

Masses For The Week

**Monday - April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

- 6:30 Garone Family
- 9:00 Charlie, Margaret & Charlie Jr. Reilly

Tuesday - April 30 - St. Pius V, Pope

- 6:30 Brian Paul Simonsen
- 9:00 Beth Wigand & Rae Adams

Wednesday - May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

- 6:30 Lillian Krummenacker
- 9:00 Ambrose, Elizabeth & Joseph Hoolahan

**Thursday - May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

- 6:30 Patrick Hanrahan
- 9:00 Catherine, Madeline & Elizabeth Reilly

Friday - May 3 - Saints Philip and James, Feast

- 6:30 Elsa Ryan (for a safe trip to Israel)
- 9:00 John Barry

Saturday - May 4

- 9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
- 5PM Lucy Speelman, 7th Anniversary
- 7PM Rudy & Stefanie Casal

Sunday - May 5 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 The People of the Parish
- 8:30 Rose & Arthur Cardone
- 10:00 Maria & Salvatore Accardi, John, Carolyn & Terrance Lynam and Eddie Anderson
- 11:30 Paul Daly & the Pepe Family
- 1:00 Deceased Members of the Cano Family
- 5:30 Dolly Pfeifer

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
- Tues. Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
- Wed. Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
- Thurs. Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
- Fri. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
- Sat. Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Sun. Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 *In the first reading, Peter and the Apostles are reprimanded for teaching in Jesus' name, but they do not stop for they are obedient only to God's authority.*

Revelation 5:11-14 *John's vision in Revelation is of all creation giving glory to the slain Lamb.*

John 21:1-19 *Jesus appears to the disciples after his resurrection.*

HOP Club Winners

4/22/19 #33	Patricia Gaynor	\$25
4/23/19 #73	Frank Lanzarone	\$25
4/24/19 #390	Philip A. Ciminelli	\$25
4/25/19 #281	Mike & Janet Steiniger	\$25
4/26/19 #201	Dorothy C. DeStefano	\$50

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

Palm Sunday: \$20,821.19

Holy Thursday: \$1,473.00

(shared between SVDeP & Food Pantry)

Good Friday (Holy Land): \$2,703.00

April 21 Regular Collection: \$10,039.00

Easter Sunday Collection: \$32,089.00

Reflection

Today we hear the story of Doubting Thomas. Challenging and difficult things do happen in our lives and sometimes pull us away from our faith - and even trust - in God. Let us ask St. Thomas to pray for us to get through the tough patches in our lives (maybe even at this very moment). In doing so, our doubt can be diminished and our faith enhanced so that with St. Thomas we can say, "My Lord and My God."

Living Stewardship

As Christian stewards, let us put the gift of faith to good use. Check your bulletin to see if your parish is having a devotional hour for today, Divine Mercy Sunday. If so, plan to attend, cultivating the practice of mercy in the upcoming week.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a perfect sequel to Easter Sunday. Jesus proved His love for us by taking our place so that we could be saved. Now He gives us His Divine Mercy. If you don't know the history of this powerful miracle, Google it. There is no end to His love for us. Even when we disappoint Him, He is right there to forgive us. And He always will be.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 29th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Come first for the next presentation of The Wild Goose at 7PM and stay for the meeting. It's ok if you've missed a few or haven't seen any of the first episodes. Each has its own message. Maybe this one is meant for you. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.



St Mother Theresa Outreach Center

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

This week, the Pantry could use: cereal (regular & sweet), tomato paste, chili, salmon, red beans, pears, yams, coffee, icing, ketchup, Rice-A-Roni, pudding, Jell-O, sugar, flour, crackers, vegetable soup, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo and baby wipes. Thank you for your tremendous generosity!

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 28 - May 4, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
 The Csajko Family*

*Sanctuary Candle
 Week of April 28 - May 4, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
 Antonio & John Burburan*



REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



**Joseph Badolato, Adele Yack
 David Hansen, Dolores Dunn
 Linda Chianese, Rudolph Rysanak
 Anne Cunningham**



Saint Maria Faustina

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

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 Janet Medina, Kevin Henson, Marie Newman, Hector Valentine Theresa DuRoss, Terry Hall, Bob & Anna Baciуска, 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 Sneedden, Michael Barry, Angela Leone



The Pastor's Letter

I think our parish had a beautiful Lent, highlighted by the beautiful Sunday liturgies, the parish mission, the visit of the sacred relics, the Soup Supper, International Night, the rituals our Rite of Christian Initiation that our candidates witnessed to us, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with more than 150 young people receiving the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, we truly celebrated the profound mystery and love of God for us in our Holy Week services. I often like to quote the prayer that we say at the Sign of Peace at Mass: *Look not on our sins but on the faith of your church.* We go to God together. We need each other to grow in love of God and one another. In the parish gathering area, there are two images that I have had placed: one is the picture of four men carrying a paralyzed man to Jesus for healing; the other is the image of the men opening the roof and lowering the man on ropes to Jesus. Jesus heals the paralyzed man as well as forgiving him his sins. This to me is a meaningful image of parish: we carry one another to Jesus.

At the Easter Vigil, our parish welcomed the unbaptized elect - Rodney Colon, Kenneth David, Meenakshi Kumar and Kimberly Smith. After they were baptized, they joined the two candidates for full communion, Jocelyn DeCrescendo and Holly Maloney. It was a Most Holy Night filled with great worship and great joy! The church has a term it uses for those who are newly baptized, confirmed and who have entered the faith at Easter. It is called the *mystagogy*. I am sure you are impressed with my use of Greek. *The fourth stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is called "mystagogy," from the Greek words meaning "to lead through the mysteries."* Traditionally, *mystagogy extends throughout the Easter season, until the feast of Pentecost. This is a period of accompaniment for new Catholics as they discover what it means to fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church. But entering into the mystery of God and our faith is not just for the newly baptized; all of us are invited to enter into this wonderful time of faith, spring, new life, and baseball season.*



As we look ahead to the coming months, we have some wonderful spiritual programs that are available to us. Our fourth ALPHA began before Easter with a strong response. I am finding that those who have made ALPHA are very generous in helping serve the current one.

As you have seen in the bulletin, we began showing Bishop Robert Barron's CATHOLICISM series on Friday April 26th which will be running for a total of ten weeks. When I first came here as pastor, we showed this series on Saturday mornings and those who attended found it captivating. Some call Bishop Barron the new Bishop Fulton Sheen.

Here is description of the CATHOLICISM program:

Journey around the world and deep into the faith! For the first time, in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography, the beauty, goodness and truth of the Catholic faith are illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. Travel with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.

From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda...from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the fullness of CATHOLICISM is revealed. Learn what Catholics believe and why by exploring the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition.

We also have some very special events to look forward to beginning with the celebration of Michael Cunningham’s ordination to the priesthood by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on May 4th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Brooklyn. The day after, Father Michael will celebrate his first Mass at our parish at 1:00PM. This young Redemptorist is from St. Martin of Tours.

On June 2nd our parishioner, Christopher Quinn will be ordained a permanent deacon at St. Agnes Cathedral. On June 9th, Pentecost Sunday, Chris will serve as the deacon of the Mass at 1:00PM. We are also looking forward to some adults being confirmed on Pentecost. During Wednesdays in May, it is my hope that we will gather in our prayer garden for the rosary. Our Corpus Christi is always a spiritual time of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

With these celebrations coming up, we are asking for volunteers to help host the receptions for Michael Cunningham’s first Mass (May 5th after the 1:00 p.m. Mass) and for Chris Quinn’s first Mass as a deacon (June 9th after the 1:00 p.m. Mass). No cooking involved. We need people to set tables and serve the food. Any help is deeply appreciated. Contact me at woodscsr@aol.com.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR
woodscsr@aol.com smtbethpage.org

DO YOU NEED FULL COMMUNION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

If you have been baptized and have received Eucharist (Holy Communion) but were not confirmed, RCIA is offering a four-session course on Wednesday May 8, 15, 22 and June 5th. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the 11:30AM Mass. Please contact Ann Hughes if you are interested at 516-433-6972 or the rectory office at 516-931-0818.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

CMRC will be meeting on *Tuesday, May 7th at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall* for the following:

- Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Recitation of the Living Rosary
- Election of Officers
- Refreshments

All women are invited! For more info, call Margo at 796-5053.

smtbethpagecommunity@gmail.com

is an email address that we hope will become familiar to you over the next few months. To celebrate and thank God for the 33 years that we have shared with the Redemptorists, there are a number of projects that we are preparing for the Redemptorists and we will be looking to the parishioners of St. Martin's for assistance. It will be via this email address that we plan to communicate with you. If you do not have access to a computer but would like to participate in any of the projects noted below, please know that you can leave your submissions with and/or reach out to the rectory at 516.931.0818 for additional information.

The Redemptorists have served the St. Martin of Tours parish for 33 years; that is a long time of interactions. In a family setting, many things would have occurred. There are good times and bad times, but where there is love and respect, all is good. Here, at St. Martins, we are also a family, one in Christ. Our family has been enriched by the presence of the Redemptorists and we are grateful to the following priests for being true to the Word, for reflecting Jesus, and for being a blessing to this parish.



Fr. George Keaveney Fr. John Radley Richard Furey Fr. James Small Fr. Vincent Crotty Fr. Raymond Collins Fr. Brendan Greany



Fr. Thomas Schmidt Fr. Kevin MacDonald Gerald Kowalczyk Fr. John McKenna Fr. Thomas Siconolfi Fr. Karl Esker Fr. James Szobonya



John Patton Fr. John Tizio Fr. Henry Sattler Fr. James McCabe Fr. Patrick Woods Fr. Ciya Thomas Fr. Denis Sweeney

Not pictured: Fr. Mark Tucker

For the special projects that we are preparing for the Redemptorists, we are asking you to email the following to **smtbethpagecommunity@gmail.com** by **Friday, May 18, 2019**:

Please complete our unfinished statement below. Please reflect on an experience(s) with any of the Redemptorists who served here. It could be one of those funny things that become a story repeated often and sometimes it can be something that softened our hearts and healed a wound, a concern, or a bad day. Someone said the right words, reminded us of the unconditional love of Jesus Christ or made us feel that we counted. We ask you not to specifically name the priest, but to relate something that made you reflect and feel better or simply stirred within you the feeling that I am glad that I spoke to Father. Since we are asking our whole parish for their input, we would appreciate your responses being as brief as possible.

I REMEMBER THE DAY WHEN I NEEDED SOMEONE AND...

Please know that your reflections will be gathered and then compiled into a book without specifically identifying you as the contributor of the respective comment.

We ask that you please share cherished photos taken with our Redemptorist priests. We are especially looking for candid shots that capture the personalities of the various priests that have served at St. Martins. If you do not have photo images that can be shared via email, please place your photos in an envelope that notes your name, address, and phone number and then bring them to the rectory. All photos will be scanned and returned back to you! We will use the contact information that you provide to us to return your originals.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the projects that are being planned for the Redemptorists, please send us an email with the word "Volunteer" in the subject line. We will share via email the specifics of various volunteer opportunities to which you can then make a commitment.

Prayer is positive. After writing a sentiment or finding a photo to be shared, please say a prayer for the Redemptorist who helped you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Light for our Church and within our Marriages. Gift your relationship with a bright light by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next weekend is June 28-30, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

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

**April is Autism Awareness
& Acceptance Month
Sunday, April 28th 3PM**

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, 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 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.

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



Honoring
"Volunteers of the Year"
Mary & Jack McCaffery

for their lifetime of service
to those in poverty on Long Island

Monday, May 13th, 2019

Tam O'Shanter Club
74 Fruitledge Rd,
Glen Head, NY 11545

For registration or sponsorships, call (516) 822-3132
or contact Erin Geier at egeier@svdpli.org

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.



Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 28th - Church
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm
The Divine Mercy Prayer
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Litany of Divine Mercy
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

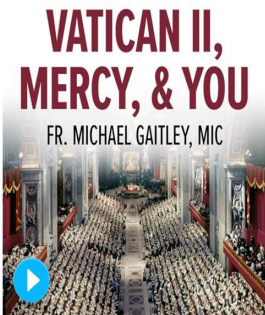


St. Gerard Majella, CSsR is a very popular Redemptorist saint of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery.

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

Vatican II, Mercy, & You



Learn how Vatican II provides a map to help us enrich our lives through faith and effectively experience the Good News of God's Divine Mercy so that we can live our Catholic Faith fully

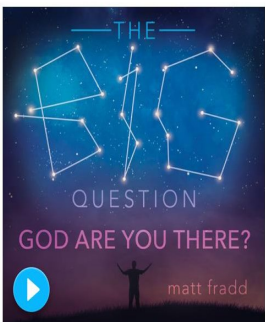
FORMED PICK FOR ADULTS

Vatican II, Mercy, & You
A CD by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC

Just in time for Divine Mercy Sunday, this CD helps to enrich your lives through faith as you respond to the call to holiness and to Divine Mercy – the heart of the gospel. St. Pope John Paul II and soon-to-be canonized Cardinal John Henry Newman played key roles in influencing Vatican II. The Faith became more personal, concrete and understandable from the ancient teachings of the Church. Fr. Gaitley stresses that the heart of the New Evangelization is Divine Mercy. He asks the question, "What time is it?" The answer – "NOW is the time for Mercy."

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

The Big Question: God Are You There?



Through his passionate and entertaining story, Matt relays how God's existence can be grasped by reason and how everyone must wrestle with the big question: God, are you there?

FORMED PICK FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

A CD by Matt Fradd
THE BIG QUESTION: GOD ARE YOU THERE?

Matt Fradd is a highly sought after Catholic speaker and Apologist who speaks to over 50,000 teens and young adults a year. Through his passionate and entertaining story, Matt relays how God's existence can be grasped by reason and how everyone must wrestle with the big question: "God, are you there?"

Listen on: smtbethpage.formed.org

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

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

or Nick Ardezzone at (516) 582-7486.



Liam is looking for more teen singers and musicians to join the Life Teen Band. Contact Liam at LGordonWorship@gmail.com for more information.

We will have a meeting on Sunday, April 28th after the 5:30PM Mass. All 8th graders and High Schoolers are encouraged to come to Mass and the meeting afterwards.

Our Disney raffle tickets are just about sold out! Call the rectory at 931-0818 first and ask if any are available. Whether you bought one or more or many more, we cannot begin to thank you all enough! The drawing is Sunday, May 19th at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. There will be live music, a 50/50 and baked goods. You will not need to be present to win. Good luck everyone and thank you again and again!

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

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.

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



**PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY
ESPECIALLY AS THEY ARE FAR FROM THEIR LOVED ONES AT EASTERTIME.**

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

A NEW PRIEST OF GOD



Redemptorist Deacon Michael Cunningham, CSsR will be ordained a priest on Saturday, May 4th at 10AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn. He will celebrate his first mass here at St. Martin's 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!



Elsie Marie Barone
3/1/1919 - 4/6/2019

Occasionally, I choose to put my funeral homily in the bulletin for a person who was very well known and who had a great impact on the life of the parish. We clergy have the blessing to learn a great deal about the life and death of so many people that inspires us. Because of a lack of space, I give you part of my homily for Elsie Barone, a woman who touched the lives of so many people by her faith in the Lord.

The parish of St. Martin of Tours has lost one of her greatest parishioners in the passing of Elsie Marie Barone from this life as we know it to the God who breathed life into her 100 years ago. We are convinced, as our banner proclaims, that Elsie is now in the loving arms of Jesus, and that our parish has another saint to join the ranks of so many holy and faith-filled people who have gone home to God from this parish. She is now reunited with her husband Frank and her precious daughter-in-law, Michele.

I offer my deepest sympathy to her son, Deacon Frank Barone, and her daughter Jean and son-in-law John, to her grandchildren Kristin, Jennifer, Leigh-Mary, Christine, Stephen, Michael and Vinny as well as her sixteen great grandchildren, to her sisters Pauline and Adele, to all her many friends and parishioners, with a special word to the wonderful men and women of our Food Pantry and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul who so live the Gospel of seeking to help those who are most in need.

God blessed me with a visit to Elsie the day before she died. She was being lovingly cared for by her daughter, Jean. She received the Body of Jesus Christ; she fingered her rosary; she had a million-dollar smile, and as I left, she returned to listening to the Met game. This was a woman who knew what was important in life!

She raised her two children to be faithful Catholics. Her son Frank complained that as a child he had to walk to St. Martin's on Fridays for the Stations of the Cross, bribed with the promise of two cookies and an apple. Now, as a deacon he leads his parish community in the Stations of the Cross. Jean said that she never dared miss a Mass, especially when her Mom was around. God was at the center of Elsie's heart and she wanted to make sure the treasure of faith was passed on to her children. Elsie was a devoted Brooklyn Dodger fan and one of the happiest days of her life was October 4, 1955 when the Dodgers finally slayed the evil dragon of the Yankees and won the World Series. Frank and Jean spoke to me about what a loving home they grew up in with Elsie never having a cross word to say to them. When Jean graduated from high school, her parents gave her a beautiful black and white car. When Frank finally graduated, they gave him a black and white television. Elsie was loved by all and had fierce devotion to St. Martin of Tours Church and felt this was God's favorite place to be. When her son, the deacon, invited his Mom to hear him preach a special sermon at St. Kilian's, she told him to give her a copy, but she was going to Mass at God's favorite church! I love this woman! When she was unable to get to church, she faithfully watched the Mass on TV and nothing could interfere with that.

Elsie's faith was not simply about being in church. She lived the Gospel and Eucharist that she received here and took it home and to all that she would meet. She spent many years nursing. It is a beautiful profession that calls one to care for those who are in physical or emotional distress. Where I came to know Elsie best was from her dedicated commitment to the ministries of our Parish Outreach Center and to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. When I would visit the Outreach Center, she was always shelving food or welcoming those who had come for help. She brought the Church that she loved to those who needed it the most and showed the Face of our Lord Jesus Christ to them. For her 100th birthday, she asked that any gifts be given to those who might need help.

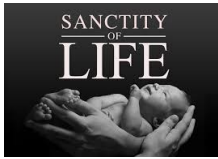
Our first reading from the Book of Proverbs gives us a description of a woman of faith. As you hear it, you cannot help but think of Elsie. *"She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. And she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. She watches the conduct of her household, her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: 'Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.' Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."*

The second reading is from St. Paul. He sees that his days on earth are coming to an end and he speaks about his life as a bottle of wine that he has poured out in loving service to God. Can we imagine how many lives that Elsie touched in her 100 years? She has poured out her life in loving her family, her neighbors and in anyone who came to her. The wine of her life was rich and pure, given to be celebrated and savored.

The Gospel I chose is from St. Matthew. Preachers and theologians can make being called a disciple of Jesus sound complex and filled with rules. Jesus makes his message far more simple and direct: *I was hungry; did you feed me? I was thirsty; did you give me a drink? I was alone; did you visit me?* Elsie did not see Christ face-to-face this past Saturday. She saw him daily in her children, grandchildren, in those she nursed and cared for and in the face of the hungry and thirsty people she served so faithfully. Elsie has the four marks of the church that promise entrance into heaven: *She was a Met fan. *She was Irish. *She was from Brooklyn. *She was a parishioner of St. Martin's.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

BISHOPS PREACH HOPE, SOLIDARITY AMIDST OPIOID EPIDEMIC - CNA: Washington DC: Amidst a growing epidemic



of drug overdose and opioid addiction, Catholic bishops speak out on the need for prayer and solidarity for addiction sufferers. "The closer you get to the Catholic Church, the closer you get to the wounds of Christ," Bishop Edward Burns of Dallas said. "And it's important for us to recognize that we accompany many people who are wounded...and to reach out," he added. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that opioid abuse is an EPIDEMIC in the U.S. The drugs include those used in prescription painkillers such as oxycodone, codeine, and morphine, but also heroin and synthetic opioids like fentanyl, which is 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine. Overdose has become the leading cause of DEATH FOR AMERICANS under age 50. **THE HOOKED GENERATION: PIX 11: FIGHTING THE OPIOID CRISIS ON THE FRONT LINES:** Long Island has the highest rate of opioid overdoses in NYS. More than a million doses of heroin were confiscated last year, but the Nassau County D.A. not only prosecutes offenders, the office is funding services to treat the addictions. "We have \$580,000 to put into a program to help people after they overdose. We call it *Bridging the Gap Between Overdose and Treatment*. The real problems arise after we stabilize these patients and getting them to treatment on the outside of the hospital once their gone. That's why Good Samaritan Hospital is choosing to provide services using peer counselors called Sherpas, to show addicts the road to recovery and continued sobriety." (D.A. Madeline Singas)

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE. OPIOID OVERDOSE CRISIS: Jan. 2019: Every day, more than 130 people in the U.S. die after overdosing on opioids. The misuse of and addiction to opioids - including PRESCRIPTION PAIN RELIEVERS, HEROIN and synthetic opioids such as FENTANYL is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the total "economic burden" of prescription opioid misuse alone in the U.S. is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/opioids/opioid-overdose-crisis>. NEW YORK STATE HOPE line 1-877-8-HOPENY and other services. New York (gov) >oasas>.ny.gov. THIS 24 HOUR COUNSELING HOTLINE IS FOR ANYONE SEEKING HELP WITH DRUG ABUSE, ALCOHOLISM, GAMBLING. ALL CALLS ARE TOLL-FREE, ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.

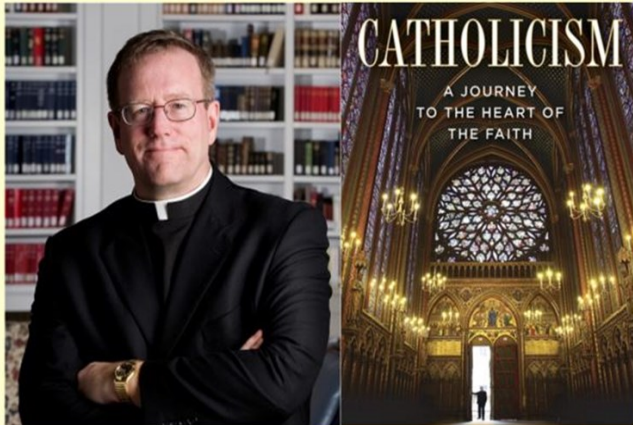
Over a hundred people gathered outside the Medical Center on Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow on Good Friday. Amazing to see the young families and those in wheelchairs standing side by side in prayer for the end of abortion in our country, our state and in the world. **ALIVE FROM NEW YORK, MAY 4th TIMES SQUARE: CELEBRATING THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE** Marvel at the wonders of human life and human development in the womb. 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 the LIVE 4D ULTRASOUND BROADCAST ON SEVERAL JUMBOTRONS IN TIMES SQUARE. REGISTRATION IS FREE, but LIMITED to 10,000 attendees. Register at <https://events.focusonthefamily.com/events-from-newyork>.

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- Apr 28: Mass for Persons with Autism & Special Needs 3PM Church
- Apr 28: Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour 4PM Church
- Apr 29: Charismatic Prayer Group 7PM Video; 7:30PM Meeting St. Alphonsus Hall
- Apr 30 Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- May 5: Father Michael Cunningham, CSsR's First Mass 1PM Church. Reception to follow.
- May 7: Christian Mothers 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 12: Mother's Day
- May 18 & 19: Respect Life Baby Shower
- May 19: Knights of Columbus will be selling poppies at all Sunday Masses.
- May 20: Knights of Columbus Blood Drive located at the Council. Page 10 has more info.
- May 22: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall (Library Room)
- June 2: 1PM Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon Christopher Quinn
- June 9: Pentecost Sunday 11:30AM Mass RCIA Adult Confirmation

