#### **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest

9AM Peggy Castle

Tues. September 10

9AM Joseph Spoto

Wed. September 11 - Remembering 9/11/2001

9AM Joseph Marsiello

Thurs. September 12 - Most Holy Name of Mary

9AM Mr. Denis Sweeney

Fri. September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9AM Clare Lynch

Sat. September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9AM Janina Grochowska, William Veltri

5PM The People of the Parish

Sun, September 15 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday

7:30AM Anton Vormittag

10AM Jeffrey Greco, Albert Burghardt

Roger Sherman, Joan DeBona, 3rd Anniv.

12PM John Mattariello

5:30PM Salvatore Sciame

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11

Tues. Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19

Wed. Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26

Thurs. Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38

Sat. Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Fri.

**Sun. Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14** In the first reading, Moses turns away God's wrath when the people of

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42

Israel create and worship a molten calf.

**1 Timothy 1:12-17** St. Paul, writing to Timothy, describes himself as the foremost of sinners - an example to others of God's merciful love.

**Luke 15:1-32** Jesus tells several parables to illustrate examples of God's mercy to sinners.



#### Divine Mercy Novena

Every Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** 

#### **OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT**

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00 September 1, 2019: \$13,653.19



#### **Bulletin Reflection**

In today's Gospel, Jesus helps us to understand what really matters. Put God first in your

life and never let any possession come between you and Him.

#### **Living Stewardship** - Pillar of Formation

Take time out of your week to listen to what God has to say to you. Spend some quiet time in front of the Tabernacle and just listen to God's counsel.

#### Charismatic Prayer Group

Time might be God's most mysterious creation. There is no beginning and no end! Ever since we started measuring time, we have tried to control it. Sometimes there's not enough; sometimes there's too much. How often have you thought, "If only I could go back & re-do...?" Every minute is special and unique. They may all seem the same but not if you look closely. What's important is what you do with the time you are given, not how much you are given. Read Psalm 39:4-7.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 9th at 7:30PM in the Church. Come and spend some time with the Lord. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more info.

#### **H.O.P. CLUB WEEKLY WINNERS**

9/2/19	#262	Ann Hughes	\$25
		Daniel & Laura Esposito	\$25
9/4/19	#487	Jean Davenport	\$25
9/5/19	#58	Kathy & John McKerlie	\$25
9/6/19	#534	Guy & Mary Drescher	\$50



St Mother Theresa St Martin of Tours

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

Outreach Center This week, the Pantry could use: egg noodles, stuffing, pancake mix,

beef stew, tomato paste, salmon, apple sauce, peaches, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, vegetable soup, coffee, brownies, evaporated milk, salt, Jell-O, pudding, mayonnaise, bar soap, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry soap, tissues, paper towels, shampoo, diapers (size 6) and baby wipes.

Thank you for your tremendous generosity to 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 I. Wine Week of Sept 8 - 14, 2019

> In Loving Memory of Janina Grochowska

The Sanctuary Candle Week of Sept 8 - 14, 2019







#### **REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Elizabeth J. Schwendtner Josephine DeSimone-Cobb

#### 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 Lynn Brassil, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino, 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 Baciuska, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder Elsa Ryan, Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, William Boyce Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Sarah Messina, Michael Arato Jo Ann Anastos, Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller, Elizabeth Ryan Layla Barr, Susan Carroll-Goyan, Patty & Tom Turano, Jesusa Aquin Nicholas Amato, Joseph McCroary, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan, Taylor Edward Boyce, Fran Gandalfo, Johnny D., Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR Joseph & Joyce Kostyak, 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 Ralph Caputo, Kristen Smith, Michael Vigotty, Vinny Vanturini Tom Mitchell, Pat Murphy, Tarabokija Family, Philip Marino, Kathy Smith Henry Hamilton, Libia & Maria Teresa Valdez, Nancy Gerace Robert Collelouri, Arthur Baudo, Samantha McNeill, Pete Moran Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, Janine, Mary Jedlicka, Fr. Paul Wood Brian John Roe III, Jacklyn Baddalucco, Yolanda Zitelli Rose Marie Gaccione, Andrew Bartolozzi, Pat Bergersen Robert, Amy & Richard Ferranti, Joseph V. Pace, Jr. Justin Turner, Christopher Hehn, Baby Remy, Jimmy Rizzo, Thomas Kelly Peggy Epstein, John Murphy, Al DeBatto, Adeline Norton, Ed Segretto Ann Marie Wezel, Jeanie Wilkins, Ann Soehngen, Fred Cameron Ryan Westbrook, Donna Strickland, Anthony Clese, Valerie Haberly Brendan Langhauser Family, Helen Kurlowicz, Christine Marsiello Michael M. Durante, Sonny D'Ambrosio, 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, Bridget, Karen Murphy, Richard Baker, Kevin Dina Ledogard, Ed Russo, Petrina Dralas, Michael John, Jean Vanturini Diane Passaro, Mary Jane Bookman, Toni Novak, Diane Blair Ryan Castles, Susan Estabrook, Baby Luke, Heather Gilroy, Linda Jean Marie Sirianni, Frances Valenti, William Wojcik, Denise Lombardi Christopher Connelly, Mike & Carol Leva, Michael Barry Deborah A. Sullivan, Mary Castora, Diana Hart Mirando Patricia & Ralph Keck, Inge Luckmann, Lucy Zgrablic, James Carbone Theresa Leicht, Francis Michael Rapacki, John O'Sullivan Brian Kevan, Adam May, Barbara Weis, Thomas Fahey, Maria Osicki Teri Bunker, Diane Kelly



#### The Pastor's Letter



As we enter into September, our parish like many others, becomes more active. Some parish groups and activities that took some rest over the summer months resume. Children and teachers have resumed formal instruction. Our parish Faith Formation Program is making final preparations for the new year that will begin early next month. If you are interested in serving as a catechist, please call the office! Over the next few weeks we will have an opening staff meeting of the pastoral and support staff along with the clergy of the parish to look at the upcoming year. The priests and deacons met last week and had a productive dis-

cussion. I will be scheduling meetings with the parish advisory boards (Pastoral Council, Finance Committee) in the near future as well as the Liturgy Committee. Fr. Sylvester and I have only been here a month so we are still getting settled and learning a lot. Last weekend we welcomed Fr. Vincent Schifano. He will be living with us and helping out on Sunday and during the week when his schedule allows.

We also welcome Fr. Justin Ileka to Bethpage! Fr. Justin will be with us for the month of September as his brother, Fr. Sylvester, takes some much needed rest. Fr. Sylvester will be coming and going from the parish this month so you may see him from time to time, but he is on vacation.

The parish Mass book for the calendar year of 2020 will open on Saturday, September 21. Please see more specific information on page 7. The donation for scheduled, announced Masses will be \$20. This will bring St. Martin of Tours in line with the rest of the Diocese. Unannounced Masses will be \$10. The Sunday 12pm Mass will be a multiple intention Mass where we will take up to 4 separate intentions. The *Missa Pro Populo*, or Mass for the People of the Parish, will rotate each week between the other 4 Masses.

After having a month here, Fr. Sylvester and I have agreed to bring back the 6:30 Mass Monday to Friday with some exceptions (see more detailed information on page 7). We will take intentions for the 6:30 Mass through the end of Lent. Before then we will reevaluate and decide whether to continue or not. The 6:30 Mass will begin on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Also on October 15 the confession schedule will change. In addition to confessions every Saturday at 2pm we will be adding times on Sunday through Friday. Confessions will be scheduled seven days a week here at St. Martin of Tours. You can read specifics on page 7.

I would like to begin a program of adult altar servers for the weekday 6:30 and 9:00am Masses, as well as to assist at funerals and on Sundays when no younger servers are present. If you are interested, please email me or call the Parish Office and leave your contact information. More details will be provided as we see how many are interested.

As always, please feel free to call or email me with any ideas, questions, or concerns. When emailing or leaving a message, please leave your name.

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor fathercostigan@gmail.com

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER • WELCOME ALL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER COUPLES! Come Join Us for a Day of Enrichment Saturday September 14, 2019 The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport-Manor Rd, Manorville, NY 11949

The theme of this year's enrichment is "Beloved" from the Augustine Institute. No matter how long you have been encountered, this event promises to be enjoyable. The day begins at 8:30 AM, with continental breakfast; presentation starts promptly at 9AM. The day concludes with the Celebration of Mass about 4PM. Please bring your own picnic lunch and something for the sharing table. \$10 per couple will be collected to cover food and supplies Be sure to bring your dialogue books for the 10+10's. We look forward to seeing you no matter how long ago you made your weekend.

### For further information or to RSVP please call Chuck & Maria Reiss (631)486-8607 Chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org

Not Encountered? FALL in love again!! Go to  $\underline{WWME.ORG}$  and sign up for a weekend. It will change your life!! The next weekends in our area are Sept 13-15 and Nov. 8 – 10. Weekends are held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

#### DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND

including widows, widowers and singles - A social organization for single persons

New Member Orientation Meeting

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 25th at 7:30 PM

ST. FRANCES de CHANTAL CHURCH

Rectory Basement, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793

Non- Denominational - ALL ARE WELCOME

Bring Proof of Single Status To Join

Annual Dues are \$30

Refreshments Following the Meeting

For further information, please call:

CAROL - 516-794-4933 OR

FRAN - 516-889-5790

#### Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track • 2019-2020 Registration

#### Boys and girls grades kindergarten through 8th

- Track and field basics
- Relays, individual races (short sprints and middle distances), long jump
- Teamwork skills
- No experience required

## Registration includes fall, winter (indoor), and spring seasons Register at <a href="https://www.olmcyo.com">www.olmcyo.com</a>

- Weekly practices
- Travel team meets held on weekends at facilities throughout Nassau & Suffolk
- Fall and spring are outdoor seasons, winter is indoor
- End of year celebration

Our Lady of Mercy CYO is a non-profit organization. For additional information about the program, contact Kelly at <a href="mailto:ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com">ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com</a>



Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth in Our Community



Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

Labor Day is an opportunity to take stock of the ways workers are honored and respected. As Pope Francis pointed out, "Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. . . . It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own nation." For many people, especially for the poor, who may be unemployed or underemployed, the struggle to support their families is a daily battle. Please consider supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which supports the programs and services that assist families and individuals struggling in our communities.

#### PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

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#### THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON D.C. Collection Weekend - September 7th and 8th

Now, more than ever, the University is strategically positioned to pave the way forward and help the laity play a significant role in healing. Through hosting a conference series focused on laity response, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA) where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability, Catholic University will serve as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.

Your support of the National Collection will help us solve issues within the Church and educate graduates who will leave campus ready to impact the Church, the nation, and the world. We appreciate your generosity.

#### MASS BOOK OPENING AND UPDATES TO SCHEDULE

- The 2020 Mass book for daily and Sunday Mass intentions will open on Saturday, September 21 from 9:30AM 12 Noon and 1PM 4PM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall and again on Monday, September 23 from 9:30AM 3PM in the school cafeteria. Please use the ramp entrance. Beginning Tuesday, September 24, the Mass book will be open in the Parish Office during normal business hours.
- **Beginning September 21**, the offering for an announced Mass will be \$20. This change brings St. Martin of Tours in line with the Mass offering of most other parishes in the Diocese. Unannounced Mass intentions, which are offered by our priests during time off and retreats, as well as by retired and mission priests, will be \$10. Again, this brings us in line with most other parishes in the Diocese.
- Individuals will be limited to 3 (three) Masses only on September 21 and 23. We are unable to "hold" or "pencil in" any dates out of fairness to the rest of the parish.

#### 6:30AM DAILY MASS:

- Beginning Tuesday, October 15, 2019 we will again celebrate at 6:30am daily Mass Monday through
  Friday with some exceptions. (see below). The parish priests recognize the good will of parishioners
  who wish to attend Mass before going to work. After discussion, the priests of the parish have decided to bring back this Mass for a time period to evaluate how it will affect the schedule with frequent
  funerals, Friday afternoon weddings, and other sacramental responsibilities.
- We will take Mass intentions now for the 6:30am Mass from Tuesday, October 15 through the end of Lent (Wednesday, April 8, 2020). The offering is \$20. We will continue to evaluate the future of the 6:30 Mass periodically as we go forward and so will only take intentions for periods of time and not the whole calendar year.
- **Exceptions:** We will <u>not</u> celebrate the 6:30am Mass on legal holidays (Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, Presidents' Day, etc) as well as the morning of the eve of holy days of obligation or other days where there may be a scheduled evening Mass. There may be other periods of time, such as one of the parish priests going on retreat, when we will not be able to offer the 6:30 Mass. Those times will be known in advance. Recognizing the desire of our parishioners and the reality that the parish has two fewer priests than a month ago, we felt this was a good compromise for the time being.

#### **NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

- **Beginning Tuesday, October 15** we will have a new parish confession schedule. In addition to the established confession time on Saturday from 2pm to 3pm, we will be adding times the other 6 days of the week. This will make us one of the few parishes in the area where confession will be regularly scheduled every day of the week.
- Confessions will be heard every Sunday from 4:30 to 5:15pm, Monday through Friday *immediately* following the 6:30am Mass (the priest will go into the confessional and stay as long as penitents come in), as well as from 8:30am to 8:50am before the 9am Mass. There will also be confessions from 6:00 to 6:45pm in the evening on the eve of holy days of obligation and on holy days of obligation preceding the 7pm Mass.

Please continue to pray for the priests of our parish and for vocations to the priesthood. - Fr. Chris





**RCIA** is planning its new journey for the 2019-2020 year. Anyone who is thinking about converting to Catholicism or who is already a baptized Catholic and in need of Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Confirmation we are here for you. Please note that the Catholic Church recognizes certain baptisms of other Christian faiths.

Our first meeting is on September 11, 2019 at 7:30pm in the faculty room of the school. The first period of RCIA is called *Inquiry* so feel free to come and ask questions and learn about this journey of faith so that you can decide if this path is for you. You can call the rectory at 516-931-0818 or contact Ann Hughes at 516-433-6972 (no1hughes@aol.com). We welcome your inquiry and look forward to meeting you!

#### THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LI OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS

DATE	TIME	<u>SCHOOL</u>
SAT. SEPT 21	11 A.M 1:30 P.M.	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
SAT. SEPT 28	11 A.M 2 P.M.	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUN. SEPT 29	10 A.M 1 P.M.	ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL
SAT. OCT 5	10 A.M 1 P.M. 2 P.M 4 P.M.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S. CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
SUN. OCT 6 SAT. OCT 19 SUN. OCT 20	1 P.M 3:30 P.M. 11 A.M 1:30 P.M. 10 A.M 1 P.M.	ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN H.S. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST H.S.
	1 P.M 3:30 P.M.	ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

www.chsee.org (516) 739-5030

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL, AN ALL-SCHOLARSHIP

JESUIT SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR CATHOLIC BOYS

OPEN HOUSE - COLUMBUS DAY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 1:00-4PM

For additional information, please write, call or email: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School 55 East 84th St., New York, NY 10028 (212) 288-1100 x 2057 edimichele@regis.org

#### **Holy Trinity Diocesan High School FALL 2019**

Driver Education program will begin on September 18th.

There are openings in before class (6:15am), after school classes (2:45pm and 4:15pm) and on Saturdays when class times range from 7am to 1pm.

Schedules and applications are available on the HT website at

https://holytrinityhs.org/driver-education

Students must be 16 when the course begins. If you have any questions, please call 516 433-4852 or email drivered@holytrinityhs.org. STUDENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED ON A FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED BASIS.

#### **LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS**

Our parish provides *low-gluten* hosts for those with celiac disease or other medical conditions and may have a gluten intolerance. These hosts have a small percentage of gluten but ARE NOT GLUTEN FREE. True gluten-free hosts are not valid matter for the Eucharist and can never be used at the Catholic Mass. If you wish to receive one of the *low-gluten* hosts, please receive Holy Communion from the celebrating priest. I felt the need to make this clear out of concern for two very important things: the Holy Eucharist and the health and welfare of our parishioners. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at fathercostigan@gmail.com or contact the parish office at 931-0818.

Fr. Chris

#### St. Martin of Tours CYO Basketball

St. Martin of Tours will be offering CYO Basketball for boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. Priority for the program is to parishioners of St. Martin of Tours and children who played in the program last year. Practices begin in September for girls and October for boys. Games run from the end of October through the 1st week of January for girls and mid-November through March for boys. Local travel to other parishes in the Diocese will be required. If you are interested, please contact CYO Coordinator Dave Fantry, at email dfantry@drvc.org. Registration will be held in Parish Auditorium Tuesday, September 10th from 6:30pm-8:30pm which is the last registration date. Depending on the number of registrants, try outs may be necessary. We are looking forward to a great CYO Basketball season!

## CYO FEES FOR SEASON: 1st child - \$175 2nd child of immediate family - \$245

or more from same family - \$295

New Uniform Fee - TBD

#### **GIRL SCOUT PRAY AND PLAY DAY**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
10:00 AM TO 2:30 PM
SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND
EASTPORT, NEW YORK
Gather with Girl Scouts
(Daisies to Ambassadors)
for a day of prayer, handicrafts and fun.
Contact 516 678-5800, ext. 245 or
scouting@drvc.org



**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 deacons for a blessing if you are seeking to become pregnant, adopt or are pregnant.

# MPORTANT NOTICE

#### Gift card scammers are targeting congregations

Pastors, churches and other faith based groups are the latest target of scammers. If you get a text, email or phone call from anyone claiming to represent our parish or the Diocese of Rockville Centre asking for contributions, please delete the message or hang up.

In a text or email, the recipient is asked for "a favor" or to text back immediately - all "for a good cause." If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at the parish office.

- Father Chris

Save the Date! Golden Harvest Raffle Saturday, Nov. 23rd



More info in future bulletins!

### Save the Date!

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 6th
1:30PM



#### FORMED PICK

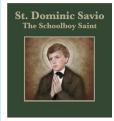
Vatican II, Mercy, & You



Vatican II provides a map to help us enrich our lives through faith and effectively experience the Good News of God's divine mercy. Jesus I trust in you.

#### FORMED KIDS' KORNER

St. Dominic Savio



Dominic was an energetic, motivated youth from a happy home who yearned to know more about God. Dominic challenged others to grow in wisdom and holiness while at a school for boys run by St. John Bosco in Italy.

Listen on: smtbethpage.formed.org

## FORMED PICK FOR ADULTS Vatican II, Mercy, & You (CD) St. John Paul's Vision for the New Evangelization by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC

In this illuminating talk, Father Michael Gaitley recounts how Archbishop Karol Wojtyla, later Pope John Paul II, used the teachings of the Second Vatican Council with great success to help Catholics in his diocese live their Catholic faith fully. Fr. Gaitley also mentions Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman as having a huge impact on Vatican II. He will be canonized on Sunday, October 13, 2019. His vision was to teach people to understand their faith, by implementing the faith in their heads to their hearts and concretely live their faith.

## FORMED Kids' Korner Saint Dominic Savio, The School Boy Saint (CD)

A great message from this young soul, Dominic was an energetic, motivated youth from a happy home who yearned to know more about God and give everything to Him. As a young teen, Dominic came to the experi-

mental school for boys run by St. John Bosco in Italy, and challenged others to grow in wisdom and holiness while at school.



### 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.

#### The Story of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was

chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.



Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

(source: Franciscan Media website)

#### **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.



#### PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MAJ Gregory Holownia, US Army MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army SGT Dennis Diesel, USMC SGT Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC CPT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army SSGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army CPL William Corrigan, USMC LCDR Daniel Cloonan, USCG PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC CPT Sean O'Donnell, USAF A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF CPT Mike Polan, US Army L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC

SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army PO3 James Fischer, US Navy LTC John Evans, US Army ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy SSG George Howard, US Army LT Mario Lopes, USMC PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army PVT Edward Morales, US Army LTC Michael F. Wendelken, USAF PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC PFC Clint Applegate, US Army CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF SGT Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC

#### ST. MARTIN OF TOURS HELP OUR PARISH CLUB (H.O.P.)

Membership is \$60 per year. This yearly fund raiser runs from September 1st to August 31st and supports the operating budget of the parish. New members are always welcome to join. Every member is assigned a number and each week five numbers are drawn. You are not necessarily required to know your number as we keep tabs on a spreadsheet. Names are published in the bulletin every week and a check is mailed. Please use the form below for new membership. Of course current members can use it as well, but you will most likely receive a renewal letter in the mail. Thank you for joining the HOP Club!

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Checks are payable to **St. Martin of Tours HOP Club** in the amount of **\$60.00** for a yearly membership from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.

You can drop off the form and dues at the rectory or mail to: ST. MARTIN OF TOURS HOP CLUB, 40 SEAMAN AVENUE, BETHPAGE NY 11714

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#### **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Jersey appeals court lets state's assisted suicide law continue

TRENTON, N.J. (CNS) -- A New Jersey state appeals court allowed a new law permitting assisted suicide to continue, overturning a lower court decision that temporary blocked the law. A pair of



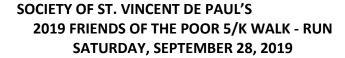
judges ruled Aug. 27 that a state Superior Court "abused its discretion" in stopping the law. The appeals court determined that "the court failed to consider adequately the interests of qualified terminally ill patients, who the Legislature determined have clearly prescribed rights to end their lives consistent with the Act," the appeals court ruling said.

No immediate reaction to the ruling was available from the New Jersey Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's bishops. The bishops opposed the measure while it was being considered by the New Jersey Legislature.

Attorney Rich Grohmann, representing Dr. Yosef Glassman, who filed the lawsuit against the law, said he planned to file an appeal to the New Jersey Supreme Court, the Associated Press reported. Gov. Phil Murphy, a Catholic, signed the bill into law April 12, making New Jersey the seventh state allowing assisted suicide. The law took effect August 1, but a Superior Court judge put it on hold August 14. source: Long Island Catholic Newsletter

NYS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS: Physician-assisted suicide bills in New York, like similar bills that have passed in several other states, lack important safeguards, making coercion or misapplication of the law a serious threat. Furthermore, they send a dangerous message to society that when someone is considered a BURDEN to someone else, his or her life is no longer worth living. The New York State Catholic Conference has joined other opponents as part of the NEW YORK ALLIANCE AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE, made up of patients-rights, disabilities-rights advocates, health care, civil rights and faith-based advocacy organizations. Together we support increased access to palliative care (comfort care) and a rejection of the dangerous national movement toward physician assisted suicide. www.nyscatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide.org.

**ACTION ALERT:** Contact Your Elected Officials! Please tell your Senate and Assembly representatives that you oppose this dangerous and deadly practice. Governor. State Senator. State Assemblyman/member.





Vincentian volunteers will be in the Gathering Area and at the church doors after the Masses THIS WEEKEND to distribute registration forms or take donations.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's network of Vincentian volunteers are dedicated to helping people who have fallen on hard times. The Vincentians offer temporary, practical responses to the family or individual's most pressing problem — usually financial - overdue rent or utility bills, etc. We also provide food or clothing. Every dollar raised through the Friends of the Poor 5K Walk/Run will be used to assist people right here in the St. Martin of Tours community.

#### You can help!

- Be a walker or runner, sponsored by your family and friends
- Sponsor one of our Vincentian walkers or runners
- Donate make checks payable to St. Martin of Tours/SVdP

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019 Where: Bethpage Community Park

Time: Registration at 7:30 AM – Walk/Run begins at 9:00 AM

On behalf of the Vincentians and the people we serve, thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

#### Liturgy for couples married 50 years or more

This Fall, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Maria Regina Roman Catholic Church in Seaford. Mass will begin at 2:00PM, and Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski will preside.

Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The forms can also be found on our website <a href="www.drvc-faith.org">www.drvc-faith.org</a>. If you have any questions, you may call 516-678-5800, ext. 223. Registrations must be received by October 15, 2019.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept 9: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Sept 10, 17, 24: Eucharistic Adoration 3:00-7:30PM Church
- Sept 10: CYO Basketball Registration 6:30-8:30PM school auditorium
- Sept 18: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 28: St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk
- Oct 4: First Friday Devotions after the 9AM Mass
- Oct 5: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Oct 6: Blessing of the Animals 1:30PM
- Oct 20: Blessing with the relic of St. Gerard Majella at 12Noon Sunday Mass
- Nov 9: Mass of Remembrance 9AM Church
- Nov 23: Golden Harvest Raffle SAVE THE DATE!