

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - April 15**

6:30 Marty Laraia  
9:00 Giovanni DiMaggio

**Tuesday - April 16**

6:30 Matthew & Ashlynn McGrorty  
9:00 Rita A. McTigue, 1st Anniversary

**Wednesday - April 17**

6:30 John Speelman, 6th Anniversary  
9:00 Kenneth Troice

**Holy Thursday - April 18**

9:00 Morning Prayer  
7:30PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper  
9PM Adoration until 11PM

**Good Friday - April 19**

9:00 Morning Prayer  
3PM Liturgy of the Passion  
7:30PM Liturgy of the Passion

**Holy Saturday - April 20**

9:00 Morning Prayer  
1PM Blessing of Bread & Food  
8PM The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

**Easter Sunday - April 21 The Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Deceased Members of the Serventi Family  
10:00 Kenneth Troice  
11:30 Theresa Munafo, 1st Anniversary  
1:00 Dominick DeCaro

**NO 5:30PM MASS**

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11  
Tues. Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wed. Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25  
Thurs. Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-15  
Fri. Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42  
Sat. Lectionary 41

**Sun. Acts 10:34a, 37-43** Peter proclaims the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Colossians 3:1-4** Paul says if we've been raised with Christ we should seek the things of God. He reminds us that Jesus' resurrection transforms and redeems our whole lives.

**John 20:1-9** Mary Magdalene, upon arriving at the tomb and realizing that the stone had been rolled away, runs to Simon Peter and John to tell them that Jesus' body had been taken away. They both go to the tomb, and while neither yet understands the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead, John sees and believes.

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**  
**April 7, 2019: \$17,107.19**  
**Maintenance: \$5,204.00**

**Thank you for your generous support!**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

Today we hear about the Lord's Passion. Jesus faced temptation, experienced betrayal and physical pain, and was unjustly put to death by the ones He came to save. This is a sad story that does not seem fitting for our God. However, we KNOW what happens next week - Christ defeats sin and death! This Holy Week, recognize that Jesus is stronger than any temptation or hardship you may face. Let Him help you on your journey of life.

We are thankful for all Christian stewards who, when listening to today's Gospel, see themselves as the different figures in the reading; unfortunately, we are sometimes like Peter and Judas. However, it's important to be thankful for those examples, like Peter, who can see the error in their ways and make a change.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

God is not a scorekeeper. Wins and losses don't matter. Not a boss. Let's you do things your way, right or wrong. Not a stylist. What you wear or drive or where you live doesn't mean a thing. But God is a teacher - if you want to learn. A coach - if you need guidance. A cheerleader - if you need a pep talk. A friend - if you need support. This week He will prove how much He loves you. All He wants is your love in return. Come give glory and praise to the King of the world!!

**Our next meeting is Monday, April 15th at 7:30PM upstairs in the faculty lounge of the school. 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.**



**2nd Banns**

**Matthew Rottkamp & Jeanette Brand**



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

St Mother Theresa  
Outreach Center  
St Martin of Tours

This week the Pantry could use: cereal, Rice-a-Roni, yams, pasta sauce, mixed fruit, pears, coffee, salmon, juice, juice boxes, pudding, Jell-O, sugar, tissues, laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo, paper towels, napkins, diapers (size 6) and baby wipes.

Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we were able to serve 415 people from 80 individual families during the month of March.

**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 14 - 20, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of  
Martin O’Neil &  
Peter Keshishian*

*Sanctuary Candle  
Week of April 14 - 20, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of  
Dominick DeCaro*



**REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**William J. Geandomenico  
Michael Joseph Losquadro  
Francis Paul Mirro  
Elsie Barone**

**REMINDER: Please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list.**

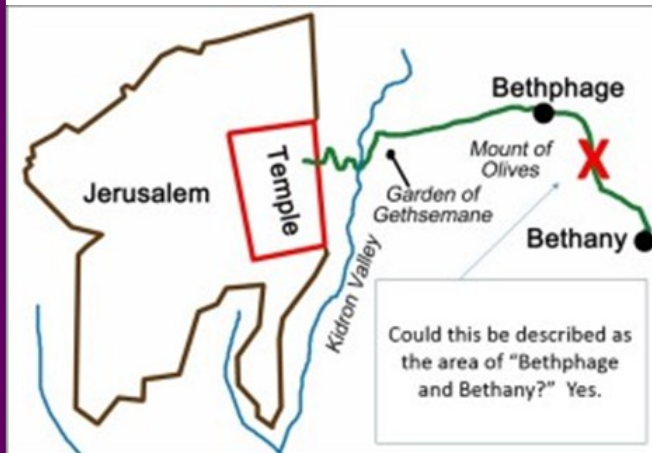
**Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

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, Margaret Sneeden



## *The Pastor's Letter*

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat."



Last week, I went to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see their production of an experience named Jesus. I deliberately chose the word experience because that is what the show truly is. The production is put on in a theatre that holds more than 2000 people. The show has live animals, great staging, and many other powerful effects that make you feel as if you are in Jerusalem. You might even find yourself getting seasick when a storm

blows up on the Sea of Galilee or feel the power of the wind blowing on the first Pentecost.

Lancaster is Amish and Mennonite country and the theatre is conducted as a ministry by the Mennonites as a work of evangelization. (They do charge for the tickets, but the prices are fair). At the end of the show, you are invited up to the front of the stage to have someone from the large cast pray with you. I was going to pray for a healing since my knees were a bit crushed by the nearness of the seat in front of me, but I resisted. All in all, I thought the theology of the death and resurrection was very honest to the Scriptures and were certainly in line with our own Catholic beliefs. It is an amazing experience to sit with 2000 people and hear them cheer for the Resurrection of Jesus.

As we enter into Palm Sunday weekend, I was thinking of the scene in the show where Jesus comes into Jerusalem. Jesus actually rides into the scene sitting on a donkey with a cheering crowd singing and waving palms. It has always been one of my dreams to come down the aisle of our Church sitting on a donkey for the Palm Sunday services. There are two reasons I have not done so in my eight years here:

- 1) For some reason, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has refused to allow me
- 2) I am also afraid there might be jokes about which one is the donkey!

The Gospel we hear on Palm Sunday speaks of Jesus coming into Jerusalem riding upon a donkey. That is not a detail that just happens to be put in the Gospel. As you can see from the following quote, the donkey (ass or colt) is very faithful to the prophecies of the Old Testament:

*Prior to entering Jerusalem, Christ instructed his disciples to acquire for him a donkey (in Matthew's Gospel, a donkey and a colt). Why did Jesus ride an ass? There are four reasons. First, the prophet Zechariah wrote: "Behold, your king comes to you, triumphant and victorious. He is humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass." (Zech 9:9) The messianic sign was at once perceived by the crowds who hailed Jesus as their king shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mt 21:9) Catholics still shout this Davidic salutation every time the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated. It is an acknowledgment that Jesus is the true Davidic Messiah and king.*

Secondly, an ass is integral to the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac, a type of the oblation of the First Born Son as a sign of obedience.

The third reason is that King Solomon rode to his messianic coronation on a mule that had once belonged to David (1 Kings 1:33-44).

Fourth, King Jehu rode into Samaria (a kind of false Jerusalem) over the garments of his adherents in order to destroy the temple of the false god Baal (2 Kgs 9:11-10:28). One of the first things Christ does upon entering Jerusalem is bring judgment to the Temple which has become a den of thieves. The typology in this account is rather startling as 2 Kings chapter nine contains strong messianic language.

For the past eight years on every Palm Sunday, I have mentioned that our town of Bethpage is cited at the beginning of the Gospel of Palm Sunday: *As Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead.* The name Bethpage comes from the Quaker Thomas Powell, who named the area after the Biblical town Bethphage, which was between Jericho and Jerusalem in the Holy Land. Present-day Bethpage was part of the 1695 Bethpage Purchase.

The Biblical Bethphage is near the Mount of Olives and to the road from Jerusalem to Jericho; mentioned together with Bethany (Matthew 21:1; Mark 11:1; Luke 19:29). The place occurs in several Talmudic passages where it may be inferred that it was near but outside Jerusalem; it was at the Sabbatical distance limit East of Jerusalem, and was surrounded by some kind of wall. The medieval Bethphage was between the summit and Bethany. The site is now enclosed by the Roman Catholics. As regards the Bethphage of the New Testament, the most probable suggestion was that it occupied the summit itself where Kefr et Tur stands today. This village certainly occupies an ancient site and no other name is known.

So, those of you who are from Bethpage, you can be proud that Jesus began his final week at a village that bears the name of our home town. I will never read or hear this Gospel without thinking of Bethpage and St. Martin's.

**Father Patrick Woods, CSsR, Pastor**  
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### HOLY LAND COLLECTION

On **Good Friday** our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.



Each day the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be as generous as your means will allow.



***“Let the one with no sin cast the first stone.”***

One of the most haunting movies I have ever seen was a film called *The Stoning of Soraya M.* The film came out about ten years ago and is based on a true story. Due to its intense theme, it was not a popular movie. It tells a horrible tragic story of a woman named Soraya who has been married for 21 years to her abusive husband, Ari. He wants to divorce her and marry a teenager. She refuses because she will be left penniless. Ali, in order to get his divorce, falsely accuses Soraya of infidelity. This charge leads to her brutal death by stoning with even her family participating in her execution. It is a scene almost impossible to watch. Killing a person for committing adultery is well beyond justice. Killing a person based on a false charge is incredibly evil. We know this still goes on in some nations of the world.

Through the centuries, I think it fair to say that in many cultures men have had a great deal of control and power over women. Even today, it seems that men are often paid a higher salary for the same job as a woman. The right to vote for women in the U.S. was only approved in 1920, less than a hundred years ago. Although the number of political leaders among women is growing, we have yet to elect a woman president. I will resist speaking about the role of women in the Church lest I get myself in waters beyond which I can swim!

The relationship between men and woman is a most complicated issue that is well beyond the most limited wisdom of a celibate priest. I find the title of the popular book, *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus*, very creative in capturing the relationship between the two sexes. I think of the classic question from *When Harry Met Sally* - can men and women be friends? Professor Higgins in *My Fair Lady* asks *why can't a woman be more like a man*. Or the quote about the dancing of Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. Ginger Rogers did everything that Fred Astaire did. Although he got more of the glory, it was noted that Ginger did it backwards and in high heels. When God confronts Adam for eating the forbidden fruit, his response is, *“The woman you put here with me— she gave me some fruit from the tree; and I ate it.”*

In recent years, there has been a great movement for the protection of women from acts of physical and sexual abuse and harassment. *The Me Too Movement* is very powerful and impacting political leaders, athletes, movie stars and business people. Some say we are only at the tip of the iceberg while others feel it is being exaggerated. Although either sex can suffer various kinds of abuse, it does seem clear that physical, emotional, and sexual violence against women by men is far greater than the reverse in our society.

Last Sunday, we heard the great and moving parable of the *Prodigal Son*. It is perhaps the greatest parable of God's mercy that Jesus spoke. Today, we see that Jesus is not speaking a parable of forgiveness. He is encountering a real life situation that cries out for mercy. An adulterous woman is dragged in front of Jesus. (Notice, there is no mention of a man involved in the sin!) We can only imagine the fear and terror of this woman. She is about to meet a very cruel death.

We also know that the religious authorities are not concerned about the Law of Moses of which they quote that calls for stoning an adulterer. No, this is another trap they have set for Jesus. If he calls for the stoning, he will be seen as one harsh religious leader who speaks about mercy but does not live it. If he does not condemn her, he will be accused of violating the Law of Moses. Jesus turns the question on them: *let the one without sin throw the first stone*. Even these malicious hypocrites are not so bold as to consider themselves sinless, and one by one, beginning with the oldest, they walk away. Only Jesus and the frightened woman remain. *Woman, has anyone condemned you? No sir!* she responds. He raises her up and sends her forth with the command to sin no more.

Adultery is serious sin that can lead to great destruction for the individuals and the families involved. It is wrong. Still, I believe that equally sinful is for those who simply use this woman as an object, a non-being, to manipulate and control as these Pharisees had done. Sexual sins are to be avoided, but perhaps even more sinful is to abuse another person, especially one in a vulnerable position, by our words and actions. Each of us is sacred and loved by God. To deliberately hurt another by our anger, deadening silence, hostility, harsh criticism and negativity or by our temper, is to stone one another. God only writes twice in the entire Bible. He writes the Ten Commandments on stone tablets. This is the Law of God to guide our morals. In the Gospel, Jesus writes on the sand with his finger. No one is sure what he is writing, but at the conclusion of his writings, mercy prevails even over the Law.

At many weddings, couples choose the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians about love being patient, kind and forgiving. They are powerful words to live a relationship by. Another reading for weddings is one that I think is a great guide for all of us in our relationship with others: *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.* Ephesians 4:31-32

## St. Martin of Tours Knights of Columbus Council #5033

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, May 20, 2019 2PM - 8PM 517 Central Avenue, Bethpage**

**Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE A MCDONALD'S COUPON FOR A FREE LARGE SANDWICH OR SALAD WITH ANY PURCHASE.**

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring your Blood Donor Card or ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission)
- Eat well (low fat) and drink plenty of fluids
- No tattoos for the past 12 months

**For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900 [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)**

**For more information, please contact Jack Batt (516) 868-8192**

**or Nick Ardezzone at (516) 582-7486.**

**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).

**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.

**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!

**April is Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month  
Sunday, April 28th 3PM - approximately 3:30PM**

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

**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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word *circle* to 797979.



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

**All are welcome!**



**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](http://lent.formed.org) to sign up.

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

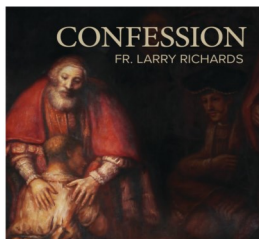


of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery. He is Redemptorist, the same religious community that has served here at St. Martin's for the past thirty years.

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**

**Confession**



Fr. Larry Richards's talk on Confession has become the #1 talk in North America for learning more about the Sacrament of Confession.

**FORMED ADULT PICK**

**Listen: Confession by Father Larry Richards**

Based upon his proven and powerful Parish Mission presentation, Father Larry's talk on Confession has become the #1 talk in North America for learning more on this Sacrament. He is riveting, honest, humorous, and often touchingly gentle

**FORMED KIDS' KORNER**

**Brother Francis: Stations of the Cross**



"What More Can He Give"? With this moving song, Br. Francis reminds us of Jesus's love for us all throughout his time.

**KIDS' KORNER**

**Brother Francis: Stations of the Cross**

Join Brother Francis as he follows our Lord on his way of the Cross. The traditional 14 Stations are beautifully illustrated with 14 thought provoking meditations composed esp. for children. This episode of Brother Francis is only on Formed for a limited time. Watch it now because it leaves after Easter.

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

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY**

Thanks to all who attended our fund raiser on Tuesday, April 2nd and to everyone who could not attend but supported us nonetheless.

A special thank you to those who made donations and especially to our members who worked for its success. We are truly blessed!!





## 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

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.

Liam is looking for more teen singers and musicians to join the Life Teen Band. Contact Liam at [LGordonWorship@gmail.com](mailto:LGordonWorship@gmail.com) for more information.

Diana Hughes & Liam Gordon, Youth Ministers  
and the Life Teen Core Team      [SMT\\_lifeteen@yahoo.com](mailto:SMT_lifeteen@yahoo.com)

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island's **16th Annual Golf Classic**



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Monday, May 13th, 2019

Tam O'Shanter Club  
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For registration or sponsorships, call (516) 822-3132  
or contact Erin Geier at [egeier@svdpli.org](mailto:egeier@svdpli.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  
 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.**

**DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LI**

**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**

**HOP Club Winners**

4/8/19	#398 Kevin Ross	\$25
4/9/19	#560 M/M M. Croan	\$25
4/10/19	#58 K. & J. McKerlie	\$25
4/11/19	#172 Christine Del Vicario	\$25
4/12/19	#607 J. & S. Cambria	

**LIFE CENTER OF LI BABY SHOWER**

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.

**A NEW PRIEST OF GOD**

Redemptorist Deacon Michael Cunningham, CSSR will be ordained a priest on Sat., May 4th at 10AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn. He will celebrate his first mass here at St. Martin on Sunday, May 5th at 1PM. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria.

If you would like to attend the reception on May 5th, call Genny at 931-0818 or email by April 28th to gamit1946@hotmail.com and let us know how many attending for the caterer. Thank you!

**CALLING ALL COOKS FOR ALPHA!**

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.



Saint Maria  
Faustina

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

# Women's Group

of St. Martin of Tours

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at 7pm in St. Alphonsus Hall. All women are welcome and do bring a friend!

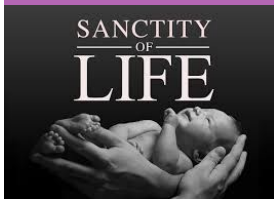
Please contact us at [smtwomensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:smtwomensgroup@gmail.com) or at 516.931.0818 for more information. See you then!

**TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**  
**WLNY ch. 10/55 at 7:00 a.m.**  
**and WRNN channel 48 at 8:00 a.m.**

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org). (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation. Thank you for your outreach to the homebound in your parish. *Fr. Mark Payne, Chaplain*

**At St. Martin's on Good Friday, April 19th at 1:30PM in the Church 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. (Note: The actual Shroud will not be present in the Church.)



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

### A BLESSED PALM SUNDAY

*Hebrews 13:1-2: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it, some have unknowingly entertained angels.*

DRVC: 3/16: During Lent, the Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer, reading Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that we all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally - not through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our TIME & TALENTS.

Each of us will take home a piece of palm this Sunday. Many of us will cut the palm and make them into crosses that we will place in our car, above our doorways, or in our wallets. Many of us will go to a cemetery and place them on the grave of a loved one, praying over them and awaiting Easter Sunday. Many children will make little crosses and take them to neighbors that are ill, or those that no longer can attend mass or pin them on their jacket for the coming of Easter.

As we concentrate on almsgiving, maybe we could make a call to someone we need to forgive. Perhaps visit a soup kitchen and help give food to the homeless. Take a walk down the block to a neighbor that has been a shut-in and spend a little time. Filling a bag of \$1 bunnies and chicks and maybe a balloon or two and stop at a pediatric unit at a local hospital, will bring a smile to a child that cannot go home, and fill your heart as you leave. Write a letter to a soldier in need of a word from home.



In our parish, all ministries are in need of volunteers. Just a few hours a week would be a gift to each of them. There are so many to choose from including music, teaching religious education, Eucharistic Minister, lector or the food pantry, to name a few. The DRVC Pro-Life Ministry is in need of volunteers to lead Pro-life Committees in each parish. Time is so precious, and giving of it is quite a sacrifice, but time given to change or make better the life of another will fill your heart. You will take home with you more than you have ever given. May you walk in the footsteps of our Lord, Jesus Christ and consider the sacrifice He has given for each of us. Maybe the giving of alms will bring us to a true and beautiful understanding of his glory.

*The Respect Life Committee wishes each and every one a Blessed and Holy Palm Sunday.*

#### 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](http://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!**

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**MOMMAS HOUSE**

**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](http://www.mommashouse.org)

**LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING**[www.livingwaterscounseling.biz](http://www.livingwaterscounseling.biz)

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**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 15: Charismatic Prayer Group 7PM Video; 7:30PM Meeting School Faculty Lounge
- Apr 16: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- 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
- May 5: Father Michael Cunningham, CSsR's first Mass 1PM Church

