

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 20 - Saint Bernadine of Siena

6:30 Louis Matthew Fielack, Jr.
9:00 MOTHERS DAY NOVENA

Tuesday - May 21 - Saint Christopher Magallanes & Companions

6:30 Anthony Pendas
9:00 MOTHERS DAY NOVENA

Wednesday - May 22 - Saint Rita of Cascia

6:30 Irene Mosca
9:00 MOTHERS DAY NOVENA

Thursday - May 23

6:30 Marilyn & Lewis Loeven, 60th Wedding Anniv.
9:00 MOTHERS DAY NOVENA

Friday - May 24

6:30 William T. Lai
9:00 Patrick & Mary Foley

Saturday - May 25 - Saints Bede, Gregory VII

Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi
9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5PM Anna Cunningham & Margaret McArdle
7PM Ann & Bill Csajko

Sunday - May 26 - 6th Sunday of Easter

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Nicola LePore
10:00 Robert McCormick
11:30 Mae & Frank Dominianni
1:00 Irene Mosca
5:30 Gail Cammarasana

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tues. Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Wed. Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thurs. Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Fri. Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Sat. Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

Sun. Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 *In the first reading, a letter from the Church in Jerusalem is delivered to the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. In it they are assured that they are under no burdens of the Mosaic law.*

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 *Revelation gives us a vision of splendor: the holy Jerusalem.*

John 14:23-29 *Jesus, in the Gospel, tells his disciples that he and the Father will dwell within those who love him and keep his word. He also promises to send the Holy Spirit as an Advocate.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

May 12, 2019: \$17,529.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Reflection We continue to hear about Paul and Barnabas in the first reading this Sunday. As stewards of the faith, they traveled near and far to spread God's Word, encountering both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. However, we need not sail to Antioch or Pisidia to be evangelizers! Let us spread God's Word today by using our gifts in service to the wider community, beginning with our own hometown.

Living Stewardship Jesus could not have been any more direct in this Gospel reading when He tells us to love one another. As simple as this sounds, this is no easy task. This week, try to show more love and respect to those close to you and ask God to help you love those who are not easy to love.

Charismatic Prayer Group

"Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there. If you set it on fire, it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them and you will get a mighty fire rising like a column into the sky. Public prayer is like that." - St. John Vianney. I wondered why I wasn't getting any inspirations for this week's notice, then I saw this! Come, and be a part of that mighty fire.

NO MEETING HERE ON MONDAY, May 20th. We will be at St. Barnabas in Bellmore at 7:30PM for a powerful regional meeting. You don't want to miss this! Our next meeting at SMT is Wednesday, May 29th at 7:30PM in the St. Alphonsus Hall. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

HOP Club Winners

5/13/19 #307	Kathryn LaFalce	\$25
5/14/19 #532	Thomas Kerrigan	\$25
5/15/19 #135	Bob & Nancy Horan	\$25
5/16/19 #586	JoAnn Klein	\$25
5/17/19 #540	Dolores Volkommer	\$250



Divine Mercy Novena

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

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



St Mother Theresa Outreach Center

This week, the Pantry could use: egg noodles, Rice-a-Roni, chili, pasta sauce, tomato paste, red beans, baked beans, mixed fruit, Chef Boyardee canned pastas, pears, beef soup, vegetable soup, salmon, ketchup, coffee, salt, juice, juice boxes, cake mix, icing, laundry soap, dish soap, diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6), baby wipes, tissues and napkins.

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 19 - 25, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
 Lucy Doupe*

Sanctuary Candle

Week of May 19 - 25, 2019

In Loving Memory of

The McTighe & White Families



REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Carol A. Marrone

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, 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, Joseph Giugliano, Mary Castora



The Pastor's Letter

It's hard to let go of the past when it's holding some of the best memories.

- Unknown



Father, do you know where you are going yet? This is a question that several parishioners have asked me in the past few weeks. I am sure it is equally true for my other confreres as well. My sense of this question is that it comes from a place of care in the questioner. He/she knows that not knowing what is to come can cause anxiety and there is a desire that we be at peace. When I hear the question asked, I feel that I am being cared for by our parish.

I do not believe that any of us will get the answer to that particular question until mid-June. The process of getting our assignment has several steps. First, about six months ago, we elected our Province leaders for the next four years. Our leadership team has a Provincial, Father Paul Borowski, and two full-time advisors, Fathers Jerry Knapp and Matthew Allman. In addition to these three men, we also have five part-time advisors. These men have other ministries in the Province but meet monthly with the Provincial and his team. These eight men are responsible for making the assignments of all the men in our province.

Over the past several months, the eight men have been broken into four teams of two. The four teams are then assigned Redemptorist communities to visit and speak with the confrere of the community. So, two of the advisors to the Provincial came for a day here at St. Martin's to visit with us. We had a meeting with all of us together and then each of us had our own meeting with the team. During that meeting, we are asked how we see ourselves fitting into the ministries of the Province. We are asked about our health and what we might desire to do in the coming four years. So, we might name a particular place we think we would like to be stationed or we might name a more general ministry in which we might wish to serve. The advisors might suggest a few situations to us, but there is final decision given.

There is a week-long meeting in June at which all the information that the teams have gathered is then shared with the entire Provincial Council. There is also an assessment of what are the personnel needs of the province and how they might be best served. Finally, after several days of lengthy discussions, the decisions are made, and the phone calls to the confreres throughout the province begin. This is one time when many of us are nervous when the phone rings. We are told our assignment and a date is set for our arrival at the new location.

Many confreres remain in their present situations for another term while others move to a new assignment. For twenty-one years, I was very involved in this process as a part-time advisor, full-time advisor, and as the Provincial. The men who do this work take it most seriously and try to the best of their abilities to serve the needs of both the province and to place the individual confrere in a pastoral situation that will be fulfilling to both him and the people he serves. One of the beauties of the system is that the men who make the appointments know us pretty well; they also know that the positions they have are not permanent and the very men they are assigning, may one day be assigning them.

Where am I in all of this? I have known since I arrived here at St. Martin's that it would be only for eight years since a pastor in our Redemptorist system only serves two four-year terms before he is re-assigned. For me, there is a great sadness in leaving that is heightened by the fact that the Redemptorists are leaving St. Martin's. It would have been hard for me to leave anyway but the reality of sadness for many of you with our withdrawal adds to my sense of sorrow.

I tend to be a person who is anxious about what is to come. Yet, that feeling of worry about where I am going has not overwhelmed me. These have been busy months and I am trying to live each of the days here with joy and energy. I have come to truly love parish life. So, I could certainly see myself working in another parish. I also like to preach and to be assigned to a retreat house has its appeal. I am not sure if I will be asked to take a position of leadership such as pastor. I have mixed feelings about that very issue. I have had a fair amount of responsibility for the past thirty years. Being in charge has its blessing: you can make decisions and try new things; you are busy and have lots of demands on you. I think I would miss some of that very much. Yet, stepping back into a less demanding role would also have its blessings. It would be an adjustment.

All of you have gone through such changes in your own lives: choosing a school, getting married, having children, buying a home, moving, seeing the children grow up and move away, retiring, downsizing your home, and so forth. An illness or the death of a loved one changes our lives in an instant and quite dramatically. Change is part of life. I think of two great examples from Scripture, that of Abraham who is asked by God to leave all that he knows and to follow an unknown plan that God slowly reveals to him; and our Blessed Mother, who, as a young girl of fifteen or sixteen, is visited by the Archangel Gabriel and whose life is transformed in a most awesome way with the question...*will you be the Mother of God?* This young girl says yes in the greatest act of faith to God.

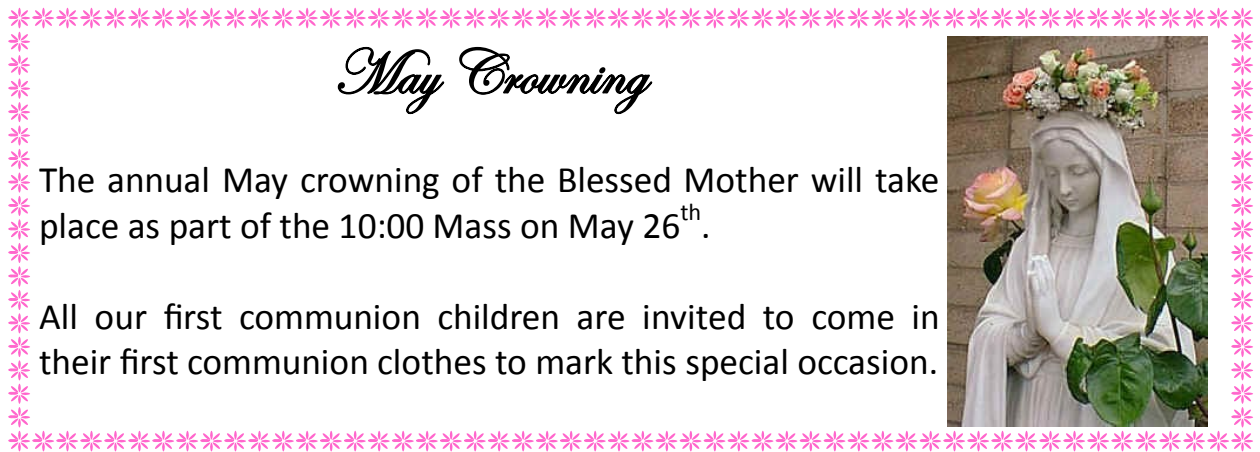
If I had my way, I would love to stay here at pastor for the rest of my life. But as an eighteen year boy-man I made a promise to God and the Redemptorists to do what I am asked to do by my religious superiors. That promise has shaped my life and brought me much happiness over the past fifty years. God has blessed me over the years, and I know he will continue to do so.

Father Patrick Woods, C.Ss.R.
woodscsr@aol.com www.smtbethpage.org

May Crowning

The annual May crowning of the Blessed Mother will take place as part of the 10:00 Mass on May 26th.

All our first communion children are invited to come in their first communion clothes to mark this special occasion.



Last Friday, marked the last day of work for our maintenance man, T.J. Hance. He and his family have moved to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. T.J. was a key man on our parish staff for the past ten years and a great blessing to me personally. Even on his last day here, I saw him carrying air conditioners to the various rooms of the rectory. He worked with dedication and commitment for the parish of St. Martin of Tours.



He was a key advisor to me on so many of the capital campaign projects and on so many issues that we dealt with over the past eight years. T.J. set up, along with Ann Hughes and her great team, our beautiful Christmas and Easter decorations. He was the one who put the baby Jesus in the stable on Christmas Eve because it was not easy to get to in the stable. He treated every parishioner, staff person, and clergy with the utmost respect. When I would wake up on a snowy morning, I'd know that T.J. had worked through the night to make sure our parishioners could get to church.



Through the years, he set up thousands of chairs for the various events of our parish without complaint, worked to keep the heat and air conditioning working. I was always amazed how he would prepare the parish for its annual block party by setting up the tables and chairs, buy the food, and string the lights.

At the 5:00 Mass last Saturday, we bid farewell to him, his wife Christina, his daughters Isabel and Lucy, and his son Thomas along with his Mom. I noted that the mission of our parish is to help spread the Gospel. T.J. was as instrumental in that mission as was the clergy since he so cared for the parish and made our work so much easier. As fine an employee as he was, he was an even better example of a family man and friend to all of us. We presented T.J. with a picture of St. Joseph the Worker teaching Jesus his carpentry skills. We will miss this good man and his family very much.

**DRVC Charismatic Renewal Office
Night of Praise & Regional Prayer Meeting**

Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

**St. Barnabas the Apostle Catholic Church
2320 Bedford Ave., Bellmore NY**

Speaker: Deacon Bruce Burnham

"BUT IF NOT" (when God doesn't answer prayer the way we expect)

"In the Way" and "Winds of Flame" Music Ministries

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE COME TOGETHER
TO WORSHIP OUR LORD AND KING!**



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.

**THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Mass Schedule: Wednesday, May 29th
Vigil Mass of the Ascension 7PM**

**Ascension Thursday, May 30th
6:30AM, 9AM, 12 Noon and 7PM**

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day and on May 30th in observance of the Ascension of the Lord.

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



So much is going on in our church.

Do not mean the institutional church but OUR church - St. Martin of Tours. RCIA has once again bolstered my faith and we have interest already for the 2019-2020 season. *God is good!* I have been delayed in thanking all the people who make this happen. RCIA is a journey and the trip runs

fairly smoothly but *does* have its glitches at times. Most are mechanical but what is always obvious is that the people asking for full initiation or for full communion with the faith *never* are the glitches. They are truly the Light that illuminates the darkness we find in our lives. I thank Lauren and Freddy Ciena and Bridget Michie and Randy Colon who were able to come fully in the faith on February 17, 2019. At the Easter Vigil, so welcomed by the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours, were Rodney Colon, Kenneth David, Tisha Kumar, and Kimberly Smith who were fully initiated into Catholicism and Jaclyn DeCezendo and Holly Maloney who are now in full communion with the church. *God is good!* We have several who will begin Confirmation classes in order to receive this Sacrament on Pentecost Sunday and as mentioned inquiries for our next journey. *God is good!*

The church blossomed at the Vigil and on Easter Sunday due to the efforts of Debbie and Frank Mekalainas and Janice True. The "Flower Lady" thanks you from the bottom of her heart not only for the finished product but for the backaches, knee aches, and the Guinness Book of World Records for bending UP and down. Survival was questioned and eventually achieved. We all got to sit and rest while Father Denis blessed the "I want some" food that the Polish families brought. Told you that so much goes on here. *God is good!*

To Elena Scollo and the entire choir - the music filled the Church not only with notes and lyrics, but Jesus, I know, had a big smile on His face. I have little doubt that He was rocking up the aisle and clapping His hands and "*Wading in the Water*" with us. Thank you all for letting us more than pray twice. A special "Thank you" to T.J. Hance and George Lucas for setting up so much for this celebration. A special thank you to Genny Mitchell who never denies a phone call or request from "The Pest." No one has Genny's touch in designing programs and pamphlets for our occasions. Talent everywhere. *God is good!*

Nobody exceeds the Redemptorists in celebrating the Mass and the Eucharist. If Ginger Rogers reminded us that whatever she did with Fred Astaire, she did backwards, I remind you that the Redemptorists challenged the wind outside over a raging fire (well, maybe not *too* raging), and celebrated the Mass in darkness as well as light. The symbolism could not have been lost on Jesus Christ. Many thanks to all the altar servers as well. *God is good!*

To you, the parishioners of this wonderful, warm and generous parish, I express my gratitude for the support shown at all the masses we attended during our journey. The Easter Vigil is the Catholic Church's apex of all celebrations. The Easter Vigil makes you wait and yet it is surprising to find out how much time passes without realizing it. It allows us to savor and bathe in the glory of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. *God is good!*

Life goes on and *will* go on at St. Martin of Tours. I had both cataract surgeries, and have to admit to anxiety but I came home with 20/20-2 sight as a result of my new lens. I have to tell you that the next morning I took off the plastic cup and looked into the mirror. I saw clearer than I had ever thought and spotted the large amount of gray hair that I know *must* have been caused by all those thousands of drops that my eye had absorbed. When did this happen? How come nobody told me about the hair and the wrinkles that have to be a contra-indication of cataract surgery? I hadn't realized as I looked around how much deeper the colors are and how green God's outside world really is. I hadn't realized how much I was missing. What a world He has created! *God is good!*

Lastly, a reflection...time changes all things be they physical, emotional or even spiritually. Spring has sprung and the outside world is waking up and enhancing everything around it. At the Resurrection, we went from darkness to Light. In Spring, usually everything seems brighter, the birds sing louder, the trees dress up in their "Sunday best" to compete with all that is around them. Spring eventually calls on Summer to make itself known with all of its pleasures and activities. Summer will then get tired and call on Fall to do its thing and Fall will bring the beauty and the pain of Winter. Life goes on but in God's hands, he snaps his fingers, nods his head with a smile on His face and we remember what we heard in Genesis..."*And God saw that it was good!*" I am so proud to be a parishioner of St. Martin of Tours Church! Let's keep on journeying. God is more than good. *God is awesome!*

Ann Hughes



Plentiful Redemption

We are very grateful and thank you for your stories, pictures and memories that we have collected for the book, *Plentiful Redemption*.

There will be two ways for parishioners to obtain or access the book:

(1) ON-LINE ACCESS: All parishioners will be able to view the book at no charge on our St. Martin's web page. When available, access information will be provided.

Plentiful Redemption

Or (2) RESERVE & PRE-PAY: If you are interested in purchasing a hard copy, you will have the opportunity to reserve and pre-pay at a cost of \$10 (check or cash) in the gathering area on the following weekends:

May 18th & 19th AND May 25th & 26th

The books will be distributed on Sunday, July 7th after the 1:00PM Mass.

Parish Social Ministry is looking for volunteers to bring the donated food from the church wagon to the pantry.

The best time is Sunday afternoon after the 1PM or 5:30PM Mass, but time can be flexible. Please call the pantry during open hours or leave a message at 931-7332 to set things up. Thank you to all who donate.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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.

Women's Group of St. Martin of Tours

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 7pm in St. Alphonsus Hall. All women are welcome and do bring a friend!

Please contact us at smtwomensgroup@gmail.com or at 516.931.0818 for more information. See you then!

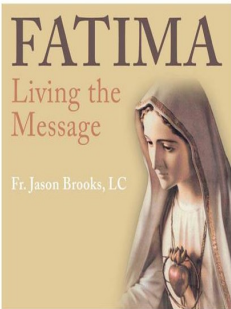


St. Gerard Majella, CSsR is a very popular Redemptorist saint of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery.

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

Fatima: Living the Message



The world is ever in need of generous hearts willing to make reparation for those in danger of losing their way to God. We are called to hear anew the call of Our Lady of Fatima to prayer and sacrifice.

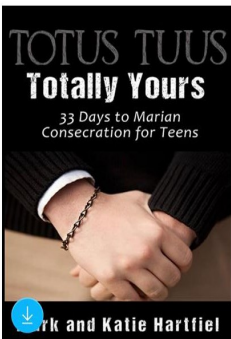
FORMED Pick of the Week

Fatima: Living the Message by Jason Brooks

HEED YOUR MOTHER'S ADVICE: Fr. Jason Brooks brings to light why Fatima is regarded by many as the most important spiritual event of the past 100 years and why Our Lady's message is still as relevant as ever. Fatima has the full endorsement of many of our popes, both past and present, and has made several papal visits attended by millions of pilgrims. One of the requests of Our Lady of Fatima, is to pray, especially the Rosary, every day and for the pope to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart, a task St. John Paul II carried out in 1984. *The Miracle of the Sun* happened in 1917 so that all may believe in Our Lady of Fatima. It reminds us all of the Gospel message to pray, repent and turn back to God. Her feast day is May 13th.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

33 Days to Marian Consecration for Teens



In a world where so many of our youth lose the faith and are swept away by the forces of the world, uniting young hearts to The Immaculate Heart is a game-changer. This book has been life changing for so many teens that have persevered into their adulthood with a personal relationship with Jesus and Mary.

FORMED Kids' Korner

Totus Tuus - Totally Yours

33 Days to Marian Consecration for Teens
by Mark and Katie Hartfiel

Finally, a journey of Consecration to Jesus through Mary designed for Teens. Developed from years of Youth Ministry experience, this day-by-day devotional is ideal for those who desire a deeper relationship with Jesus. There are litanies, prayers, Scripture, and wonderful quotes from the Saints. The book ends with a Consecration prayer that the Teen signs and records the date that the Consecration was made. The intention of this book is for Teens to continue to pray this book into adulthood, thus making this Consecration a way of life.

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, contact Jack Batt (516) 868-8192 or Nick Ardezzone at (516) 582-7486.



To close out the year, we are having a BBQ on Sunday June 2nd after the 5:30 Mass (rain or shine!) in the school parking lot. Let us know how many are coming so we have enough food for everyone!
SMT_lifeteen@yahoo.com

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

Our Disney raffle tickets are SOLD OUT!

DRAWING: THIS Sunday, May 19th at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.

Live music, baked goods, 50/50 & more!!

1st Prize: Five \$1,000 Disney Gift Cards

2nd Prize: \$1,000

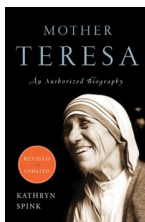
3rd Prize: \$500



You will not need to be present to win. Whether you bought one or more or many more, we cannot begin to thank you all enough! Good luck everyone and thank you again and again!

Combining the Spiritual & Regular Book Clubs

Both clubs are reading *Mother Teresa - An Authorized Biography* by Kathryn Spink and will meet on Wednesday, July 10th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. All are welcome to join us!



LIVING WATERS CATHOLIC COUNSELING

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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.



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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.

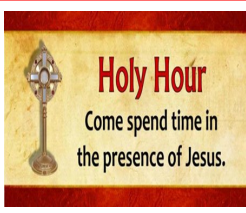
In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word *circle* to 797979.

The First Pillar of Christian Stewardship: Hospitality

Many of us have walked away from a restaurant and said, "I'm never coming back here, the waiter was so rude!" or "How do they expect people to come back with an attitude like that!" No matter how good the food was, how warming the atmosphere was, all we remember was the lack of hospitality from the wait staff. Is it possible that we have kept others from coming to the beauty and awesomeness of the Mass because of our poor hospitality?

A welcoming attitude can go a long way when it comes to Church. Have you invited your non-Catholic friends to Mass? Do you prevent your children from coming with you to Mass? Let's not forget hospitality when we are in church as well. Are you sometimes cold to the person sitting next to you ("Ugh, why must they bring their crying child to Mass?")? Did you remember to hold the door open to the elderly couple walking slowly behind you as you entered the church? Finally, let's not forget the dreaded church parking lot! How many times have you honked, cursed or sighed while trying to leave the lot?

Remember, it was a call that brought forth the first disciples. How did St. Peter learn of Jesus? His brother, St. Andrew brought him to the Messiah. Our Lord even speaks of hospitality when He is in the house of the Pharisee. Read Luke 7:36-50, it is the sinful woman who showed love and hospitality to Jesus, not the Pharisee whose house it was.



Our monthly holy hour will be from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28th. The regular Tuesday adoration will continue until 7:30 p.m.

LEST WE FORGET
Knights of Columbus Catholic War Vets
POPPY SALE
All Sunday Masses on May 19th

COLLECTION To HELP HOMELESS VETERANS
Memorial Day Weekend - May 25th & 26th

There will be volunteers to accept donations for HOMELESS VETERANS in the Gathering Area. They can use new twin sheet sets, Walmart, Target or other gift cards. Please be as generous as your means will allow. God bless our Veterans and all those who are currently serving and all those who gave their lives for our country.

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

PRAYER LIST OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

We are looking to update the list of military personnel and also the photos that are in the gathering area. Please either call the rectory at 931-0818 or email gamit1946@hotmail.com with any updates or changes. Thank you!

NEXT VIRTUS CLASS
Wed, 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.

The Parish Men's Club will meet on May 30 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Hall. Mr. Met will facilitate a discussion on being humble.



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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS ALERT: HELP STOP PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Proponents of doctor-assisted suicide are pushing their agenda in states across the country, and New York is in their sights. This week they come to Albany as they seek to make legal for terminally ill patients to receive life-ending drugs. These policies are dangerous for patients, caregivers, and vulnerable populations. ***Suicide is not medical care.*** Please tell your Senate and Assembly representatives that you oppose this deadly practice. Write, call or email your elected officials today. Catholic Action Network, 5/13/19

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE: Allison O'Brien will be completing her work as Director for the Respect Life Office as of June 1st. News of her replacement will be forwarded as soon as announced.

ALABAMA SENATE OUTLAWS ABORTION, SETTING UP SUPREME COURT ROE V. WADE CHALLENGE: CNA, Montgomery Ala. May. 14, 2019. The Alabama Senate approved a bill that will outlaw nearly all abortion in the state. The bill, which is expected to be signed by Gov. Kay Ivey, is intended to be a direct challenge to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that declared unconstitutional state measures prohibiting abortion.



The Human Life Protection Act (HB314), if signed into law, will make attempting or performing an abortion a felony offense. Doctors who perform abortion would be charged with a Class A felony and could face between 10 years and life in prison. The penalty would apply **ONLY TO DOCTORS, NOT TO MOTHERS**, who according to the bill's sponsors, would not face criminal penalties for undergoing abortions. The measure does include a provision that would allow abortions "in cases where abortion is necessary in order to prevent a serious health risk to the unborn child's mother."

Opponents pledged months ago to challenge the legislation in court. This is exactly what the bill's sponsors expected. Supporters say court challenges could lead to a reversal of the Roe v. Wade decision. Bishop Robert Baker of Birmingham said in April that the legislation reflects "the strong commitment that the people of Alabama have to life." In an April 2 statement, the bishop praised the lawmakers' effort.

THE CATHOLIC WORLD REPORT: Empty Cradle, Empty pews. What the low birth rate means for Catholics: Washington D.C. May 18, 2018 CNA/EWTN News: You can go to CNA/and pull up this interesting article in declining birth rates in the U.S. and around the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 26 - June 28: *Catholicism* 10 week series begins 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 19: Knights of Columbus will be selling poppies at all Sunday Masses.
- May 19: Youth Ministry Disney Drawing 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 20: Knights of Columbus Blood Drive located at the Council. See p 11.
- May 20: Regional Meeting at St. Barnabas Church, Bellmore. See p 8.
- May 21: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- May 22: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall (Library Room)
- May 26: May Crowning 10AM Family Mass
- May 27: Memorial Day 9AM Mass Only - Rectory Closed
- May 28: Holy Hour 3:00 - 4PM Church
- May 28: Eucharistic Adoration 4PM - 7:30PM Church
- May 29: Vigil Mass 7PM/May 30: Ascension 6:30AM, 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM
- June 1: Christopher Quinn's Ordination to Deacon St. Agnes Cathedral (invitation only)
- June 6: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall. See p 12.
- June 9: Pentecost Sunday 11:30AM Mass RCIA Adult Confirmation
- June 9: Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon Christopher Quinn 1PM
- July 7: Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop John Barres & Fr. Paul Borowski, CSSR 1PM
- July 10: Regular & Spiritual Book Club Meeting 7:30PM
- July 28: Redemptorists Farewell Mass

