

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.” (Revelation 1.8)

Just before my fifth anniversary as a priest, my parents traveled to Italy, visiting Rome, the Vatican, Florence, Venice and Assisi. In Florence they purchased a ring to celebrate my anniversary. They had it inscribed with the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet: Alpha and Omega. For Christians, Christ is the beginning – the Alpha; and the end – the Omega; of all human history.

The word Advent, (Adventus in Latin), is the Latin equivalent of the Greek word “Parousia” (meaning the Second Coming of the Lord). The season of Advent is both a beginning, and an end of the church’s liturgical year of grace.

History is not exact about when this season of longing (in anticipation of Christ’s return in glory, and of the birth of the Messiah) began. St. Perpetuus, a fifth century Bishop in France, decreed a fast three times a week, beginning on the feast of St. Martin, November 11, until Christmas day. The Second Council of Tours (567 AD in France) commanded monks to fast from the beginning of December until Christmas. Soon this penance was extended to the laity, and called St. Martin’s Lent- a 45 day season. Eventually the practice of doing penance during Advent spread from France to England.

At its heart, the season of Advent is one of anticipation. Anticipation of the Lord’s coming in glory to bring us the fullness of joy and of love in the kingdom, and anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Christ, are joined together. We are waiting for the breaking in of eternity. We are waiting and longing for the end of time both in history, and our personal lives.

“Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced to see.” (St. Charles Borromeo, 16th century)

Christmas shopping to the contrary, *Advent is a time of reflection and of quieting down.* Advent will be fruitful and rewarding as Christmas dawns, when we let go of all our conceit and pretenses. This year Father Michael Sullivan, OSA, will lead us in an Advent Retreat to begin the season.

The Advent Scriptures bring powerful prophets to our reflection. Isaiah, prophesying seven centuries before Christ, offers a hope-filled cry for God’s salvation that will come in the future. *“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.”*

We long for the coming of the day of the Lord, when the weapons of violence will be beaten into agricultural tools of cultivation - producing a rich harvest of love, peace and justice. The day of the Lord when all our longings will be fulfilled, and glory will fill us.

Jesus urges us as his disciples to always be prepared for the breaking in of God in our lives. The fullness of God's work remains in God's hands, but the Spirit is moving us to readiness; using all our strength to build a better world now. *"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."* (Matthew 24. 44)

St. Paul, reflecting the early Christian expectation of Christ's return, urges us to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. As in the symbolism of our white baptismal garment, we must put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist appears at the bank of the Jordan River, calling Israel and us to readiness and repentance: *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"*
Will we be found watchful and ready when the Lord returns? Our hearts are restless, until they rest in Him.

Peace, Father Bruce



ST. KILIAN ADVENT MISSION

December 4-6, 2017 - 9am & 7:00pm

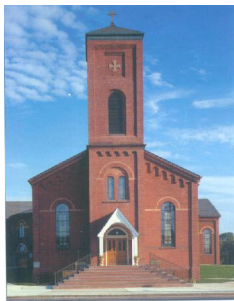


*Fr. Michael Sullivan, O.S.A. will be conducting our
Advent Mission, beginning the weekend of
December 2nd and 3rd.*

*He will be preaching at all the weekend parish
Masses.*

*On December 4-6, Monday through Wednesday,
Father Sullivan will be celebrating the morning Mass at 9am and an
evening service at 7:00pm each day.*

Confessions will be on Monday night, December 4th, after the evening service.



Saint Kilian Parish

485 Conklin Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735

MISSION STATEMENT

THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF ST. KILIAN PARISH SEEKS TO BE A VIBRANT, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH, GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOURISHED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE EUCHARIST, AND COMMITTED TO WITNESSING GOD IN AND THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORS.



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brucep@stkilian.com

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dsuglia@drvc.org

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Mr. Edward Fronckwicz - Business Manager

Mrs. Barbara Geary, Director of Stewardship / Pastor's Secretary

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Rev. José Luis Tenas

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Most Rev. John C. Dunne

Rev. Augustine Fernando

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Deacon Frank D. Barone

Deacon Francis P. Marino

Deacon Mark Wetzel

Deacon William A. Weiss

RETIRED DEACONS

Deacon Lucio L. Cotone

Deacon George B. Owen

THE ST. KILIAN VISION STATEMENT

+ HOSPITALITY: ST. KILIAN PARISH STRIVES TO BE A WELCOMING, DYNAMIC FAITH COMMUNITY.

+ THE EUCHARIST AND LITURGY: WE SEEK TO NOURISH THE FAITH LIFE OF THE PARISH BY CELEBRATING MEANINGFUL LITURGIES, AND OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF PRAYERFUL EXPERIENCES.

+ LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION: WE ARE DEDICATED TO INSPIRING THE YOUNG AND THE OLD THROUGH LIFELONG EDUCATION, AND FORMATION OF MINDS AND HEARTS.

+ STEWARDSHIP: IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR FAITH WE SHARE OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE THROUGH STEWARDSHIP.

+ PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY: WE BRING OUR FAITH TO LIFE BY SERVING OTHERS THROUGH COMPASSIONATE PERSONAL OUTREACH AND COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00p.m.

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL: 6:30 p.m. Saturday Cada Sábado

SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

FAMILY MASS: 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAYS: 7 a.m. - in St. Benedict Chapel - 9 a.m. Church

SATURDAY: 7:30 a.m. - in the St. Benedict Chapel

HOLIDAYS: As announced in the bulletin

RECONCILIATION - CONFESSIONS - Mon.: 1-1:30 p.m. & Sat. - 4 - 4:45 p.m.

*"The LORD never tires of FORGIVING.
It is WE who tire of asking for FORGIVENESS" —Pope Francis*



SUNDAY - November 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe -

Readings: 1st—Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 2nd—1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Gospel—Matthew 25:31-46

8:00 James Noel Rice
9:30 For the Parishioners of St. Kilian
11:00 Domenico & Lucia Broccoli
12:30pm Carol Ann Dunn
Kenneth A. Klem
Joseph Trapani
Carol Chichester

MONDAY - November 27 - Weekday

7:00 Irene McLaughlin
9:00 Marie Urban

TUESDAY - November 28 - Weekday

7:00 Ronald Byrnes
9:00 Chester Thomas

WEDNESDAY - November 29 - Weekday

7:00 Michael DiMaulo
9:00 Eugene Goltz

THURSDAY - November 30 - St. Andrew

7:00 Mary Mullaly
9:00 Elizabeth Distant

FRIDAY - December 1 - Weekday

7:00 Kenneth Klem
9:00 William P. Warner

SATURDAY - December 2 - Weekday

7:30 Michael DiMeglio
5:00pm Mackenzie Borchers
Salvatore Camerlengo
Vitina Fascilla
Edward Pezdan

6:30pm

SUNDAY - December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

- Readings: 1st—Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 2nd—1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Gospel—Mark 13:33-37

8:00 Benjamin Carosella
9:30 For the Parishioners of St. Kilian
11:00 Carmen, Peter & Mickey Sorrentino
12:30pm Esther DiGiacomo
Kenneth A. Klem
Billy Dale
Marie Caputo



Stewardship

A Way of Life

The Following are the weekly collections for:

November 18, 19, 2017.....\$25,698.94
(Last year 2016).....\$24,199.15

Attendance

November 18, 19, 2017.....1717
(Last year 2016)1980

Parish Collection report-Week of November 18, 19, 2017

Mass	Number Of Envelopes	Amt. in Env. Cash/Checks	Loose Cash	Total
5pm - Sat.	173	\$4,683.00	\$658.00	\$5,341.00
6:30pm-Sat.	33	\$304.00	\$547.00	\$851.00
8:00am-Sun	97	\$3,122.00	\$519.00	\$3,641.00
9:30am	88	\$2,651.00	\$407.00	\$3,058.00
11:00am	118	\$3,191.00	\$395.00	\$3,586.00
12:30pm	94	\$4,133.00	\$586.00	\$4,719.00

**Thank you for Placing
God first in your life!**

Mail in Envelopes: \$1,974.00

Online Donations: \$2,528.94

Total: \$25,698.94

Bulletin Reflection:

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

Living Stewardship:

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give evidence that Christ is Lord in their lives through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, attendance at Benediction or participation in a Forty Hours devotion.

We Celebrate.....We Remember.....We Pray For



Baptisms

Ashley Larios
Nicholas J. Soltan



Rest in Peace

*We remember those who have died
in our parish community this week:*

Karen E. Wilson
Henry Devlin

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord; and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen



Second Announcement

Casey Nacarlo (St. Kilian) & Danielle Demola
Adam Fragale & Maria Randazzo (St. Kilian)
John (Jack) Opel & Jacqueline Sanders (St. Kilian)
Thomas-James Richard Martin & Stacey Bertha Holman

Third Announcement

Kristofer Fetter & Ashley Scotti (St. Kilian)



As a praying community, we automatically ask prayers for all those who are ill. Names added to the list will remain on for a maximum of 3 weeks. If the individual is still in need of prayers, the office would have to be notified to continue for an additional 3 weeks. If you do not desire to be listed, please inform us.

PRAY FOR:

Matthew Malley; Cyndi Keats; Sarita Donald; Denise Wagner; Helen Norjen; John Nelson, Sr.; John Nelson, Jr.; Kerri Ihm; Hugh Gilmore; Theresa Ross; Rosemary Oliver; Linda Asparro; Vincent Thomas Marino; Fr. Chuck Romano; Deacon Mark Wetzel; Dee Asparro; Marie Gilmore; Rheta Karasz; Loretta Witek; Frank Witek; Donna Cruz; Nicole Christiansen Grogan; Seth Baines; Josephine Lubrano; Fr. Robert Lubrano; Marguerite Nalbach; Joy Bologna; Mary Cecile Loria; Chad Arant; Nicholas Rivera.

And prayers for our children: Gwendolyn Rose; Kyle Patrick Johnson; Jillian Cordi; Baby Julia Rose Manno; Olivia Macchio; Collin Huber; Michael Cardone; Baby Kathleen Scelfo; Baby Olivia Scelfo; Kaelyn Maureen McCandless; Kairi Knudsen; Isabella Marie Inzerillo; Vincent Moran; Baby Cameron Robert; Andrew Guarna.

*Pray for Peace in
the World*



**ST. KILIAN PARISH MEMORIAL FOR
HOSTS AND WINE to be used at all
Weekday Masses (Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 2017)
were donated in Memory of
+Matthew R. Wetzel**

**Gift of: Peggy, Kathleen, Liz, Annette,
Joan, Dympna & Liz**



Collection Envelopes

It helps our counters to keep an accurate account of your donations if you write the amount of your donation on the space provided on

the front of your envelope. Also, please do not tape your envelope closed. **Thank you for your generosity to St. Kilian Parish.**

St. Kilian Faith Formation



NEEDED ASAP a catechist to work with our special needs children on Mondays at 4:30pm – 5:30pm. There is one lead catechist currently working with the children but we ideally need 2 catechists in the room to provide the best learning experience for the children.

Please call the office at 516 694 0633 Monday thru Thurs or email stkilianre@gmail.com to let us know you would like to help.

2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal Serving God by Serving Others

St. Kilian's goal for 2017 is \$147,300.00. So far pledges total \$102,625.00 or 69.7% of goal for the 2017 Appeal. Payments received so far total \$98,358.00. Average donation is \$222.61. So far 481 parishioners have contributed to the Appeal.

Thank you for your generosity.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22/Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Observances for the Week of November 26, 2017

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

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Volunteers are needed to help the church sacristan change the Missals in the church pews on Thursday, Nov. 30th after the 9am. Mass.

Our Church has given you one less thing to worry about.

Set up your donation online today and leave your checkbook at home forever.

- 1 Go to <https://stkilian.weshareonline.org>
- 2 Create your account
- 3 Set up your donations

Change the frequency or the amount of your donation with a few easy clicks, right from your computer. No forms, envelopes, pens needed!

Set up your online donations today!

Contact the church office with questions.





Congratulations and thanks!

Catechetical Service Awards were presented by Bishop Robert J. Brennan to five St Kilian catechists (teachers of religion) at a ceremony at St. Agnes Cathedral.

The John XXIII Award for twenty-five years of service was presented to Renato Ferrari. The Pope Paul VI Award for five years of service was presented to Wendy Adamo, Janet Mizzi, Caroline Vecchio, and Dina Viskoc. Bishop Brennan thanked all present, in the name of the entire Church, for being Missionary Disciples to the people of God.

The parish family of St. Kilian thanks our generous teachers for sharing their time, talent, and love with our children and families



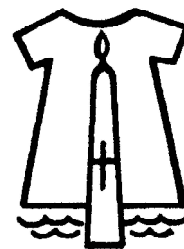
ATTENTION: all new and current altar servers.

Training for **New Servers** will take place in the church on the following Monday afternoons at 4:00pm: November 27th, December 4th, 11th and 18th.

EXPERIENCED SERVERS: please join us for a mandatory meeting on December 18th at 4:00pm to welcome the new servers and to have a refresher training session.

Thank you and your parents for your commitment and service to the Lord in our great parish of St. Kilian. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email deacon Bill @ www.eiss165@gmail.com

DO YOU LOVE BABIES AND YOUNG FAMILIES...then our two baptism ministries are for YOU!!!



We are in great need of both baptism ministry assistants and baptism prep class assistants. Both are "welcoming" ministries in which our volunteers currently serve 3 or 4 times a year. No experience is required. This is a wonderful and joyful opportunity to serve our Lord. If you would like more information, please complete the Response Form below or email Deacon Bill at www.eiss165@gmail.com or call the rectory and ask for Deacon Bill.



BAPTISM RESPONSE FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Clothing Bin

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a clothing bin in our parking lot to receive your donations of clothing. The bin is for the donations of clothing only, not for furniture or household items. Please place your donations of clothing in the bin. Your donations help recycle clothing for the poor.



Join us for an evening of
friendship and fun at the St. Kilian

Women's Guild Christmas Party

Thursday, December 14th – 6:30 PM in the

St. Kilian School Auditorium.

Hot Buffet, Wine, Soda, Coffee, Tea &
Dessert

Raffles - 50/50 - Ugly Sweater Contest

\$25.00 Per Person

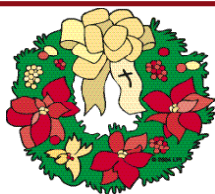
"GIVE TO GET FOR OUTREACH"

Donate a \$10 Gift Card to CVS, Walgreen's,
Target, Walmart, Dollar Tree, Stop & Shop,
or Best Market and receive
FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.

Mail or drop your check off at the
St. Kilian Rectory along with your
seating request.

Contact: Kathy Burdge (516-293-5783) or
Terry Gannon (516-293-2481) for additional
information.

DEADLINE: December 6th



Christmas Wreaths and Blankets

We will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Grave Blankets this year. The wreaths are Balsam and are 12" Double Faced and decorated with a red velvet bow, pine cones and silk like poinsettias.

The grave blankets are handmade on a wooden base and are decorated. This year we will be offering two different sizes - a large 24" size and an extra large size measuring 42". Also available is a 24" Cross.

If you are interested in purchasing, please fill out the tear-off below and return it to the rectory or drop it in the Christmas Box in the gathering space of the Church by **Sunday, December 3.**

Please do not leave any money with your tear-off. We are taking pre-orders, so we know how many to order.

Pick-up will be Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9AM to 12:00 noon or Sunday, Dec. 10, from 9AM to 2PM in the basement of the church.

Last day to order is December 3rd.

Join us for some refreshments and Christmas Cheer during Advent and pick up your wreaths and blankets. Any questions, please contact Dave Rodenburg (249-3276) or leave a message at the rectory.



Christmas Wreaths and Blankets

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Quantity

Cross	24"	\$25.00	_____
Christmas Wreath	12"	\$15.00	_____
Grave Blankets	24"	\$25.00	_____
	42"	\$35.00	_____

Last day to order is December 3rd

SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH

Outreach is our parish community's response to the Gospel call to help those in need.

We serve anyone who lives within our parish boundaries regardless of religion, race or ethnicity.

We are located at 140 Elizabeth Street but our main entrance is in the parking lot facing Conklin Street.

OUR FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 10AM-2:30PM.

We are also available certain Saturdays by appointment only. Spanish translators are available Tuesdays and Fridays.

For further information please call 516-756-9656

Nina Petersen, Director of Outreach

God bless you all for your donations and your gifts of love and hope to our neighbors in need in our community! This week our pantry could use the items listed below. **Just drop your donation in the bin in the gathering space of the church or bring it to Outreach during our regular business hours.**



Thanks to your generosity, we have enough turkeys and have no more room to accept any more!

NEED HEALTH INSURANCE? Fidelis Care at Outreach Friday, December 1st, and the 1st Friday of every month.

Free or low-cost health insurance for all, ages 0 to 64; Family Health Plus, Child Health Plus and Medicaid Managed Care. To enroll you need proof of income, age and address. Vilma Kaplan, a Fidelis rep, will be at Outreach from 10:30am-noon to help you with questions and/or applications. For further information, call 516-419-1644.

GIFT STARS ARE UP FOR CHRISTMAS!

We chose the symbol of the Star as a reminder of Jesus as the Light of the World. Here is how our Gift Star Program works:

- ❖ **Each family** is asked to take one or more Gift Tags from the wall.
- ❖ **Purchase** the gift indicated on the gift tag.
- ❖ **Wrap the gift and attach the gift tag** so we know for whom the item is intended.
- ❖ **Return the gift to our new Outreach building when you come to Mass the weekend of December 9th and 10th.** If your gift is not returned on either of those dates, that family will **NOT** receive a gift since we are distributing them soon after the collection takes place.

❖ ***REMEMBER OUR RETURN DATES – DECEMBER 9TH AND 10TH***

HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) opened 11/13/17 and is projected to close on 3/15/18. This is a low-income, federally-funded energy assistance program. For income-eligibility guidelines, please see <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>. You may also call our Outreach office for further information



DRIVE FOR WINTER CLOTHING FOR SCHOOL-AGE KIDS

Project Closet will be hosting a clothing drive **TOMORROW, Monday night, November 27th, from 5:30-7:00PM** in the lobby of St. Kilian school. Please note that this is **ONLY** clothing for school-aged children, only for **winter**, and only like-new. Also, please do not bring donations to the Outreach building; if you cannot make this date, there will be another drive on Dec 18th.

Do you need food assistance but work weekdays? Our pantry is open one Saturday per month, by appointment only. Please call for further information about this emergency assistance.

Thank You, St. Kilian Parish, for Helping Us Help Others!



The Parish Family of St. Kilian
is invited to participate in
REVERSE ADVENT

What is Reverse Advent?

Instead of using a calendar and treats during the countdown to Christmas, place pantry items- **one each day** - in a supermarket bag and donate them at the end of each week. This act of generosity will prepare both children and adults for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Here's what you need to do:

1st Sunday of Advent, December 3rd: Grab a supermarket bag and start by placing one of the following items in it: cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix & syrup, sugar. *Continue to do so daily for the next week.*

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 10th: Return the bag with the 7 items to church (*there are wooden bins in the gathering space for donations*) and start a new bag at home for the upcoming week. Place one of the following items in the bag each day: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, paper towels, napkins, tissues or toilet paper.

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 17th: Return the bag with 7 items to church and start a new bag at home for the upcoming week. Place one of the following items in the bag each day: coffee, tea, juice, powdered milk, hot chocolate, jelly, tomato sauce, tomato paste, broth, progressio soup.

4th Sunday of Advent, December 24th: Return the final bag of 7 items to church. ***Your countdown to Christmas is complete!***

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The holidays are here.



HOME ALONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Become part of the FRIENDLY VISITORS

MINISTRY!!

Do you have 1 hour per week to provide companionship for a homebound client, then this ministry is for you!! You provide companionship only, like read a book, play cards, work on a puzzle or just talk. Being home alone at any time is not fun, especially for the holidays. Contact:

sallyannschader@gmail.com if interested!!



Congratulations and blessings to the 174 young parishioners who received the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Barres here at St. Kilian's on Wednesday, November 8. Your parish family is praying for you as you continue your journey in faith.

Following are excerpts from letters prepared by these young people, and submitted to the pastor, Fr. Bruce, requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation.

(cont'd from last week)

I believe God is always there for people. If they do wrong, no matter how bad it was, he will forgive them.

I pray when I need God, or just to thank him.

I am requesting to be Confirmed so that I can have a stronger relationship with Jesus and the Church, and to publically state that my faith is important to me, and it's something I plan to work on for the rest of my life.

I want to be Confirmed so that when I'm older I can teach my son or daughter, or both, the Catholic way of life.

Praying is an important thing to do before you go to sleep and before you eat a meal. When you pray you are thanking God for what he's done for you, giving you a special life I live.

I pray for my friends and family every night.

I learned that we all were given our own unique gifts and talents from God.

I chose my godmother as my sponsor. She has always been there for me, taking care of me, giving me advice, and most importantly, giving me love.

Going to Mass and praying is important to me because I know that even in the hardest of times, the church will always be there.



I would like to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and renew my Baptismal promises.

This year I have learned the importance of family and community, and that it is important to make unselfish choices and help others. I also learned it is important to discard negative attitudes.

I am ready to give back to my parish and community.

I learned that Jesus' way of living was to always be loyal and kind. I also learned that if I ever don't know what to do or think, what would Jesus do?

I also want to receive Confirmation to be a role model in the Church and possibly be a sponsor one day.

My mother is very devoted to her faith and has always been a part of Christian service, including teaching religion for seven years.

I plan to be a good example of Christ's love.

Before I started preparing for Confirmation, I really didn't understand the meaning behind the sacrament. I learned that I will receive the special gift of the Holy Spirit.

The projects I have completed during this year have been about how to better myself as a person and a Catholic, and how to help people in need. This has made me stop and think not only of myself, but of others.

I am really looking forward to making Confirmation this year. My whole family made it and I'm going to follow in their footsteps.

The following Stewardship Witness Talk is being published with Pat Hartenstine's permission. Thank you, Pat, for your willingness to share your story during our recent Take-A-Step renewal.

Good morning my name is Patricia Hartenstine but most of you know me as Pat. I have been a member of St. Kilian community for approximately 25 years. I was raised Catholic and went to church every Sunday, but that was the extent of my church participation in my youth. I left the church for 12 years when I first got married. When my son was born I started to feel a call back to the Church. It took me a couple of years to take the first step but when I came back I wanted more than just a Sunday relationship with God.

It was about the same time that I decided that I needed and wanted to bring my son up Catholic too. I was extremely lucky when I called the rectory to speak to someone. Deacon Frank Barone was on call and he made me feel very welcome. He spoke to my husband and me and scheduled the baptism. My son was baptized in St Benedicts Chapel a month before his 4th birthday and started LaSalle Regional School here at St. Kilian the following year.

About 2 years later, Deacon Frank said to me that it was time to give back to the parish. Not knowing what I could do, he suggested I join the baptism ministry and I am still a member of this ministry to this day.

I continued to be open to the Holy Spirits direction to help the parish but had a hard time identifying my gifts and talents. In about 1998, I felt a calling to become a Eucharistic minister. I went to the diocesan training followed by the training in the parish and am still serving the community today. The feeling I get when I serve you communion comes from the heart, I feel Jesus deep within.

I tried volunteering for other ministries but never felt a connection. I didn't know how to get further involved and just continued in these 2 ministries for years.

When Deacon Francis became the Spiritual leader of the Eucharistic ministers I started to help him with scheduling, training and communications of the ministers within the parish. This ministry has helped me know many of you and for you to know me. I'm blessed by the people Jesus has put in my life and the ways He has directed my faith journey.

I went through a 2 year diocesan program called the Pastoral Formation Institute. I learned a lot about myself in the Church and the teaching of the

church. It helped me see that I had more to give back to the community.

Today I am a member of the Liturgy committee and the Spirituality committee along with being a Eucharistic minister, a Lector and still a member of the baptism ministry. God has given me many gifts that I want to give back to the community.

I have learned that my work in the parish is a major part of my relationship with God. It keeps me connected to the community and more importantly the people who need assistance.

I regularly and prayerfully examine my financial donations to the parish and other charities. When I retired from my job about 2 years ago I thought I would need to reduce my parish financial support. Making my donations important and giving to God first, my weekly donations and my yearly pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal have remained constant. Also, by signing up for the parish on line giving, I'm automatically able to keep my weekly donation steady.

I know that my donations support many parts of the St Kilian community. Our outreach program is a huge help to our surrounding community and requires financial support and food donations from the parish. Our Parish buildings and grounds need to be maintained, modernized, and repaired. What we are able to put in the basket is just part of what we can do for our community.

I have been extremely blessed that God has put people in my life to show me the way. Sometimes it is not obvious who they are. The important part is listening to what God wants for you. We need Jesus and the Holy Spirit to help us find the way we are meant to go.

Stewardship is an ongoing journey that we travel to help and aid the people of the community. With Jesus in front, leading the way and opening doors you can do many wonderful things. My life has been enriched by Jesus showing me the way, putting people in my path and continuing to open new doors for me. The rewards are many. Consider what you can do and expect the blessings to come back abundantly.

Thank you for listening and May God Bless you all.

SKY



Sunday Nov. 26th ó The Creation Story as told by ice cream.

Come out and take a taste of the creation story.

All 7th -12th graders are welcome!!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today, as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: ð...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.ð

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve families in our parish. Thank You!

If you are in need of assistance or would like information about joining or contributing to the Society, please call 516-473-9562. Leave a message and a phone number. A member will return your call as soon as possible. You may visit our website at www.svdprvc.org. Please remember the Poor Boxes at the exits of the church. They are the Bread Boxes of the poor and hungry.

Counseling Information for Families and Individuals

Living Waters, located on Wolf Hill Road in Melville, on the grounds of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, provides individual and group therapy with a Christian perspective - 631-754-3990 email: carolr@livingwaterscounseling.biz.

Our pastor, Father Bruce Powers, besides his graduate degree in theology from the major seminary in Huntington, New York, holds a Masters degree in Pastoral Counseling from St. John's University (M.S. in Ed.). In addition, he has received certification in substance abuse counseling from South Oaks Institute in Amityville, New York. If you would like his counsel on personal and family difficulties, please contact him at St. Kilian rectory: 516-249-0127 or email him for an appointment: brucep@stkilian.com



Support & Prayer Ministry for Catholic Gays/ Lesbians, Parents & their Families.

Third Tuesday of each month - 7:00 PM.

Info: Michael Coffey - 917-589-7146



FAMILY MINISTRY

Leading By Example!



MERRY CHRISTMAS! Yes! Let's get ready for the Pageant.

On Christmas Eve our children offer their prayers and talents at the 3:45 Family Mass as they bring us the true story of Christmas.

Children in Grades 2 – 8 are welcome to participate



Looking for Our Pageant Singers & Readers!

E-mail: stkilianfamilylife@yahoo.com with CHRISTMAS as the subject so we can reach out to you. Erin Stoeber is the Coordinator of the Pageant this year.

Sunday, December 3rd ó COSTUME DISTRIBUTION immediately after the 9:30 Mass

Sunday, December 11th – Christmas Pageant 1st Rehearsal immediately after the 9:30 Mass

Sunday, December 18th – Christmas Pageant Final Rehearsal immediately after the 9:30 Mass

You can sign up to receive information about the pageant directly from the PARISH WEBSITE at www.stkilian.com just click on the angels!

THANK YOU to everyone who has been working with our PBJ Gang! It is truly a great way for our Parish to come together to help our neighbors.

NEXT NIGHT: Thursday, December 7th at 7pm in the School Cafeteria.



Don't forget to check the parish website to reserve your seat for the next night!
<http://www.stkilian.com/>



CRAFT SUNDAY! Our team is looking for a few more volunteers to help out once a month after the 9:30 Mass.

It is a great time to come together with our children and prepare a beautiful craft which reflects the message of the Mass and Church Season. Please send an email to: stkilianfamilyministry@gmail.com with CRAFT as the subject so we can welcome you aboard. Jamie Mitus, Suzie Goench, and Jackie Watrous coordinate this committee.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO TRULY MAKE THIS PARISH OUR ST. KILIAN FAMILY!

St. Kilian Respect Life



IMPORTANT BUT VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN FACTS

In 1973, the Supreme Court's **Doe vs. Bolton** decision became the companion case to **Roe vs. Wade**, making abortion legal throughout the entire pregnancy. Sandra Cano, the "Mary Doe" plaintiff of Doe vs. Bolton, technically won the case and the right to have an abortion except that she never wanted one. Sandra was always a pro-life Christian until her death in 2014. On March 23, 1997, she declared these memorable words:

"I am Sandra Cano. I became known as Mary Doe when the U.S. Supreme Court released the **Doe v. Bolton** decision, which allowed abortion for virtually any reason. I am against abortion; I never sought an abortion; I have never had an abortion. Abortion is murder. For over twenty years, and against my will, my name has been synonymous with abortion. The Doe v. Bolton case is based on deceit and fraud. I stand today in this place of healing, the National Memorial for the Unborn, and pledge to the memory of these innocent children, that as long as I have breath, I will strive to see abortion ended in America."

Norma McCorvey, the "Roe" in the **Roe v. Wade** decision, never sought or had an abortion. She later became an avid national pro-life leader. Both of these women were innocently used as they simply sought help, not abortion. To find more about these courageous women check out Sandra Cano's WONDERFULLY MADE MINISTRY on line and Norma McCorvey's book about her healing and conversion to the Catholic Faith titled WON BY LOVE. Also more information is on line.

<u>INTERESTED IN THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY?</u>		
Call/Text Paul Montenero:		516-523-0373
Or Call Irene Muhs:		516-249-6567
FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY HELP, CALL THE LIFE CENTER:		
Massapequa	Hempstead	Deer Park
516-798-9100	516-408-6300	631-243-2373
The Gianna Center	631-376-3232	
Regina Residence	516-223-7888	
AAA Pregnancy Options	631-243-0066	
FOR POST ABORTION HEALING:		
The Life Center	(Numbers shown above)	
Project Rachel	800-456-4673	

St. Kilian Week at a Glance

November 26 (Sunday)

CYO Practice 1pm - 9:30pm - Gym
Al-Anon - Support Group -7:30pm - Parish Ctr.

November 27 (Monday)

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Seniors Meeting 11am - Parish Ctr.
Reconciliation - 1-1:30pm - Church
Eucharistic Adoration - 4-9pm - St. Benedict Chapel
Project Closet - 5:30 -7:00pm - School Lobby
Divorced & Separated - 7:30pm - Parish Ctr.
CYO Practice - 7:45pm - 9:30pm - Gym

November 28 (Tuesday)

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Seniors Meeting - 11am - Parish Ctr.
Eucharistic Adoration - 4-8pm - St. Benedict Chapel
CYO Practice - 4-9:30pm
Holy Souls In Purgatory -6pm -7pm- St. Benedict Chapel
NA Meeting - 7:30pm Parish Ctr.

November 29 (Wednesday)

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Bible Study - 10:30am - 12:30pm - Parish Ctr.
Eucharistic Adoration - 4-8pm - St. Benedict Chapel
CYO Practice - 4-9:30pm - Gym
AA Support Meeting - 7pm - Parish Ctr
Spanish Charismatic Renewal - 7pm - Cafeteria
Charismatic Prayer Group - 8pm - St. Benedict Chapel

November 30 (Thursday)

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Eucharistic Adoration - 4-8pm - St. Benedict Chapel
CYO Practice

December 1 (Friday)

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
CYO Practice 4- 6pm - Gym
Eucharistic Adoration - 4-8pm - St. Benedict Chapel
AA Spanish - 7pm Parish Ctr
Guardian Angel Perinatal Support - 7pm - Parish Ctr.
Christmas Pageant Meeting - 7pm Parish Ctr.

December 2 (Saturday)

Reconciliation - 4pm - 4:45pm - Church
CYO Practice - 12pm - 9:30pm - Gym

December 3 (Sunday)

Christmas Pageant Costume Distribution - after the
9:30am Mass
CYO Practice 1pm - 9:30pm - Gym
Al-Anon - Support Group -7:30pm - Parish Ctr.

ST. KILIAN RESPECT-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/10/17 (Sun) - 10:40AM: Respect Life Ministry
Meeting in the Green Room (A) of the
Church Basement.

Parish Directory

RECTORY OFFICE: (516) 249-0127

FAX: (516) 249-7131

WEBSITE: www.stkilian.com -

E-MAIL: info@stkilian.com

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30pm and 1:30pm - 8:00 pm

CLOSED 12:30PM - 1:30PM

SATURDAY: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and SUNDAY: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mr. Edward Fronckwicz, Jr. - *Business Manager* -
edwardf@stkilian.com

Mrs. Barbara Geary - *Stewardship & Pastor's Secretary*
barbarag@stkilian.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE - (516) 694-0633
stkilianre@gmail.com

Mrs. Claire Stiglic, *Assoc. Director Faith Formation*

Mrs. Kathleen Singleton, *Assoc. Director Faith Formation*

Mrs. Carol Cella, *Assoc. Director of Faith Formation*

Mrs. Carmela Petraglia - *Secretary*

Mrs. Marian Magadan - *Secretary*

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(516) 756-9656 - ninap@stkilian.com

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Mrs. Dee Asparro - *Secretary*

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Mr. Paul Phinney - *Director* - paulp@stkilian.com

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Mr. Eddie Fronckwicz - *Director* - skyyouth@stkilian.com

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Mrs. Maureen Ihm - *Secretary* - maureeni@stkilian.com

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mrs. Carol Budinoff - Mrs. Barbara Byrne

Mrs. Addie DeVincentis - Mrs. Lillian James

Mr. Geoffrey Fenwick - Mrs. Janet Liotta

Mrs. Lorraine Pieloch - Mr. David Rodenburg

Mrs. Melissa Suwalski

Pastoral Council e-mail: stkpc@stkilian.com

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pierre Lehmuller - Trustee

Mr. Richard Merzbacher - Trustee

Mr. Victor Albanese - Deacon Frank Barone

Deacon William Weiss - Mr. Stephen G. Wilson

Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the church. Spanish Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Parents are required to participate in one Sacramental Preparation session. These meetings are held on the **first and third Sunday of each month**. After attending the 9:30am Mass, parents should proceed to the Social Ministry/Outreach Conference Room (across the parking lot) for the Baptism Preparation Class. Godparents are welcome. Please call the rectory to arrange an interview with a deacon or priest to register for the preparation session and the Baptism ceremony. Additional information on Baptism is available on the parish website: www.stkilian.com

Reconciliation - Confessions are heard in the church on Mondays, 1:00-1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.; and in the rectory by appointment. *Confessions are not heard on Mondays that are Holy Days or public holidays.* **Confessions in Spanish** by appointment. Please call the rectory at (516)249-0127.

Matrimony - Marriage arrangements should be made with a deacon or priest **at least six months** before the proposed wedding date. No dates for marriage will be given over the phone. *Note: The interview to schedule the marriage date at St. Kilian should be completed before commitments are made with a catering hall.* Additional information is available on the parish website: www.stkilian.com.

Anointing of the Sick - The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be received by any Catholic who is preparing for surgery, or is of advanced age, or is seriously ill. The sacrament is the Church's prayer for health and healing and should not be delayed until there is danger of death. Please call the rectory to speak with a priest. Also, to arrange for Communion to be brought to the homebound, please call the rectory to have a priest visit. After the priest visits, arrangements can be made for a Eucharistic Minister to regularly bring communion to the homebound.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA (Becoming A Catholic) Anyone who is inquiring about becoming a Catholic, and who has not been baptized, or who has been baptized in another Christian community is invited to inquire into the **RCIA**. Please call the rectory for information at (516)249-0127.

Ciclos de Fe



MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO - ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditation)

26 de noviembre de 2017 Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

La solemnidad de Cristo Rey nos ayuda a reflexionar en lo que pretendemos como comunidad de creyentes a lo largo del año. Ver el valor que damos a Jesucristo y el hecho de ser miembros de su Reino. Cerramos el año proclamando a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. El Papa Pío XI instituyó esta fiesta al finalizar el año santo en 1925. Pero el mismo Señor Jesús, a la pregunta de Pilato de si él era en verdad el rey, contestó: *“Tú lo has dicho. Soy rey”* (Jn 18, 37). Mateo termina su año y durante éste, nos mostró lo fundamental del Reino. Escuchamos a Juan Bautista al principio del Evangelio. *“Arrepiéntanse, porque el Reino de los cielos está cerca”* (Mt 3, 2).

El Papa Francisco, en su homilía de noviembre 23 de 2014 dijo. *“Las lecturas que hemos escuchado nos muestran cómo realizó Jesús su reino; cómo lo realiza en el devenir de la historia; y qué nos pide a nosotros.”*

“Ante todo, cómo realizó Jesús su reino: lo hizo con la cercanía y ternura hacia nosotros. Él es el pastor, de quien habló el profeta Ezequiel en la primera lectura (cfr. 34, 11-12. 15-17). Todo este pasaje está entrelazado por verbos que indican la premura y el amor del pastor hacia su rebaño: buscar, cuidar, reunir a los dispersos, conducir al apacentamiento, hacer descansar, buscar a la oveja perdida, recoger a la descarriada, vendar a la herida, fortalecer a la enferma, atender, apacentar. Todas estas actitudes se hicieron realidad en Jesucristo: Él es verdaderamente el «gran pastor de las ovejas y guardián de nuestras almas» (cfr. Hb 13, 20; 1 Pe 2, 25)ö. ¡Viva Cristo Rey!



Celebremos Los Sacramentos

LA SANTA MISA:

Todos los Sábados a las 6:30PM.

BAUTISMO:

Se celebra cada cuarto domingo de mes, a las 2:00 de la tarde. Es requisito para los papás y padrinos, atender la clase pre-bautismal, cada tercer miércoles de mes a las 6:30 PM, en la parte baja de la Iglesia. Por favor llame a la rectoría para hacer su cita con el sacerdote, para llenar el formato; usted deberá traer el certificado o registro de nacimiento de su niño. Los niños de 6 años ó más, deberán asistir a las clases de catequesis regular.

PADRINOS: Deben ser católicos, con los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación; solteros ó casados por la Iglesia. Deben traer una notificación indicando que están registrados o son miembros de la Parroquia, en donde viven ó adonde asisten a misa. No pueden ser padrinos las personas que tienen parejas sin haberse casados por la Iglesia.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

Deben haber recibido los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación ó estar asistiendo a las clases regulares de Educación Religiosa ó RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos).

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS: (RICA) Les invitamos a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fé católica. Favor comunicarse con la Hna: Reina Vásquez (631)902-9969. Las clases iniciarán en septiembre.

MATRIMONIO:

Es necesario hacer una entrevista con el Sacerdote ó Diácono de la Parroquia con 6 meses de anticipación, para la celebración de su boda. Es imprescindible que todas las parejas, asistan a PRE-CANA (charlas pre-matrimoniales), para poder casarse. Para mayor información, llamar a la Rectoría (516)-249-0127 ext.129 P. Jose o hablar con él, después de la Misa, los sábados.

RECONCILIACION/ CONFESIONES:

Todos los miércoles de 6:00 a 9:00 PM, en el Grupo de Oración. Lugar: Cafetería.

UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS:

Llamar a la Rectoría, inmediatamente en caso de emergencia o enfermedad, para que la persona reciba los Sacramentos necesarios. (516)- 249-0127 Ext. 129 Padre Jose.

GRUPO DE ORACION:

(Renovación Carismática) Todos los miércoles de 7 a 9:30 PM en la cafetería, Y Hora Santa en la iglesia todos los Segundos miércoles de cada mes, de 7:30-8:30pm.

GRUPO JUVENIL:

Se reúnen todos los sábados, después de Misa. Para información, hablar con Nelson (516)351-8913/ Erlin (631)705-1229.