### Church of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714 smtbethpage.org



#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the parish family of St. Martin of Tours, focus on the Eucharist because it affords all of its parishioners the opportunity to participate and celebrate the presence of our Risen Lord. We seek through Word and Eucharist to be guided by the Holy Spirit. We do so to build a welcoming community of love and mutual respect through our liturgical, spiritual, educational and social ministries where all can grow in their relationship with God.

#### THE CLERGY

Rev. Christopher Costigan, Pastor Rev. Sylvester Ileka, Associate Pastor Rev. Vincent Schifano, in Residence Rev. Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy Rev. Deacon Christopher P. Quinn

**Trustees: Carol Buffa and Frank Mekalainas** 

Rectory Office: Tel. 931-0818 • Fax 931-0559

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9AM-8PM • Lunch 12-1PM

Saturday 9AM-7PM • Closed Sunday

Office of Faith Formation: 822-9768

Patricia Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, Coordinators Monday - Thursday • 9:30AM - 3:00PM • Closed Friday

Parish Social Ministry: 931-7332

Mary Vitti, Coordinator

Monday 9:30AM - 2:30PM • Thursday 2:00PM - 7:00PM

Music Ministry: 713-8854 Elena Scollo, Director of Music

Facility Manager: George Lucas ● 635-7944

First Friday Devotions: After the 9AM Mass First Saturday Devotions: 8:30AM Church

The Sacrament of Baptism: 454-6454

Karen Dillon, Coordinator

The Sacrament of Matrimony: please contact the rectory office at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

St. Vincent de Paul: 718-687-8854

New parishioners: please fill out a parish registration form

at the rectory office during business hours.

Change of address: please notify the rectory.

#### **DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday 6:30AM & 9AM • Saturday 9AM

**WEEKEND MASS** 

Saturday Vigil 5PM

Sunday 7:30AM, 10AM, 12:00PM, & 5:30PM Holy Days of Obligation - as noted in the bulletin

#### **CONFESSION**

**Every Saturday at 2PM** 

Monday - Friday immediately following 6:30AM Mass

8:30-8:50AM before 9AM Mass Sundays from 4:30-5:15PM

6PM - 6:45PM on the EVE of Holy Days of Obligation Holy Days of Obligation preceding the 7PM Mass



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20, 2019 World Mission Sunday

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon, Oct. 21

6:30AM Henry & Patricia Murray

9AM Peggy Castle

Tues. Oct. 22 - Saint John Paul II, Pope

6:30AM Peter Moschera

9AM Thomas Schimmoller

Wed. Oct. 23 - Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

6:30AM Salomon Media Villia

9AM Joseph Spoto

Thurs. Oct. 24 - Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

6:30AM Joseph Laraia, Living

9AM Josephine L. Cahillane

Fri. Oct. 25

6:30AM Kenneth Troise

Michael DeCicco 9AM

Sat. Oct. 26

9AM Tom Schimmoller

Anna DiPoto, Birthday Remembrance

5PM Peggy Castle

Sun, Oct. 27 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM The People of the Parish

10AM Joseph Jacobina

12PM Eugene F. & Michael F. Maley, John Lewis

Suzanne Lafferty, John Teuschler IV

5:30PM Michael Gentile

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Romans 4:20-25: Luke 12:13-21 Mon.

Tues. Romans 5:12, 15b, 17 - 21; Luke 12:35-38

Wed. Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 Thurs. Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 Fri. Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 Sat. Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9

Sun. **Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18** The Lord is a God of justice who is not partial, but does hear the cries and prayers of the most vulnerable.

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18** St. Paul writes that he has kept the faith and looks forward to the crown of righteousness, noting that it was the Lord who rescued him from evil.

**Luke 18:9-14** Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector who go to the Temple to pray, noting the justification of the tax collector due to his humility.

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

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00 October 13, 2019: \$13.283.19

Thank you for your generous support!



**Bulletin Reflection** In the second reading St. Paul tells us to always preach the Word, even when it is in-

convenient. Your witness to the Faith may be a breakthrough moment for someone.

Living Stewardship - Pillar of Prayer Jesus tells us to never give up hope when praying to God. God is our Loving Father who will always do what is right for us and is always there for us. This week open up to God in prayer, be honest and trusting.

#### Charismatic Prayer Group

"Please tell me if I'm doing something wrong," a new employee said to us. She didn't want to make the same mistake more than once! Most people don't want their mistakes pointed out. Anyone eager to learn and grow is secure enough to see their mistakes. I thought - shouldn't we say the same thing to God? How many times do we make the same mistakes? If you don't make the same mistakes, you'll make new ones. There was only one Human who never made a mistake, and He died for you. Bring the mistakes you are hiding and leave them here. Our next meeting is Monday, October 21st at 7:30 pm in the Church. Call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

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

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10/14/19	#446	Laraine Quinci	\$25
10/15/19	#609	David Gierasch	\$25
10/16/19	#260	Victoria Maley	\$25
10/17/19	#136	M/M William Dorsch	\$25
10/18/19	#266	Betty Pope	\$250



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

#### **THIRD BANNS**

**Christopher Egan & Alyssa Sznal Brian Greene & Katelynn Sepulveda** John LaFalce & Jessica Sauers Michael Mastronardi & Christine Scully

#### **FIRST BANNS**

Karl Nordenschild & Kristen Chiofalo James Murphy & Rebecca Trebitz John Kelly & Melissa Digeronimo



"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 unsweetened cereal, stuffing, pancake St Martin of Tours mix, beef stew, salmon, ketchup, peaches, mix fruit, bar soap and

shampoo.

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:** 

208 Broadway, Bethpage Phone: 516-931-7332 Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

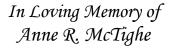
Thursday: 2:00PM - 7:00PM



Altar Bread & Wine Week of October 20-26, 2019

> In Loving Memory of Angelena Caccavale

The Sanctuary Candle Week of October 20-26, 2019







**REST IN PEACE** James C. Waters Margaret Canepa, Peter Triolo

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 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, John O'Sullivan, Brian Kevan, Adam May, Barbara Weis Thomas Fahey, Maria Osicki, Teri Bunker, Diane Kelly, Andy Lomuscio Nicki Liezerz, Baby Dominick, Kathy McKerlie, Bridget Lissy



#### The Pastor's Letter



We are now most of the way through the month of October: the month of the Holy Rosary and Respect Life Month. It's not too late (it's never too late) to begin the practice of the daily Rosary, especially as a family. Our parish is once again supporting the Life Center of Long Island with their annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Simply take home the empty baby bottle, fill it with change (and bills!) and return it at the designated time. More specific information will be available in the bulletin and by way of announcements. Such a simple action

goes a long way!

Also during Respect Life Month, I would like you to be aware of a great resource we have right here on Long Island: The Long Island Gianna Center for Women's Health and Fertility. In an environment where so many turn to medical treatments that are unethical, expensive, and not very effective, the Gianna Center is an oasis that offers superior, scientifically proven medical care that is comparatively much less expensive than most typical rounds of treatment. More importantly, the Gianna Center is 100% ethical and all care conforms to the dignity of each and every human person involved. Sound, proven science, with no ethical problems, at a much better cost!

Please see their website for more information (<a href="https://www.chsli.org/gianna-center">https://www.chsli.org/gianna-center</a>). This is a hidden gem of Catholic Health Services and we need to make it known. So even if the care they provide does not apply to you, it does to someone you know. When you hear people talk about issues of fertility, please tell them about the Gianna Center! The Gianna Center will be the major recipient of the fundraising efforts of the Nassau Chapter of the Knights of Columbus this year.

Along with the best in science also goes prayer. Our Scripture readings speak of the importance of prayer and being persistent in prayer. Today at the 12pm Mass we will commemorate the feast of Saint Gerard Majella, who is the patron saint of those seeking to conceive or with other pregnancy complications. Following Mass there is the opportunity to receive a special prayer of blessing with the relic of Saint Gerard.

We are almost in November, which begins with the Solemnity of All Saints followed by the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and our All Souls Day Novena. Please return the special envelopes with those you wish to enroll in the nine days of Masses before November 2. The schedule for All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be in next week's bulletin. On Saturday morning November 9 at the 9am Mass we will remember those in our parish who have died over the past year.

The Golden Harvest Raffle will take place on Saturday, November 23. Ticket sales begin this weekend. This is a major parish fundraiser. Please consider buying a ticket, splitting a ticket with family or friends, and spreading the word about it. Our goal is 500 tickets. Also on Saturday, November 23, Fr. Bob Holz, our area Dean, will be present at the 5pm Mass for my formal installation as pastor of Saint Martin of Tours. This will be followed by the Golden Harvest Reception. More information about that will come over the next few weeks.

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor www.smtbethpage.org fathercostigan@gmail.com

#### **Yankee Candle Sale Fundraiser for Court Queen of Angels**

The Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Angels of St. Ignatius Parish will be hosting a Yankee Candle Sale beginning on October 1st through November 13th for catalogue orders. Please see a CDA member to review the catalogue. All checks should be made payable to: Court Queen of Angels #869. Proceeds of the sale will go to charitable works within St. Ignatius Parish as well as to local non-profit organizations.

Online orders may be made until January 8, 2020. Please use the Yankee Candle website to place your order: <a href="https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/">https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/</a> Use our group number to start shopping! Group Number: 999972411. For additional information, please contact Maria at 516-732-2685. Thank you for supporting your local CDA!

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN**

While classes are in session, the gates surrounding the school parking lot will be closed. For the safety and protection of the children, parents, staff and all volunteers, **DO NOT** open the gates for the purpose of parking your vehicle in this area.

The gates may be locked as early as 8AM to as late as 9PM depending on the following schedule.

SATURDAY 8:00AM - 11:30AM MONDAY 3:30PM-9PM TUESDAY 3:30PM-6PM

We also ask that everyone watch out for children who may be running in the open lot as they are being dropped off and picked up. Safety is our number one concern for everyone. Thank you.

#### **Daylight Savings Time Ends!**

Just a reminder to set your clocks BACK one hour before bedtime on Saturday, November 2nd.



**Good Shepherd Hospice** is a non-profit organization that was created in 2001 with the merger of Good Samaritan, St. Charles and Mercy Hospices and represents a combined thirty years of experience serving the community. Our mission is to expand and enhance healthcare at the end-of-life for all individuals and their families living throughout Long Island, and to educate the community about hospice services. Good Shepherd Hospice is a member of Catholic Health Services of Long Island and an integral part the healthcare ministry of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

For more information, please call 631-465-6363.

#### **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

#### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER OF LI

A Pre-Cana program preparing couples for marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.



For more information contact
Pat and Lenny Walker, Coordinators
631-563-1032
or visit

www.engagedencounterli.org

#### ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

The Rosary will be said in the prayer garden every Wednesday in October at 7PM on October 23, 30. During inclement weather, please come to the Eucharistic Chapel. All are welcome!



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.



Registration for the Maria Regina CYO Swim Team will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:30PM to 8:30PM in the Commons area of Farmingdale High School, 150 Lincoln Street, Farmingdale. The program is for boys and girls ages 6 - 18, and St. Martin of Tours parishioners are welcome to join.

*It is not* a learn-to-swim program as all swimmers must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted. All practices are at Farmingdale High School. Please visit mrswimteam.com for further information.



The Knights of Columbus Council #5033 will be collecting warm, gently used or new coats during the weekend of November 9th and 10th as we honor our patron, Saint Martin of Tours.

We will have more details before that weekend.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF!!

There will be a Youth Ministry Kick Off meeting this Sunday, October 20th after the 5:30PM Mass in the Youth Room located in the school.

All 8th graders and high school teens are invited and bring a friend or two!





Our Lady of Mercy School 520 South Oyster Bay Road Hicksville, NY 11801 516-433-7040 www.olmshicks.org



# Our Lady of MERCY

# **ERCY** touches lives forever



# Open House Schedule for 2020-2021 Early Childhood (Nursery-Kindergarten) Classes:

Sunday: October 20th: 11:30 - 1:30 PM Tuesday: October 22nd: 9:30 - 10:30 AM Wednesday: October 23rd: 1:15 - 2:00 PM Thursday: October 24th: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

OR contact the school for information or to arrange a tour

**OUR PROGRAMS** are child-centered with a staff that responds to each child's abilities, learning styles, and interests. Children grow developmentally as their needs and strengths are met through hands-on activities. Students learn to follow directions and develop self-control, initiative, problem solving strategies, and independence. In addition to focusing on school readiness, we encourage life-long learning and encourage each child to reach his/her individual potential.

#### NURSERY

(must be 3 years of age by 12/1/2020)

2, 3, or 5 Half Days or Full Days

#### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

(must be 4 years of age by 12/1/2020) 5 Half Days or 5 Full Days

#### KINDERGARTEN

(must be 5 years of age by 12/1/2020) 5 Full Days

- Special education, nursing, and busing services are available to qualified students
- · Before school and After school programs provided
- · Safe, nurturing, and happy environment
- Before/After Care and tuition are recognized by the IRS as childcare expenses for Nursery and Pre-Kindergarten

#### **Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island**

including widows, widowers and singles A social organization for single persons New Member Orientation Meeting

Wednesday OCTOBER 23rd at 7 30 PM
ST. FRANCES de CHANTAL SCHOOL ROOM #22
1309 Wantagh Avenue, 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

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# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS OCTOBER 2019 THROUGH MARCH 2020 REGISTER ONLINE WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG

RCIA Level I
St Martin of Tours, Bethpage
Se. Apphonsus Parish Hall

**St. Rosalie Parish, Hampton Bays**Saturdays, October 19 and 26, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**31st Annual Mass For Deceased Children St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre**Saturday, November 16, 2019
12:30 p.m.

Catechist Training Level II St. James, Setauket Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh** Saturday, March 21, 2020 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Celebrate the feast of Saint Gerard Majella, C.Ss.R. A SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE SEEKING PREGNANCY, ADOPTION OR A SAFE DELIVERY THIS Sunday, October 20th at 12PM **BLESSINGS WITH THE RELIC OF ST. GERARD** 

Family and friends are welcome to pray to St. Gerard for their loved ones' special intentions should they not be able to attend.

For more info call 516-931-0818 visit smtbethpage.org

#### St. Martin of Tours Religious Ed



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH FROM 10AM - 5PM SCHOOL CAFETERIA



FOOD TRUCK • UNIQUE GIFTS **HOLIDAY SHOPPING** HANDMADE ITEMS ● JEWELRY ● TOYS **BAKED GOODS** AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

**EVERYONE WELCOME!** 



of St. Martin of Tours

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23 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!



Jesus I Trust in Thee.

The movie Love and Mercy: Faustina will be shown one night only, on Oct. 28th at 7:00, at the Farmingdale Multiplex Cinema, 1001 Broadhollow Rd.

Purchase tickets in advance at the box office. The cost per ticket is \$14.50 or go to *Fandago* and order on line for reserved seats.

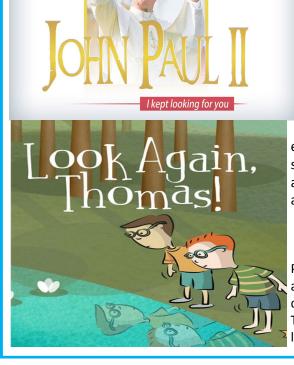
This is the true story behind Jesus visiting St. Faustina, and the world wide movement that is quickly spreading the message of Divine Mercy. There will be an amazing presentation concerning the Shroud of Turin and the Image of Divine Mercy, as the movie shows how they perfectly conform to the facial features of each other! Please pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for this movie to reach as many souls as possible, for now is the time for Mercy.

## FORMED FOR ADULTS JOHN PAUL II - I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This new film is the world's biggest documentary on Pope St. John Paul II. It reveals his remarkable legacy in the history of the Church and the world, as well as how his extraordinary personality, generosity, courage, and sense of humor united people on all continents, regardless of their social status, age, or religious beliefs. It utilizes exclusive archival footage featuring St. John Paul II, as well as a lot of original shots made for this comprehensive film. Produced in HD quality, and four years in the making, it was filmed in thirteenth countries. It features many world famous figures from the Church, as well as politics, entertainment, and news industries, and their inspiring, insightful thoughts about and experiences with John Paul II. This is a unique, dynamic, high quality, and sweeping epic film on the amazing life and legacy of St. John Paul II.

# FORMED FOR KIDS Look Again, Thomas, by the Sisters of Life

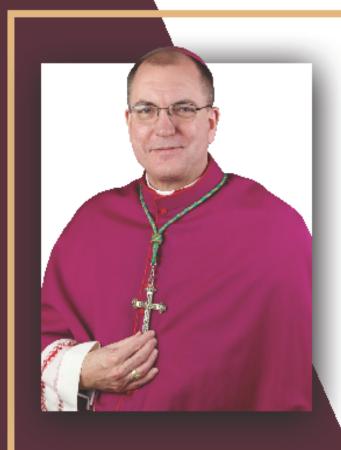
Put on your "seeing glasses" and take a trip with Angelo and Thomas through forests and ponds, snow-covered hills and sun baked deserts — and find surprising discoveries along the way! Follow Thomas as he begins looking beyond the surface of things and learns something new about people.



## Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity Thanksgiving Feast

All CMRC members are welcome to our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 12th at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Please remember to bring a side dish for the sharing table, but if you have questions about what to bring, call Laurel at 681-4211 and she will help!





## Dear Friends:

As I approach my 30th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on October 21, 2019, I would ask your prayers for a very special and specific intention for the future of the Catholic Church on Long Island.

Pray that 30 young men - 30 seminarians for 30 years of priesthood - will enter the seminary in August 2020.

Let's call on the Holy Spirit together to provide a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood for Long Island!

And let's express our gratitude to the holy and dedicated priests who serve us with such Good Samaritan dedication each day in our evangelizing parishes.

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

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#### **SMT BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS**

If you have experienced the recent loss of a loved one, this is the support group for you.

Groups will be offered on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 on October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21 and December 5 and 12.

Please call the Parish Social Ministry office at 516-931-7332 and leave a message for Mary. You will receive a return call.

# Pro Bikers for Life 40 Days for Life

**Pro Bikers for Life (PBFL)** will be sponsoring a 40 Days for Life campaign on Long Island - **September 25 through November 3rd.** Join us and other Christians in peacefully praying for the unborn outside Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave, Hempstead seven days a week between 7AM & 5PM. Please support the PBFL with your continuing prayers for the unborn.



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 PVT Salvatore Castellano, US Army

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

# LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN OCTOBER 26/27 WEEKEND

The Life Center is hosting its 17th year at our parish, and celebrating 33 years as a four-star charity navigator. We thank them for the support of St. Martin of Tours as we "promote, encourage and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death."

Distribution will be the weekend of October 26th and 27th at all the doors of the Church. They will be collected a few weeks later or you can drop them off at the rectory.

Our special thanks goes to Father Chris, the Respect Life Ministry and especially to the generous parishioners for your continued support year after year.

#### **FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

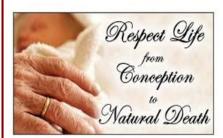
Call Diana Hart Mirando itsidi@aol.com (C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS 631-243-2373

PROJECT RACHEL WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM

Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE
Adoption, Foster Care
Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau
1 (800) 592-4357
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453

#### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY - OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



#### THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Washington D.C. Oct. 9: CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY: The Little Sisters of the Poor have filed a petition requesting that the Supreme Court affirm the religious exemption protecting them from having to comply with the HHS Contraceptive Mandate of the Affordable Care Act. The renewed petition comes after several states, including Pennsylvania and California, sued the Little Sisters of the Poor in response to an exemption granted to them in 2017 after their last appearance before the Supreme Court.

"The states area arguing that even though there's injunctions in the mandate in the Little Sisters' case in this country, it violated the law for the federal government to issue a religious exemption," Diana Verm, senior counsel with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, told CNA. Becket is providing legal counsel for the Little Sisters. "The Little Sisters just want to go back to serving the elderly poor," said Verm. "If the Supreme Court rules in their favor, they'll be able to do so."

The Little Sisters of the Poor is a Catholic religious order dedicated to the care of the elderly poor in addition to their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. When the HHS Contraceptive Mandate was announced in 2011, the Sisters were told that they would not be grandfathered in and would have to provide contraception to their employees through their insurance plan, in violation of their religious faith. Despite being a religious order, the Little Sisters of the Poor did not qualify as a religious employer as they serve and employ people of all faiths. Presently, an injunction granted by a Colorado court protects the religious order from the mandate, and preserves the exemption for religious-based nonprofits. "If the Little Sisters of the Poor do not win this court case," Verm said, "they would have to pay thousands of dollars in fines to the government. That would be crippling."

Last Friday night the Respect Life Committee presented the movie UNPLANNED in St. Alphonse Hall. Special thanks to Pat and Bill Rochford for bringing the movie to our attention, Sheila Regan for using her skills to show it on the screen, and Mary Ellen Walsh for the poster made up to advertise it. It was a true depiction of a Planned Parenthood director that turned Prolife and told the story of her conversion. We are hoping to present other movies about the sanctity of life in the future.

If you would like to join our ministry, you are welcome to stop by the last Wednesday of every month at 11am. in St. Alphonse Hall, for a cup of coffee, and conversation about life in all it's stages. We are not only a committee, we area friends. Join Us!



# **Golden Harvest**



October 20, 2019

Raffle limited to five hundred tickets at \$100 each ...fifty cash prizes for excellent odds of <u>one in ten!</u>

## Let's sell ALL 500 tickets this year!!

WHEN: Drawing will be held at a Festival Party Saturday, November 23rd at 6PM in the School Cafeteria

#### **LIST OF PRIZES**

First Prize \$5,000
2 Prizes \$2,000
3 Prizes \$500
4 Prizes \$200
20 Prizes \$150
20 Prizes \$125

\$100 per ticket

Go it alone or share a ticket with others!

TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS WEEKEND!

October 19th & 20th - Gathering Area

BEFORE and AFTER ALL MASSES including the 5:30 Mass



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct 21: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Oct 22, 29: Eucharistic Adoration 3:00-7:30PM Church
- Oct 23, 30: Rosary in the Prayer Garden 7PM (Eucharistic Chapel if raining)
- Oct 19/20: Golden Harvest Raffle Ticket Sales Begins
- Oct 20: Blessing with the relic of St. Gerard Majella at 12Noon Sunday Mass
- Oct 23: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 26/27: Respect Life BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
- Oct 27: SMT Craft Fair 10AM-5PM
- Oct 30: Respect Life Committee meeting 11AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 9: Mass of Remembrance 9AM Church
- Nov 9/10: K of C Coat Drive (more info to come)
- Nov 12: Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity Thanksgiving Feast 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 23: Golden Harvest Raffle
- Dec 4: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 11: Long Island Blood Drive St. Alphonsus Hall

