

***Masses For The Week*****Monday - January 2**

6:30 NO 6:30 MASS

9:00 Thomas &amp; Florence Mullen

**Tuesday - January 3**

6:30 Mary Godek

9:00 Gerald E. Meehan

7:30 PM Memorial Mass: Rev. Vincent P. Crotty CSsR

**Wednesday - January 4**

6:30 John &amp; Lucy Speelman, 55th Wedding Anniv.

9:00 Robert M. Findlay

**Thursday - January 5**

6:30

9:00 Michael Murphy

**Friday - January 6**

6:30 Gerald R. Saloy, 2nd Anniversary

9:00 Al Gross

**Saturday - January 7**

9:00 Intentions Announced at Mass

5:00 John Kirk

7:00 William Nolan

**Sunday - January 8**

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Andrew McCarthy, 5th Anniversary

10:00 Rita Bizelia

11:30 Michael Catapano (Mickey)

1:00 Janet M. Carnesi

5:30 Jen Zontini

***Readings For The Week***

Mon. 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Tues. 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

Wed. 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Thurs. 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Fri. 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11

Sat. 1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11

Sun. Isaiah 60:1-6 *Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.*

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 *In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs and co-sharers in the saving promise.*

Matthew 2:1-12 *The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage.*



Saint Maria  
Faustina

**Divine Mercy Novena**

***Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Eucharistic Chapel  
All are welcome!***

***Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift*****Last Week December 24/25 Collection**

Weekly Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Weekly Amount Received: \$12,316.00

Christmas Collection: \$50,349.78

***Thank you for your generosity & support!******May God grant you Peace, Happiness & Prosperity  
in the Year of Our Lord 2012!*****Reflection & Living Stewardship**

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who provide for the physical, social and emotional health of young women facing motherhood without adequate resources by supporting Regina Residence through Catholic Charities.



Please pray for the women and men in our Military and their families and friends especially during Christmas time., as they selflessly protect and defend our nation against all forms of terrorism. May God protect them from all harm!

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

New year, new beginnings, new commitment for a change of heart! Put all faith, trust, hope and love in Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We can help each other in our journey to the Kingdom. Come and join us as we pray together.

***Our next meeting is Monday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Call Margo at 516-993-9672 for answers to any questions or for prayer intentions.***

**St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

Dec. 26 #335 M/M Edward Drummond	\$25.00
Dec. 27 #659 Maria F. Pinto	\$25.00
Dec. 28 #172 Christine Del Vicario	\$25.00
Dec. 29 # 7 Steven & Barbara Damiani	\$25.00
Dec. 30 #564 Frank & Kathleen Meehan	\$50.00



***"Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me."***

This week the pantry is low on canned fruit, dish soap, laundry soap, pasta sauce, Jello, canned chili & stew, pasta, mayo, peanut butter, jelly/jam and oatmeal. Thank you all for your great generosity.

May God continue to bless the people of this parish in this new year of 2012!

Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage  
Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM  
Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM  
Phone: (516) 931-7332

I was told that our Christmas gift giving was over \$7,000.00. This is a wonderful program that helps families in need at Christmas time.

We raised over \$4,700.00 in our Christmas flower collection. This money is used for the church to create an atmosphere of joy as we give glory to our God.

The parishioners of St. Martin of Tours are so very generous as you honor Christ, and Christ in your brothers and sisters in need.

God bless you all for your loving hearts!  
- Father Pat, CSSR

## **Long Island Blood Services**

St. Martin's hosted a blood drive on Wednesday, December 21st in the Parish Hall.

The New York Blood Center was very pleased with the turnout and would like to thank everyone who came to donate blood. A total of 51 pints was donated.

If you missed this opportunity, you may contact them at 1-800-688-0900 to set up an appointment with them.

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

Christine Mascia, Mary Peterson, Frances Stuhlmuller  
Maria Cipriano, Henry Niemczyk, Robert Loughran  
Jim Duggan, Patricia Morrone, Flora Spinosa  
Barbara Scully, Phil Alfano, Richard Messina  
Sylvester Brady, Fran Contillo, Wayne Durr  
Matthew Guigno, Mary Henson, Mike Barry  
Augustin Ordek, Mary Morgan, John Annon  
Josephine Calline, Warren Delauro, Richard Pyranski  
William Sinacore, Christine Lino, Sal Giallombardo  
Alyric Jackson, Sr. Kate McBarron  
Mildred Bortnick, Leevalli Annearosa, Therese Mikulus  
Joseph Frestachi, Henry Fenyo, Michael Lavin  
Vincent Busuttil, Erich Jurkwich, Patricia LoBianco  
Christopher Deleon, Dorothy Quinn, Kelly Zappolo  
Mary Mullaly, Marguerite Foley, Vivian Durr, Melonie  
Walsh, Gail Waiter, Victoria DiPaula, Joan Conklin Walsh  
Gina Montamaro, Owen Sullivan, Jimmy Crichton  
Douglas Torres, Kathy Byrnes, Marion Luciano  
Ledwin Mason, Michael Duggan, Virginia Holt  
Marie Rondino, Tyler Brandimarte, Lisa Mancini, Andy Holt  
Pat Cannota, Diane McHugh  
Ellen Murphy, Kaitlin Pulice, Bob MacCulloch  
Lillian DeLaurentis, Godeliva Pagan Helen Carroll  
Angela Calendrille, Florence Borzell, Helena Carroll  
Rayne Michelle Janko, Renee Weiner, Nicole Wolfe Huebner  
Dorothy Froehlich, Donna Peluso, Anne Cramer  
Joann Cama, Mark & Karen Arthus, Cynthia Venson  
Joann Cicero, Pat Rosetti, Santa Parisi, Donna Melkun  
Kevin Sisco, Christina Klienfeldt, Margaret Cavaliere  
Cindy Aldrich, Fr. Dennis Billy, CSsR, Frank Grister  
Brianna Cardinao, Sharon Depalo, Edith Magee  
Baby Mackenzie, Anna Maria Testa & Windy, Fred Nelson  
Jan Rhea, Mary-Gwen Imbornoni, Patrick Murphy  
Gonzalo Cantos, Bill Kelly, Fr. Brendan Greany, C.Ss.R.  
Bud Pehrsson, Joanne Flores, Alfred Urbanski  
Baby Madeline Smith, Ginny Murphy, Bernard Kearney  
Edward Indelicato, Sr., Andrew Bartolozzi, Fr. Tom Siconolfi,  
CSsR, Mom and Dad, Barbara Hunsinger  
Marion Astonino, Pre-born Baby Eve Cagna, Fred Tavarrelli  
Patricia Heitzman, Lucille Pancucci, Mary LaFauci  
William John Staudt, Patricia Marcel, Gerard Trotter  
Jim Robertson, Frances Sutton, Robert Hennessy  
Anna Ceraso, Ada Roman, Nicholas Guarino



*Week of January 1-7, 2012  
Altar Bread & Wine  
In Loving Memory of  
Helen Fanning*

**Rest in Peace**

***Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."  
Laurette S. Butler, Ann Severance  
Dennis Hickey, Michelina Waters***

## Father Crotty: God's Own Gentleman

Redemptorist Missionary, Superior, Parochial Administrator and Hospital Chaplain, Father Vincent Paul Crotty, remembered by many as a gentleman and as a “gentle” man, died on December 16, 2011 surrounded by his confreres in St. John Neumann Residence at Stella Maris in Timonium, Maryland.

Fr. Crotty was born in Sayre, Pennsylvania on November 29, 1923 and professed his first vows on August 2, 1944. He was ordained on June 19, 1949. For the first thirteen years of his priesthood he served on the foreign missions in Brazil in Ponta Pora, Campo Grande, Ponta Grossa, and Curitiba. In 1964 he returned to the United States to serve for more than four decades in parish and hospital ministry in Rochester NY, Ephrata, Lancaster, and Tobyhanna PA, Baltimore MD and Bethpage NY.



Prior to his ordination, Father Crotty himself wrote:

*“My calling to the priesthood, and more especially to the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, came about in a rather peculiar way.... I had never seen a Redemptorist or even heard of them. One day our pastor, Father Houlihan, came into our classroom and asked us what we would like to be in life. Some wished to be doctors, nurses, lawyers, soldiers, and teachers.... When he asked if any of us ever thought of becoming a priest, I raised my hand.... Later, after consulting with my parents, he recommended that I apply to the Redemptorists where he himself had once studied. I was accepted into their seminary at the age of thirteen, maybe more motivated by their sports facilities than by any religious spirit at first. But that changed as I grew older and more mature.”*

During his assignments in the United States Father Crotty pastored inner-city parishes, country parishes, and was frequently able to offer some ministry in Spanish because of his background in Portuguese. Most often there were schools attached to the parishes which opened their doors to at-risk children from low-income families. During his years of hospital chaplaincy Father Crotty visited patients on a daily basis to bring them the grace and comfort of the sacraments along with his own healing presence. His namesake, St. Vincent Ferrer said, “Whatever you do, think not of yourself, but of God.” Father Crotty certainly personified this epitaph.

The founder of the congregation, St. Alphonsus Liguori, wrote: “God does not wish me to speak of justice and punishments, but of pardon and peace.” Of the many thousands of inspirational thoughts that the Redemptorists inherited from this great saint, it was this quote that Father Crotty chose to highlight during his Golden Jubilee of Ordination in 1999. Those who knew him will agree that Father Vin not only chose these words, but also lived them—every day of his life.

Father Vincent served here at St. Martin of Tours from 1988-2007. During those years, the parishioners came to love his kind and gentle ways; he also loved this parish very much and often spoke about it when he was in nursing care at the St. John Neumann Residence. He now joins Fathers John Radley, George Keaveney and Thomas Schmidt as Redemptorists who served at St. Martin's and have now gone home to God. We have good friends in high places to bring our prayers. The Parish of St. Martin's will have a memorial Mass for Father Vincent on January 3, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

***May he rest in the same peace that he brought to so many others. Amen.***

## *He Keeps Showing Up*

*A friend of mine who was a priest told me a story.* He said that he was invited to the wedding of a couple who did not wish a religious ceremony as part of their wedding day. They had decided to get married with a secular ceremony that would not be conducted in a church. My friend was sitting in the back of the room where the ceremony was being held. He was in his clerical clothes. Just as the ritual was about to begin, another priest in a Franciscan habit came and set next to him. The person leading the wedding read from some poems and spoke about love. Perhaps without even realizing it, the wedding officiator used the word *God*. The Franciscan turned to my friend with a twinkle in his eye and whispered, "*God always has a way of showing up.*" The follower of St. Francis turned out to be Father Mychel Judge, the fire chaplain who was the first official victim of the terror attacks of September 11, 2011. God always has a way of showing up.

*We know that a few months later at Ground Zero* where men bent on evil took the lives of more than 2,800 innocent victims, the recovery workers found some steel beams that formed a cross. For the men and women who found this cross, it was not just some steel beams that had randomly been found. For them, and for so many other people, it became a symbol of the belief that God was present there, with both those who had died and with those who were seeking to recover the dead. In a place where evil had been perpetuated, God had shown up. He showed up not only in the twisted steel beams, but in all the goodness that was in the hearts of the victims and those who sought to help them and their families. Hate met love and love prevailed. God has a way of showing up.

*This past summer I had the wonderful opportunity* to go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, one of the great shrines of the world. It is believed that the Mother of God appeared in 1858 in a little town near the Pyrenees to peasant girl named Bernadette Soubirous. Although there were skeptics and doubters, many came to believe that God, through his mother Mary, had visited this town and spoke to Bernadette. Since those days in 1858, millions upon millions of pilgrims have come to Lourdes to encounter God and his grace.

*As I walked into the cave* where the young girl had gone to look for firewood on a dreary February day, I experienced an overwhelming sense of awe and wonder. I firmly believe that God had shown up there. Even more convincing to me of the overwhelming presence of God as I stood on the very ground where Bernadette had met Mary, was witnessing the amazing care of hundreds upon hundreds of volunteers who were assisting people in wheelchairs and stretchers. The sick and infirm are treated with tender love and care at Lourdes. Wheelchairs are pushed, gurneys rolled, people gently lifted into the baths, and umbrellas held over the infirm to protect them from the rain. *What you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me.* I saw the living God in the presence of so much love. God has a way of always showing up.

*During this Season of Christmas*, we see the presence of God in our world. *Toys for Tots*, donations to the poor, the Giving Trees in parishes, and so many other good deeds to serve the needy are more prevalent at this time of year than at any other time. The Christmas season has a powerful way of tugging at our hearts. Christmas carols, decorated trees, and Jolly Santas make us - no matter how much struggle we have in our lives - think of others and how we might gift them and make them happy. Look into your heart during this Christmas season and you will feel the pull of God's love. God has a way of always showing up.

*Certainly, however commercial Christmas can become*, and however much some try to stifle the words "Christmas", "Merry Christmas", and "Jesus", or try to silence Christmas Carols, and hide Christmas trees and crèches from appearing in the public, the wonder and awe of this time of year cannot be checked. We need only see the crowded churches on Christmas Eve and Day to know that people, whether they are daily mass goers or folks who attend Mass rarely, long to hear the story once again of the Baby born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger. We never grow tired of the Christmas pageant with little boys and girls wearing aluminum foil angel wings and bathrobes to show they are the shepherds in the fields. In a world that sometimes presents a daily dose of bad news, we long to hear the angels sing, *Glory to God in the Highest and Peace on Earth to All Those of Good Will.* If it has been a year when we faced unemployment, a life-threatening illness, a divorce, or the loss of a family member or dear friend, we need to hear again that "Unto you has been born a Savior. He is to be called Jesus, the Emmanuel, a name which means "God with us." God has a way of showing up.

*On Christmas Day, we long for forgiveness* and reconciliation in our heart. If there is a family member, neighbor or friend with whom we have not spoken to in years, we will feel the impulse to call, to send a Christmas card or to just wish it wasn't that way. That impulse is called grace. It is a nudge from God that is inviting you to forgive. We will sit with our family and friends and for a moment, before we give in to the exhaustion of too much shopping, too much eating, and too much spending, and having to assemble a toy that calls for an electrical engineer, or break up an argument about whose toy is it, we will feel for a moment a joy and peace that, however flawed and human is my life and those around me, I am blessed to be a member of this family, have my faith, and all the blessings of my life. That moment is a gift from God. Savor and enjoy it. God keeps showing up.

*God keeps on showing up.* He showed up as a Baby in a little town called Bethlehem. He was born to a young woman named Mary and protected by her husband Joseph. He came to us as a poor person with nowhere to lay his head other than a manger in a stable. Soon he became an exile, like so many people of our world today, who have to move because of war, famine, or lack of work. His family took him and fled into Egypt. We see him at a wedding in Cana, quietly turning water into wine so a newly married couple will not be embarrassed because the wine at their reception is running out. He sees a grieving widow who has lost her only son, and gently touches the funeral bier and raises the man back to life. Crowds gather around him hungry for his words that move their hearts, and he feeds them bread and fish to ease their human hunger. God keeps showing up.



*He is at a well with a woman* who had been rejected by her village for being a sinner, and he saves a condemned woman about to be stoned to death for an act of adultery. He is criticized relentlessly because of the company he keeps - sinners, prostitutes, tax collectors, and those who have lost faith. The heroes of his stories are lost sheep, prodigal sons and Samaritans. He loves to see sparrows in flight and fields of purple flowers, and to walk on the Sea of Galilee as he calms it for his terrified friends. God keeps showing up.

*He washes the feet of his disciples on the night before he dies.* and then he has a final meal with his friends. He takes the most ordinary food, bread and wine, the staples of life, and tells the disciples that every time that they eat and drink this food, he will be with them. His command is: "Do this in memory of me." We do at every Mass we celebrate. *This is my body; This is my blood.* Wherever a red sanctuary candle burns in a Catholic church, Christ is present in the Tabernacle. He keeps showing up.

*We find him kneeling in a garden sweating blood,* condemned to death by a Roman Procurator, viciously scourged and crowned with thorns. We find him nailed to a cross, gasping for breath as he forgives those who have crucified him. He dies on that cross. God keeps showing up.

*We find on Easter morning walking in a garden,* cooking fish on the shores of Galilee for disbelieving apostles, and he is met in the breaking of the bread, in the upper room where the apostles are gathered. He keeps showing up. The one who was thought to be dead and buried is alive. He is Risen.

*This profound and awesome presence of the God* who keeps showing up has its most dramatic moment when he took flesh in the womb of his mother and was born on the first Christmas. We call him Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. We are told that he is Emmanuel, a name which means "God with us." So as you celebrate this Christmas Season and as you enter into the new year of 2012, rejoice and be glad! Be filled with hope because he keeps showing up!

*As you and your family* enter into the Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ, He will keep showing up in your life. Watch and Listen and you will see and hear him everyday, in the difficult, the joyful, and the ordinary moments that make up your life.

*Father Henry, Father Jim and I wish you and those you love*

*A Happy New Year.*

*The Best of Health & All God's Graces Be With You!*

*(and with your spirit~ to keep up with the liturgy!)*

*Father Patrick Woods C.S.R.*



**Life Teen:    HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Please join us at the 5:30 p.m. Mass every Sunday. Thank you for your love and support this past year. May the Christ Child bless you, your families and friends.

Life Teen's upcoming winter retreat is February 3, 4, & 5th. Please contact Erin for more information.

**Edge:** Our next Edge Night will be on Friday, January 6th from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome!

**Parent Life:** Our next Parent Life meeting will be on January 15th following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. All parents of middle and high school youth are invited to attend. No children please.

**Please visit our website:** [www.SMTLifeTeen.com](http://www.SMTLifeTeen.com) for photos and more information! To contact Erin, you can e-mail [EKHoran@yahoo.com](mailto:EKHoran@yahoo.com).



The next date for Adoration hosted by the Life Teen Youth Ministry is Tuesday, January 10th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church.

Please come and join us as we give honor and glory to our Lord Jesus.

All are welcome!

*The Rectory office is closed on Monday, January 2nd and will open on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:00 a.m.*

*A very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year from the whole staff of St. Martin of Tours!*



## 20 Years of Faith

### "Hearts for LaSalle Crystal Gala"

*Save the Date: February 10, 2012*

St. John Baptist de LaSalle Regional Catholic School will be celebrating 20 years of Catholic Education in our Parish Regional School. The date is **Friday evening, February 10, 2012 at the Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park**. More information to follow: Commemorative 20 Years of Faith Journal, Sponsorships, Advertising, Alumni and more!

Gala Coordinators are Maria Venezia and Kim Lieberz. Visit us on Facebook: **"Hearts for LaSalle Crystal Gala"** or contact us:

Email: [heartsforlasalle@gmail.com](mailto:heartsforlasalle@gmail.com). Phone: (516) 503-5543. Be a part of our Anniversary slideshow by sending us your LaSalle photos from 1991 to the present!

Send them via email, Facebook, or mail a copy to:

LaSalle Regional Catholic School  
50 Cherry Street  
Farmingdale NY 11735 - Attn: Gala

**(photo prints will not be returned)**

## Thank You All!

**We want to thank all of you who sent us cards, emails, gave us cookies and candies, donations and presents for Christmas. You are always so kind and supportive to us as you make us part of your family. May God bless you and yours.**

**Fathers Pat, Henry and Jim**

## A New Year's Prayer

Dear Lord, please give me...  
A few friends who understand me  
and remain my friends  
A work to do which has real value without which  
the world would be the poorer.  
A mind unafraid to travel even though  
the trail be not blazed  
An understanding heart  
A sense of humor  
Time for quiet, silent meditation  
A feeling of the presence of God  
The patience to wait for the coming of these things,  
With the wisdom to recognize them when they  
come. Amen.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered on Saturday, January 14th during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All those who will be having surgery or suffer from chronic illness are invited to attend.



### **The Catholic Counseling Center**

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese.

Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503 or go to their website at <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.

### **ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL**

**110 Anstice Street  
Oyster Bay NY 11771  
Attn: Mrs. Mascia**

Students accepted on a first come—first served basis. There will be no refunds once the course begins. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dillon at (516) 922-4888 ext. 6522. Send your name, address, phone number and school you are presently attending to the above address.

### **2012 PSAT/SAT EXAM PREP COURSE**

**For May 5th SAT Exam**

Course will be held on the following Saturdays:

March 3, 17, 24 & 31  
And April 21 and 28  
9:00 - 11:30 a.m. in Marian Hall

Course Fee: \$250.00 (includes textbook)  
Contact: Mrs. Mascia  
(516) 922-4888 x 5315

### **40th Year Reunion for the Class of 1972**

**Hoping for July 14, 2012**

Please join us in celebrating our younger years with some old time friends!



For further information, please call Nancy Reisert (516) 749-2745

### **Young Families Group of St. Martin's**

Due to low enrollment, we will be looking at other options for this group. If you would like to contact Deacon Gene Capobianco with your input and suggestions, please call him at (516) 933-4690. May God bless all our young families!

### **FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

**Call Diana Mirando  
(H) 605-1979 or  
(C)830-5077 or Peg McGeary  
938-1391.**

**ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER  
24 HOURS (631) 243-2373.  
Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies,  
Safe Place at 1(877) 796-  
HOPE. Adoption, Foster  
Care, Maternity Services,  
Catholic Home Bureau 1(800)  
592-4357.**

**MESSAGE FROM  
Zorn's Poultry Farms**



Zorn's is proud to announce their **"PROCEEDS MONTHS"** during January and February 2012 which includes all three Zorn's located at 4321 Hempstead Turnpike, Bethpage; 1939 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow and 2495 Merrick Road, Bellmore.

This program is designed to help raise funds for local houses of worship, local schools and sports entities. The Zorn's Family is ever mindful of the rising cost of energy, upkeep and labor involved in maintaining buildings. **Customers who visit any one of the Zorn's locations and who mention St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage will have 10% of the purchase price donated to the church.**

Please take this opportunity to experience great food and help your parish at the same time.

*Thank you in advance for your participation!  
Sincerely, The Zorn Family*

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS:**



Please join us on January 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

On January 7th at 8:30 a.m. the Rosary of Reparation is recited; a reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

As we welcome in a brand new year, may we strive to make 2012 a year of change. May we work and pray to change Roe V. Wade so that not another baby will die because of an abortion.

***January 23rd is the National March for Life in Washington.*** Buses will be leaving from the archdiocese along with local churches. Information will be printed in the bulletin with their schedules. We will have a Prayer Hour here in St. Martin's on January 22nd. More information will be offered in the bulletin and posted in the Gathering Area.

**A PRO-LIFE PRAYER FOR OUR NATION**

God Our Father, Giver of life,  
we entrust the United States of America to  
Your loving care.

You are the rock on which  
this nation was founded.  
You alone are the true source of our  
cherished rights to life, liberty,  
and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory  
and dwell among Your people.  
Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our  
nation's leaders. Open their minds to the  
great worth of human life and the responsibilities  
that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is  
rooted in seeking and doing Your will.  
Through the Intercession of  
Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land,  
grant us the courage  
to reject the "culture of death."  
Lead us into a new millennium of life.  
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.