

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

Parish Council: Martin Meaney, Tom Bech, Annette Crofton
Louie Gandolfo, Rosanna Kluth, Michael Leva, Kate Mayerhofer
Lucy McNamara, Robert J. Smith, Matthew Wing

Finance Committee: John McCarthy, Frank Aiello, Carol Buffa
John Lynam, Lucy McNamara, John McTigue, Frank Mekalainas
Tina O'Donnell, Susan Oliver

Liturgy: Deacon Tom Hennessy, Deacon Chris Quinn, Ann Hughes
Janet McKenna, Frank Mekalainas, Pat Ricci, Elena Scollo

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: Mary Vitti, Coordinator • 931-7332
Monday 9:30AM - 2:30PM • Thursday 2:00PM - 7:00PM

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

Facility Manager: George Lucas • 635-7944

First Friday Devotions: After the 9AM Mass

First Saturday Devotions: 8:30AM Church

The Sacrament of Baptism: Karen Dillon, Coordinator • 454-6454

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

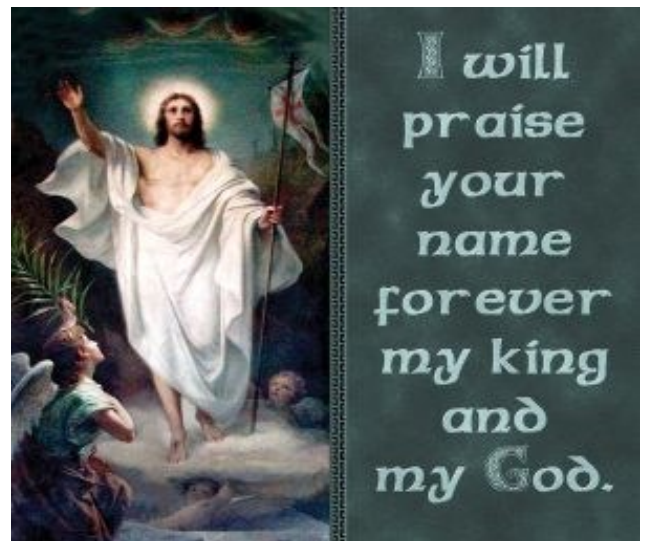
Every Saturday at 2PM

Monday - Friday immediately following 6:30AM Mass

8:30-8:50AM before 9AM Mass

Sundays from 4:30-5:15PM

6PM - 6:45PM preceding the 7PM Mass
on the Eve & Day of Holy Days of Obligation



**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2019**

**The Lord is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his works.
The Lord lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon, Nov. 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:30AM Charles & Mary Tschupp
 9AM All Souls Novena

Tues. Nov. 5

6:30AM Margaret Canepa
 9AM All Souls Novena

Wed. Nov. 6

6:30AM
 9AM All Souls Novena

Thurs. Nov. 7

6:30AM
 9AM All Souls Novena

Fri. Nov. 8

6:30AM Maria Campbell
 9AM All Souls Novena

Sat. Nov. 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9AM All Souls Novena
 Mass of Remembrance
 5PM Ann & Bill Csajko

Sun. Nov. 10 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM All Souls Novena
 10AM Jesus Burillo, Pasquale Zamparelli
 12PM People of the Parish
 5:30PM Clinton, Michael & Kathleen Pigott

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14
 Tues. Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24
 Wed. Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
 Thurs. Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
 Fri. Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
 Sat. Ezra 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor. 3:9c-11, 16-17
 John 2:13-22

Sun. 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 *This reading recalls the bravery of seven brothers and their mother, who preferred death to denying their hope in the God of Israel.*

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 *St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians of God's fidelity and encourages them to find hope and strength in the Lord.*

Luke 20:27-38 *The Sadducees attempt to put Jesus on the spot on the topic of resurrection.*

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
 October 27, 2019: \$13,559.19

Thank you for supporting SMT!

Bulletin Reflection



Lectio Divina is a style of praying that uses Sacred Scripture. When an individual prays this way, they insert themselves in the story. Do you identify with Zacchaeus? How about with the jealous onlookers, who cannot find forgiveness for a man like Zacchaeus?

Living Stewardship... Pillar of Formation

Jesus sees Zacchaeus making an effort to become a disciple of His. Zacchaeus climbs the tree to see Jesus and then states that he will give to the poor and payback what he has stolen. We too need to always be making the effort to grow closer to Our Lord. This week, try to spend a little more time in prayer (especially in front of Our Lord in the Eucharist).

Charismatic Prayer Group

Competition can be good. It pushes us to go beyond what's comfortable. But there's always the chance that we will not win. We compete for so many things, but not for God's love. That's where we are all winners! Come feel like a winner.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 4th at 7:30PM in the church. Come at 7PM for The Wild Goose video in the church. Call 516-993-9672 for more info or prayer requests.

H.O.P. CLUB WEEKLY WINNERS

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| 10/28/19 | #335 | Ann & Anthony Stachelek | \$25 |
| 10/29/19 | #180 | Katherine McCabe | \$25 |
| 10/30/19 | #333 | Kathleen Doyle | \$25 |
| 10/31/19 | #109 | Gerri Laraia | \$25 |
| 11/01/19 | #178 | Barbara & Gerald O'Brien | \$50 |

THIRD BANNES

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

SECOND BANNES

Keith Reilly & Angel Biggin



St Mother Theresa
Outreach Center
St Martin of Tours

***“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
canned chicken, beef stew, peas,
pasta sauce, tuna fish, mixed fruit,
unsweetened cereal, bar soap, dia-
pers (size 6) and baby wipes. Thank you for
your goodness 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 & Wine
Week of Nov 3 - 9, 2019

In Loving Memory of
Ann & Bill Csajko

The Sanctuary Candle
Week of Nov 3 - 9, 2019

In Loving Memory of
Michael F. &
Eugene F. Maley



REST IN PEACE

Margaret Cavaciuti
Martin Peshler
John “Bud” O’Mara



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, 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 Gandolfo, 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,
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 Miranda
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
Madison Milio



The Pastor's Letter



This month of November began with the Solemnity of All Saints. We are currently in the midst of our nine-day All Souls Day Novena (if you still wish to enroll your loved ones, please return the envelopes with their name as soon as possible). Throughout this month we especially remember to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, visit cemeteries, and obtain indulgences for their souls.

Over the course of the next few weeks, I would like for us to consider just what we mean and what we do at our Catholic funeral liturgies. Our funeral rites are celebrated according to the *Order of Christian Funerals*. Our Catholic funeral rites are broken into three parts or stages: The Vigil (or wake), the Funeral Mass, and the Committal. Each of these three parts has its own meaning theologically and liturgically, as well as psychologically and emotionally. The three together express our faith and hope in the resurrection of the dead, pray for the soul of our deceased loved one, as well as provide effective means of comfort and mourning.

The General Introduction to the *Order of Christian Funerals* states the following, "At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in this life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting word of God and the sacrament of the Eucharist" (OCF 4). Our funeral rites are primarily focused on prayer for the deceased because of our hope in God and our belief in the resurrection of the dead (as we profess in the Creed). Secondary, but nonetheless very important aspects, are the comfort of the family and friends with Scripture and Sacrament.

Although the OCF provides prayers and rites for several other moments, the rite has three principal parts. The first of these is the Vigil, or wake. "At the vigil the Christian community keeps watch with the family in prayer to the God of mercy and finds strength in Christ's presence. It is the first occasion among the funeral rites for the solemn reading of the word of God. In this time of loss the family and community turn to God's word as the source of faith and hope, as light and life in the face of darkness and death" (OCF 56). The Vigil serves an important purpose as the beginning for formal prayer and rites, as well as the time for the family to meet and receive the comfort of family and friends. It is the appropriate time for the sharing of memories, telling of stories, display of photographs and memories. *The Vigil or wake is the appropriate time for a eulogy, not the funeral Mass.*

The wake serves an important function for prayer as well as for our emotional and psychological grieving and healing. When there is no wake, there is a tendency to want to place aspects of the wake into the funeral Mass, when they are less appropriate or not appropriate at all. Next week we will focus on the second part of our funeral rites, the funeral Mass.

Please join us this Saturday, November 9, at 9am for our annual Mass of Remembrance. At this Mass we gather with the family and friends of those who have died from our parish over the past year. We continue to pray for their souls and comfort their families.

This helpful (and short) article posted at Catholic Culture (<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=1178>) gives some insight and practical directions for understanding and gaining indulgences for your loves ones--and for the souls who have no one praying for them!

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



**GOLDEN HARVEST TICKETS
ARE ON SALE ALL WEEK
Support SMT!
Let's have a successful year
and sell all 500 tickets.**

**CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY FAIR**

**Sunday, November 24, 2019
9am-5:30pm**

Holiday Gifts For The Entire Family!

Get your holiday shopping done while
visiting all of our wonderful vendors!

Handcrafted Goods | Clothing |
Holiday Items| Jewelry
Personalized Ornaments |Toys
Collectible Dolls | Wreaths
and many more!

**HOME-COOKED DINNERS,
BAKED GOODS, RAFFLES &
A SPECIAL VISIT FROM THE
NORTH POLE!**

**GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE \$1,000
2ND PRIZE \$250
3RD PRIZE \$100**

Winners Need Not Be Present To Win



**OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL
520 S. Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville**

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.



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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.

Women's Group

of St. Martin of Tours

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13 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!

Molloy College



1000 Hempstead Avenue
PO Box 5002
Rockville Centre NY 11571-5002

FALL OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019 1PM

Each year Molloy College hosts a Fall Open House for prospective students and their guests. As partners in faith, we open this invitation to your parishioners to visit our campus and see what we offer. Call (516) 323-4000 or visit www.molloy.edu.

Christmas Wreath Sale

Boy Scout Troop 604 will be selling beautiful wreaths for \$20 and grave blankets for \$25. The date of the sale is the weekend of November 30th and December 1st. BSA thanks you for your support every year!



Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island Including widows, widowers and singles

A social organization for single persons
New Member Orientation Meeting

Tuesday November 26th at 7:30 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6526
of ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL

1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793
(Parking in the rear of building)

Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Bring proof of single status to join.

Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting.

For further information, please call Carol at 516-794-4933 or Fran at 516-889-5790

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS COAT DRIVE

NOVEMBER 9th & 10th, 2019



The Story of St. Martin of Tours and why our Knights of Columbus, M.J. HARTIGAN COUNCIL 5033, sponsors a Coat Drive:

Martin was born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary in circa 316 AD and grew up in Italy. His father was a tribune in the Imperial Horse Guard. Martin was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the cavalry corps of the Roman military as his father. By the time he was 18, Martin is believed to have served in Gaul, and eventually Milan and Treves. Scholars think he served as part of the emperor's guard.

As a young soldier, Martin encountered a beggar in Amiens, France. The beggar was unclothed and it was very cold. Martin removed his cloak and with his sword, he cut it in half. He gave this half to the beggar and dressed himself in the remnant. That night, Martin had a vision in which Jesus spoke to him while wearing the torn cloak he had given him. When he awoke, the garment was restored. Moved by this vision and apparent miracle, Martin immediately finished his religious instruction and was baptized at the age of 18.

On leaving the Roman army, Martin settled at Poitiers, under the guidance of Bishop Hilary. He became a missionary in the provinces of Pannonia and Illyricum (now in the Balkan Peninsula), where he opposed Arianism, a heresy that denied the divinity of Christ. In 360, he rejoined Hilary at Poitiers.



Martin then founded a community of hermits at Ligugé, the first monastery in Gaul. In 371 he was made Bishop of Tours, and outside that city he founded another monastery, Marmoutier, to which he withdrew whenever possible.

As Bishop, Martin made Marmoutier a great monastic complex to which European ascetics were attracted and from which apostles spread Christianity throughout Gaul. He himself was an active missionary in Touraine and in the country districts where Christianity was as yet barely known.

He passed away in 397 AD. During his lifetime, Martin acquired a reputation as a miracle worker, and he was one of the first non-martyrs to be publicly venerated as a saint.

COAT COLLECTION WEEKEND
November 9th and 10th



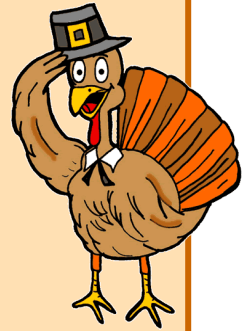
The Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) is scheduled for this weekend, November 2 - 3, 2019.

Unlike a territorial diocese, the AMS has no parishes and must depend on the support of the Catholic faithful throughout the United States for its pastoral care and services to 1.8 million Catholics serving in our U.S. Armed Forces and federal installations worldwide.

The nation's largest archdiocese, AMS spans the globe and its priests go wherever American servicemen and women are stationed, bringing them the sacraments, spiritual support and the Good News of eternal salvation through Jesus Christ. Thank you for your generosity.

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!



LOVE AND MERCY: FAUSTINA IS BACK AGAIN!

If you missed the opportunity to see this movie last week, it is returning due to popular demand. It will be shown again at the Farmingdale Multiplex Cinema, 1001 Broadhollow Road on Monday, December 2nd at 7PM. Purchase tickets in advance either at the box office or go to fandango.com. Each ticket is \$14.50.

Part-time Outreach Assistant – Farmingdale

St. Kilian's Parish in Farmingdale is seeking to fill the part-time administrative assistant position for busy Parish Social Ministry/Outreach program. Monday - Friday 9am to 2pm. Duties include ensuring efficient day-to-day office operations and assisting director and volunteers through a variety of tasks related to organization and communication.

Proficiency in computers (Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, Publisher and Access), ability to multi-task, attention to detail and ability to work independently is required. Sensitivity to diverse cultures and backgrounds is necessary. Must maintain appropriate confidentiality at all times. Bilingual (Spanish/English) a plus. Please e-mail resume to ninap@stkilian.com

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| <p>Download Formed @ smtbethpage.formed.org</p> |
| <p>Visit Your Parish Website@ smtbethpage.org</p> |

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



- Daily Mass readings
- Official NAB(re) version
- Easily bookmark readings to reread at a later time

Readings

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



FORMED FOR ADULTS

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, is the latest addition to the Augustine Institute's library of sacramental preparation programs. As a FORMED subscriber, you have access to all 9 sessions of the Parish Edition in English.

Forgiven explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

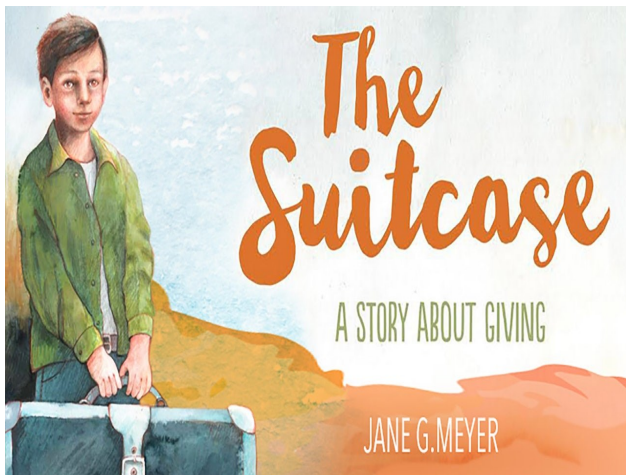
FORMED FOR KIDS

THE SUITCASE: A STORY ABOUT GIVING

by Jane G. Meyer

Zeal and excitement are a part of every child. This picture book celebrates a young boy's enthusiasm to put into practice the words of Christ: to feed and clothe the poor, help the needy, and love one's neighbor.

As Thomas shows his family the items he has packed into his suitcase after hearing a stirring homily at church, they marvel at his inventiveness and loving heart—he is traveling to the Kingdom of Heaven, and he knows what it takes to get there! Thomas and his family figure out a way, with his suitcase, to accomplish the goal that Thomas is so excited about: to arrive at the Kingdom.



If you have experienced ALPHA and are interested to continue your faith journey, please contact Greg Curley or Kate Mayerhofer gregorycurley2@gmail.com or text/call 516-672-2118



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 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.



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

THE GIANNA CENTER

Available to women and couples of all faiths, the Gianna Center is located at **CHS's Good Samaritan Hospital, 1000 Montauk Highway, West Islip, and can be reached at 631.376.3232.** Directions and a map to this location are available online by visiting www.chsli.org/gianna-center-long-island and navigating to "Contact the Gianna Center of Long Island."

For anyone with an unexpected or crisis pregnancy, the crisis pregnancy support social worker/navigator can be reached at 1(855) 301-4CHS from 8AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday and is supported 24/7 by a team of trained professionals evenings, weekends and holidays.

The confidential, dedicated telephone number for this program is **1 (855) 301-4CHS**, supported by the availability of multilingual interpretive services. Anyone of any faith may call or refer to this support line, including representatives of parishes, colleges and crisis pregnancy centers, to facilitate safe, non-judgmental companionship for women and couples in a crisis pregnancy. To speak to someone about pregnancy options immediately between 7:00 pm and 7:30 am Monday to Friday or on the weekend, please call **1 (800) 712-HELP (4357).**



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
 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

 **The Office of FAITH FORMATION**
DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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

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.

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

HOWARD CRAGG



On Sunday, October 27th, Howard received the St. Agnes Medal for his outstanding service to the parish of St. Martin of Tours.

Standing with Howard is the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre.

Congratulations, Howard, from the priests and parishioners of SMT. It is well deserved!

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

OCTOBER WAS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

RESPECT LIFE
respect · love · protect

As the Respect Life Ministry presents events during the month of October, we finished with the Life Center of Long Island Baby Bottle Campaign. The Life Center is celebrating 33 years as a non-profit 501c3, operating centers throughout Long Island known as "AAA Pregnancy Options." They have a crisis pregnancy center in Massapequa, Deer Park and Hempstead. Each month they counsel over 300 women and men and field over 2,500 phone calls and are sustained fully through donations. The primary focus is to educate those facing an unplanned pregnancy, fetal development and the numerous resources available to help them make informed and empowered decisions - hopefully choosing life for their baby!

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE! We provide pregnancy test kits, sonograms, referrals in collaboration with the Gianna Center of Long Island and Catholic Health Services, maternity housing referrals that meet certain criteria, parenting and life skills workshops and many more resources. EVERY NEW MOTHER AND FATHER WHO CHOOSES LIFE FOR THEIR BABY AND HAS NOTHING, NEEDS EVERYTHING! Our support continues after the baby is born: We provide essential materials such as diapers, wipes, baby clothes, cribs, car seats, strollers, etc. until the baby is two years old. Last year we distributed the equivalent of \$826,000 of baby items to over 2,800 moms and dads from our local communities. CLOSE TO A MILLION DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED. We have implemented an extremely effective men's program called PROJECT BLUEPRINT and currently have 8 male volunteers, one of which is Lou Fielack, our own parishioner. They speak with the father about the humanity of their baby; educating him on manhood and fatherhood and encourage him to support his wife or girlfriend to choose life for their baby. Within the last 12 months, we have spoken with 53 male clients and over 30 of these have resulted in saved babies. The Life Center saves lives by changing hearts. In the last 2 years, we have saved the lives of 153 babies resulting in sparing families the physical, emotional and spiritual anguish had a different decision been made. The words of our beloved Saint John Paul II will always ring true, *"In the name of God, Respect, Protect, Love and Serve Life, every Human Life."*

On a special note, I was unable to speak at the masses due to health reasons. I would like to thank Father Chris for his generosity and commitment to all life issues and inviting us to speak to you. I would like to give special thanks to George Lucas, who set up the all the crates before the masses. Our committee volunteers, Pat and Bill Rochford, Mary Ellen Walsh, Sheila Regan, all other members who helped hand out bottles, and our faithful ushers who are always there to help. Special thanks to my husband Jerry, who took to the podium for four masses, and finally, my daughter Colleen and my son-in-law, Denis who spoke at the 5:30 mass on Sunday. It is a big job bringing all this about, and I thank everyone who stood in for me, for doing this most excellent job. *Thank you and God bless you! - Diana Hart Mirando*



Golden Harvest



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

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

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| 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 ARE ON SALE
BEFORE *and* AFTER ALL MASSES
including the 5:30 Mass**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 4: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Nov 5: Eucharistic Adoration 3:00-7:30PM Church
- Oct - Nov 23: Golden Harvest Raffle Ticket Sales
- Nov 9: Mass of Remembrance 9AM Church
- Nov 9/10: K of C Coat Drive
- Nov 12: Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity Thanksgiving Feast 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 13: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 23: Installation of Father Christopher Costigan as Pastor of SMT 5PM Mass
- Nov 23: Golden Harvest Raffle & Reception 6PM
- Nov 30/Dec 1: Boys Scouts Christmas Wreath Sale
- Dec 4: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 11: Long Island Blood Drive St. Alphonsus Hall

