

# 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  
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

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

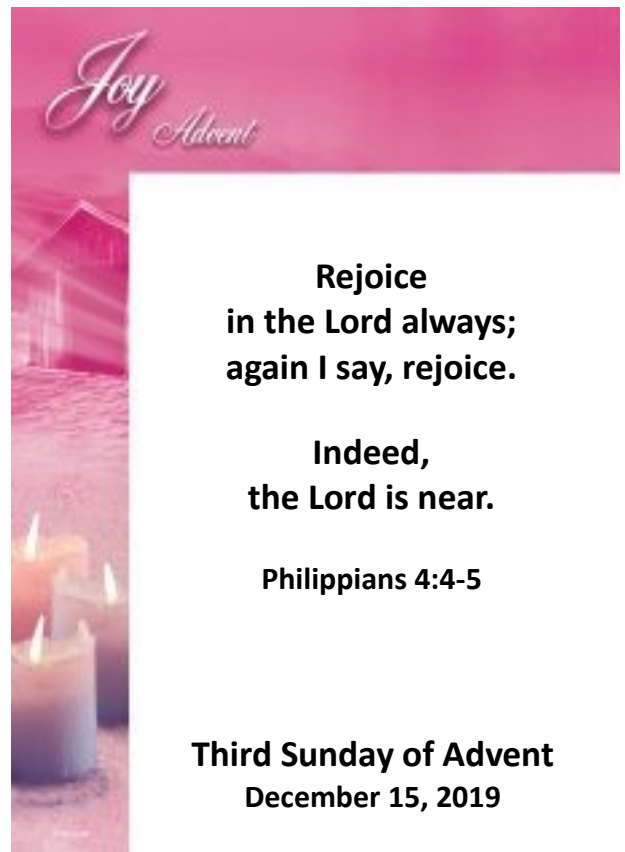
Monday - Friday 6:30AM & 9AM • Saturday 9AM

## 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



Rejoice  
in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice.

Indeed,  
the Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2019

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Mon. December 16**

6:30AM Anita Tacderan

9AM John Michael Vitrano

**Tues. December 17**

6:30AM Bill Veltri

9AM Mary Rabbitte

**Wed. December 18**

6:30AM

9AM Hugh Hanley

**Thurs. December 19**

6:30AM Silvio &amp; Catherine Sita

9AM Kathleen Girardi

**Fri. December 20**

6:30AM Rose Brenner, Living

9AM Peggy Castle

**Sat. Dec 21- St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor**

9AM Patricia L. Foster, James E. Gula, Rosa Fanelli

5PM Peggy Castle

**Sun. December 22– Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM William Veltri

10AM George Baierlein

12PM Arthur Schleisinger, Frank Dillon,  
Tony Romano, Anthony J. Guglielmo

5:30PM People of the Parish

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a, Matthew 21:23-27

Tues. Genesis 49:2, 8-10, Matthew 1:1-17

Wed. Jeremiah 23:5-8, Matthew 1:18-25

Thurs. Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a, Luke 1:5-25

Fri. Isaiah 7:10-14, Luke 1:26-38

Sat. Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a,  
Luke 1:39-45

**Sun. Isaiah 7:10-14** *Isaiah prophesies a sign for Israel: The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son who will embody God's redemptive presence with his people.*

**Romans 1:1-7** *Paul recalls his own apostolic calling and writes that the Gentiles are also called to belong to Jesus Christ.*

**Matthew 1:18-24** *The Lord's angel comes to Joseph in a dream and reveals the circumstances of Mary's pregnancy, and what this means. Joseph obeys the angel's commands.*

**OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT**

December 8th Collection: \$13,735.19

Religious Retirement: \$ 3,232.00

Thank you for supporting SMT!

**Bulletin Reflection:**

Each one of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

**Living Stewardship - Pillar of Hospitality:**

Say to those whose hearts are frightened, "Be strong; fear not!" As we get closer to the day when Our Lord came to us as a child, let us continue to preach the Good News to others. Winter and the Christmas season may not always be a time of joy for all people (winter blues, grief over the loss of a loved one); let us bring to them the light of Christ.

*Charismatic Prayer Group*

***My sheep hear My voice. I know them and they follow Me. John 10:27-28***

Did you know that sheep recognize their own shepherd's voice and only respond to that voice? We are the sheep of the Good Shepherd and should do the same. But we get fooled by the enemy. We may get pulled away from the flock but our Shepherd never gives up on us, and will fight to find us and bring us back. How awesome is He!!

Our next meeting is Monday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall, weather permitting. Come first for the continuation of the *Wild Goose* video at 7pm. It's okay if you haven't seen the previous videos. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

**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 could use: oatmeal, coffee, oil, canned pineapple and mixed fruit.

Due to your tremendous generosity, we were able to serve all of our clients very well for Thanksgiving. In addition, the Knights of Columbus delivered 26 baskets, the Syosset Homemakers provided 6 baskets, BK Sweeney's donated 60 meals to our individual clients and the Pantry created 9 Baskets. Thanks to all who donated food and turkeys, cakes and pies.

WE are very grateful for your help to serve 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 15 - 21, 2019*  
*In Loving Memory of*  
*Rosemary & Joe Ogno*

*The Sanctuary Candle*  
*Week of Dec 15 - 21, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Bill Veltri*



**REST IN PEACE**  
**Michael Croan**  
**George Tocci**

**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.
- 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, Pete Moran, 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, Nancy Gerace, Robert Collelouri
- Arthur Baudo, Samantha McNeill, 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, Teri Bunker, Diane Kelly, Andy Lomuscio, Baby Dominick
- Kathy McKerlie, Bridget Lissy, Madison Milio, Patrick Vanacore
- Mary Jane Pendl, Terri Smith, Edison Esposito, Gene Stasiuk
- Carlo Ruggiero, Francis & Kathleen Meehan

## The Pastor's Letter



We are now more than halfway through the season of Advent. This Tuesday, our focus changes to the "O Antiphons" and the late Advent readings of the immediate preparation for the celebration of the Messiah coming into the world. How have you been preparing your life to meet the Lord when the day should come? Have you gone to confession yet? Is the Sunday Eucharist the center of your life? Have you made time each day to spend with the Lord in quiet contemplation? When was the last time you opened the Bible?

Wednesday evening is the last night of our three night "Parish Mission." The evening gives you the opportunity to hear two reflections, go to confession, but most of all to spend time in quiet contemplation and adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please take advantage of these late Advent days—even if it is just for 15 minutes each night or an hour one of the nights. We all need more silence in our lives!

A book I highly recommend for everyone's spiritual reading is *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise* by Robert Cardinal Sarah (I also recommend his book *God or Nothing* as well as *The Day is Now Far Spent*). He makes the case for the need for silence as an essential part of our lives, especially in the modern world. We also need to restore a sense of sacred silence to our liturgy and to the church environment. *"If we want to grow and to be filled with the love of God, it is necessary to plant our life firmly on three great realities: the Cross, the Host, and the Virgin: crux, hostia, et virgo... These are three mysteries that God gave to the world in order to structure, fructify, and sanctify our interior life and to lead us to Jesus. These three mysteries are to be contemplated in silence."*

Please see the bulletin for the Christmas and New Year's schedule of Masses. Remember we have confession regularly scheduled seven days of the week here at Saint Martin of Tours!

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

## The Third Sunday of Advent



### James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.



## SMT ADVENT MISSION

The last night of our Advent Mission is  
Wednesday, December 18th at 7:30PM

Take this opportunity to spend some quiet time with Our Lord as we draw nearer to Emmanuel - God with us.

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

**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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

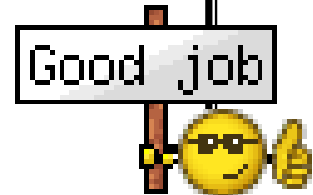


Boy Scout Troop 604 thanks everyone for all your support during our wreath sale! We wish everyone at St. Martin of Tours a very Merry Christmas and Healthy, Happy New Year!

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School Honor Roll  
98 Cherry Lane, Hicksville NY

As of December 6, 2019

Bryson Kluth Honor Roll A 1st Quarter  
Nicholas Lafalce Honor Roll B 1st Quarter



Divine Mercy Novena

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



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.

**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](mailto:dfantry@drvc.org). Registration will be held in Parish School Auditorium on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

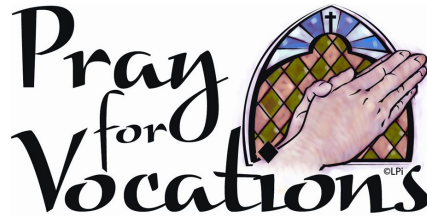
1<sup>st</sup> child - \$150

2<sup>nd</sup> child of family - \$245

3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.engagedencounterli.org)



### *St. Martin of Tours Giving Tree*

**December 14 - 15th LAST WEEKEND**

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!*



**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.**

**\*BEGINNING AT 5:30PM: CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRE 6PM MASS CONCERT**

**\*\*BEGINNING AT 11:15PM: ADULT CHOIR PRE MIDNIGHT MASS CONCERT**

**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](http://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)**.

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smtbethpage.org

### Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Readings

- 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](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



### FORMED FOR ADULTS: DIVINE MERCY IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Purchase full-color guides - at 60% off: <https://bit.ly/2Jfc8uB>. Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John

Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced. <https://www.google.com>

### FORMED FOR KIDS EXTRAORDINARY STORIES ABOUT SOLANUS CASEY FOR CHILDREN



Children as young as five and adults of all ages will enjoy the colorful, engaging film. The film features eleven different stories that introduce children to this humble priest's spirituality and ministry. Each segment features a child who tells a fascinating and true story about Blessed Solanus. As the story unfolds, another child colors a large drawing that is eventually revealed to be a colorful illustration of the segment.

tration of the segment.

The film was written and produced by veteran Michigan filmmakers Dr. Stan and Pam Williams under their SWC Films banner and was directed principally by Kelly Nieto, the creator of The Cross and the Light stage musical. The original orchestral score was created by Royal Oak, Michigan composer James Stonehouse. Famed Catholic illustrator and graphic novel artist, Sean Lam, created the drawings. Although ordained a priest, Bl. Solanus Casey never received permission to hear confessions or preach a sermon. He celebrated the Eucharist each day and carried on his apostolic work not in a pulpit or confessional, but in a tiny office. He was the friary doorkeeper whom people by the thousands visited, seeking counsel and spiritual guidance. Bl. Solanus spent his life in the service of people. He was always ready to listen to anyone at any time, day or night. He faithfully served the people by providing soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled, and a healing touch for the ill. Because of his holiness, St. John Paul II declared him Venerable in 1995. In May 2017, Pope Francis announced that Fr. Solanus would be Beatified. Venerable Solanus was elevated to Blessed November 18 at Ford Field, Detroit, witnessed by 60,000.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS GOLDEN HARVEST RAFFLE WINNERS**  
**NOVEMBER 23, 2019**



Terrence McCormick  
 Susan Brady  
 Jim Kiesling  
 Ann Flannery  
 Louis Fielack  
 Erin Malloy  
 Marianne Torres  
 Joe Achtziger  
 Lisa DeSantis  
 John Meyer  
 John McGrorty  
 Fazio Family  
 Barbara Finger  
 McKenna, Mitchell, Oliver, Dane  
 Genny Mitchell  
 Maureen Lavin  
 R. Baker  
 Betty Croan  
 Rose Marie Giugliano  
 Paul Krawchuk  
 Kristine DeMicco  
 Mary Colavolpe  
 Kathy Devine  
 Brian McGrath  
 Vincent Formichelli



Francesca Kolker  
 Yvonne Iovieno  
 Barbara Pirone  
 Patty Sporing  
 Janet Dion  
 Michelle Scully  
 Joan Kelly  
 Kathleen Speelman  
 Monday Morning Money Men  
 Joe Pace  
 Bruce Doyen  
 Edward Fusco  
 Rosemarie Gaccione  
 Veronica White  
 Rosemary Gross  
 Geraldine Matulewich  
 Joan Marie McGlynn  
 Ellen Keuling  
 Jane Marsa  
 Ellen Keuling  
 Margaret Stadnicky  
 Dennis Draghi  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Jeanne Sokolski  
 Donna Milano



**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT  
 SUPPORTED THE GOLDEN HARVEST**

Anthony Addeo, Attorney At Law  
 Broadway Gourmet Caterers  
 Bethpage Pharmacy  
 Central Avenue Bagels and Deli  
 Douglas Elliman Real Estate  
 Frederick J. Chapey & Sons Funeral Home, Inc.  
 Arthur F. White Funeral Home, Inc.



**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  
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 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## The Office of FAITH FORMATION DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

January 2020 through March 2020

Register Online [WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG](http://WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG)

#### RCIA Level I

##### **Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon**

Wednesday, January 15, 22, 29

February 19, 2020

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

##### **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

Please note the modified meeting time for our December meeting! We will be gathering on Wednesday, December 18 in St. Alphonsus Hall from 6:30—7:30 and then will continue to the Parish's Advent Mission in the church at 7:30pm. All women are welcome and do bring a friend!

Please contact us at [smtwomensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:smtwomensgroup@gmail.com) or at 516.931.0818 for more information. See you then!

## EXPERIENCE PEACE AND LOVE

If you or someone you know haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

See the front cover of the bulletin. St. Martin of Tours offers Confession every day or call the rectory for an appointment. (516-931-0818)

### H.O.P. CLUB WINNERS - CONGRATULATIONS!

12/9/19	#552	Jo-Ann Durante	\$25
12/10/19	#29	Nina Puma	\$25
12/11/19	#262	C. & M. Chatterton	\$25
12/12/19	#188	R. & J. Stauber	\$25
12/13/19	#516	Mary & Billy Grieve	\$50

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

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

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**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**

**ASSISTED SUICIDE LAWS DANGEROUS TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: LICL: LIFE NEWS 2019** Michael Cook editor at Bioedge.org reported on 10/13/19 that the National Council on Disability (NCD) released a scathing analysis of the effect of assisted suicide laws in the United States on people with disabilities. It finds that safeguards are ineffective and that there is little oversight of abuses and mistakes. Currently eight states and the District of Columbia allow doctors to prescribe LETHAL DRUGS to patients diagnosed with terminal illness and with a prognosis of six months or less to live. If certain procedural steps are followed NYS WILL BE CONSIDERING AN ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL IN THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION that begins in January 2020. Cook stated, "Pain relief is often described as the primary motivation for seeking assisted suicide. In its report *Assisted Suicide Laws and Their Dangers to People with Disabilities*, NCD responds that the most prevalent reasons offered by someone requesting assisted suicide are directly related to unmet service and support needs. These should be dealt with through new laws and more funding says the NCD, not assisted suicide. In the report NCD exposes the limitations of purported safeguards. It says that INSURERS HAVE DENIED PATIENTS EXPENSIVE, LIFE SUSTAINING MEDICAL TREATMENT, but offered to subsidize lethal drugs for them potentially leading patients to hasten their own deaths. Misdiagnoses of terminal disease can cause frightened patients to hasten their deaths. Though fear and depression often drive requests for assisted suicide, referral for psychological evaluation is extremely rare prior to doctors writing lethal scripts. I know firsthand that well-intended doctors are often wrong. If assisted suicide is legal, lives will be lost due to mistakes, abuse, lack of information or a lack of better options. No current or proposed safeguards can change that!

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS, SENIORS AND HOME SCHOOLED!** You have the VOICE, the ENTHUSIASM, the SPIRIT and the OPPORTUNITY to SPEAK UP for the Voiceless and Marginalized members of the human family, the PRE-BORN, the FRAIL, ELDERLY and the DISABLED. Please consider participating in the annual ORATORY CONTEST sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life. Educational trust will be held at Kellenberg Memorial H.S. on Sunday, March 22, 2020. You will have the opportunity to express in a logical and organized way, your respect for life for every individual no matter how small or incapacitated. The first, second and third place winners will receive \$500, \$300 and \$200, respectively. You may focus your 5-7 minute speech on one of the following topics: ABORTION, STEM CELL RESEARCH/CLONING, EUTHANASIA, ASSISTED SUICIDE or HEALTH CARE TRAINING. The application will be in the JANUARY/FEBRUARY ISSUE OF LIFE NEWS AND WILL BE ON OUR WEBSITE [www.prolife.org](http://www.prolife.org)

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DROP BABY BOTTLES AT THE RECTORY...20 CRATES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED AS OF THIS DATE...MANY THANKS!!**

**RESPECT LIFE**  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Monday - Friday during Advent: Psalms of the Morning Prayer 8:30AM Church
- Dec 16: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00PM Wild Goose followed by prayer St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 17: Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 - 7:30PM Church
- Dec 14 & 15: Giving Tree in the Gathering Area LAST WEEKEND
- Dec 18: Advent Service 7:30PM Church
- Dec 18: Women's Group 6:30-7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall

