

***“A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN FOR YOU WHO IS CHRIST  
AND LORD.”***

Since the 13th century AD, the Christmas crèche has played a prominent role in educating Catholic Christians about the story of Christmas. In 1223, when the printing press had yet to be invented and the people of God were overwhelmingly illiterate, St. Francis of Assisi, inspired by the spirit of creativity produced the first Christmas pageant with actors playing the parts of the baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Angels and Magi. The impact of the Christmas crèche and its powerful illustration of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ, has influenced the Catholic imagination for centuries.

The crèche scene is present in almost every Catholic home in late Advent and throughout the Christmas season. It is a marvelous teaching tool that has deeply affected our contemplation on the mystery of God become human. What Catholic child has not been told about the baby Jesus in the crib and his mother Mary?

*“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”* Like the Angels who worshiped at the first crèche, Christmas carols lift our hearts and minds in adoration and praise, of the God whose love impels him to become weak on our behalf; as fragile as a little child.

I am deeply grateful for the many ways in which you make Christ present in our parish community. Because of your faith in God who is with us, our liturgies are uplifting, our outreach to the poor is outstanding, and our effort to teach the good news to our children and adults is transformative.

During the past two years, the St. Kilian Steering Committee developed our parish Vision and Mission statement, published regularly in our bulletin and on our website. We have been facing the challenge of parish buildings that are in great need of repair, and only \$650,000 in reserves. I started a collaborative process to address these concerns. I have held three meetings with parish leadership: 50 people from our Finance Committee, Pastoral Council, Stewardship Committee, CYO,

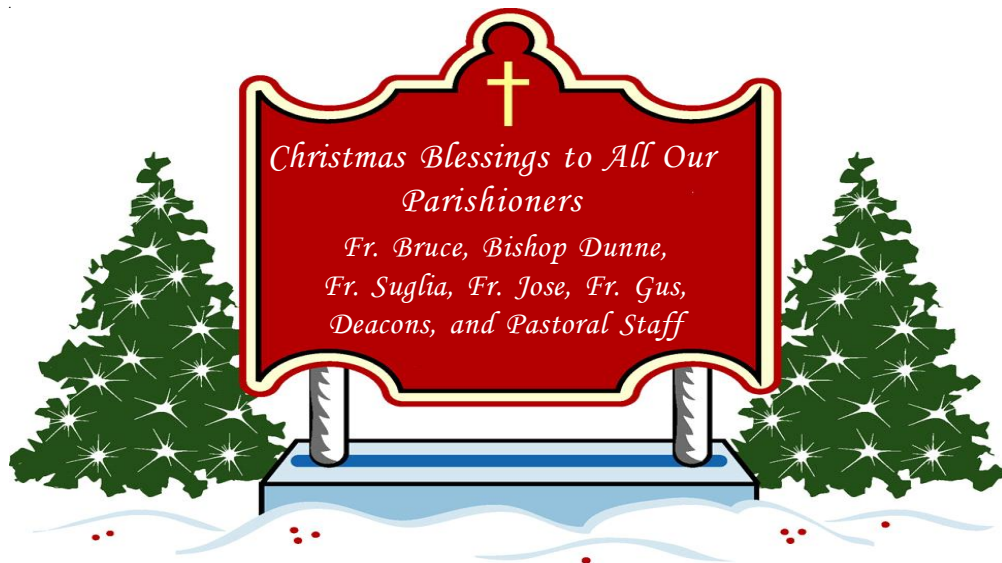
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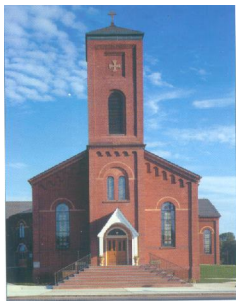
Family Life Committee, Liturgy Committee and Building and Grounds Committee. Together we brainstormed on the pros and cons of various options to address limited reserves, and parish buildings needing repair. We heard from an architect-engineering firm on possible options. A 12 member subcommittee was formed and has met a number of times. They will invite you to an Open Meeting early in the New Year on a date to be determined, for Q and A. Keep praying to the Holy Spirit for guidance as we grapple with important issues to help us consolidate our parish resources for a strong and vibrant future. Your constructive input is welcomed.

May you discover the love of Christ once again in our Christmas masses and in your family gatherings for these holy days of the Christmas Season through the Baptism of the Lord on January 8, 2018.

*Merry Christmas to all! And prayers for a happy, healthy New Year 2018!*

Peace,  
*Father Bruce Powers and the Parish Staff*





# 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.



## PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev. Bruce J. Powers, Pastor -**

brucep@stkilian.com

**Rev. Dennis Suglia Parochial Vicar**

dsuglia@drvc.org

**Mrs. Claire Stiglic, Associate Director of Faith Formation**

**Mrs. Kathleen Singleton, Associate Director of Faith Formation**

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

**Mrs. Nina Petersen, Social Ministry/Outreach**

**Mr. Paul C. Phinney, Music Director -**

**Mr. Edward Fronckwicz - Business Manager**

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

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

**Rev. José Luis Tenas**

## RETIRED CLERGY IN RESIDENCE

**Most Rev. John C. Dunne**

**Rev. Augustine Fernando**

## DEACONS

**Deacon Frank D. Barone**

**Deacon Francis P. Marino**

**Deacon Mark Wetzell**

**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.**





**SUNDAY - December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent -**

**Readings:** 1st—2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; 2nd—Rom 16:25-27; Gospel—Luke 1:26-38

8:00 For the Parishioners of St. Kilian

9:30 Theresa & John Molfetto

11:00 Angela DiLauro

12:30pm Alfred & Marie Barone

**Christmas Eve - Spiritual Bouquet Masses**

3:30pm - Christmas Pageant & Mass

4:00pm - Church

5:30pm - Church

7:30pm - Spanish Mass

10:00pm - Solemn Christmas Mass

**MONDAY - December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

**Spiritual Bouquet Masses - 8:00am; 9:30am; 12:30pm**

11:00am - For the Parishioners of St. Kilian

**TUESDAY - December 26 - St. Stephen**

7:00 Sr. Agnes Seebach

9:00 Thanksgiving in honor of all the saints

**WEDNESDAY - December 27 - St. John**

7:00 Msgr. Francis S. Midura

9:00 Michael & Regina Brennan

**THURSDAY - December 28 - The Holy Innocents**

7:00 Rosario Mazzola

9:00 Peter Cheshire

**FRIDAY - December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:00 Lorraine Sanfilippo.

9:00 Deceased Members of the Broyles Fam.

**SATURDAY - December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:30 Patricia Damm

5:00pm Damian (Sam) J. Aiello

Michael Coyne

Catherine Nicoletta

Peter & Mary Basabe

6:30pm

**SUNDAY - December 31 - The Holy Family of**

**Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Readings:** 1st—Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; 2nd Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Gospel—Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

8:00 For the Parishioners of St. Kilian

9:30 Domenica & Giovanni Lancia

11:00 Loreto Lucchetti

12:30pm Altagrace Labisiegel

Kenneth A. Klem

Ruth Teresa Starkie

Ann Moore



## Stewardship

*A Way of Life*

**The Following are the weekly collections for:**

December 16, 17, 2017.....\$26,368.72

(Last year 2016).....\$25,970.67

**Attendance**

December 16, 17, 2017.....1474

(Last year 2016) .....2127

**Parish Collection report-Week of December 16, 17, 2017**

Mass	Number Of Envelopes	Amt. in Env. Cash/Checks	Loose Cash	Total
5pm - Sat.	142	\$3,717.00	\$566.00	\$4,283.00
6:30pm-Sat.	25	\$400.00	\$611.00	\$1,011.00
8:00am-Sun	119	\$4,096.00	\$618.00	\$4,714.00
9:30am	100	\$2,856.00	\$434.00	\$3,290.00
11:00am	134	\$4,120.72	\$441.00	\$4,561.72
12:30pm	95	\$2,948.00	\$830.00	\$3,778.00

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

**Mail in Envelopes: \$1900.00**

**Online Donations: \$2,831.00**

**Total: \$26,368.72**



### Christmas Eve Masses

3:30pm - Fr. Gus (Auditorium - Christmas Pageant)

4:00pm - Fr. Suglia - Church

5:30pm - Fr. Bruce - Church

7:30pm - Fr. José Luis - Spanish - Church

10:00pm. - All Priests - Church - (Caroling at 9:30pm)

### Christmas Day Masses

8:00am - Bishop Dunne

9:30am - Fr. Bruce

11:00am - Fr. Suglia

12:30pm - Fr. Gus



# *We Celebrate.....We Remember.....We Pray For*



## Baptisms

Emilia Antoniette Eckert  
Savannah Grace Dini



### First Announcement

Kenneth Joseph (St. Kilian) & Erin Campbell



**ST. KILIAN PARISH MEMORIAL FOR HOSTS AND WINE** to be used at all Weekday Masses (December 25-29, 2017) were donated in Memory of +Nicholas J. Amato  
Gift of: Eileen Amato & Family



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2017 in observance of the Christmas Holyday. There will no Eucharistic Adoration or confessions in the afternoon.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

*There will be a second collection for our Outreach Social Ministry at all the Christmas Masses. It will follow right after the Christmas offering collection. Please be as generous as your means allow in assisting those in need at this blessed time of year. Thank you!*



## *Rest in Peace*

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

Eleanor Crupi  
Theresa I. Zizzo  
Christopher J. Regan

*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*



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; Dee Asparro; Marie Gilmore; Rheta Karasz; Anne Shannon; Nicole Christiansen Grogan; Josephine Lubrano; Fr. Robert Lubrano; Dolores Connolly; Jack Connolly; John Sherry; John Moschella; Joy Bologna; Seth Baines; Anton Steinle, Jr.; Greg Happ; Elizabeth Haley; Yolanka Tracy; Woody Anderson.

**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; Baby Francesca Maniscalco.



# Christmas

## Schedule for 2017

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### CHRISTMAS EVE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:30 P.M. (Auditorium) Christmas Pageant followed by Mass

4:00 P.M. (Church)

5:30 P.M. (Church)

7:30 PM (Spanish Mass in Church)

10:00 P.M. Solemn Christmas Mass, (Caroling begins at 9:30 P.M.)

#### CHRISTMAS DAY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 A.M.

9:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

12:30 P.M.

**Note: All Masses on Christmas Day will be in the Church**

**There is no evening Mass on Monday, Christmas Day**



## New Beginnings!

It's a New Liturgical Year, so we begin the Gospel of St. Mark. Our book discussion/faith sharing group has decided to spend time with St. Mark's Gospel. Beginning in January, we plan to meet six or seven times during the months of January through March to spend time prayerfully reflecting upon St Mark's Gospel. We will be using a book to guide us through the Scriptures.

**Each session will be in the Parish Center at 7pm**

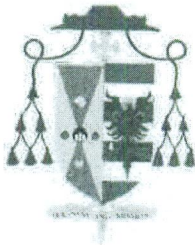
**Thursday January 11 and Wednesday January 24**

**Wednesday February 7 and Wednesday February 21**

**Wednesday, March 7 and Wednesday March 21**

Please note the first session is on a Thursday and all the other sessions are on Wednesday. You do not need to attend each session. Each session stands on its own. Bring your bibles. We will provide the discussion guide book.

We look forward to journeying with you through the Gospel. For further information leave a message for Deacon Bill Weiss at the rectory (516) 249-0127.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

## Christmas 2017

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

Merry Christmas to you and your families! As we celebrate the Prince of Peace's entrance into world history, we give thanks to Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the Mission of Mercy of our Holy Catholic Church.

We give thanks for our families, our domestic churches, which transform the world and history with Christ's Love and the Church's missionary spirit

This past month we dedicated the Gianna Center of Long Island for Women's Health and Fertility, which in its mission unites the Splendor of Truth of Catholic Moral Teaching on Marriage and the Family with ethical reproductive science through the use of *NaPro Technology* and the *Creighton Model Fertility Care System*.

This was an important moment for the Catholic Church and Catholic Health Services in its service to the common good of Long Island.

The dedication of the Gianna Center gives a living expression of celebration to some important 2018 Church anniversaries.

On July 28, 2018, we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. Blessed Paul VI was prophetic as he courageously taught that all marital intimacy celebrates both the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of married love that cannot be separated.

The Holy Father predicted accurately the dire consequences for society of separating the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of married love. He was widely criticized, even ridiculed at the time, but as we know from the Old Testament that is exactly what happens to prophets who stand up for liberating truths.

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman once said: "The Catholic Church is not behind the times. It is beyond the times." And as the renowned particle physicist Professor Stephen Barr emphasizes, in the history of the world, the Catholic Church is the greatest friend and supporter of *ethical* scientific development. The Gianna Center is an expression of this friendship, support and partnership in history.



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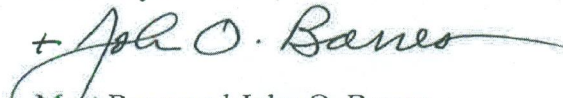
On August 4, 2018, we will also celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John Paul II's great encyclical *The Splendor of Truth*, which shows that moral choices and decisions that are grounded in objective truth transform and illumine the lives of individuals and society.

The Gianna Center is a powerful part of that dedication to truth, charity and mercy and during this Christmas 2017, we ask the Christ Child to lead all those involved in the mission of the Gianna Center and all who are served by that mission.

The Center's patroness, St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) was a wife, a mother and a physician dedicated to the progress of medical science. Her image is prominent at the main altar of St. Agnes Cathedral where I will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass.

I will pray that her intercession and her courageous and holy example may inspire each one of us and our family members this Christmas season and be yet another catalyst of *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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## 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal

### Serving God by Serving Others

St. Kilian's goal for 2017 is \$147,300.00. So far pledges total \$105,407.00 or 71.6% of goal for the 2017 Appeal. Payments received so far total \$103,236.00. Average donation is \$197.76. So far 533 parishioners have contributed to the Appeal.

Thank you for your generous support of the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2017 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

*There's still time to make a gift.* Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31, 2017 and paid in full by January 31, 2018.

### **Bulletin Reflection:**

*In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." that the promise finds fulfillment.*

### **Living Stewardship:**

*We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who have the courage, like Mary, to listen to God's voice in their own hearts.*



**2018 Calendars are available at the doors of the Church compliments of White's Funeral**

**Home.**



## 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



**Thanks to St. Kilian Parishioners, it is a Merry Christmas for many!**

We distributed food and gifts to over 400 people for Christmas. Your generosity has been truly heart-warming and we want you to know that together we made a difference in many lives this holiday season. -Nina



***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.***



***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 24<sup>th</sup>:*** Return the final bag of 7 (suggested: coffee, tea, juice, powdered milk, hot chocolate, jelly, tomato sauce, tomato paste, broth, progressio soup) to church. items to church. ***Your REVERSE ADVENT countdown to Christmas is complete!***

### **IT'S OUR ANNUAL REQUEST FOR WINTER HATS, GLOVES & SCARVES**

Throughout December, we are collecting **new** winter hats, gloves & scarves for men, women & children



**Just in case you are not sure where to drop off your food donations for our neighbors in need .....**

***Look for this WOODEN BIN in the gathering space (back) of the church! These donations are brought over to our food pantry every Sunday evening by St. Kilian Youth ☺***

**You can also always bring them to Outreach on weekdays**



**We know there are many generous individuals out there**

**who do not read our bulletin!**

Please "like" our St. Kilian Social Ministry Facebook page and please help us to spread the word about our weekly "three most needed items" BY INVITING YOUR FRIENDS TO "LIKE" OUR FACEBOOK PAGE as well. During the upcoming months, we are hoping to generate more donations through this avenue.

Thank you for your assistance!

<https://www.facebook.com/St.KilianSocialMinistry>

## SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH

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. If you would like to become a visitor or if you know of a potential client, contact: [sallyannschneider@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannschneider@gmail.com)

**Did you know we offer Employment Assistance** (resume writing, interview coaching, job search tips)? Our Employment Counselor is here **Thursdays from 11:00am to 2:30pm**. If interested, call for an appointment

**HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program)** is a low-income, federally-funded energy assistance program. For income-eligibility guidelines, please see <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>. Applications can be made (1) online at <https://www.mybenefits.ny.gov/> OR (2) senior citizens may call the Office of the Aging (Nassau County 516-227-7386, Suffolk County 631-853-8326) OR (3) all others may call: EAC in Nassau County at 516-565-4327 or Central HEAP in Suffolk County 631-853-8825. Those receiving SNAP and/or TA should be automatically enrolled in HEAP. You may also call our Outreach office for further information.

**Outreach will be CLOSED 12/25-1/1 so that our volunteers may enjoy the holidays with their families and friends. Please leave all donations in the church bins from 12/24-1/1.**

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

### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.**

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](http://www.svdprvc.org). Please remember the Poor Boxes at the exits of the church. They are the Bread Boxes of the poor and hungry.

### **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Mary said: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." A simple trust in God's word allowed the Mother of God to do incredible things. As a humble servant and listener, she embraced her mission and invested herself wholeheartedly in doing what God had asked. Do we know and trust that we are being led? Often, we can feel very much alone and without a source of inspiration, guidance, and love to enlighten our path. God is with us. This is the essential message of Advent and the truth revealed to us at Christmas. We are never alone. There is no need to fear. We too, with God's help, can do incredible things.



*Pray for Peace*



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*Time, Talent & Treasure  
A Way of Life at St.  
Kilian*



Thank you to the St. Kilian Players for hosting our recent Hospitality/Fellowship on December 10<sup>th</sup>. From the looks of the pictures that follow a good time was had by all! Our St. Kilian Parish Family is truly a blessing.

The Stewardship Committee wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and blessings in the New Year!!





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Thursday Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm  
Candlelight Night @ Old  
Bethpage

THANK YOU

A special thank you to the parishioners who helped the *church sacristan* change the missals in the pews this past month.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:brucep@stkilian.com)

## GIRL SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS

Advent is a great time for families to work on Girl Scout Religious Awards. In preparation for Girl Scout Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, please consider completing Catholic Religious Awards. The **Jesus Loves Me** award is available for first grade Daisies. The **Ave Maria** and **Family of God** Religious medals are available for all Catholic Brownie Girl Scouts. Program workbooks are available at the Diocese of Rockville Centre Scouting Office. For additional information, please contact the Parish Girl Scout Coordinator Maryellen Gruszka at (516) 817-2323 or [Gruszkamom41@gmail.com](mailto:Gruszkamom41@gmail.com).



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## WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

### Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**Monday:** *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
*Midnight:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
*Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
*Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5-6 2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

**Next Sunday:** Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

### Observances for the Week of December 24, 2017

**Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve  
**Monday:** Christmas (holy day of obligation)  
**Tuesday:** St. Stephen, the First Martyr  
**Wednesday:** St. John, Apostle & Evangelist  
**Thursday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
**Friday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr  
**Saturday:**  
**Next Sunday:** The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

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We pray for all the men and women in the service of our country especially those who are away from their families and friends during this Christmas Season. Peace be with them and their families. God Bless them and keep them safe.

## St. Kilian Respect Life



"IT IS TRUE THAT THE SPAN OF AN INFANT'S ARMS IS ABSURDLY SHORT, BUT IF THEY ARE THE ARMS OF THE DIVINE CHILD, THEY ARE AS

WIDE AS THE REACH OF THE ARMS ON THE CROSS. THEY EMBRACE AND SUPPORT THE WHOLE WORLD; THEIR SHADOW IS THE NOON-DAY SHADE FOR IT'S SUFFERING PEOPLE; THEY ARE SPREAD WINGS UNDER WHICH THE WHOLE WORLD SHALL FIND SHELTER AND REST."

(CARYLL HOUSELANDER - PASSION OF THE INFANT CHRIST.)

NO PREGNANT GIRL OR WOMAN NEED EVER BE ALONE IN HER TIME OF CONFUSION. OURS MUST BE THE ARMS OF GOD TO REACH OUT IN LOVING COMPASSION. SHE MUST FEEL HIS LOVE THROUGH THE HELP AND GUIDANCE WE OFFER, SO THAT HER DECISION CAN BE, NOT FOR THE DEATH OF HER CHILD, BUT FOR THE LIFE THAT GOD HAS CREATED WITHIN HER. NO SOCIAL PROBLEMS CAN EVER BE SOLVED BY THE TAKING OF INNOCENT LIFE. AND, FOR THOSE ALREADY REGRETTING THEIR PREVIOUS DECISION, THERE IS HEALING TO BE FOUND IN THE ARMS OF GOD. PLEASE, BE AN INSTRUMENT OF HIS PEACE. SEE THE NUMBERS BELOW OR REFER TO OUR PAMPHLET RACK IN THE GATHERING SPACE OF THE CHURCH.



### INTERESTED IN THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY?

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*

### **December 24 (Sunday) Christmas Eve**

Christmas Pageant - 3:30pm - Auditorium - followed by Mass  
4:00pm; 5:30pm Mass - Church  
7:30pm Spanish Mass - Church  
10:00pm Solemn Christmas Mass - Church - Caroling begins at 9:30pm

### **December 25 (Monday) Christmas Day**

#### **Rectory Office Closed**

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church

### **December 26 (Tuesday)**

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

### **December 27 (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

### **December 28 (Thursday)**

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church  
Eucharistic Adoration - 4-8pm - St. Benedict Chapel  
CYO Practice - 7:45pm - 9:30pm - Gym

### **December 29 (Friday)**

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church  
Eucharistic Adoration - 4-8pm - St. Benedict Chapel  
CYO Practice - 4-6pm - Gym  
AA Spanish - 7pm - Parish Ctr.

### **December 30 (Saturday)**

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

### **December 31 (Sunday)**

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

### **PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS**

*Let us say THANK YOU by supporting their businesses. Please let them know that you saw their ad in our Parish Bulletin.*

## **DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY**



**Holy Trinity Diocesan High School Spring Driver Education** begins on February 1. There are still openings available in classes before and after school and on Saturdays. the application and schedule are available at [holytrinity.org](http://holytrinity.org) (click on STUDENT LIFE). If you have any questions please call (516)433-2900 or email us at [drivered@holytrinity.org](mailto:drivered@holytrinity.org). We'dl be happy to help you work out a schedule that is best for your son or daughter.

### **Church of St. Joseph Parish Center**

39 North Carll Avenue  
Babylon, NY 11702

### **“Moving On” Group**

An After Bereavement Group for Widows and Widowers Will Conduct

### **A ‘Do It Yourself’ Workshop**

**Presented by Home Depot**

**Friday, January 12th @ 7:30 pm**

For further information please call

Geri Olson at 631-661-8994

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey in recovery. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Talbot House is a NO fee for service program.

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

Third Tuesday of each month - 7:00 PM.

Info: Michael Coffey - 917-589-7146



## Parish Directory

RECTORY OFFICE: (516) 249-0127

FAX: (516) 249-7131

WEBSITE: [www.stkilian.com](http://www.stkilian.com) -

E-MAIL: [info@stkilian.com](mailto: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](mailto:edwardf@stkilian.com)

Mrs. Barbara Geary - *Stewardship & Pastor's Secretary*  
[barbarag@stkilian.com](mailto:barbarag@stkilian.com)

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[stkilianre@gmail.com](mailto: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*

### SOCIAL MINISTRY/PARISH OUTREACH

(516) 756-9656 - [ninap@stkilian.com](mailto:ninap@stkilian.com)

Mrs. Nina Petersen - *Director*

Mrs. Dee Asparro - *Secretary*

### MUSIC (516)420-0950

Mr. Paul Phinney - *Director* - [paulp@stkilian.com](mailto:paulp@stkilian.com)

### YOUTH MINISTRY - (516)249-0127

Mr. Eddie Fronckwicz - *Director* - [skyouth@stkilian.com](mailto:skyouth@stkilian.com)

### RECTORY SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs. Eileen Donohue - *Bulletin/Website* -  
[eileend@stkilian.com](mailto:eileend@stkilian.com)

Mrs. Nancy Farrell - *Bookkeeper*

Mrs. Maureen Ihm - *Secretary* - [maureeni@stkilian.com](mailto:maureeni@stkilian.com)

Mrs. Grace Kaufold - *Census Program* - [gracek@stkilian.com](mailto:gracek@stkilian.com)

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.





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

**24 de diciembre de 2017      4º Domingo de Adviento**

¡Verdaderamente el Señor está con nosotros por medio de María! Mañana celebramos la Natividad del Señor. Si hemos puesto atención en este Adviento nos daremos cuenta de que la liturgia de hoy nos propone el mismo Evangelio que leímos en la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción. Si recordamos bien, con su *oísio* María acepta su vocación de ser la Madre de Dios, experimentando así el misterio gozoso de ser mamá o misterio que Dios ha planeado desde toda la eternidad, manifestado a la humanidad en día de la Encarnación. *“El ángel le dijo: No temas, María, porque has hallado gracia ante Dios. Vas a concebir y a dar a luz un hijo y le pondrás por nombre Jesús”* (Lc 1, 30-31).

El Padre nos envía a su Hijo para nuestra salvación. Éste es el increíble misterio de la Navidad, misterio de gozo y esperanza. Es la presencia de Dios en tantos caminos y experiencias de nuestra vida. Hoy la gracia es dada desde el cielo a toda la humanidad. Nuestra disponibilidad debe ser servir al Señor con un corazón que confía y pueda decir como María, *“Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho”* (Lc 1, 38). El punto es que Dios hace su tienda entre nosotros. ¿De qué manera? ¿Dónde? En el lugar menos esperado, en el seno de María. El centro de todo es Cristo. Aprendamos, de María sobretodo, su apertura total al amor y a dejarse llevar por Dios, haciendo su voluntad hasta la cruz. ¿Experimento que Dios ha estado conmigo en este Adviento? ¿Estoy ya preparado para recibirlo?



**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.



*Feliz Navidad*