

Church of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714
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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 Beck, 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



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2019

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Mon. Dec. 2**

6:30AM

9AM Blanche & Emil Zalzal

Tues. Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:30AM John & Virginia MacKenrodt

9AM Edward Rasmussen

Wed. Dec. 4 - St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor

6:30AM

9AM Charles A. Harvey, Jr.

Thurs. Dec. 5

6:30AM Allan Manz, Living

9AM Bernie Helldorfer, Sr.

Fri. Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

6:30AM

9AM Lena Prendergast

Sat. Dec 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

9AM William Veltri, Craig Countryman

Rosalia Ranndazzo, Bridget Lissy, Living

5PM Marty Laraia

Sun. Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Mary & Bill Donahoe, Mary Mullaly

10AM The People of the Parish

12PM George & Doris Held

5:30PM Speelman, Pedro, Brady & Kosmas Families

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Isaiah 4:2-6, Matthew 8:5-11

Tues. Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wed. Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs. Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Fri. Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Sat. Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun. *Isaiah 11:1-10* *Isaiah tells of the justice and peace that shall reign in the kingdom of God.****Romans: 15:4-9* *St. Paul prays that God will give the community the ability to be in harmony and united with Christ.******Matthew 3:1-12* *In the Gospel, John the Baptist exhorts his listeners to turn away from their sins and be baptized, for the one who is coming after him is even mightier.*****OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT****Due to the early submission of this bulletin, the collection will be reported in the next issue.****Thank you for supporting SMT!****Bulletin Reflection:****"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come," says the Lord in today's Gospel.**

Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, therefore they strive to live in readiness for His coming. This Advent we wait patiently for Christ and prepare ourselves for His coming.

Living Stewardship - Pillar of Formation:

Let us use the season of Advent to prepare for Christ's coming, by learning to recognize Him more closely in the world today. Let us use this time to increase our prayer life as we prepare for Christ's coming.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Just because you fall down, or get knocked down, doesn't mean you have to stay down. Sometimes, people need help getting back up. That's what we do here! Just like Life Alert.

Our next meeting is Monday December 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Church. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**H.O.P. CLUB WINNERS - CONGRATULATIONS!**

11/25/19	#489	Alice DeBrino	\$25
11/26/19	#12	Joan & Dan Campbell	\$25
11/27/19	#621	John Crofton	\$25
11/28/19	#498	John & Maureen Castles	\$25
11/29/19	#165	Mary Thomas	\$50

THIRD BANNES

Thomas Oberstad & Kristi Lafiandra



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

St Mother Theresa Outreach Center
St Martin of Tours Parish

This week the Pantry is in need of pasta sauce, white rice and diapers (sizes 5 & 6). Thank you for all you do for those in need.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Phone: 516-931-7332

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM



*Altar Bread & Wine
Week of Dec 1 - 7, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
Maggio & Belcastro Families*

*The Sanctuary Candle
Week of Dec 1 - 7, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of
Jerome Viviano*



REST IN PEACE

**Enrico Lombardi
Elizabeth Waters
Sean Heaver**



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

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 Graton, 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, 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 Connolly, 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
Baby Dominick, Kathy McKerlie, Bridget Lissy, Madison Milio
Patrick Vanacore, Mary Jane Pendl, Terri Smith, Edison Esposito
Michael Croan, Gene Stasiuk, Carlo Ruggiero



The Pastor's Letter

Today we begin the Holy Season of Advent. It is the first day of the new liturgical year. This year we will hear primarily from the Gospel of Matthew. The season of Advent is one of anticipation. We join in solidarity with the people of Israel as they waited for the coming of the Messiah. We join with all the people of the world as we await the Second Coming of Christ to reign and judge all at the end of time. The season begins with prayers and readings focused on the Second Coming. We then hear from the Old Testament prophets and St. John the Baptist as they prepare the way for the coming of the Christ into the world. In the last days of Advent, we will journey with Mary and Joseph in the days before the birth of Jesus.

This season is a time of opening our hearts to prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts and lives. It should be a time of renewal for all of us. A new liturgical year is a chance to begin again! If it has been a long time since you have gone to confession, go soon! We offer the sacrament seven days a week! If none of the scheduled times work, call the Office. If you have not been joining with the worshipping community each Sunday, now is a great time to begin again. If you need to renew your own prayer life, this is a great time to develop new habits of prayer.

This year our parish will have a Three-Night Advent Mission on Wednesday evenings December 4, December 11, and December 18. Each evening will begin at 7:30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a reflection talk, time for private prayer and confession, a second reflection talk, and then Benediction. The weeks before Christmas tend to be very busy for most of us. These evenings will give us all a chance to take some time to be quiet with the Lord and refocus our priorities, to restore all things in our life in Christ!

Next Monday, December 9th we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Patronal Feast of the United States of America. Although this is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, Mass will be celebrated at 6:30am, 9:00am, and 7:00pm.

Thank you again to all who participated in the Installation Mass, the Golden Harvest Raffle and reception, and our Thanksgiving Day Mass last week!

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

The First Sunday of Advent



The entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CYO GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

St. Martin of Tours will be offering CYO Volleyball during 2020 for girls in grades 5 through 8. Priority for the program is to parishioners of St. Martin of Tours and girls who played last year. Practices begin in January and games run from end of February through end of April. Local travel to other parishes in the Diocese will be required.

If you are interested please email CYO Coordinator Dave Fantry at dfantry@drvc.org. Registration will be held in Parish School Auditorium on Thursday, December 26th and Thursday, January 2nd from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Last year was a huge success and we are working on building the program moving forward. Thanks and enjoy the holiday season.

Fees for season:

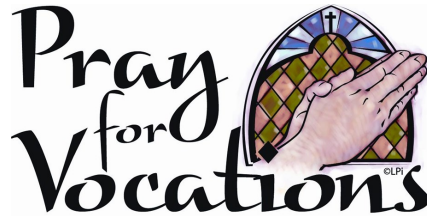
1st child - \$150

2nd child of family - \$245

3rd or more from same family - \$295

New Uniform Fee – TBD

All checks made payable to St. Martin of Tours CYO



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

HARTIGAN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL FREE THROW CONTEST

St. Martin of Tours School Auditorium • Sunday, January 5, 2020 • 1:00 PM

*For more information
Call Bob DeRosa 516-776-0688*

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



St. Martin of Tours Giving Tree

November 23th - December 15th

Once again we are asking our generous family of St. Martin's to help our neighbors who need assistance this Christmas Season through the Giving Tree. Please take a tag and purchase a gift card from the store that is named on the tag. Due to space restrictions, we can only accept gift cards, which allows our neighbors the ability to purchase what they need for their families.

The last collection of gift cards will be at the 5:30PM Mass on December 15th in order to give us time to sort and deliver them to the families in our community. **Please write the dollar amount on the gift card and deposit it in the rectory door mail slot.**

St. Vincent de Paul and SMT's Outreach are very grateful for your compassion and support of our neighbors!

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



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!



LIFE LINE SCREENING - Wednesday, December 4, 2019 St. Alphonsus Hall

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Saint Martin of Tours Parish - Saint Alphonsus Hall on 12/4/2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.



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

RCIA Level I

St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage

Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, and 13, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Since December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9th. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer. The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year.

St. Martin's will have three Masses to celebrate the Solemnity on Monday, December 9th: 6:30AM, 9AM and 7PM .



St. Martin of Tours BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 2:30 - 8:30PM
38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, St. Alphonsus Hall

Questions on medical eligibility, call 1-800-688-0900

To make an appointment, please contact
Genny Mitchell at 516-931-0818
WALK-INS WELCOME!!

HELP! WE NEED YOU TO ...

...consider joining in the formation of a new **Hospitality Committee** here at St. Martin of Tours. Time is precious to everyone so we would like to have a great response so that no one person is left to work alone. We would create a forward-looking calendar so that individuals could have flexibility in choosing a convenient time to serve.

There isn't an overwhelming number of events and some do occur in the evening or on the weekend. We need a leader, set-up people, clean-up people, and shoppers. Once we receive this great response, **Ann Hughes (516-433-6972)** will arrange a meeting. Men as well as women are encouraged and most welcome to help.

We have always been a parish willing to help each other. Getting together, sharing coffee and cake is part of our history, too, so please give it some thought. Thanks for giving!



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 fan-dango.com. Each ticket is \$14.50.

PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT ST. MARTIN'S

RECEPTIONIST: One - three days weekly from 4:30 - 8 pm. Five hours on Saturday either morning or afternoon as needed.

Duties:

- Greeting and referring visitors
- Receiving and transferring telephone calls
- Taking and delivering messages
- Photocopying
- Maintenance of files
- Other routine clerical and secretarial functions
- No previous experience required.

Resume and cover letter must be sent to smoliver@smbethpage.org as a Word attachment or fax to 516 931-0559.

MAINTENANCE WORKER - 15 hours per week**Requirements & Duties**

- Ability to lift 50 lbs. and climb ladders.
- Must follow all parish procedures while assisting the supervising manager in the upkeep and maintenance of all parish buildings and grounds.
- Keeps the supervising manager updated and aware of any defects, damages or malfunctions of all parish buildings and grounds.
- Effectively completes all tasks as assigned by the supervising manager.
- Ability to effectively manage time, meet deadlines and coordinate work functions with other personnel.
- **Duties include:** mopping, vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, washing windows, and snow and trash removal.

Resume and cover letter must be sent to smoliver@smbethpage.org as a Word attachment or fax to 516 931-0559.



Come & join us!

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY
REHEARSAL AND MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

LIFE TEEN BAND: Sings every Sunday at 5:30 pm mass. Rehearsals are TUESDAYS AT 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH. We encourage high school and college students to join us.

CHILDRENS CHOIR: Sings the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 10 am mass. Rehearsals are at 5PM THE PREVIOUS WEDNESDAY IN THE CHURCH. We encourage children in

grades 1-8

WOMENS CHOIR: Sings 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 10 am mass. Rehearsals are every THURSDAY AT 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH. All women are welcome.

MIXED ADULT CHOIR: Sings every Sunday at 12 pm mass. Rehearsals are every THURSDAY AT 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH. We encourage adults 18 and older to join us.

THE MUSIC MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS AS WELL AS SINGERS:

- **THOSE WHO ARE "TECHNICALLY" INCLINED AND WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP OUT WITH EQUIPMENT AND SOUND.**
- **THOSE WHO ARE PROFICIENT MUSICIANS AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR EVER GROWING MINI ORCHESTRA. (SEASONAL)**
- **PLEASE CALL ELENA SCOLLO, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, AT (516) 713-8854 OR STOP AND SPEAK TO ONE OF OUR MUSIC LEADERS AT MASS ABOUT THE MUSIC MINISTRY AT ANY TIME.**

<p>Download Your Parish App@ myparishapp.com</p>
<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

Learn more or download our parish app at **myparishapp.com**

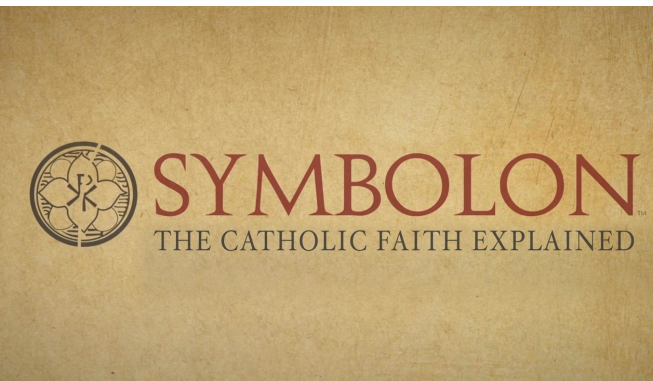

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



This year's National Collection for Retired Religious is scheduled for December 7th & 8th. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. This collection helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give as much as your means will allow.

The Jesus Stories: The Good Samaritan

FORMED FOR ADULTS

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

Purchase full-color guides - at 60% off: <https://bit.ly/35X0kGS>. **Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained** features 20 video and discussion sessions that brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith.

A few years ago, Fr. Patrick Woods and Rita Verow facilitated the **Symbolon** series which was well received. There were lively discussions and heartfelt sharing of our Faith. This is a wonderful tool to learn what Catholics believe in, and thus be prepared to fully evangelize our Faith in an educated and inspiring manner.

FORMED FOR KIDS

The Good Samaritan Video; Volume 1

In this episode, *The Good Samaritan*, we learn how working on a project together can teach us the value of each individual.

CALLING ALL ANGELS, KINGS AND SHEPHERDS

The Christmas Eve Family Mass will be on Tuesday, December 24th at the 6:00PM Mass in the Church. If your child would like to participate, please fill the space below and submit it to the rectory by December 16th. The one and only information session will be on Thursday, December 19th at 4PM in Church.

CHILD'S NAME(S): _____

AGE(S): _____ PHONE: _____

PART(S) REQUESTED: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE & DATE _____

CHRISTIAN MOTHER ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

Our Christmas meeting is THIS Tuesday, December 3rd at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.



- * Gift Exchange! Bring a new \$10 wrapped gift
- * Snacks Table
- * Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Pantry
- * ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!



MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24: 4:30PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, CENTRAL AVENUE
4PM CHURCH & SCHOOL**

6PM, 9PM & MIDNIGHT MASS IN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25: 7:30AM, 10AM & 12 NOON IN CHURCH. NO EVENING MASS.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 - VIGIL AT 5PM

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
10AM & 12 NOON. NO EVENING MASS.**





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



MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Our Men's Group will be meeting at B.K. Sweeney's on Thursday, December 12th at 7:30PM.

- Fr. Chris

SMT ADVENT MISSION

Take some time out for quiet time with Our Lord Jesus during this Advent Season. Below is the schedule for each night.

Wednesday evenings at 7:30PM: December 4, 11, & 18

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament • Reflective Talk
 Private Prayer & Confession • 2nd Reflective Talk • Benediction**



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A BLESSED THANKSGIVING

It seems that many are going from Halloween right on to Christmas, with less emphasis on the celebration of Thanksgiving Day. Besides the aroma of a turnkey in the oven, the pies and cakes, that special stuffing, some are putting aside the importance of taking time together to just sit back and enjoy a day celebrating our lives. It's a day for family, or friends, and to remember those that may be alone on this day. It is a day for pride in country, pride in our freedom, in our religion and most important thanking God for all we have. It's so important to make our children and grandchildren aware of the very beginnings of America so that they may never take for granted it's freedoms, to honor and protect them. A lesson so important, is the knowledge of those starving around the world. So, on this Thanksgiving Day, we ask God to help those alone, and maybe each of us reach out in some way to those that are.

A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS CNA/Vatican City, World Day of the Poor

"The poor, unborn and elderly are neglected in the frenzy of modern life. The poor and the most vulnerable can be left behind in the frenetic haste and self-centeredness of the modern world. How beautiful it would be if the poor could occupy in our hearts the place they have with God. In the frenzy of running, of achieving right now, anyone left behind is viewed as a nuisance, and considered disposable. How many elderly, unborn, disabled and poor persons are considered useless!

A PRAYER FOR LIFE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY AND EVERY DAY - Priests For Life

Father of mercies, God of all creation, Source of life and of every blessing, thank you today, and every day of our lives, for all that you give us. Our thanksgiving is not only a duty, but a joy and a source of strength, because it reminds us of your faithful love, and inspires us with the hope of a future filled with blessings!

Lord, we thank you for guiding our fathers, who, inspired by the prophets and by the saving work of your Son, founded a nation where all might live as one, acknowledging their dependence on you, as the source of their right to life. We thank you for your blessings in the past, and for all that, with your help, we must yet achieve.

We ask you to bless us as we thank you, that our giving thanks may be accompanied by our firm resolve to proclaim, celebrate and serve the gift of human life, born and unborn. We pray through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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Eucharistic Retreat Day

Sunday, December 8, 2019

The Missionaries of The Most Holy Eucharist



*We welcome you to join us for a day
set aside to adore, reverence,
and love Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist*

*Come abide with Him
on this day which includes*

Hot Breakfast & Lunch

Spiritual Meditations

Holy Mass

Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

440 West Neck Road, Huntington

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

To register, please use this link <https://forms.gle/Mg9aGMSJEz7bZXwn7> or call Alison Ferrara at 631-896-0870. Please state your name, email address, home address, parish and phone number.

For questions, please send e-mail to MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com

*Advance registration is **required** and registration using the link is preferred.*

*\$35 Fee; Cash or Check made out to the
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
will be collected at the door.*

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Dec 2: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Dec 3: Eucharistic Adoration 3:00-7:30PM Church
- Nov 23 - Dec 15: Giving Tree in the Gathering Area
- Nov 30/Dec 1: Boys Scouts Christmas Wreath Sale
- Dec 4: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 4, 11 & 18: Advent Service 7:30PM Church
- Dec 9: The Immaculate Conception Masses are 6:30AM, 9AM & 7PM on Monday the 9th.
- Dec 11: Long Island Blood Drive St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 12: Men's Group 7:30PM B.K. Sweeney
- Dec 18: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall