Jesus said,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11:4-5
FROM OUR BISHOP, MOST REV. JOHN O. BARRES

Christmas 2019

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

In his December 1, 2019 Apostolic Letter Admireabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene, Our Holy Father Pope Francis writes:

“The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture…I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares.

Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be discovered and revived.”

The Holy Father captures so poignantly how we creatively share our Catholic faith generation to generation through the Nativity sets and creches that bring Christ’s light and love into our homes, our parishes and our public squares.

He also captures how the poor, the outcast, the ignored, the forgotten and the vulnerable have a privileged place in every Nativity scene: “The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, ‘gentle and humble in heart’ (Mt 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod’s palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized.”

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas and the power and presence of the Prince of Peace in our families, in the Church and in the World, we realize at the same time that the Christmas Crib can never be separated from the agony of Calvary’s Cross.
Even as we rejoice this Christmas of 2019, we remember and stand with the poor, the hungry, the addicted, the mentally ill, the global refugees and non-documented immigrants, and survivors of sexual abuse.

As we pray before the Christmas manger and see the beauty, the hope, the possibility in the birth of Jesus, we are compelled to remember that far too many children do not receive the welcome and joy they deserve for the miracle of their existence.

We cannot forget this Christmas season the great sadness that New York State, through the passage of the horrific Reproductive Health Act, has enshrined into law the killing of innocent human beings through abortion up until the moment of actual birth and beyond, as this radical law permits the killing of those children who survive abortion.

Together, we invoke the power of the Prince of Peace and His compassionate Word found in the Beatitudes and in His call to serve the poor and the most vulnerable among us in Matthew 25. Our Lord gives us the courage and the voice as the Catholic Church in New York State and around the world to speak of the beauty, the sanctity and the dignity of every human life.

We will continue to be “a sign of contradiction” by witnessing relentlessly and courageously to the Gospel of Human Life. As is said in the first words of the Didache, the earliest known non-Scriptural Christian writing: “There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death…” We will always stand with our earliest ancestors in the Christian faith in favor of the Way of Life and opposed to the Way of Death.

We will continue to seek the intercession of St. Thomas More, patron of statesmen, politicians and lawyers for the conversion of the public servants who have supported this tragic legislation.

The Cistercian biblical scholar Father Simeon writes: “The Child, while present only in Bethlehem by his poverty and weakness, is already present in the pattern of the constellations by his splendor and his glory.”

May our praise and glory of the Prince of Peace fill our hearts and homes and give us the courage and prayerful determination to bring the Joy of the Gospel and the Splendor of Truth to every public square in New York State and throughout the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Vigil of Christmas - Tuesday, December 24th

3:30 p.m. – Vigil Mass
3:30 p.m. – Vigil Mass [Lower Church]
5:30 p.m. – Vigil Mass with Children’s Choir
7:30 p.m. – Vigil Mass
10:00 p.m. – Liturgy of Christmas Eve [Adult Chorale - Carols at 9:30 p.m.]

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th

7:30 a.m.
8:45 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

New Year’s Eve - Tuesday, December 31st

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

New Year’s Day, Wednesday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 Noon

Please note that during the week of Christmas, December 23rd – December 27th, the 12:00 Noon Mass will not be celebrated

Confession Schedule

Mondays of Advent – 7:15 pm
Saturdays of Advent – 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Monday December 16th – 3:00 p.m. – 5 p.m. & 7:15 p.m. Saturday
December 21st – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Saturday December 28th – 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
HOSPITALITY

Coffee & Donuts?
A friendly smile.
A welcoming spirit.

PLEASE JOIN US ON
January 12th
after the 10:00AM Masses
in Murray Hall

If you would like join the committee and be of assistance during hospitality on a particular Sunday, please contact the Rectory Office, 631-385-3311 ext 200, hospitality@stpathunt.org

ALTAR SERVERS

Please refer to your email for the schedule for Saturday, December 21st and Sunday, December 22nd

LECTORS
Eucharistic Ministers

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STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION DECEMBER 7th-8th

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THANK YOU!
Electronic Giving is a much appreciated and increasingly important way of ensuring your parish support. It’s easy, safe, and so convenient, especially when you are away from the parish, or unable to be at Mass. Information is available on our Parish Website, http://stpathuntington.org/Online Giving or at the Rectory.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2019
GOAL: $208,100.00  PLEDGES: $193,733.00
$14,367.00 FROM our GOAL
93.1% of Goal 401 Donors
WEEKLY INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 16, 2019**
_Blessed Honoratus Kozminski_
- 7:15AM    John Pothitakis +
- 9:00AM    Kies & Hayes Family Living & Deceased
- 12:00 Noon Marie & Felice Furfaro +

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019**
_Saint Hildegard of Bingen_
- 7:15AM    Beverly Kirrane +
- 9:00AM    Robert J. Muldowney +
- 12:00 Noon Katherine Thornton +

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**
_Blessed Anthony Grassi_
- 7:15AM    Irene Murphy +
- 9:00AM    Giuseppe Tony Greco +
- 12:00 Noon Andrew Interdonati +

**Thursday, December 19, 2019**
_Blessed Pope Urban V_
- 7:15AM    Catherine Salsberg +
- 9:00AM    Ann Fidele +
- 12:00 Noon Frank Bossio +

**Friday, December 20, 2019**
_Saint Dominc of Silos_
- 7:15AM    Peter Petriccione +
- 9:00AM    Arlene Morante +
- 12:00 Noon Marge Corbo +

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**
_Saint Peter Canisius_
- 8:30AM    Kevin Abt +
- 5:00PM    Alberta Little +

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**
_4th Sunday of Advent_
- 7:30AM    Jan Jakubowski +
- 8:45AM    For Our Parishioners +
- 10:00AM   Fred Erichsen +
- 11:30AM   Connie & Kate Conlon +
- 5:30PM    Mary Bruno +

**BREAD AND WINE MEMORIAL**

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**
- 5:00PM    Albert Alperti +
- 5:30PM    Msgr. Camp

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**
- 7:30AM    James Burke +
- 8:45AM    For Our Parishioners
- 10:00AM   Walter F. DeTour & Walter T. DeTour +
- 11:30AM   For Our Parishioners
- 5:30PM    Alan Jones & Mary Cosgrove +

**SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL**

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 22ND - 28TH**
_The Sanctuary Lamp in our Church burns in loving memory of Jason Elizaitis +_
Worldwide Marriage Encounter
"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."
Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY and May 1-3, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at https://wwmenyli.org/.

Interested in Becoming Catholic, or Growing in Your Catholic Faith?
Please Join Us for RCIA This Year!
If you - or someone you know - wants to know more about what the Catholic church teaches - and how Catholic's live out their faith Or if you - or a friend or family member want to be baptized and join the Catholic church. Then come and join other adults on this faith journey!
The program meets every Sunday morning from October to April at 10:00 am. If you've ever considered joining the Catholic faith or learning more about your Catholic Church, now is the time. All are welcome!
If you have questions or would like further information please contact Deacon Jerry at RCIA@stpathunt.org

Please Keep in Prayerful Remembrance Our Beloved Dead:
Luciano Cortese

The Main Street Catholic
"The Main Street Catholic"
a podcast, hosted by Fr. Bissex
Please submit questions and topics for discussion via email podcast@stpathunt.org
You can find the podcast posted by Tuesday morning, on our parish website, spotify or itunes by searching "The Main Street Catholic"

Grade Level Family Liturgies
All parish children and their families are invited to celebrate mass together at 10:00 am on the following Sundays. Refreshments and Hospitality to follow in Murray Hall

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LESSONS AND CAROLS/ CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A CEREMONY
OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS
FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

with
The Adult Chorale,
Youth Choir,
and Cherub Choir
of St. Patrick’s Church,
Matthew Koraus, director

featuring music of Handel,
Pearsall, Willcocks, and more,

also featuring a CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, presented by
the children of the parish, led by the Cherub Choir

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
at 2:30PM in the Church
Church of St. Patrick, 400 Main Street, Huntington, NY.

Please join us for this very special telling of the
Christmas story, in both Scripture and song.

(Light reception of cookies and hot chocolate to follow in the lower hall.)
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
and all flesh shall see it together;
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
venite et audite et enarrabo
psalmum dicite nomini eius,
Jubilate Deo omnis terra,
Thy throne.
Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying round
light.
Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most
to be my guide and friend.
who came to earth by human birth
Alleluia, praise his name,
Sing and be joyful, rejoice in God above.
while I recount the Lord has done for me.  Alleluia.
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
sing of his glorious name
wherever I may go.
"God's love watches over me
Oh, praise, rejoice and sing,
for God gives us everything.

...at the 10am Youth Choir Mass:
Offertory.............................(by Allen Pote, 1987)
Sing alleluia, sing to the Lord of love.
Sing and be joyful, rejoice in God above.
Alleluia, praise his name,
who came to earth by human birth
to be my guide and friend.
I will tell the world the wonder that I know:
"God's love watches over me
wherever I may go.
Oh, praise, rejoice and sing,
for God gives us everything.

...at the 11:30am Adult Chorale Mass:
Offertory.........................(by G.F. Handel, 1685-1759)
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
Communion Antiphon....................(chant)
Say to the faint heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Post-Communion..............by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)
Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most
bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring Soar to uncreated
light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying round
Thy throne.

...Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8:45am / 12:45pm Masses:
Offertory..............(by Giovannia Cima, 1570-1622)
Jubilate Deo omnis terra,
psalmum dicite nomini eius,
venite et audiite et enarrabo
vobis omnes qui timetis Deum
quanta fect Dominus animae mea, alleluia.
Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;
sing of his glorious name
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
while I recount the Lord has done for me.  Alleluia.

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Lessons &
CAROLS

A Service of Scripture and Song

Our annual Ceremony of Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas will be held this Sunday, December 15th at 2:30pm in the church.

The story of Christ’s coming as told by Holy Scripture will be further illuminated by carols, hymns, and anthems, sung by the parish’s Adult Chorale, Youth Choir, and Cherub Choir. In anticipation of this event, here is some more information on the service and the fascinating story of how it came to be.

"Lessons...like classes in school??"
Those unfamiliar with the service are often confused by its title: what does the word Lesson mean here? Lesson simply denotes “a reading from Scripture,” derived from the Latin legere (“to read”), the same root from which we have the words lector (“a person who reads Scripture in a service”) and Lectionary (the year’s schedule of readings).
The title Lessons and Carols describes a service that features a series of readings paired with carols sung by the choirs and congregation, where the music and text of each carol are closely related or even a response to the content of the Scripture.

From Victorian England...
The use of the term Lesson for a reading from Scripture is much more common in the Church of England, and it was in England that this special musical service originated.
The 19th century saw a resurgence of the popularity of carols, whereby church choirs would travel from home to home on Christmas Eve, singing carols in private residences. In 1880, Edward White Benson, at that time the Anglican Bishop of Truro in Cornwall, established an order of Nine Lessons and Carols for use on Christmas Eve, that would bring both the cathedral’s choirs and parishioners back into the cathedral on that holy night. Over 400 people attended the first service, crowded into a temporary wooden structure that served as the cathedral while the new Truro Cathedral was being built.

Though local press commentary on the singing of that first service was not especially flattering, the appeal of this new order of service was broad enough that the tradition flowered throughout England, during the early 20th-century, when it was first introduced at King’s College, Cambridge (1918).

...to Carols from King’s...
At King’s College, the service was further refined into the form we know it today, by then Dean of the College, Eric Milner-White, who formulated the service’s much celebrated Bidding Prayer. The service at King’s has been broadcasted by the BBC every year since 1931, sung by a choir of 160 boys and 14 undergraduate choral scholars. The Choir of King’s College, Cambridge is a world-class ensemble, setting the standard of pristine British choral singing year after year, and many of its former members are recognized as the world’s most influential musicians. Many directors of the Choir at King’s, current and past, are important composers of carols and church music, including Boris Od, Harold Darke, Sir David Willcocks, Sir Philip Ledger, and Stephen Cleobury. Each year since 1983, King’s College has commissioned significant composers worldwide to write new carols and arrangements for use during the annual service there.

Transcending denominational bounds, the service of Lessons and Carols is now a common occurrence in the Catholic Church, with an order similar to that of King’s promoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

...to Carols from St. Patrick’s, Huntington...
The service you will experience in our church is very much inspired by the service at King’s. A number of the carol arrangements we will sing were composed by past directors of King’s. This year we will also incorporate elements of a Christmas Pageant into the service, present by our Cherub Choir and other children of the parish. Most importantly, we will share with one another the Good News of Christ, these “tidings of comfort and joy” that we so long to hear.

Do plan on joining us this Sunday at 2:30pm!
My Advent Reflection

I remember the days when I was still in my elementary years in the province when there were no cellphones and social media like what we have now. The fastest means of communication was telegram that you have to pay per letter. My mother was working in the city very far from home that it would take 12 hours of ferry ride to get there. She only comes home to visit us at least ones a year when her boss permits her and she sends us a very short telegram and the message goes like this in Filipino “handa mama uwi” in English “ready mama come home”. The telegram has no date so we have no clue when will she arrive but she is definitely coming home. Upon receiving the message we would start to clean the house. We polish the floor and make it shiny as possible. We get rid of the cobwebs in ceiling. Pool the grasses in the front and backyard of the house. Wash all the blankets and pillows. We clean everything that we can clean so that our mother will be impressed when she comes home. The ferry arrives early in the morning of every other day so we wake up early and wait until the jeepney stops by our house. We patiently wait for days and sometimes weeks for her to arrive. But the wait didn't matter to us because the prize of waiting is seeing our mother that we have not seen in a long time.

The season of advent is an invitation for all of us to receive the message of the Lord’s coming. And this invitation must lead us to a deeper preparation of ourselves. Just like as we always long for the celebration of the first coming of Jesus on Christmas when we decorate our houses with Christmas trees and different colors of lights. When we make our shopping lists for gifts and for a banquet. When we can’t wait to see our members of the family who are coming home for Christmas. We must also look deeper into the real meaning of advent; that is to be more spiritually prepared. So we must ask ourselves: what kind of personal and spiritual preparation are we doing for the coming of the Lord?

The church offers us one of the most important preparations through the sacrament of reconciliation. It is a spiritual cleansing. Getting rid of the impurities that blocks the Lord from coming into our life. He is coming but does He have a space to stay in your hearts? Spiritual cleansing is embracing the light of Christ and go away from the life of darkness. St. Paul in his letter to Romans gives us the instructions on how to live in the light of Christ. “Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy.” Romans: 13:13. This is our second reading on the first Sunday of advent this year. So, as we long for the coming of our Lord let us start to put on the armor of light by doing the first step through the sacrament of reconciliation that our parish offers every Saturday afternoon from 4-5pm before the vigil mass. In that sense we can say we are ready to welcome the Lord to be part of our life.

Though it is more personal, we must strive to achieve that every member of the family is doing the same thing. Imagine your mom, dad, brothers and sisters share the same light of Christ at home? It might be too ideal but it can be achieved through the grace of God. Let his light radiate. Let his coming be welcomed with eagerness and a deep sense of humility.

Come Lord Jesus!
## 2019 Advent Calendar

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<td>Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a prayer anytime you have to wait during Advent.</td>
<td>Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or <a href="http://www.catholicrelief.org">www.catholicrelief.org</a>) to see how you can help.</td>
<td>Set up your Nativity scene. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.</td>
<td>Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.</td>
<td>Show love on St. Nicholas Day by making at least one generous act today.</td>
<td>Put up a Christmas tree. Put just a few ornaments on each day and finish up on Christmas Eve.</td>
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<td>Light two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sit in silence and enjoy the quiet. Read Matthew 3:1-12.</td>
<td>To honor Mary’s Immaculate Conception, go to Mass and pray a Rosary.</td>
<td>Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.</td>
<td>Ask Jesus to heal whatever keeps you from feeling God’s bountiful love.</td>
<td>To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a “Hail Mary.”</td>
<td>Today, pray for someone you don’t like.</td>
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<td>Today is Gaudete Sunday. Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read Matthew 11:2-11.</td>
<td>Set a timer or other reminder to help you pray every morning and every evening this month. Continue after Advent.</td>
<td>Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.</td>
<td>Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ Child. Light it each night until Christmas.</td>
<td>Go to a private room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.</td>
<td>Perform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.</td>
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<td>Light all four candles in the Advent Wreath tonight and all week. Read Matthew 1:18-24.</td>
<td>Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won’t be able to spend Christmas with their families.</td>
<td>Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.</td>
<td>Rejoice! Read the story of Jesus’ birth in Luke 2:1-20.</td>
<td>“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth in Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child, while they were there, she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn” (Luke 2:1-7).</td>
<td>Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.</td>
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**PARISH OUTREACH ~ TROCAIRE**

**Office hours:** Tuesday & Thursday: 1pm-4pm

**Staff:** Jimmy Calero - Outreach Coord. - ext. 213; Janet - ext 213

**Telephone:** 631-385-3311 ext. 213  **E-mail:** trocaire@stpathunt.org

**Food Pantry:** 631-385-3311 ext. 216

**Volunteers on site:** 10am - 2pm Monday - Thursday

**Food Pantry Hours:** 10am - 2pm Monday - Thursday

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**Trocaire will be closed from December 24th until January 1st.**

*We will open as usual on January 2nd.*

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**OUR CURRENT NEEDS ARE**

- jarred spaghetti sauce
- canned chicken
- Spam
- sugar
- Triscuits
- cookies
- tuna fish
- ravioli
- chili
- instant coffee

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**Thank you for your generosity.**

Please consider many of our clients are single or have small families, so individual / small sized portion donations are welcome!

Refrigerated items are WELCOME and can be donated between 10:00 and 2:00 Monday through Thursday. Milk, eggs, butter, cold cuts

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**Food Pantry Needs**

- Progresso soup
- syrup
- salad dressing

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**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

We meet in the Msgr. Martin J. Flynn community room every Wednesday 10 to 12. A lively group do wonderful knitting and crocheting projects. Beginners are welcome.

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**LEGAL CLINIC**

*James Griffin, Esq.*

The legal clinic meets the first Tuesday of the month. A brief interview is required before an appointment can be scheduled. For information call Jimmy or Janet at ext. 213.

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**GIVING TREES**

On behalf of those in need and those we help we want to thank you in advance for your generous contributions to draw a smile on the faces of the families that will be receiving a loving gift from you. This year, as in previous years we are assisting the general area of Huntington and Huntington Station.

There are three Christmas trees around our church with tags and a description of what each family needs. Please take one tag or as many as you wish. Kindly drop off the gifts unwrapped with the tag firmly attached.

For your convenience we have drop off boxes in the church, or you can bring them to Trocaire (in the lower church behind the stage). Gift cards are welcome! If you prefer to give gift cards or monetary gifts, please make checks payable to St. Patrick’s Trocaire. You can find envelopes with a label “Trocaire” on the tables in the rear of the church, for your convenience.

In the past you have helped in many ways and this year you can continue doing the same if you wish to Adopt a Family for Christmas, please call Jimmy, 631-385-3311 ext. 213 or e-mail us at trocaire@stpathunt.org.

Please drop off all unwrapped gifts or gift cards by Monday, December 16th to ensure they are distributed before Christmas day.

*God Bless you all for your kindness and your help to make this Christmas a wonderful season for all!!!*

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**ANNUAL Christmas GIVING TREE**

This year, the Religious Education children at St. Patrick are excited to be helping and providing gifts for Hour Children & for Local Families.

Hour Children – Founded in 1986. Hour Children shape the lives of a child with an incarcerated mother and both mother and children receive no gifts.

We want to change that. …

Please pick a card(s) from our tree and purchase the suggested item listed on the card for the named person.

You can drop off the gifts - unwrapped with the tag attached to it in one of the boxes provided in the church, or stop by the Religious Education office in the Yellow House next to the playground.

Please return all gifts by Monday, December 16th.

We appreciate you helping us make a difference to all of those in need.

Peace & Blessings

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In the past you have helped in many ways and this year you can continue doing the same if you wish to Adopt a Family for Christmas, please call Jimmy, 631-385-3311 ext. 213 or e-mail us at trocaire@stpathunt.org.

Please drop off all unwrapped gifts or gift cards by Monday, December 16th to ensure they are distributed before Christmas day.

*God Bless you all for your kindness and your help to make this Christmas a wonderful season for all!!!*
CHRISTMAS GIVING

Can you help the less fortunate?

Please Support St. Patrick School’s Fourth Grade Students

WINTER COAT DRIVE

New COATS

BOOTS, SOCKS and GLOVES, are welcome too
(Men’s size 8-10.5) ESPECIALLY NEEDED!

Please look for drop boxes in church or in the Parish Center Lobby in the School

Winter Coat Drive

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY GROUNDS
45 HUNTINGTON ROAD
HUNTINGTON, NY 11743

PHONE: 631-385-3311 x 215 - FAX #: 631-421-3437 - E-MAIL: cemetery@stpathunit.org

Christmas Blankets and Evergreen Decorations

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.STPATHHUNTINGTON.ORG

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH

** Orders will be filled starting the first week of Advent and placed on the grave by our Cemetery Staff **

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Payment Information: Cash Check Credit Card

Name: ____________________________ Credit Card Number: ____________________________ EXP: ______ CVC: ______

Contact #: ____________________________ please use back side of form if you need to order for more than one plot
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Around St Patrick’s

LIFE TEEN

- TEEN MASS @ 5:30: Looking for Lectors and Ushers. See Mike Today!
- 12/15 Life Teen night filled with “Minute to Win it” Christmas games and prizes.

WHY COME TO LIFE TEEN? (Youth Night)
Teenagers need a community, mentors that can help them grow as disciples, and safe places to grow in their understanding of the faith and love of Christ. Life Support provides innovative resources that help teenagers encounter the person of Jesus Christ in both large and small group formats. Every resource included is thoughtfully planned by a team of youth ministry professionals committed to helping parish leaders spend less time planning and more time accompanying teenagers on the road to discipleship.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Church of St. Patrick’s
400 Main Street, Huntington

Sunday, December 29, 2019
8:30 am – 2:30 pm

SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES.
Donating is Safe & Simple.
Give the gift of life and donate blood!

For more information:
May Shannon
mshannon@stpathunt.org

 Eligibility Criteria
- Bring Donor Card or ID.
- Age 16 – 75.
- Minimum Weight: 110lbs.
- No New Tattoos for past 12 months.

For questions concerning medical eligibility:
www.nybc.org
1-800-933-2566

Long Island Blood Services

2nd Annual Parish Social

NEW YORK BEE GEES

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8 2020

PETER MAZZEO
BARRY

TOM FLYNTZ
ROBIN

MANNY FOCARAZZO
MAURICE

PETER LAZOS
DRUMMER

MIKE FLYNTZ
LEAD GUITAR & BACKGROUND VOCALS

TAMMI WOLFE
FEMALE LEAD & BACKGROUND VOCALS

Registration information to follow in the New Year.

Please join the Respect Life Ministry of St. Patrick’s for the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24th, 2020

Please respond as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, January 7th, 2020, in order that we may secure the appropriate transportation.

Please respond via email at respectlife@stpathunt.org

It is important that your reservation includes your cell number and email address. Details of the day’s events will follow.

Winter

New York Bee Gees

Mens Group

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Third Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Some people thought John was the Messiah, but he was not. To find out what John was, read the word on each envelope and notice which letter appears twice. Circle that letter below the envelope and then write the circled letters in order on the lines below.

- hammer (a, m, s)
- tree (e, q, t)
- dress (d, k, s)
- stars (s, a, z)
- green (u, g, e)
- nine (e, f, n)
- foggy (g, v, y)
- even (n, e, x)
- berry (r, b, c)

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AROUND OUR PARISH

**YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR AND SOCIAL** (AGES 21-39)

No December meeting

**Low-gluten Altar Breads**
For various medical reasons, a number of parishioners find it necessary to use low-gluten altar breads. We do have them available. Please stop in the Sacristy before Mass, and mention this to one of our priests or deacons, or a sacristan.

**Hearing-Assisted Devices**
We have several personal hearing-assisted devices, linked to our Church sound system, for parishioner’s use during Mass. Please stop in the Sacristy several minutes before Mass, and mention this to one of our priests or deacons, or a sacristan.

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL
The Sanctuary Candle in our Church burns every week to serve as a reminder of Christ our light. Parishioners may request the Sanctuary Candle in memory or in honor of a loved one for one week. Intentions will be published in the weekly bulletin. Requested offering $20.00, please contact the Rectory Office, 631-385-3311 ext 200.

SANCTUARY FLOWER MEMORIAL
We invite you to remember your family, friends, and other loved ones with an offering towards our weekly Sanctuary Flowers. Flower memorials may be made in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a family member or friend. The name of the person remembered will be printed in the weekly bulletin. Requested Offering, $50.00, please contact the Rectory Office, 631-385-3311 ext 200.

**AL-ANON SERENITY TUESDAYS**
Church Basement (Murray Hall)
First room on the left in hallway left of stage
Beginner meeting: 7:30 p.m.  Regular meeting: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person.** Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) brings the spirit of Christmas to neighbors in need.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance with furniture, utility and rent bills, and/or clothing?**
If so, please call the SVDP at 631-385-3311 ext. 321. All calls are kept confidential. Together, let’s help others to know the good news of Jesus.

**Knights of Columbus - Gate of Heaven Council #468 Huntington, NY**

The Knights of Columbus invite you to Membership in the Organization that works to improve lives in the Community, spiritually and materially. You can MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the lives of others through our activities.

**MEETINGS: MONTHLY**
- **St. Hugh of Lincoln**- 1st Thurs. 7:30PM
- **St. Patrick’s**- 3rd Sat. 11:00AM  Membership not required

**CONTACT US:**
Richard Gierbolini (GK)- 631-385-9174

K OF C NOTES:
1- KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS – car magnets are available- call 631-385-9174.

K of C EVENTS:
1-Next meeting is Tuesday 12/21/19 @7:30PM at St. Patrick’s
2-Blood Drive- at St. Patrick’s Church, December 29, 2019.

Children’s Rosary Group
Children in grades K-8 are invited to join the Children’s Rosary Group. This group meets at 11AM the first Saturday of every month in the St. John Paul II meeting room. Meetings will begin December 7, 2019. All children must be accompanied by a Virtus Trained adult for the entire program. Please register with name and grade of child(ren) and accompanying adult at childrensrosary@stpathunt.org. Further details provided upon registration.
PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

PARISH PRAYER GROUPS & DEVOTIONS

Devotions:
• Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed on weekdays following the 9:00 am Mass.
• The rosary is prayed immediately following the 9:00 am Mass each morning.
• Exposition on Monday 12:30 - 8:00 pm.
• First Friday Adoration each first Friday from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Monday from 12:30 through 8:00 pm [except holidays] Please spend some time in adoration and prayer during the day. Exposition assumes and requires that the Blessed Sacrament never be left unattended. What a wonderful opportunity is this special, grace-filled time of prayer for our parish!

The Rosary of Peace is prayed every Wednesday evening at 7:30 to 8:00 pm in the church. We pray for peace in our hearts, in our families, our church, our country, and the world.

For information, call Joanne at 631-428-4210

Heart of Jesus Prayer Group meets every Friday from 9:45 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. in the St. John Paul II Room. We share prayer and praise through song, scripture and witness. Healing prayer is available at the end of the meeting. Please call Barbara @631 651-5581 for more information.

Flame of Love Holy Hour is held every Thursday after the 12 noon Mass until 1:30 PM, with praying of the rosary and special readings (praying this holy hour includes a plenary indulgence). For more information, please call Diana 631-421-5000.

Devotion to the Precious Blood This group meets on Tuesday after the noon Mass. We pray for the increase of priest vocations as well as our personal needs. The rosary, chaplet and readings are from the Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ book. For information call: 631-368-0433

Fatima Prayer Cell Formation It is held immediately following the first Saturday of the month Mass. It consists of praying the rosary and consecration to the Blessed Mother as well as reading St. Lucia’s reflections and meditation on the Blessed Mother’s Fatima messages. The cell promotes the First Saturday Devotion. For information, call: 631-368-0433.


The following parishioners and friends will be remembered in prayer throughout the year. They serve in the armed forces and their family and friends enrolled their names at the Blessed Mother Shrine. Feel free to add names of family members and friends who are in the services, throughout the year.


Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019
**Parish Directory**

**Rectory Office Hours:**
Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 9:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 4:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am - 12:45pm

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Rev. Noel Sixon 200
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Deacon Dale Bonocore 200
Deacon Jerry Rorke 200
Deacon Michael Whitcomb 200
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Cemetery Office: Stephanie Natalello 215
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Cemetery Grounds: John Jansen
Eucharistic Ministers, Church, Nursing Home 200
Bereavement Support Group, Tricia Krug 211
bereavement@stpathunt.org
Hospital Ministry: Fr. Daniel Neyoh 200
Lectors: 200
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Religious Education Office: REducation@stpathunt.org 351
Linda Oristano, Director of Religious Education 350
St. Patrick's School: 631-385-3322

**Sacrament Information**

Please refer to our parish website for Sacrament information as well.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated at 1:00 p.m. on the second and third Saturdays of the month and every Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. (Please note certain exception of Holydays) First time Parents must make an appointment to meet with a priest and attend the parish’s Baptismal Preparation class by calling 631-385-3311 x 200.

**Baptismal Preparation Class**

**Sunday, December 22, 2019 - 9:45AM**

The required Baptismal Prep class for new parents is held on the fourth Sunday of each month beginning with the 8:45 a.m. Mass and Prep class to follow in Murray Hall (Lower Church)

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

We are happy to help arrange a wedding date for you. Please call the rectory office, 631-385-3311 x214 at least eight months in advance for an appointment with a priest or deacon. A marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana) is required. Reserve the Church before booking a reception.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Monday nights 7:15-7:45 pm; Saturdays at 4:00-5:00 pm.
Eves of First Friday and holydays 4:00-4:45 pm.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Mr. Brian Malone, Chair  
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