

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 27 - Saint Augustine of Canterbury

No 6:30 Mass - Memorial Day
9:00 Mae Jaccarino

Tuesday - May 28

6:30 Michael Paladino
9:00 Eddie & Ella Gould

Wednesday - May 29

6:30 Ronald Gedney
9:00 Donna Dean (living) and Brian Jones
7 PM Helen & John McCarthy (**Vigil Mass**)

Thursday - May 30 - The Ascension of the Lord

6:30 Erma Eichenlaub, 5th Anniversary
9:00 Peggy McCabe, 8th Anniversary
12PM Rosemary Eigner
7PM Rose Calabrese

Friday - May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Ann Tapinekis
9:00 Helen Marino

Saturday - June 1 - Saint Justin, Martyr

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5PM John Scully
7PM Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - June 2 - 7th Sunday of Easter

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 John & Catherine Leonard
10:00 Dennis A. Satriana, 1st Anniv & John L., 25th Anniv
11:30 Theresa Shubert
1:00 Kelly, Kinnick & Werner Family
5:30 Jean & Frank Portelli

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26 -16:4a
Tues. Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wed. Acts 17:15, 22 -18:1; John 16:12-15
Thurs. Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53
Fri. Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56
Sat. Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

Sun. Acts 7:55-60 *In the first reading, Stephen sees a heavenly vision before he is thrown out of the city and stoned by the crowd.*

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 *In Revelation, John reveals Jesus' testimony as the Alpha and the Omega, and his invitation to receive the gift of life-giving water.*

John 17:20-28 *Jesus prays for his disciples and those who will follow, asking the Father to perfect them in unity.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00

May 19, 2019: \$15,628.38

Thank you for your generous support!

Reflection Without prayer, it is very difficult to hear the voice of God in our lives. Even Jesus prayed before making big decisions in His life! We see Jesus pray in the Scripture before He chooses His disciples. The image of Jesus praying in the garden before His crucifixion is a powerful one that shows us how prayer can help us do God's will no matter how tough it is.

Living Stewardship Pray. Listen to what God is telling you. God may be moving you to do something for His church or He may be putting someone in your life and asking you to do something for them.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Greatest Of All Time (G.O.A.T.)

Muhammed Ali may have claimed this title but we know the real "G.O.A.T." is God. But there are other "GOATS" some of which you may know. I'm talking about anyone who serves or served our country. To ALL the EMTs, firefighters, police officers and all those in the military, active, non-active, retired and especially those who paid for our freedom with their lives, to their families - *thank you for your service and sacrifice!*

Our next meeting at SMT is Wednesday, May 29th at 8PM in St. Alphonsus Hall after the Vigil Mass of the Ascension. We will resume the videos soon. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

HOP Club Winners

5/20/19 #515 Kathleen McCormick \$25
5/21/19 #423 Mary Pat Goggin \$25
5/22/19 #621 John Crofton \$25
5/23/19 #180 Katherine McCabe \$25
5/24/19 #431 Grace Fidnarick \$50



Divine Mercy Novena

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



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, egg noodles, Rice-a-Roni, Stove Top Stuffing, salmon, pears, apple sauce, tomato paste, Chef Boyardee Pastas, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, vegetable soup, coffee, boxed milk, icing, brownies, cake mix, Jello, pudding, laundry soap, tissues, diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6) and baby wipes.

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 26 - June 2, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
 Matthew Smyth*

Sanctuary Candle

Week of May 26 - June 2, 2019

*In Loving Memory of
 The Gambino Family*



REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Michael DeCicco, Edward A. Murphy

Memorial Day

Let us stop and remember those who gave up their lives for our freedom. May their souls forever rest in peace.

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, Deborah A. Sullivan, Joseph Giugliano
- Mary Castora, Diana Hart Mirando, Patricia & Ralph Keck



The Pastor's Letter

My great niece Fiona is graduating from eighth grade this spring. Last week, I went to Xaverian Genesis Academy to attend an award ceremony which was very well done. I went to her Confirmation and in June to her graduation. I am close to all my great nieces and nephews as I was to their parents, but I have been blessed to spend special time with Fiona and her brother Sean since their parents live upstairs in our family home. I also often go on vacation with them to their home in the Poconos. Fiona is growing up to be a lovely young lady of whom I am very proud. Sometimes, when I say something crazy or tell a nutty joke, she will say, *Uncle Pat, you're supposed to be a priest*. I always respond that *I am a priest* and that makes her laugh. I consider my life very blessed, since I have never had children or grandchildren, but I have had the joy of sharing so much life with all of the great nieces and nephews. When Fiona was little, I had to argue with her over whether we could watch my choice on TV of the Jets or her choice of *Hanna Montana*. As I matured, just a little bit, I would give in to her. I am still the go-to person for homework on literature or religion topics. I recall a debate where Fiona said her religion teacher told her that Lazarus was the cousin of Jesus. I told her I never heard that, and it was not in the Bible. She continues to disagree with me and sides with her teacher. Go figure!



As I saw at the award ceremony with my sister and Fiona's parents, Claire and Tom, I recalled the day that Fiona was born. I got to hold her on the first day of her life. Now, I kind of understand what I have heard parents very often say, *I can't believe how fast they are growing up*. I would smile when a mother would say; *my baby is almost six months*. I can't believe it! I think there is almost universal agreement how amazingly fast time passes (unless you are attending one of my sermons!). I have also heard it said that the older you get, it seems that time moves even more quickly. I have a good Redemptorist friend who is about 15 years older than I. He is a wonderful priest and friend, and he would often say to me, *Pat, how old are you now?* Whatever age I was at the time, he would always say, *Pat, it goes so fast. Enjoy your life!*

I have seen many different versions of the great American play *Our Town*. Once, I had the opportunity to see it on Broadway with the late Paul Newman playing the stage manager. I particularly recall the way he said this line: *"I'm awfully interested in how big things begin. You know how it is; you're twenty-one or twenty-two and you make some decisions . . . then whissh! You're seventy. You've been a lawyer for fifty years and that white-haired lady by your side has eaten over 50,000 meals with you. How do such things begin?"* The word *whissh* so captured the rapid passage of time.

As I prepare to leave St. Martin's, I think back to a hot summer day in July - July 20, 2011 to be exact. I was both nervous and excited. My most vivid memory of that day was the three Redemptorists who were stationed in the community, Fathers Henry, Jim, and Poly (a wonderful confrere from India, who filled in for the summer) immediately came to greet and welcome me. And Father Henry had already turned the air-conditioning in my room so I would be nice and cool. It probably took six months for Geny our parish secretary telling me, *Father, watch the step from my office into your office*. I still have some bruised toes. Who knows where the time goes!

Years ago, our province had a workshop on aging. The presenter asked us what age we would want to be if we could choose any age right now. I think many of us thought about wanting to go back to an earlier time. He went on to explain if you choose any other age than the one you are right now, then you have not accepted where you are in your journey of life. That has stayed with me. Whatever age you are that is the age to be. It is good to have memories of the past, and concerns for the future. That is very normal. But the great psychologist Carl Jung once said, *neurosis is a refusal to live in the present*. We all know it, but moments, hours, and weeks are easily missed and forgotten, that the best way to live is take each day and each moment as a gift from God.

To me, that is the meaning of the wonderful words that St. Therese of Lisieux spoke on her deathbed: *All is grace*. Our first Redemptorist pastor, a dear friend of mine, Father George Keaveney said those words as he was preparing to die. *All is grace*. When Father George received the diagnosis that he was dying of cancer, he was in the hospital. They still wanted to run a few more tests. He asked that his rosary, a novel, and a donut be brought to him. I love that. He was going to keep living and enjoying life as the gift that God had given him.

As a child, I remember the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood talking to us about *The Sacrament of the Present Moment*. We know a sacrament is an encounter with God in a very special way. The sisters were teaching us that every moment can be an encounter with the living God. I read somewhere there in *the Hail Mary*, we say *...now and at the hour of our death...* The author said those are the two most important moments of our lives - now and the moment of death.

I will conclude with another passage from *Our Town* that I think is deeply spiritual, and a call to try our best to live *The Sacrament of the Present Moment* and to know that *All is Grace*. You may know the scene. Emily, one of the key characters of the play has died and is in the town cemetery. She asks permission to have one more day of life. The other people in the cemetery tell her not to go back for a day since she will be disappointed. She insists and goes back to relive her twelfth birthday. It is a nice birthday, but nothing spectacular. We would call it an ordinary day. Emily sees how little we humans truly see the gift of life. So, she asked to go back to the cemetery and these are her final words to all of God's children:

"Let's really look at one another!...It goes so fast. We don't have time to look at one another. I didn't realize. So all that was going on and we never noticed... Wait! One more look. Good-bye! Good-bye world. Good-bye, Grover's Corners....Mama and Papa. Good-bye to clocks ticking....and Mama's sunflowers. And food and coffee. And new ironed dresses and hot baths....and sleeping and waking up. Oh, earth, you are too wonderful for anybody to realize you. Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it- every, every minute?"

Father Patrick Woods, C.Ss.R., Pastor
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* **The annual May crowning of the Blessed Mother will take place as part of the 10:00** *
* **Mass this Sunday, May 26th. All our first communion children are invited to come in** *
* **their first communion clothes to mark this special occasion.** *
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On June 1, 2019, parishioner Christopher Quinn will be ordained a permanent deacon of the Catholic Church. For the past four years, Chris, while maintaining a full-time job, has been at the diocesan seminary almost every Saturday taking the required courses required to become a deacon. I am so impressed with his commitment in spite of the intensity of the studies. As a deacon of the Catholic Church, Chris will assist at Masses and other liturgical functions, read the Gospel, preach the Word of God, celebrate baptisms and weddings, and bless those seeking blessings, as well as sacramental. Over the years that I have come to know him, I am humbled by his spirituality and commitment to serve so generously. I also want to express my deep appreciation for all the assistance and support that Deacon Tom Hennessy gave Chris in his discernment as he journeyed through the Tours program. You will be soon be hearing Chris

preach at our Sunday Masses. His first official Mass as deacon will take place on June 9th, the Feast of Pentecost, at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. I have no doubt that deacon-to-be Chris will be a great blessing to the parishioners of St. Martin's, and I asked him to tell us about himself and how the Spirit of God worked in his calling as deacon. - Father Pat

Christopher Quinn - Biography

I am a life-long resident of Bethpage and have been a parishioner at St. Martin's for over 60 years. I own my own home and am very close to my sister and nephew. I attended St. Martin of Tours Elementary School and went on to graduate from Island Trees High School. My Associate of Arts degree is from Nassau Community College and I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology /Psychology from Hofstra University.

I have worked in a variety of different areas in business including 10 years in administration for Harris Corporation and over 24 years in supervision and management for Sears and Kmart. Currently I work as a customer service representative for Catholic Cemeteries in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. My hobbies include walking, gardening, music and volunteer work. I was a volunteer at the Nassau County Department of Probation for about 3 years and a member of Engine 7 in the Levittown Fire Department for approximately 10 years. At St. Martin's I have been a Minister of the Word for over 7 years and am also an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. I also served as a member of the parish Liturgy Committee.

My personal commitment to the faith and an increasing desire to serve Christ and the Church is what led me to consider first what it takes to become a deacon, and then to dedicate my efforts to completing the formation process. Initially when growing up, it was my parents who instilled in my sister and me the importance of our Catholic faith and the many sacrifices they made to raise us in the faith. Later there was a priest and a deacon who by their actions and faith inspired and encouraged me to consider pursuing ordained ministry.

Studying for the diaconate for me has been a rewarding experience, however it is one that is very challenging and requires both deep individual resolve and commitment. The personal development that one experiences in being molded to serve in ministry and the relationships and bonds that are formed with others is a true gift. I have a deep personal affection towards St. Martin's as my parish and especially toward my fellow parishioners. Having received my sacraments here, St. Martin's is truly a spiritual home for me.



As I look toward ministry as a deacon, I am eager to lead others in liturgy and prayer and to be available to all by serving them in any capacity that I can or in any ways they may need. I look forward to the future of the parish being able to serve the parishioners as a result of my diocesan training coupled with the beautiful Redemptorist spirit for which I will always be grateful.

My favorite saints include: St. Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower), St. John Paul II and St. John of the Cross. Others who have greatly influenced me include Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Bishop Robert Barron and the apologist, G.K. Chesterton.

My personal desire and goal is to serve the parishioners of St. Martin's in their individual faith journey, and to do so with humility, compassion and commitment as together we move forward and grow as a faith community for the glory and honor of God - Father Son and Holy Spirit.

Christopher Quinn

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

**BISHOP BARRES, STATE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE REACT TO FAILED ATTEMPT
TO PROTECT BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS**

During the NY State Senate session May 13, Senator Pamela Helming (R-Geneva) introduced a hostile amendment to restore legal protections to born-alive abortion survivors. The amendment was defeated in a show-of-hands vote along party lines.

According to a statement from the New York State Catholic Conference, the amendment attempted to rectify a portion of the radical 'Reproductive Health Act' passed in January, which removed such protections for fully formed babies in the womb and infants who survive late-term abortion.

"The scale of New York's abortion expansion shocked the country and began a national conversation about the horror of infanticide and the extreme agenda of the pro-abortion movement," the statement continued. "Yet a motion to correct this heinous overreach and to restore protections to born children went down to defeat when the Democratic majority was presented with an opportunity to rectify this portion of the law."

"It defies common sense and public opinion. We continue to pray for a change of heart among elected officials who support such a radical assault on the sacredness and dignity of human life."

Diocese of Rockville Centre Bishop John Barres issued a statement May 16 thanking Senator Helming for her efforts and urging all Catholics to be aware of their responsibility to respect and defend life. "Please join me in prayer for legislators like Senator Helming who courageously work to protect human life," said Bishop Barres. "May her leadership, despite the odds, inspire and motivate other legislators to protect the innocent from what has become a radical assault on the sacredness and dignity of human life.

"We as Catholics have a responsibility to protect life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church commands: 'Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.' CCC 2270.

"As your bishop, I urge each and every one of you, the People of God of this great diocese, to consider this responsibility when discerning your vote in future elections. It is through fervent prayer, and our unrelenting commitment to speak out and defend all human life, that the horrific course we are presently on can be changed."

Memorial Day Prayer- Let Us Not Forget



God of power and mercy,
 you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
 Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
 that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.
 Keep in your mercy those men and women
 who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely
 into your kingdom of justice and peace.
 We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

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 **May 25th & 26th**. **After that date you can purchase a book at the rectory up to and including May 29.** Any questions,

email: smtbethepagecommunity@gmail.com

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

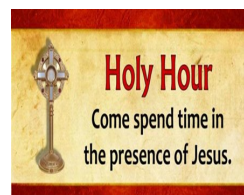
The best time is Sunday afternoon after the 1PM or 5:30PM Mass, but time can be flexible. Please call the pantry during open hours or leave a message at 931-7332 to set things up. Thank you to all who donate.

Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour



There is no Holy Hour in May, however, come to the next devotion honoring Saint Padre Pio on **Tuesday, June 18th at 7:30PM in the Eucharistic Chapel.** All are most welcome!

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.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE COMES TO YOUR HOME



For more information on how you can have the Pilgrim Statue come to your home, call Sheila at (516) 396-1471.

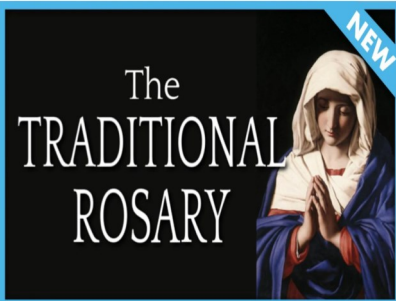


St. Gerard Majella, CSsR is a very popular Redemptorist saint of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery.

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 Traditional Rosary



The Traditional Catholic Rosary features the recitation of the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries of the traditional fifteen-decade Rosary.

**FORMED Pick of the Week
For Adults and Young Adults:
The Traditional Catholic Rosary**

There is beautiful artwork to behold and inspire, and a selected virtue is included as a meditation, for the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries. The rosary is recited and led by the soothing and peaceful voice of Monsignor Perez. There is also a subtle orchestral soundtrack as well. This is a good way to shut out distractions when we pray our rosaries.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

Mother Teresa



The many small miracles, great charity, and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint.

**FORMED Kids' Korner
For Teens and Adults:**

The Movie: Mother Teresa, Ignatius Press

In an acclaimed portrayal Olivia Hussey, illumines the life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless Missionary, who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor. Her faith and works transcend hardship and ultimately earned her The Nobel Peace Prize. The most important take-away from this film is in a pivotal moment in Mother Teresa's life at a train station in what she called her "call within a call," when Jesus appears to her and says to her "I thirst." What does Jesus thirst for? How does Mother Teresa respond to this? Watch this film to see what the life of a modern day saint looks like.

Watch on: smtbethpage.formed.org



Last Sunday we had the Disney drawing and were so happy to award the Disney gift cards totaling \$5,000 to Roseanna Kluth. \$1,000 was won by Robert O'Connor while Deirdre O'Shaughnessy was the lucky \$500 winner. In addition, we were able to give away other fun prizes.

Thank you to Liam Gordon, Caitlyn Cummings and the teens for providing the entertainment. They were great as always. Thank you to Dottie Lotten and Genny Mitchell for providing the delicious desserts. Most especially and BIG thank you to everyone of you who supported the Youth Ministry by buying tickets. The teens are able to go to the Steubenville retreat in July at no cost to their families. Last by not least, thank you, Father Pat, for taking a chance on this fund raiser and to Fathers Jim, Ciya and Denis for supporting us.

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 or cafeteria should it rain. Let us know how many are coming so we have enough food for everyone! SMT_lifeteen@yahoo.com or contact the rectory at 931-0818.

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

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

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND October 18 - 28, 2019

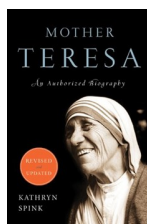
Father Al Olive, C.Ss.R. & Father Michael Cunningham, C.Ss.R. will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, leaving from JFK Airport on October 18th. The trip includes Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. The price is \$3,790 - all inclusive. Please call to make reservations:

Fr. Cunningham	718-492-9200
Fr. Olive	718-492-9200
LeAnn	410-897-2538

We hope you can join us! - Father Olive, C.Ss.R.

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!



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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
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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

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PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
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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**

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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.



Our Annual Summer Bible Camp will be held from Monday, July 15 to Friday, July 19. The sessions will be in the evening from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are making it available to children six to twelve. Teens are welcome to help as junior counselors. The fee for Bible Camp is \$20.00 for one child and \$30.00 for two or more children. No child will be turned away if finances are a problem. This is a program that our children have very much enjoyed in the past years. ***If you wish to register your child, please fill out the form below, drop off or mail to the rectory at 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714 no later than June 28th. Any questions, call 931-0818.***

CHILD(REN'S) NAME(S): _____

AGE(S): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE/CELL NUMBER: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

ANY ALLERGIES? _____

**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 or cash or checks payable to United Veterans Beacon House. God bless our Veterans and all those who are currently serving and all those who gave their lives for our country. **If anyone would like to take over this cause, please call the rectory at 931-0818.**

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. Alphonus 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. Alphonus Hall. Mr. Met will facilitate a discussion on being humble.



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Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau
1 (800) 592-4357
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

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HONORING OUR HEROES

Since the earliest ceremonies in small American towns following the Civil War, we have gathered on Memorial Day to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. As in those early days of laying wreaths and placing flags, our national day of remembrance is often felt most deeply among families and communities who have personally lost friends and loved ones.



This national holiday may also be the unofficial start of the summer season, but all Americans should take a moment to remember the sacrifice of our valiant military service members, first responders and their families. Memorial Day is a day of both celebration and grief, accounting for the honor of our heroes and reflecting on their tragic loss. "Here at the Capitol, just weeks before the end of the Civil War, a weary President Lincoln pleaded with his fellow citizens, to 'bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan.'"

Today, we honor service members from all of America's past wars. But there is immediacy in our sorrow; the wounds of war are new again. As we struggle for ways to heal, Abraham Lincoln's message of almost 150 years ago can still inspire us. This then, is the mission of Memorial Day: to reach out in support of all the soldiers and their families who have sacrificed so much for us.

Fatalities from U.S. Wars and Conflicts

American Revolution (1775-1783)	4,435	World War II (1941-1945)	405,399
War of 1812 (1812-1815)	2,260	Korean War (1950-1953)	36,574
Mexican War (1846-1848)	13,283	Vietnam War (1964-1975)	58,220
Civil War (1861-1865)	620,000	Gulf War (1990-1991)	383
Spanish American War (1898-1902)	385	Afghanistan War (2001-present)	2,372
World War I (1917-1918)	116,516	Iraq War (2003 - 2012)	4,500

So, as we come together, fly your flag, say a prayer, tell your children and grandchildren about the sacrifices of brave men and woman that have made this incredible America the home they enjoy, and live their lives. May God bless them, each and every one of them, and those who continue to take up the flag and walk in their footsteps today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 26 - June 28: *Catholicism* 10 week series begins 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 25/26: Collection for Homeless Veterans Gathering Area
- May 26: May Crowning 10AM Family Mass
- May 27: Memorial Day 9AM Mass Only - Rectory Office 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
- May 29: Charismatic Prayer Group 8PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 29: Rectory Office Closed
- May 30: Men's Club
- June 1: First Saturday Devotion 8:30AM Rosary Church
- June 1: Christopher Quinn's Ordination to Deacon St. Agnes Cathedral (invitation only)
- June 3: Holy Face Devotion 1PM Church
- June 6: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall. See p 12.
- June 9: Pentecost Sunday RCIA Adult Confirmation 5:30PM Mass (changed from 11:30)
- June 9: Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon Christopher Quinn 1PM
- June 26: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- July 7: Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop John Barres & Fr. Paul Borowski, CSsR 1PM
- July 10: Regular & Spiritual Book Club Meeting 7:30PM

