

Church of Saint Martin of Tours

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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
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Rev. Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy
Rev. Deacon Christopher P. Quinn

Trustees: Carol Buffa and Frank Mekalainas

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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



Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2019

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. Dec. 9 - Solemnity of The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30AM Alfred Puppo
9AM Katherine & Michael Healy
7PM For All Parishioners

Tues. Dec. 10

6:30AM Marty Laraia
9AM Dorothy Duke, 1st Anniversary

Wed. Dec. 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope

6:30AM Margaret Canepa
9AM Mary Kate Dolan

Thurs. Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30AM Judge Trotta & Family, Living
9AM Richard Francis McKenna

Fri. Dec. 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

6:30AM John Trotta & Family, Living
9AM William Spencer

Sat. Dec 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

9AM Vincenza, Concetta, Rosario & Francesco
Scalici, John Kenneth Hargraves, Peter Marrone
5PM Mayra DiDomenico

Sun. Dec. 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Carmela Gandolfo
10AM John J. Jauregui, Connie Trappasse
Peter A. Triolo, Louis Capalino
12PM The People of the Parish
5:30PM Bernie Helldorfer, Jr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Gen. 3:9-15, 20; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
Tues. Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
Wed. Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs. Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38
Fri. Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Sat. Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sun. *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10* Isaiah speaks of a day when the glory and splendor of God will be apparent to all: God will come to save.

***James 5:7-10* James encourages the community to be patient as they await Christ's return.**

***Matthew 11:2-11* Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist to go and tell John of miracles that have occurred. He then tells the crown of John the Baptist's greatness.**

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT

November 24th Collection: \$13,814.19
Human Development: \$ 2,581.00
Thanksgiving: \$ 1,137.00
December 1st Collection: \$15,462.19

Thank you for supporting SMT!

Bulletin Reflection:

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks of today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

**Living Stewardship - Pillar of Service:**

A popular saying around this time of year is "Keep Christ in Christmas." This is true in so many ways, and one way is to do good to others. We have been given gifts by God to use for the service of others; there is no better time to start than now. Consider donating a gift to your parish's Giving Tree for someone in need.

Charismatic Prayer Group

How many signs of Christmas can you think of? Did you say the candy cane?! Really! Read the poem on page 9. You'll never look at a candy cane in the same way ever again! There are many accounts of the history of the candy cane, but they all relate to Jesus! He always shows up where we least expect Him.

Our next meeting is Monday, December 9th at 7:30 pm right after the Wild Goose at 7PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

HOP Club winners can be found on page 13.



"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 8 - 14, 2019
In Loving Memory of
Fletcher Gately

The Sanctuary Candle
Week of Dec 8 - 14, 2019



In Loving Memory of
John & Nicoletta Mattariello



REST IN PEACE
Jennifer Lynn Diaz
George E. Hoban
Jaydien Masset Toney



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 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, 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 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



We are now one week into this four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ. Are you any more prepared to meet the Lord now than you were a week ago? If not, it's time to start taking some steps! We encounter John the Baptist in the Gospel today. His preaching caused many to change their ways and prepare themselves for the coming of the Lord. His words still apply to us. Don't let them fall on deaf ears!

We will continue our Wednesday evening Parish Mission this week and next. Join us at 7:30pm for a night of reflection, confession, and quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Remember we have confession times scheduled every day of the week here at Saint Martin of Tours! We also pray Morning Prayer Monday to Friday at 8:30am before the 9am Mass.

Tomorrow the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Patronal Feast of the United States of America. Because today, December 8, is a Sunday of Advent, the solemnity is transferred to tomorrow and is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Regardless, we celebrate the solemnity with Masses at 6:30am, 9am, and 7pm. Come and pray for our great country.

The Parish Men's Group will meet this Thursday, December 12 at 7:30pm at BK Sweeney's. All men of the parish are invited to join us for an evening of faith sharing and fellowship (and then stay around to see the possibility of an early Christmas miracle with a Jets win). December 12 is also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patronal feast of all the Americas.

Many thanks to the Llorente Family and volunteers who prepared and served dinner on Thanksgiving Day to anyone who chose to come together in St. Alphonsus Hall to share a meal and fellowship. Thank you as well to all who have participated in our Giving Tree and for your weekly support of the Parish Pantry and Saint Vincent de Paul.

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

The Second 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:

'John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*



SMT ADVENT MISSION

Take some time out for quiet time with Our Lord Jesus during this Advent Season.

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



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

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

WOMEN'S 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.**

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 .



The Psalms of the Church's Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:30 a.m. before the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This will be done Monday to Friday during the four weeks of Advent.

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.



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!

SO MANY TO THANK!



A huge **Thank You** to John Coumatos and the staff of **B.K. Sweeney's** for donating 60 Thanksgiving turkey dinners - fully cooked with all the trimmings. St. Martin's Pantry volunteers gave out the dinners on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The dinners could be "zapped" or changed to an ovenproof plate - heated up - and enjoyed.



PLEASE NOTE: There is no Christmas tree sale this year. It has always been the responsibility of the youth minister to do the ordering by the spring. Unfortunately, as of now, we are without a minister to run this fundraiser. Hopefully next year, we'll have it up and running once again.

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.**



Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at the Candy Cane, what do you see?
Stripes that are Red like the blood shed for
me.

White for my Savior Who is sinless and pure.
"J" is for Jesus, My Lord that's for sure!
Turn it around, And a Staff you will see,
Jesus my Shepherd Was born for me.

Author Unknown

"...by His stripes we are healed." -Isaiah 53:5

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Readings

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

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*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



FORMED FOR ADULTS: MARY OF NAZARETH

Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary.

The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.



FORMED FOR KIDS BROTHER FRANCIS PRESENTS THE DAYS OF ADVENT

Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.

This year's National Collection for Retired Religious is scheduled for this weekend, 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 GIANNA CENTER
 WWW.CHSLI.ORG/GIANNACENTERLONGISLAND



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)**.



Catholic Home Care
 Catholic Health Services
 At the heart of health

Each day, more than 2,900 patients turn to the Catholic Home Care team of more than 700 dedicated professionals, para-professionals, and support staff to ensure that their home care needs are being met 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Physicians, discharge planners, insurance case managers, and family members refer patients who can benefit from skilled services in their home environment.

Catholic Home Care provides services to patients in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens counties. Our highly experienced, friendly, and helpful staff are available for referrals and inquiries seven days a week to ensure care coordination needs are met. Referrals can be made from facilities, physicians, families, and patients.

**To speak with a representative from admissions
 please call 516-586-1421 or 631-465-6830.**



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

CALLING ALL ANGELS, KINGS AND SHEPHERDS

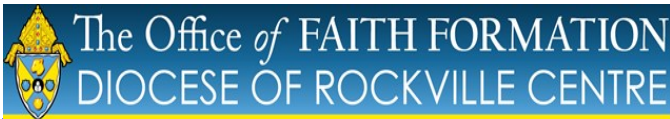
The Christmas Eve Family Mass will be on Tuesday, December 24th at the 6:00PM Mass in the Church. If your child would like to participate, please fill the space below and submit it to the rectory by December 16th. The one and only information session will be on Thursday, December 19th at 4PM in Church.

CHILD'S NAME(S): _____

AGE(S): _____ PHONE: _____

PART(S) REQUESTED: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE & DATE _____



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.

Ministry of Consolation Level I

St. Aidan, Williston Park

Wednesdays, January 22, 29;
February 5, and 12, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Building Intercultural Competences in Ministry

St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 27;
March 12, and 19, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Or

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt

Mondays, February 10, 24;
March 2, 9, and 16, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 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.

Bereavement Ministry

Facilitator Training Level I & II

St. Mary's, East Islip

Saturday, March 28; April 4, 18, 25;
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and June 6, 2020
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

BILINGUAL MASS at 7PM

Presided by the Most Reverend John O. Barres

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville NY 11747

Women's Group

of St. Martin of Tours

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **Dec. 18th** 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!

LOVE AND MERCY: FAUSTINA

BACK FOR THE 3RD TIME!

December 10th at 7PM



This movie is having its third run due to popular demand. Once again, it will be shown at the Farmingdale Multiplex Cinema, 1001 Broadhollow Road on Tuesday, December 10th at 7PM.

Purchase tickets in advance either at the box office or go to fandango.com. Each ticket is \$14.50.

H.O.P. CLUB WINNERS - CONGRATULATIONS!

12/2/19	#467	Noreen & Tim Murphy	\$25
12/3/19	#441	Eleanor Hoban	\$25
12/4/19	#145	Khloe Basilicato	\$25
12/5/19	#50	Ruth McCarron	\$25
12/6/19	#233	Mary Vitti	\$50

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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

NEW YORK STATE BILL AIMED AT PREGNANCY CENTERS - PASSED AND SIGNED INTO LAW

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: *On November 8, 2019, Governor Cuomo signed S660/A584, the bill that would compel PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATIONS TO HIRE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE PRO-ABORTION. This law requires employers such as CHURCHES, CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, AND PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS to violate their beliefs and employ staff who support and promote abortion. New York is forcing religious organizations to hire people who would undermine their very mission.*

CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY, CNA: LAWSUIT FILED OVER LATEST NEW YORK ABORTION LAW: Albany, NY. Several pro-life organizations in New York have sued the state over a law they say targets pro-life and religious employers, barring them from reflecting their core beliefs in hiring policies. *"No government has the right to tell pro-life or religious organizations they must hire someone who doesn't agree with their core mission,"* Ken Connelly, senior counsel at Alliance Defending Freedom. ADF is representing the plaintiffs in this case. The law bars employers from enforcing certain codes of conduct or belief in the workplace with regard to REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS and requires them to inform employees of their right to abortions without fear of any workplace retaliatory action. The law, plaintiffs say, singles out PRO-LIFE and RELIGIOUS EMPLOYERS by refusing to exempt them. It forces these organizations to continue to employ people who may have publicly defied the mission of an organization - for example, an employee at a pro-life crisis pregnancy center who has an abortion, or a church employee who publicly opposes the teachings of that church on abortion or marriage. *"New York is directly demeaning religious pro-life pregnancy centers and other faith-based organizations - like RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS, CATHOLIC HOSPITALS, and even CHURCHES - by ordering them to violate their beliefs in key personnel and leadership decisions,"* Connelly said.

"SB 660 intentionally and by design sacrifices the associational, speech, and religious freedom of employers in New York State - including religious non-profits, churches and schools to the government's desire to promote abortion rights by getting the ability of pro-life employers to hire to their pro-life missions," the plaintiffs' brief states. **"The bill was supported by Planned Parenthood as a measure that would protect women's access to abortion."**

Seven more Life Center crates have been filled with baby bottles and will be delivered to Massapequa for counting. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to these mothers and their babies!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday - Friday during Advent: Psalms of the Morning Prayer 8:30AM Church
- Dec 9: The Immaculate Conception Masses 6:30AM, 9AM & 7PM Church
- Dec 9: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00PM Wild Goose followed by prayer St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 10: Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 - 7:30PM Church
- Nov 23 - Dec 15: Giving Tree in the Gathering Area
- Dec 4, 11 & 18: Advent Service 7:30PM Church
- 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

