

***Masses For The Week*****Monday - January 16**

6:30 NO 6:30 MASS

9:00 Jesse Ortiz

**Tuesday - January 17**

6:30 Geraldine Laraia, Living (Birthday)

9:00 Maria Viannesi

**Wednesday - January 18**

6:30 Carmela Adkins

9:00 Julianna Heilig, Anniversary

**Thursday - January 19**

6:30

9:00 Anne L. Merin, Living (Birthday)

**Friday - January 20**

6:30 Dorothy &amp; Vincent Mignone &amp; Fmly, Living

9:00 Beth Wigand

**Saturday - January 21**

9:00 Intentions Announced at Mass

5:00 Cecilia Churilla

7:00 John C. Bravo, Sr.

**Sunday - January 22**

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Teresa Niland, Living

10:00 Rose &amp; Tom Gildea

11:30 Dorothy Smith

1:00 Sam Carusio &amp; John Baltrusitius

5:30 Lillian Bellavia

***Readings For The Week***

Mon. 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

Tues. 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

Wed. 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thurs. 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

Fri. 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

Sat. 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
Mk 3:20-21

Sun. Jonah 3:1-5, 10 *Jonah told the Ninevites that God would destroy Nineveh because of their wickedness. They repented. God relented and did not destroy their city.*

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 *Paul warned the Corinthians of the shortness of time because the world is passing away. They should, therefore, conduct themselves accordingly.*

Mark 1:14-20 *Jesus appeared in Galilee preaching the good news and instructing the people: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

**Divine Mercy Novena**

***Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Eucharistic Chapel***

***Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift*****Last Week January 7-8 Collection**

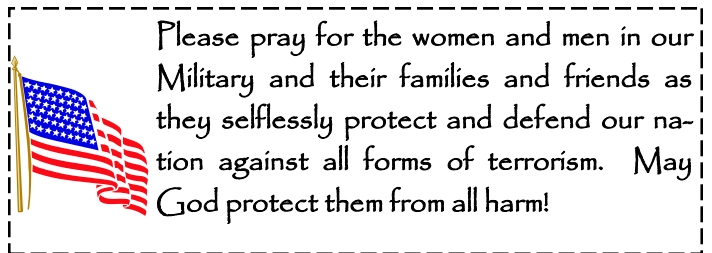
Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$20,092.16

***Thank you for your generosity & support!*****Reflection & Living Stewardship**

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who answer their call to service by assisting Catholic Charities' Housing Program to ensure the physical, social and spiritual well-being of residents through access to safe and affordable facilities.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Overdose on God's love! Feel it, enjoy it and share it with someone who needs it. God already proved how much He loves you. The proof is on the cross, and all He wants is for us to love one another.

***Our next meeting has been changed to Monday, January 23rd 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**

Jan. 9 # 91	M/M Andrew Macchio	\$25.00
Jan. 10 #115	M/M William Pidgeon	\$25.00
Jan. 11 #574	Edward & Diane Carroll	\$25.00
Jan. 12 #167	Joseph Russo	\$25.00
Jan. 13 #554	Loretta Manning	\$50.00

## *Letter from the pastor*



I like Christmas cards, both sending and receiving them. Many of them have beautiful images of the Christ Child, Mary his Mother, Joseph, the shepherds, Angels, and the Magi from the East. The words inside can provide some very powerful meditations on the Incarnation of Jesus and the true message of Christmas. Some have pictures of family and friends, while others have Santa, reindeer and elves. I usually save the family pictures cards, but I don't know what to do with the rest of them. What I usually do is gather them all together, read them again, and then sadly tear them up and throw them away. I do know some people who keep their cards so they can remember to whom they should send one next year, and I have a vague memory of some places where you can donate them, but that may no longer be.

I do remember a Christmas card that I received two weeks or so after Christmas. The person who sent it had a clever thought. Rather than let the message get lost in the many cards I was receiving, his would stand out because it came when I was no longer getting cards and thus it received more attention. I like the message of the card so much that I saved it into my computer. This is what it said:

*Now that the song of the angels is silent,  
the star of the sky is gone,  
the kings and princes are home,  
the shepherds are back with their flock,*

*The work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoners,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.*

I find these words very sobering. As I put away my decorations, and take down my wreath, there is a kind of melancholy that comes over me since I know Christmas, a great celebration of God's love shared with family, friends, and parishioners has passed, and now we are back to "ordinary" time, with Lent looming in the shadows.

Yet, the simple words of the card remind us that the Christmas Gospel, peace on earth, good will to all, is not just the feeling or task of a day or a week. God is Emmanuel - God with us at all times. The needs of the poor, the hungry, the lonely, the hurting, and ill are still ever present and Christ is in each one of those people, as well as in our hearts. He is here. The lights of Christmas have dimmed and the trees are gone, but the work of loving and serving God are always just beginning.

*Father Pat  
woodscsr@aol.com*



*“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 shampoo, diapers sizes 2,4,5 & 6, baby wipes, mustard, catsup, mayonnaise, oil, pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, juice boxes (no iced tea), sugar, canned potatoes, coffee, Spam, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Many thanks and God's blessings to all of you!

### **Food Pantry:**

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

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST**



Boys and Girls ages 10 - 14 years old as of January 1st are eligible to participate. The contest is being held at John F. Kennedy Middle School, 500 Broadway, Bethpage on Saturday January 21st starting at 12 Noon. Come down and show what you've got!

### **From St. Anthony's Parish, Nanuet NY**

### **ARE YOU CONSIDERING ADOPTING A CHILD?**

Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers are available for adoption. Older parents and single people are welcome to inquire. For more information, please contact Barbara Salvesen at (845) 623-5277.

*Please call the rectory at 931-0818 if you notice that a name can be removed from the sick list. Thank you!*

### **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  
Brianna Cardinao, Sharon Depalo, Edith Magee  
Baby Mackenzie, Anna Maria Testa & Windy, Fred Nelson  
Jan Rhea, Mary-Gwen Imbornoni, Patrick Murphy  
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  
Joseph Pierini, Marion Astonino, Pre-born Baby Eve Cagna  
Fred Tavarelli 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, John St. Angelo*



*Week of January 15-21, 2012  
Altar Bread & Wine  
In Loving Memory of  
Mary A. Terrell*

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Long Island****A VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT**

Celebrate your marriage and your love by experiencing a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Make your good marriage truly great. The next weekend is February 10-12, 2012. Registration is limited. For more information or to apply, call (toll free) 1-866-499-6354. Please visit our local website at <http://www.wwmeli.org> or email Ron and Chris Morasse [ron@morassefamily.com](mailto:ron@morassefamily.com) for more information.

**T E L E C A R E****The Very Best In Catholic Television**

**UNIONDALE** - The annual telethon will be this weekend of Jan. 14-15. The live portion of the show will run from 2-10 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday, with rebroadcasts overnight. The telethon has always "been a celebration of our viewers," noted Telecare general manager Joseph Perrone. "The telethon is an event for them, it's a chance for them to pledge their support. So our theme this year is 'Become Part of the Team,' support the team, become part of the family. I'm excited for it because it's saying, 'You're our viewer and we wouldn't be able to do this if it wasn't for you.'" The event will once again be hosted by Telecare president and CEO Msgr. James Vlaun, Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, and Father Frank Nelson. Because Telecare is broadcast to 6.4 million homes across the tri-state area, priests from the Diocese of Rockville Centre as well as surrounding dioceses will be participating, as well as Bishop William Murphy, Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York, and other Church leaders. Msgr. Vlaun noted that in addition to the clergy represented, special guests both in-studio and by phone will include hosts from Telecare shows, past Telecare Awards of Excellence recipients such as Matt Lauer and Brian Williams, and the New York Islanders.

Musical guests will include Lenny Cocco and the Chimes; Freddy Cole, jazz musician and brother of Nat King Cole; and Tommy Byrnes, guitarist in the Billy Joel band. "In addition to that, we're also equally proud of the fact that we have many schools, our high schools and elementary schools, who will be offering groups of kids to come and sing and perform, so it'll have a feeling of our hometowns and our neighborhoods of our Catholic Church, which I love," said Msgr. Vlaun.

"Every single penny raised (through the telethon) goes directly to the television ministry," he continued. "Among the things we're working on right now is closed captioning, which is important to so many people. Though we're not required by the FCC to provide closed captioning, we want to, but it's very expensive. The other thing of course is the (high definition) component of what we do, which is necessary because that's how television broadcasts now. It's not a luxury upgrade; it's a mandatory upgrade. The third component is to be able to produce more programming for our viewers," added Perrone, "to continue to create new and interesting series rooted in the Catholic faith."

Viewers can donate through the Telecare website, [www.telecaretv.org](http://www.telecaretv.org), beginning now and all through the telethon. "We received six donations last year of one dollar," said Msgr. Vlaun. "We received two donations of over six figures. The gift doesn't matter; it's the participation that matters. I send every single person a letter that I personally sign and write something on. Whatever is appropriate is what we gratefully accept. And if it's impossible to give us anything at all, your prayers would be welcome, prayers for the success of what we're doing and for the success of the telethon."

Telecare can be found throughout the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area on Cablevision Channels 29/137 or on Verizon FiOS Channel 296.

## *He Had a Hat!*

A grandmother once took her four-year old grandson to Coney Island in the late fall. Being that there was a chill in the air and the time of year, the beach was empty save for the woman and her little grandson. The little boy was terribly excited by the roar of the ocean and the crashing waves. As little boys do, he danced back and forth on the shore, coming close to the water as the tide receded, running from the shoreline with a laughing scream as the waves exploded in liquid foam on the sands. As grandmothers do, the woman kept her eyes fixed on the boy. She delighted in his happiness, yet she continuously echoed forth a litany of caution: *"Be careful!" "Don't get too close to the water!" "Stay dry!"*



Suddenly, in the midst of this beautiful day, a huge wave swept in the shore and surrounded the boy in its whirl pooling waters. As if in an instant, the child was taken out to sea. The grandmother screamed in agonizing fear. She was filled with terror. She rushed to the edge of the water, but she could see no sign of her beloved grandchild. She began to pray as she had never prayed before. *"Oh, God, save my grandson. Let him live. Please, please, bring him back safe!"* Nothing happened. She besieged heaven all the more. *"Oh, Lord, if the boy lives, I will never sin again. I will donate half my money to the poor. I will work for the church every other day!"* Still, the seas remained calm and there was no sign of the boy. The grandmother prayer all the more fervently: *"Save my grandson, oh God! Not only will I not ever sin again, I will stop my husband from sinning! I will give **all** my money to the poor! I will work at the church **every day!**"* Suddenly, another huge wave sprang forth from the ocean. At the crest of the wave was the boy. The wave crashed on the shore and sent the boy to the feet of his grandmother. She picked him and looked him over in great detail from head to toe. He was fine and in perfect health; he had been saved! The grandmother was filled with joy. But just then, as she looked at the boy, she noticed something. She peered all the more closely at him. She then looked heavenward and said, ***"Hey God! He had a hat! Where is it?"***

I find this fictional story to be humorous, but it also contain a human reality. It can be very difficult for the human heart to be truly grateful, to have a genuine spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving. I am sure that all of us have had the experience of giving a gift to a child. The mother of the child says, *"Now what do you say to the nice person who gave you such a gift?"* The child may say thank you, or he may say nothing. The parent tugs on the sleeve of the child insisting, *"Now, say thank you."* The child, knowing it is a battle of wills, says nothing. The gift giver becomes embarrassed and says, *"That's okay. Don't worry about."*

Over and over again, one can read an advice columnist in the newspaper and hear story after story about ungrateful people. It might be the bride who never wrote a thank you note, the friend who forgot to say thanks for a favor, the husband who never appreciates his wife, or the son who forgets to express gratitude toward his parents after a difficult period in his life. It hurts not to be thanked. As you read this article, I am sure, that like me, there are people in your life whom you have resentment toward because they didn't say thank you. Lack of gratitude makes us feel unappreciated; it lowers our self-esteem and can make us feel unvalued.

God does not need our thanks. God is not an angry parent in heaven who is demanding that we express gratitude for what He has done for us. God loves us freely and pours his gifts on us with an all embracing love. He loves us whether we say thank you to Him or not. However, thanksgiving, genuine heartfelt gratitude, is a great gift that we can give ourselves and others. A view of life that is filled with gratitude can truly liberate us, free us from much unhappiness, and bring great peace to our hearts.



Having a grateful heart changes our perspective. I remember talking to a friend of mine whose wife had died. They had been married over forty years, having had a wonderful life together. Naturally, the man was filled with great sadness. Over and over again, he kept asking me why God had taken his wife. I have found that there is no more difficult question asked of a priest than this one and, over the years, I have come to know that I have no adequate answer to such a pained inquiry. After listening for a while, I gently said that you might also ask why God **gave** you so many happy years together. Although this question did not take away the man's sadness or loss, it did for a moment take the focus off of what had been lost and helped him see what a great gift he had in his wife. At least for a moment, it moved him toward gratitude and healing. I know that as I reflect on the greatest losses of my life, there is sadness. Nevertheless, as I reflect on how blessed I have been in my life by the wonderful people that have graced it, I am moved toward gratitude.

When I visit a hospital, I am always humbled. I may go to the hospital filled with complaints about the weather, the fact that the Jets have lost again, about someone who forgot to fill out and return a form I needed, or about not being able to find a good parking spot. Then, as I move through the corridors of the hospital, I see people suffering. I visit rooms where young people are battling cancer, or struggling with AIDS, or where people are paralyzed. Most of the people that I meet and their families face these adversities with great courage. Some of them talk about what a precious gift life is. As I leave the hospital, at least for a moment, my view of life is changed. I can see what is truly important. I lift my heart in a prayer of gratitude to God for the gifts that he has given me.

To be grateful is to be dependent. Independence is a great value and virtue of American life. As we mature in life, we hope to grow more and more autonomous. This is the great battle that is waged between parents and their teenagers. How much freedom and independence should our son or daughter have? Yet, even though autonomy is a value, it is a myth to believe that we are ever totally independent. We need each other to live and survive. I need the farmers to grow food, the truckers to ship it, and the stores to sell it. Without them, I would die. We need doctors and nurses, mail carriers, and bus drivers, garbage collectors, teachers, janitors, and builders. The list could go on and on. For a moment, think how many people you need to get you to work, to get food on your table, to educate you, or even to entertain you. Even more fundamentally, we need each other for emotional love and support. We need to love and be loved. We need to be interdependent. If we can truly recognize and see the fundamental need that we have for each other, we have the opportunity to move from being isolated to connected. We can learn to be grateful for one another because we count on each other.

To move this reality of need to the next level, we need God. We need God for every breath we take, for every beat of our hearts. It is God who sustains us and gives us life. As humans, we need to see this fundamental truth: I need God for my very existence. I am creature, He is Creator. More than giving physical life to us, it is God who sustains us with the promise that we are to live forever. Life, the most precious gift, is eternal. I am to see the face of God. This faith brings true joy to the human heart and lifts one, whatever his or her situation, to genuine gratitude and thanksgiving.

As we celebrate the Eucharist, let us lift our hearts in gratitude for all that has been, that is and that is to come. I love the words of St. Therese of Lisieux as she was dying at the age of 24 of tuberculosis. As she gasped for air, she said to the Sisters around her bed, "**All is grace.**" All is grace! Everything we have, every breath and moment is a gift from God. Finally, let us in the core of our being, lift our hearts in the deepest gratitude toward our God who sustains us, who gives us life, and who loves us with an everlasting love. May we have hearts that are ever grateful.

*Father Patrick Woods, CSSR*



**Life Teen:** There is no Life Night after the 5:30 p.m. mass this weekend due to the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

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 20 from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome!

**Parent Life:** Parent Life will be attending the Respect Life Holy Hour on January 22nd following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

All parents of middle and high school youth are invited to attend Parent Life Meetings. 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).

## Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour

Please join us on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 PM in the Eucharistic Chapel for the St. Padre Pio Holy Hour. His relics will be venerated.

**HEALING MASS**

**PLEASE JOIN FR. JOHN CONNOR,  
CSSR ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH  
AT 7:00 P.M. FOR THE RECITATION  
OF THE ROSARY AND THEN AT 7:30  
P.M. FOR THE MASS.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**HOLY HOUR**

The Right to Life Ministry will be hosting a Holy Hour on Sunday, January 22nd at 7:00PM in the Church. Everyone is welcome to come to petition our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for all those mothers who may be pressured to abort their babies.

The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor will be hosting their Second Annual  
**GERMANFEST.**

The festival includes a traditional German feast with German music, dancing and, of course, German beers and wines. This event will take place on Thursday, January 19, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Hempstead Country Club, 60 Front Street, Hempstead.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Please RSVP by January 16, 2012  
Dress is business casual, jackets required, Lederhosen is optional

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**MORE INFORMATION ON THE LITTLE SISTERS**

The Little Sisters of the Poor are located at the Queen of Peace Residence, 11030 221st Street, Queens Village NY 11429. The Residence is a home for the aged that is filled with joy and abounds with activity, a place where seniors can live life to the fullest every day.

Set in an urban neighborhood in eastern Queens, Queen of Peace Residence, a long-term healthcare facility which is owned and operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor, is a hidden gem which sprawls over four acres of land. Committed to serving the elderly poor aged 60 and older regardless of race, religion or nationality, the Little Sisters offer a loving home in a family-like environment. They provide the highest level of individual care so that each resident is able to maintain a sense of dignity and security.

Senior living options include apartment living to the needy elderly who are still able to live independently. Rent is based on one's income and assets.

Skilled nursing care is offered for those residents who need care and assistance with daily needs.

Many seniors come to Queen of Peace as independent residents. When they require more assistance, they can move to a floor where more care is provided.

For more information about admissions contact Roberta Damen at [qpadmissions@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:qpadmissions@littlesistersofthepoor.org) or by calling 718-464-1800 ext. 2528. You can also visit their website at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org) if you want more information or to volunteer or donate.



### 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 at (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



### Rachel's Vineyard

#### A Psychological and Spiritual Journey for Healing After Abortion

*"Therefore I will allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her heart. There I will give her back her vineyards and transform her Valley of Troubles into a Door of Hope."*

*Hosea 2:16-17*

**Rachel's Vineyard** weekends for healing after abortion are offered throughout the year in locations across the United States and Canada, with additional sites around the world. Rachel's Vineyard is a ministry of **Priests for Life**. Here is information should you wish to attend a weekend retreat.

#### Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

441 West Neck Road, Huntington NY 11743

**Contact:** Frank & Lorraine Gariboldi

516-523-0586 - Fgariboldi@optonline.net

**Language: English**

Friday, February 17 - 19, 2012

#### Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

441 West Neck Road, Huntington NY 11743

**Contact:** Donna Crean

631-258-5062 - donnacrean@optonline.net

**Language: Spanish**

Friday, February 17 - 19, 2012

For information about other retreats and resources, call their toll-free national hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### 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**

Due to the positive response, Zorn's is extending this fundraiser to March 31st so you have an extra month to visit Zorn's and help St. Martin's at the same time! The details are as follows:



Zorn's is proud to announce their **"PROCEEDS MONTHS"** during **January, February and March 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*

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

After caroling here at St. Martin's and in the town of Bethpage a few days before Christmas, our little merry group of elves, found ourselves in Daleview Nursing Home in Farmingdale. Horns didn't beep, and shoppers didn't shout to us wishes for the season, it was quiet, peaceful.

Pictures of Santa Claus and Frosty were in every hallway, a Christmas tree was there for all to see. Our little band met smiling faces gathering to hear familiar songs of Christmas. It was a joy to see our seniors sing along, or tap their feet, joining in the celebration of the day, or remembering Christmas' gone by.

Now, I'm not saying we were good! I will say, we were "loud," but most important, we were there! Just that short time we spent with them made a difference in their day, in the day of those that care for them, and in ours. As we walked the hallways and stopped at each room to wish all a Merry Christmas, we all felt the meaning of Christmas, here, in this quiet place. There is beauty in aging, a story behind each smile, love in the shaking of hands.

If we are lucky enough to grow old and find ourselves in the care of others, may we look forward to the schools that visit and hear children sing. May we be entertained by those that have sing-along and bring us back to the days of our youth. May we have those that come to visit us bring a song for all seasons!

**N.J. Nurses Don't Have to Assist in Abortion in New Hospital Agreement**

NEWARK, N.J. (CNS) - a group of 12 nurses who sued the University Hospital in Newark over a policy requiring them to care for patients before and after abortions can no longer be compelled to assist in these procedures, under an agreement reached in federal court.

The nurses in the same-day surgery unit of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey can remain in their current jobs and will only be required to help patients with abortions in a life-threatening emergency when no other non-objecting staff members are available and only until someone can be brought in to relieve them, according to the Dec. 22 agreement.

U.S. District Judge José Linares, who mediated the agreement, said the nurses would be allowed to remain in the unit and would not be discriminated against because of their stance on abortion. He declined to rule on how the hospital would configure its nursing staff, calling that a contract issue.

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