

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 6

6:30 Susan & Patsy Carni
9:00 Terence Barry

Tuesday - May 7

6:30 Mary George
9:00 Sonia & Wallace Kankas

Wednesday - May 8

6:30 Marie Cecilia Rodman
9:00 Kathleen "Kay" Wilson, 1st Anniversary

Thursday - May 9

6:30 Frank Nastro
9:00 Katherine & Michael Healy

Friday - May 10

6:30 Thomas Kozloski
9:00 Hanley & Rochford Families

Saturday - May 11

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5PM Joseph P. & Joseph C. Cunningham
7PM Ann & Bill Csajko, Birthday Remembrance

Sunday - May 12 - 4th Sunday of Easter

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Mary Donahoe
10:00 Carlo Pensabene, Birthday Remembrance
11:30 Michael F. Maley
1:00 Helen Haack
5:30 Connie & Louis Trappasse

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tues. Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35
Wed. Acts 8:1b-8; John 8:35-40
Thurs. Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Fri. Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Sat. Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Sun. Acts 13:14, 43-52 *As Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, they encounter more Gentiles who are receptive to their message.*

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 *In John's vision a great multitude from every corner of the earth is seen gathering together.*

John 10:27-30 *In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of his sheep knowing his voice and following after him.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

April 28, 2019: \$14,926.38

Thank you for your generous support!

Reflection

Today in the first reading, we see the apostles put their Faith-in-Action by not surrendering to the demands of the Sanhedrin. Despite being warned to stop speaking of Jesus and demonstrating their faith, the apostles continue to evangelize. By standing tall, along with St. Peter, they serve to remind us to obey God rather than man.

Living Stewardship

During this Easter season, show the world that we, too, have been raised with Christ. Put your Faith-into-Action by joyfully sharing the "Good News" - that Christ is risen, victorious over sin and death - with a smile, wherever and whenever you can.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Sometimes my clock radio alarm is in between stations and when it goes off, it's all static. And that's not enough to wake me up! God sends us wake up calls too. But if all you hear is static, you may never hear His message. I have to make sure the radio is set to a good clear station for a clear message. And you have to set your ears and your heart to hear His message.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 6th 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.



Saint Maria Faustina

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

HOP Club Winners

4/29/19 #197	Frank DeCicco	\$25
4/30/19 #192	Maria Osicki	\$25
5/1/19 #179	Ellen & John Gulli	\$25
5/2/19 #257	James & Anne Hoenig	\$25
5/3/19 #468	Marylou Connolly	\$50



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 is low on: Rice-a-Roni, cereal (regular & sweet), egg noodles, canned salmon, tomato paste, pasta sauce, pears, mixed fruit, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, vegetable soup, coffee, juice, juice boxes, boxed milk, apple sauce, cake mix, brownies, icing, cookies, crackers, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, baby wipes and diapers (sizes 3, 5 & 6). Thank you for all you do for those in need.

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 May 5 - 11, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
Adolph & Helen Haack*

*Sanctuary Candle
Week of May 5 - 11, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
Paul Daly & the Pepe Family*



REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Louis Lawrence Schiavetta
James Russo**

CORRECTION: Last week's bulletin incorrectly stated that Elsie Barone's daughter's name is Jean. Her correct name is Jane Barone Barbieri. We apologize for this error.

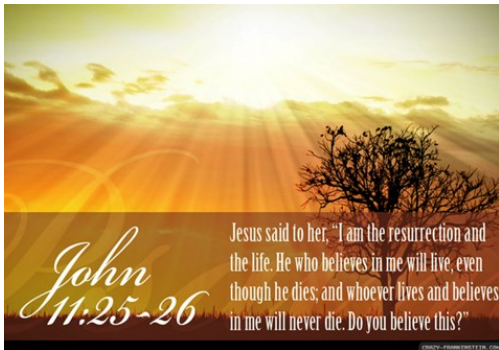
REMINDER: Please call the rectory at
931-0818 to remove a name from the list.

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 Baciaska, 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, Michael Barry, Angela Leone



The Pastor's Letter



I have always felt that it is easier to preach a sermon on Good Friday rather than on Easter Sunday. That may sound strange to you since Easter is such a day of joy and Good Friday is a time of sadness and sorrow. But the truth is we are all very familiar with death and loss, pain and suffering. It does not take faith to believe in death; it is a very real part of our journey of life. We have all lost family members and friends, and it has broken our hearts. We have read about mass shootings, holocausts, savage wars, epidemics, accidents, natural disasters, and famines where hundreds and thousands of people have died. We know that no one, not even us, will escape an ending to our natural life.

Ah, but resurrection is harder to see and capture with words. But I believe, as the Scriptures promise: *life is stronger than death*, and we do feel in our bones, in our hearts, in our souls that there is life beyond what we see here on earth. I think these words of the great American playwright Thornton Wilder capture that reality from his great play *Our Town* that are spoken by the stage manager to the audience: *We all know that something is eternal. And it ain't houses and it ain't names, and it ain't earth, and it ain't even the stars . . . everybody knows in their bones that something is eternal, and that something has to do with human beings. All the greatest people ever lived have been telling us that for five thousand years and yet you'd be surprised how people are always losing hold of it. There's something way down deep that's eternal about every human being. You know that.*

We are blessed to live in an area with a change of climate. As the death of winter passes, we delight and cherish the new life that is breaking forth all around us. Nature proclaims resurrection and new life. We live this amazing cycle every year. And even more obvious is night and day, sleep and being awake. Even though I try to stay up and watch the last innings of the Met game, my eyes grow heavy and I move to sleepiness. We sleep and cease to be alive to the world around us. Then, at 6:00 a.m., my radio announces that the Mets have lost another game. The day has begun!

As much as life can be routine, I have never found that no two days have ever been exactly the same. Each day has its own experiences and nuances. It is new day. What will the day bring? Could we not say that each day we awake is a sort of mini-resurrection that speaks of the divine reality of eternal life promised by Jesus? Any analogy discussing the Resurrection of Jesus will be inadequate for this awesome mystery, but I think of two stories that have been in recent news that speak to me of moving from death to life. The first may strike you a bit of a stretch, but I am thinking of Tiger Woods, my long lost cousin, who recently won the Masters Golf Tournament to the great shock of all the experts. Now aspects of this golfer's life in the past do not make him a candidate for canonization. Still, as I thought all that he has experienced in the last decade, public humiliation brought on by his actions, a significant number of injuries that demanded serious surgeries, and the very process of an athlete getting older and losing some skills, I felt he would never win a big tournament again. He himself was ready to retire two years ago since his back was so bad. Now he is on the cover of every magazine and the most recognized athlete in America and, for me, an image of resurrection.


The second image of resurrection - moving from death to life - is that of the tragic fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, a church which I had the opportunity to visit. The initial reaction of the citizens of Paris and people throughout the world as they saw their beloved icon in flames, was to weep. But when I saw the people of one of the most secularized countries in Europe, in particular the young, watching the flames as they sang hymns and recited the rosary, I saw a faith - perhaps that had been buried deep in the hearts of many - come to life for a time. Then, I watched in awe as many men and women risked their lives to recover the relics, art and sacred images from the church. It was again to know that this 800 year old cathedral was not just a museum to the past, but a proclamation of faith. Then flowed the immediate promises of the rich and poor, secular and religious, to speak to the reality that the serious damage must be repaired and the glory of Notre Dame restored. Death to Life! Resurrection! When I first watched the fire on the news, I thought maybe it was terrorism. It clearly seems not to have been. And in a world where Christians and Muslims often experience great mistrust of one another, I was happy to read the following: Kamel Kabtane, a leader of the French Moslem community, said the following: *"We call on Muslims in France to show their solidarity by actively participating in the national solidarity campaign that will be launched to find ways to rebuild this place of history of our country and this place of prayer so dear to our Christian brothers. A hint of resurrection and new life!*

For two thousand years we have been proclaiming the Resurrection of Jesus. I will conclude with the words of one of the greatest witnesses of the Resurrection - St. Paul. The Apostle said, *The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to me!*

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR
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 * 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. *
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We will be saying the rosary in the prayer garden, weather permitting, on the Wednesdays of May at 7PM.



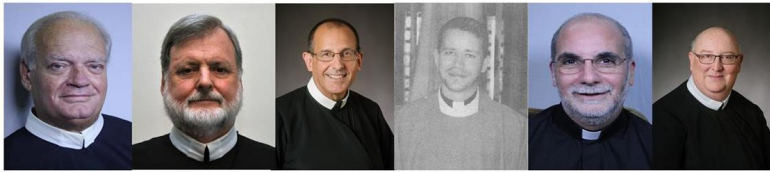
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Fr. Thomas Siconolfi Fr. Karl Esker Fr. James Szobonya John Patton Fr. John Tizio Fr. Henry Sattler



Fr. James McCabe Fr. Patrick Woods Fr. Ciya Thomas Fr. Denis Sweeney



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 17, 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 Fa-

ther. 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.



We are preparing two special dates to mark the transfer of the pastoral care of the parish back to the Diocese of Rockville Centre and to have a farewell celebration for the Redemptorists.

- **The first date is July 7th at the 1:00 p.m. Mass.** Bishop John Barres, Bishop of the Diocese and Father Paul Borowski CSsR, will be present to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the graces He has given to the Diocese of Rockville Centre, to the Parish of St. Martin of Tours, and to the Redemptorists over the past thirty-three years. A luncheon will follow.
- **On July 28th, with the time of the Mass still to be determined,** the parishioners of St. Martin's, past and present, will bid farewell to the present and former Redemptorists who have served here at St. Martin's. A luncheon will follow.

Eventually, we will ask you to sign up if you wish to attend so we have enough food and enough room in the church for the Masses. If you wish to offer your assistance in any way to either of these events, you can give me your name and I will give it to the planning committee. I have joked that one cannot plan their own farewell party. The spirit of these events is that all are welcome and we, although we are to leave, are joyful for what has been and what will be.

Father Christopher Costigan, our new pastor, will celebrate his formal installation with the parish sometime after August 1st. He will make arrangements with the Diocese and the parishioners to set the time and date.

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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:

**2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY
(516) 746-8250
(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
(631) 858-0380 OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk). You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

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.



We Redemptorists thank you for your cards, gifts, and for your Easter prayers and good wishes. You humble us by your many thoughtful kindnesses.

NEXT VIRTUS CLASS
Wednesday, June 12th
7PM - St. Alphonsus Hall

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.

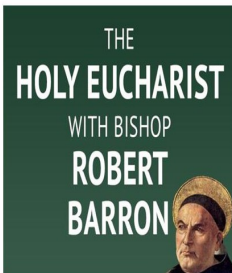


St. Gerard Majella, CSsR is a very popular Redemptorist saint of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery.

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

The Holy Eucharist



If you could sit down with Saint Thomas Aquinas over a pint of beer and ask him any one question, what would it be? The source and summit of our faith, the Holy Eucharist, is discussed in this episode.

FORMED Pick of the Week
The Holy Eucharist
with Bishop Robert Barron and Matt Fradd

A wonderful CD to listen how Bishop Barron and Matt Fradd discuss very important questions on the Eucharist, taken from St. Thomas' classic book, *The Summa Theologiae*, a very new and innovative endeavor in evangelizing the faith.

An interesting fact shared by Bishop Barron is that his Bishop's coat of arms is taken from a quote of St. Thomas which is *"I will have nothing except you Lord."*

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

Teach Me to Pray



Have you ever talked to God? Moses the Cat and the CatChat family want to help you become better friends with God. This episode is a lesson on prayer — our conversations with our Lord.

Kids Korner:
CatChat Episode 3 Teach Me to Pray

A great way to engage your child to learn how to pray and talk to God, by using songs, juggling, and even unicycle adventures. This lesson will teach your child how to have conversations with our Lord.

Watch 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 Ardezone 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, May 5th 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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**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'Keefe, USMC



We are in the process of stuccoing the exterior of our church as it has shown signs of the plaster chipping. This is the last major project of the capital campaign. I was going to go with New York Jet green or Mets blue and orange, but I was voted out. The color will be the same as it is presently. I am sorry for any inconvenience. It should take a couple of weeks. - Father Pat



Father Pat's homily on Good Friday

For the past six summers we have had a week long summer Bible Camp for the young children of the parish. One of the activities that are done is the scavenger hunt in the Church. The children are divided into groups and given a series of items to discover such as: *where is the holy water font, where is the infant Jesus statue, where is the Blessed Mother picture and so on.* It is a practice that the kids enjoy.

I was thinking that if one of the questions was *how many crosses and crucifixes are in the church* that would be a difficult question to answer. We immediately think of the beautiful resurrection cross above the altar, and the striking carved image of the crucified Jesus near the altar. But don't miss the cross above each station of the cross. We have two processional crosses as well as the 9/11 cross and I am sure many others. I think of the great consolation that the recovery workers had at Ground Zero when they found mangled steel beams that were in the form of a cross. As the recovery went on, it became a place of prayer, of blessing, and consolation for those seeking to recover the remains of those who had died. The cross is a most powerful Christian symbol!

I remember taking a course many years ago on liturgy. The professor asked us a question: *should we use a crucifix or cross for our Good Friday services.* I raised my hand and said it should be a crucifix. I said that the body of Jesus on the cross was a very powerful image of our Lord's suffering and death. The professor gently told me I was wrong! He went on to explain that the cross we venerate and kiss today at our Good Friday service is the better symbol. Jesus **is not** on the cross at this time. Our Lord is now sitting at the right hand of the Father and risen in glory. We, the people of the past, the present, and the future **are** on the cross. We are the people who are suffering and in pain - a man dying slowly of bone cancer, a parent burying her daughter who died of an opioid addiction, a refugee fleeing war or poverty, a couple enduring a bitter divorce, a lonely widow grieving for her spouse, a bullied child who sits alone in the lunchroom, a victim of clergy sexual abuse, a starving child, a heart filled with anger and resentment, envy or greed, a person walking in the darkness of depression or mental illness. The litany goes on. **We** are now on the cross of Christ.

We are not masochists. Christians do not embrace or love pain or suffering. We do not choose the burden and sometimes find it unbearable to carry at times. We want to cry out with Jesus, *My God, My God, why have you abandoned me.* We may want to cry to God with Old Testament Job and demand that God tell us why we suffer. But it seems his voice is silent to us as it was to Jesus who clung to his firm belief that *I am the Beloved Son of God. Although all my apostles and friends have left, I believe he is with me.* The Emmanuel of Christmas - God with us, remains true to the words of Jesus. It is finished. So, we come forward today and in awe and reverence to kiss the cross. We do this because we know God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him will not die, but have eternal life. *Every cross is sacred because it shakes our soul with the reality of the love of God.*

We come forward to kiss the cross as a response to our own suffering. The cross may be on our shoulders today, or may be in time to come. But we know it is unavoidable. As we kiss the cross, this ritual is our response in faith that God will not abandon us. When we are on the cross, when are in pain or suffer, he **is** with us.

Elie Wiesel tells a story of the death camp of Auschwitz that describes this reality. He speaks of a time when the Nazi guards randomly lined up ten prisoners to hang since someone had tried to escape. One of them was a small boy five or six years old. All the prisoners of the camp were made to watch this horror. The nine adults died quickly. The boy because, he was small and thin, did not. He hung in agony, gasping and crying for breathe. Wiesel says it was the darkest of so many brutal experiences. A voice from one of the prisoners said with bitterness, *Where is God?* The only sounds are that of those of dying child. Then another prisoner points to the child, and says, *God is right there with the boy.*

This faith in that promise is **why** we kiss the cross of Christ.

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All Sunday Masses on May 19th



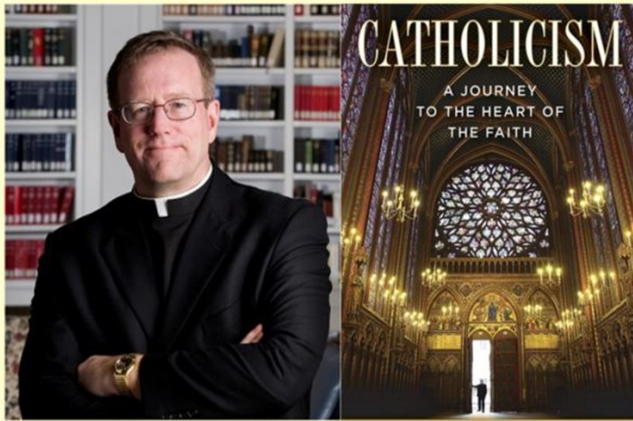
At all Masses on the weekend of May 18th and 19th there will be a second collection and a video will be shown for the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). There will be materials in the gathering area for more information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 26 - June 28: *Catholicism* 10 week series begins 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 5: Father Michael Cunningham, CSsR's First Mass 1PM Church. Reception to follow.
- May 6: Charismatic Prayer Group 7PM Video; 7:30PM Meeting St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 7: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- May 7: Christian Mothers 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 12: Mother's Day Carnation Sale in the Gathering Area
- 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 1: Christopher Quinn's Ordination to Deacon St. Agnes Cathedral 11AM Mass
- June 9: Pentecost Sunday 11:30AM Mass RCIA Adult Confirmation
- June 9: 1PM Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon Christopher Quinn
- July 7: Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop John Barres and Father Paul Borowski, CSsR
- July 28: Redemptorists Farewell Mass

