaches, pears, mixed fruit, icing, sugar, Jell-O, pudding, coffee. **Non food items needed are:** laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, tissues, diapers sizes 5 and wipes.

May God Bless you for all you do for our families!

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 April 7 - 13, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
Eddie & Karen Ann Adkins*

*Sanctuary Candle
Week of April 7 - 13, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
Bernard Kelly*



REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Lori Graffeo, John Fitzgerald

**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
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, 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, Heather Gilroy
Tom Sirianni, Pat & Tom Schimmoler, Frances Valenti, Dan McCormick
William Wojcik, Denise Lombardi, Christopher Connelly, Peggy Castle
Mike & Carol Leva



The Pastor's Letter

The new pastor for our parish has been named. Father Christopher Costigan, a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, will become our pastor on August 1. He is presently the pastor of St. Martha's in Uniondale, and will continue his ministry there for the next several months. May God bless him, the parishioners of both St. Martha's and St. Martin's and the Redemptorists during this time of transition.

During all weekend Masses of March 30/31, the above statement was announced. As the process of returning the pastoral care of St. Martin's to the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I promised you, our parishioners, that when I have information about the parish's transition, I would share it with you as soon as possible. On March 25th the Feast of the Annunciation, Bishop John Barres approved pastor assignments in the Diocese. Among them was Father Christopher Costigan who has been named the next pastor of St. Martin of Tours.

Father Costigan will continue to serve as pastor at St. Martha's in Uniondale. Over the coming months we will be working on his transition as pastor here. We Redemptorists are committed to serving you to the best of our abilities until August 1st. We are also committed to do all we can to make Father Costigan's transition a smooth one. He has the challenge of leaving his present parishioners and beginning anew here. That same reality is on the mind of the four Redemptorists here as we leave you and start new ministries. As of yet, none of us know where we will be after August 1st.

The Director of Priest Personnel, Father Edward Sheridan, informed me that most likely our parish will receive one other priest to assist Father Costigan. However, it may take several weeks before he is named. With the reality of two priests replacing four Redemptorists, we have been asked by the Diocese to change the number of weekend Masses from eight to six. Even though I know this may disappoint some parishioners if a favorite Mass is dropped, I fully support this decision.

As you know, I have spoken to the parish several times over the last two years because I believe eight weekend Masses are not necessary. Last year when the Redemptorist Provincial, Father Paul Borowski, made the surprising announcement that St. Martin of Tours would be returned to the pastoral care of the Diocese, I decided that I would wait to make changes so that all of us had time to process this decision.

The mind of the church is that priests should not say more than one Mass a day if it is pastorally possible. This is not about work. It is a joy for priests to celebrate the Eucharist. My own thought is that the church does not want a priest to do so many Masses in a day or week because there is the danger that the wonder and awe of the Eucharist could be diminished for him. I remind you, that in addition to the regular weekend Masses, there are often funeral Masses, wedding Masses, and daily Masses, and an occasional Mass in a nursing home. With four priests on staff, most often we tend to say two to three Masses on a weekend and one to two Masses a week. (Consider also vacations, meetings, and illness that sometimes impact the clergy).

Going to Mass is not simply a private act. We go to Mass as a community of believers. It is an act of community worship. No doubt, a small Mass with one or two participants can have a profound impact on those attending; still, I believe a full church creates a dynamic that assists us in a very special way of praising God in the gathering of the community. I often hear parishioners say how blessed they are to have their priests. Because of the growing clergy shortage, we know that there are parishes in the United States that have the difficulty of having one Mass. Thank God we do not face this in our present situation.

I have come to believe there is no perfect process to change Mass schedules. Whatever is decided will leave some people disappointed. I realize that and am sorry about that. Quite honestly, I think if I did a survey of parishioners of which Masses to continue, most would naturally chose the one that they most often attend. *Father, as long as you do not change the Mass I go to, I am fine with whatever you do about the rest of the Masses.*

Over the past two years, I have had conversations with an assembly of gathered parishioners, with the pastoral council and the parish staff. Ultimately, they have advised me to make a decision to the best of my ability and stick with it. That is what I will now do. It is my plan in June to announce a new Mass schedule that will begin on the weekend of July 6th & 7th, 2019. This will allow the new pastoral team, who will begin their official ministry on August 1st, to have a revised schedule in place that is more suitable to a two clergy team. I have yet to make a decision regarding the two daily Masses. I am still evaluating the question whether to have only one daily Mass.

Again, I quote what a parishioner said to me: *Father, we love the Redemptorists and will miss them, but we will also welcome and love our new priests when they come.* I am confident that we can all embrace such a beautiful attitude. All of us - the clergy who are coming and going, and the parishioners of two parishes in transition - need the prayers of one another during this time.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR, Pastor

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Last Sunday, Father Carlos Martins gave us a beautiful and spiritually uplifting talk on the how to follow the saints as a pathway to Jesus. He set up 150 relics of many of the great saints of the Church. The image shown here is from the true cross of Christ.



I thank Anna Maria Guerrieri who recommended we have this presentation, and I also thank Rita Verow who assisted Anna Maria and Father Carlos in setting up the display.

At St. Martin's on Good Friday, April 19th at 1:30PM and before the 3PM Good Friday service, we will have a presentation of the Shroud of Turin which is considered to be the burial cloth of Jesus. There is an amazing image of Christ on the shroud that is believed to have been brought about by his Resurrection.





Who is your favorite character in the parable of the Prodigal Son? Better yet, which of the three main participants in the story is a role that you have played in your life or may even be starring in now - the father, the prodigal son, or the older brother? The great American author, Earnest Hemingway, said this parable may be one of the greatest short stories ever written. I would say it is the most popular of the many parables that Jesus told. I think it reveals to us a very moving image of God, and quite a genuine reflection on human nature.

The story begins with a son who has it all and walks away, doing great harm to his family. I suspect some of us may have had someone like that in our own lives. I thought of a man named Rudolf Hoss. Hoss was the Nazi commandant of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp for several years and admitted to killing more than two and half million people, most of them simply because they were Jewish. Raised a strict Catholic, he had even thought of being a priest, but eventually gave himself to the Nazi doctrines.

Could this cruel and hateful man ever find God's mercy? During his trial, he confessed openly to all his crimes. This account is from an historical source: *He was sentenced to death and he refused an appeal. As he waited the day of execution, he asked to see a priest. A Jesuit priest, a Fr. Lohn who spoke German, went to him. Hoss made a formal profession of Catholic faith, made his confession, received absolution and the next day received Holy Communion. It is said that after having done so, he fell to his knees sobbing.* God's love and mercy knows no bounds. His justice is beyond our comprehension. It is far easier for me to think about the loving father of the parable welcoming home the prodigal son than God forgiving this man. I do not think I can forgive him, but I do believe God can and did.

Here is another story of conversion: *Although raised in a conservative family opposed to abortion, Abbe Johnson began volunteering for Planned Parenthood after seeing their booth at a volunteer fair at her college. Johnson volunteered in 2001, and progressed to the position of community services director. Identifying as "extremely pro-choice," she worked at the Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan, Texas for eight years, escorting women into the clinic from their cars and eventually working as director of the clinic. The Planned Parenthood clinic named Johnson employee of the year in 2008. A current movie named *Unplanned*, which probably will not get much press, tells the story of how Abby Johnson, upon seeing an abortion on ultrasound, had a transforming moment that led her to leave Planned Parenthood. Today, she is a very active pro-life woman who has converted to Catholicism.*

What can we say about all the death and destruction that Abbe Johnson brought to so many innocent children? Can God forgive pedophile priests who have destroyed the lives of so many children and the bishops who covered it up? Can God forgive terrorists who randomly cause devastating pain and destruction that will last for generations? Can God forgive Adam Lanza who killed the children of Newtown, Connecticut? Are these people in Hell? Are they outside the mercy of God? This charming parable that makes us smile has a powerful shocking message that tells us that God's mercy is always available and limitless. Notice in the parable: the prodigal comes to his senses because he is hungry. It is not sorrow that first brings him to the welcoming arms of his father and the celebratory dinner with the juicy fatted calf and joyful music. The father embraces him in love before the boy can mention his sorrow.

I can identify with the older brother. He is not happy with his father’s mercy. In painful indignation he cries, *I was the faithful one who stayed home and you celebrate this son of yours!* (notice he cannot even call him “my brother”). *What about me?* Have you ever found yourself saying, *I am a good person. I go to Mass. I try to be good to people. I am better than those who do not practice their faith. My way is the right way of thinking and they are wrong and not worthy of any praise.* Do you find yourself resenting others because they were recognized for something and you were not?

Have you been tempted to be angry at someone for years for something that in the light of this parable would be trivial: *I was not invited to your son’s wedding. You said something mean-spirited about me years ago! I was a better son/daughter than were you! You never appreciated all that I have done for you. God, you seem to give more blessings and favors to so many other people. Why do these things happen to me? I don’t deserve them.*

The older brother is a key figure in this parable and one that we often fail to notice. He is a sad figure. He describes his life all these years as: *I slaved for you.* He does not know how much the father loves him. He cannot be joyful at the return of a lost brother because he has not allowed himself to know the love of a father that surrounds him. He is a sad, unhappy person. The parable ends with the father inviting him into the dinner. It does not tell us if he goes in. The Father is always inviting us. Come and rejoice! Your brother was lost, and now is found!

April is Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month



There will be a Mass dedicated to the families and friends of people with Autism and Special Needs.

Sunday, April 28th

3PM - approximately 3:30PM

Please feel free to sit in the gathering area of the church if that is what makes the special needs child or adult feel more comfortable. All are welcome to worship and praise God.



Divine Mercy Sunday is April 28th. There will be a Holy Hour from 4:00 - 5:00PM in the Church.

All are welcome!

THANK YOU



Once again, we would like to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Soup Supper. To all those who donated their time and talent in making a large variety of soups. To all the volunteers who set-up, cleaned-up and washed all of those crock pots. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus who - as in the past years - donated the rolls. We were able to provide soup to the homebound and also reached out to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Wyandanch. Donations received will go to our parish organizations.

Thanks to all of you again for the generosity of your time, talent and presence in making this year another success.

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND including widows, widowers and singles

New Member Orientation Meeting

Wednesday APRIL 24 at 7:30 PM

ST. FRANCES de CHANTAL CHURCH

Rectory Basement, 1309 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh

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

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.

PAID POSITION AVAILABLE

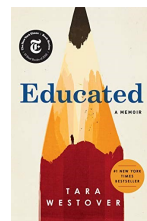


Maria Regina Rectory in Seaford is in need of a cook to serve four of their clergy. **Monday thru Thursday Evenings**
Dinner is served at 5:30PM

Please call our business manager **Rob DeRose** at 798-2415 if interested.

VIRTUS 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.

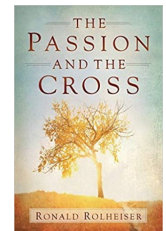


REGULAR BOOK CLUB

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



St. Gianna Mass For Women and Families Saturday, April 27, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Saint Agnes Cathedral

Most Reverend John O. Barres Presiding

Part of the liturgy will include a blessing in thanksgiving for those celebrating, hoping for and expecting the gift of a child. Mass will be televised on Catholic Faith Network. After Mass there will be an opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Gianna. Reception at the Pastoral Center at 6:00 p.m. with Speaker **Dr. Anne Nolte, Co-Founder of the National Gianna Center. RSVP by April 19, 2019**

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Wed, April 17th at 7:30PM - St. Alphonsus Hall

All men 18 and older are invited, so hop on your mode of transportation and join us!



LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **St Martin of Tours Parish - St Alphonsus Hall on 6/6/2019**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word *circle* to 797979.



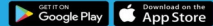
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St. Gerard Majella, CSsR is a very popular saint

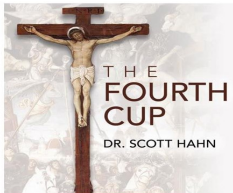


of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery. He is Redemptorist, the same religious community that has served here at St. Martin's for the past thirty years.

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

The Fourth Cup



Christ's Paschal Sacrifice on the Cross is explained as the fulfillment of the traditional fourth cup used in the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal. The symbolic parallel to the Last Supper and Christ's death on Calvary is explained.

FORMED Pick of the Week

The Fourth Cup by Dr. Scott Hahn

Well known Catholic theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn explains Christ's Paschal Sacrifice on the Cross as the fulfillment of the traditional fourth cup used in the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal. He draws a symbolic parallel to the last supper and Christ's death on Calvary. Through his scholarly insights and important Biblical connections, the Mass will come alive for you as never before.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

Let's Learn About Lent



Join Brother Francis and learn what Lent is all about and how we observe it as Catholics.

Kids Korner:

Brother Francis: Let's Learn About Lent

Join Brother Francis in this compact presentation of what Lent is about and how we observe it as Catholics. Great for the whole Family.

Watch on: smtbethepage.formed.org

Congratulations to Ronald Lacsá, his wife Rachel and his daughter Regina as Ron was installed to the ministry of acolyte by Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception last week. Before a man is ordained a permanent deacon of the Catholic Church, he is installed over a period a time in what are called minor orders which are lector and acolyte. Ron will be ordained a permanent deacon for our parish this time next year. God bless him and his family as he serves the Lord and our parish community!





St. Martin of Tours Life Teen Youth Ministry Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Help support our Teen Programs
for a chance to see *me* in Orlando!!



Here are the details:

- Tickets are \$25 each
- 1st prize: \$5,000 Disney Gift Card
- 2nd prize: \$1,000 cash
- 3rd prize: \$500 cash

Tickets on sale at the Rectory Office or during weekend Masses.

Drawing Date: Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 7PM - St. Alphonsus Hall

The SMT Life Teen Youth Ministry attended the Long Island Catholic Youth Day which was held at St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington on Saturday, March 30. The day's theme was "To the Heights." The young attendees heard about discernment and prayer and were invited to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. Speakers included priests of the diocese and special guests Mari Pablo and Father Pierre Toussaint, CFR. Bishop John Barres was the principal celebrant of Mass in the Franciscan Chapel on campus. *(source: LI Catholic e-Newsletter)*

All High School Teens are welcome and encouraged to attend the 5:30PM Mass every Sunday. We will have a regular meeting after Mass this week.

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 or see me after Mass. *God bless! Liam Gordon*



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
 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

"Alive from New York" is a Focus on the Family event designed to celebrate the sanctity of human life. Marvel at the wonder of human development in the womb and encourage advocacy for women facing unplanned pregnancies and the preborn.

The event will feature live music and inspirational speeches from special guests, as well as abortion survivors. The culminating moment of the event will be a live 4D ultrasound broadcast on massive digital screens in Times Square.

May 4, 2019, 2:30-4:30 pm. NOTE: Event capacity is limited to 10,000 attendees.

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.

The Sisters of Saint Dominic - Amityville

Have you received a gift that you can't use? Did you receive an item that you already have? Do you have a present that you could give away?

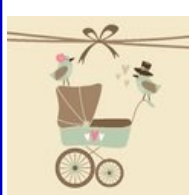
If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, the Dominican Sisters of Amityville invite you to donate your items for our Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon on Friday, June 28, 2019. Items will be used in our raffle baskets and all proceeds from the event benefit the elderly and retired Sisters living in the Motherhouse. Last year, the event grossed over \$114,000! **Unfortunately, we are unable to accept donations of clothing.** Also, we ask that all items be **unused and in brand NEW condition.**

Items can be dropped off at the Motherhouse between 8AM to 4PM, Monday – Friday at 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville ATTN: Advancement Office. If you have any questions, please call (631) 842-6000 ext. 238. Thank you for your support.

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).

Stations of the Cross

7:30PM in Church
April 12



Life Center of Long Island has always been grateful for the continued support of our parish. St. Martin's will be hosting the next Baby Shower the weekend of May 18th and 19th. More information in upcoming bulletins.

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Anyone interested to cook one meal for Alpha (Tuesday evenings) or offer a financial contribution to defray the cost of a meal, please contact Kate Mayerhofer at 516-672-2118.



REGISTRATION FORM
SPRING ALPHA SESSION

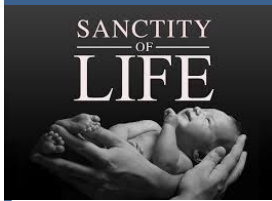
First Meeting - Tuesday, 4/9/19
St. Alphonsus Hall
7PM - 9PM

To participate in the upcoming ALPHA program, please complete this form and drop off at St. Martin of Tours Rectory. You will receive notification confirming you as a participant.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

THE FETAL HEARTBEAT BILL: There seems to be a backlash against radical abortion laws such as the Reproductive Health Care Act passed in New York a few months ago. Some states are passing into law The Fetal Heartbeat Bill. A fetal heartbeat bill is a form of proposed abortion legislation in the U.S. which makes abortions illegal as soon as the fetus' heartbeat can be detected, based on the conclusion that a human heartbeat is enough to indicate a person.

CNA: Georgia 3/26/19: The Georgia Senate has approved a bill that would ban abortions after an unborn baby's heartbeat can be detected, about six weeks into pregnancy. **NY Times: (excerpts)** The Governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp is set to sign one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the century, the "Fetal Heartbeat Bill." The current law allows abortions up to the 20th week of pregnancy. The bill adds Georgia to a growing trend of states toughening up their laws on abortions. Governors in both Kentucky and Mississippi have signed six-week abortion bans in recent weeks. Republican lawmakers in several other states including Tennessee, South Carolina, Ohio and Florida are considering similar bills. Governor Kemp has until May 12 to sign or veto the law.

CNA: (excerpts) Utah Governor Gary Herbert signed a new law this week to prohibit most abortions after 18 weeks of pregnancy. The "Cherish Act," signed into law March 26, is expected to take effect in May. The law includes exceptions to allow abortions for pregnancies resulting from rape and incest, or if a doctor determines that the fetus is not viable or has a lethal defect, or if there is, "a serious risk of substantial impairment of a major bodily function of the woman on whom the abortion is performed." Several pro-abortion organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union and Planned Parenthood, have already announced their intention to challenge the new law in court, calling it unconstitutional." "In Utah and around the country, momentum is growing to humanize our extreme abortion laws, which currently allow abortion on demand through birth and even beyond. Science and compassion are on the same side in this endeavor said, Susan B. Anthony President Majorie Dannenfeiser in a March 27 statement.

POLL FINDS TWO-THIRDS OF NEW YORKERS OPPOSE LATE-TERM ABORTION.: Albany, CNA (excerpts) A vast majority of New Yorkers are opposed to late-term abortion, a new Marist Poll has found. The opposition comes despite the recent passage of the state's Reproductive Health Care Act, which found a comfortable majority in the state legislature. The poll, which was co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, found that while nearly two-thirds of New Yorkers identify as "Pro-Choice", they oppose the idea of late-term abortion. Although the law easily passed through the legislature, it proves average New Yorkers are far less radical on abortion compared to their representatives. The poll found that 75% of NY residents are opposed to abortion after the 20th week of a pregnancy. Only 20% of those surveyed said they approved of late-term abortion. Those opposed to abortion after 20 weeks included nearly 70% of surveyed Democrats, 73% of political independents and 89% of Republicans. The poll indicated that two out of every three New Yorkers surveyed said they would limit abortion to the first 12 weeks of a pregnancy. This figure is below national polling, which found that about 80% of Americans would limit abortion to the first trimester at the most.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Hart Mirando itsidi@aol.com (C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS 631-243-2373

PROJECT RACHEL WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM

Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE

Adoption, Foster Care

Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau

1 (800) 592-4357

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

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!**

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MOMMAS HOUSE is a home for young women who are pregnant, homeless and alone. The young women are between 18 and 24 years old. While at MOMMAS, the young women will complete their education or vocational training. The babies are cared for by the staff and volunteers at MOMMAS House. For more information, call 516 781-8637 or go to the website: www.mommashouse.org

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¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. **John 13:14-17**

Holy Thursday, April 18th at 7:30PM, St. Martin of Tours celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper. At some point after the Gospel is read, the priest or deacon will call forth those who have volunteered to have their feet washed. ***If you are interested in having your feet washed, please notify Pat Ricci at 516-796-1320.***

Holy Week 2019

April 15 - Mass at 6:30 & 9AM/**Confessions** - 3-5PM & 7-8PM

April 16 - Mass at 6:30 & 9AM/**Confessions** - 7-8PM

April 17 - Mass at 6:30 & 9AM/**Confessions** - 7-8PM

Holy Thursday - 9AM Morning Prayer/7:30PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion/9PM - 11PM Adoration

Good Friday - 9AM Morning Prayer/10AM Stations of the Cross - Bethpage State Park/3PM & 7:30PM Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday - 9AM Morning Prayer/1PM Blessing of Bread/Food/8PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - Church: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30AM & 1PM/**Auditorium:** 10 & 11:30AM

NO EVENING MASS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 8: Charismatic Prayer Group 7PM Video; 7:30PM Meeting St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 9: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- Apr 9: Spring ALPHA Session begins 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- 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 13: At the 9AM Mass - Anointing of the Sick
- Apr 17: Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 24: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 26: *Catholicism* 10 week series begins 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 28: Mass for Persons with Autism & Special Needs 3PM Church
- Apr 28: Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour 4PM Church

