

***Masses For The Week*****Monday - February 20**6:30 **NO 6:30 MASS**

9:00 Rocco Vivolo

**Tuesday - February 21**

6:30 Carol Donolli

9:00 Salvatore Serpaio

**Wednesday - February 22—Ash Wednesday**

6:30 Arthur Chiampou

9:00 Matilda Russo

7:00 PM John J. Wolfe, 1st Anniversary

**Thursday - February 23**

6:30 Joseph Morris

9:00 Kathleen Ronan

**Friday - February 24**

6:30

9:00 John Lettis

**Saturday - February 25**9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**

5:00 Louis Ruggiero, John &amp; Gertrude O'Rourke

7:00 George &amp; Dorothy Riggins

**Sunday - February 26**

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Joseph Patrick McCabe, 35th Anniversary

10:00 Christopher Rochford, Birthday Remembrance

11:30 Allan Smith

1:00 Jean Portelli

5:30 John &amp; Louise Pellicano

***Readings For The Week***

Mon. James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29

Tues. James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37

Wed. Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs. Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9a; Luke 9:14-15

Sat. Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

Sun. **Genesis 9:8-15** *After the great flood, God told Noah of the covenant between heaven and earth,. Never again would a flood destroy the earth. To mark this covenant, the Lord set up a rainbow in the sky.***1 Peter 3:18-22** *As the ark saved a chosen few in Noah's day, so does baptism by faith save God's chosen today. Baptism is "an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."***Mark 1:12-15** *The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days. Afterwards, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."*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 February 11/12 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,333.19

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

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who share their gift of forgiveness with others by seeking and receiving special graces through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is almost here!



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

**Charismatic Prayer Group****Comfort Food**

God has given us the most perfect comfort Food. Unlike chocolate, ice cream and mac & cheese, Jesus' Food is not just a temporary pleasure, and It takes weight off! That is, the weight of sin! Enjoy It often!

***Our next meeting is Monday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Call Margo at 516-993-9672 for answers to any questions or for prayer intentions.***

**THERE IS NO 6:30 AM MASS ON  
PRESIDENT'S DAY, MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 20th.**

**THE RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED.**

**St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

Feb. 13	#607 Joseph & Santa Cambria	\$25.00
Feb. 14	#373 Joyce Enderle	\$25.00
Feb. 15	#159 Cathy Schmidt	\$25.00
Feb. 16	#263 Ann Hughes	\$25.00
Feb. 17	#640 M/M Andrew Bartolozzi	\$250.00

## *Letter from the pastor*

I like to go the movies. Sometimes, I get annoyed when the coming attractions that are shown seem too long. I want to stand up and shout, ***"Start the movie!"*** In spite of this negative personal experience, I want to write about a coming attraction to our parish: our Lenten mission that will be conducted by Father Kevin MacDonald CSSR. Father Kevin will preach at all our masses on March 3-4, and begin the mission services on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

I am looking forward to Easter as we celebrate the greatest feast of our faith, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Lent is a season that helps us prepare for this great feast. For me, if we do not have faith which is the cornerstone of my life, it would be hard for me to make much sense out of my daily existence. I draw great comfort from my deep belief that all the people I have ever loved in life, my parents, my sister Gerry, my dear family members and friends, are alive and present with God. I shall see them again. When I left the cemetery with a sad heart, I drew strength from the firm conviction that this was not the end. Their bodies are in the grave but that which made them who they were is still very alive in eternity. I often wonder how people without faith can get through periods of loss and death. Even with my trust in God, I still find loss so very overwhelming.

When I see terrible natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis that take thousands of lives, I cannot understand why this happens. Yet, because of the resurrection of Christ, I do believe there is something beyond that darkness, that those who suffered so much have the promise of hope of a great life and that there will come a time when every tear shall be wiped away and we shall see God face to face.

I feel blessed in life. I love being a priest and I have a wonderful family and the best of friends. I love nature, music, sports, movies and a good television show. My great nieces and nephews bring me delight and happiness. Yet, it would be still very hard for me if I thought that this is all there is to life and nothing more, that I only have a certain amount of days and nothing more. God is so very good and since the dawn of time, he has promised us that he is awaiting us after death. The resurrection of Christ proclaims that God is stronger than death, and no chains can bind him. He is risen!

Where are you in your faith? Most of us have lots of questions, and some of us find it hard to trust in the promises of God. Perhaps, we have been away from the faith for a time, and are not sure how to return. Maybe we feel we will be made to feel guilty and judged if we return to Church. One of the greatest messages that Jesus gave us is that he came for sinners and not the righteous. As he was on the cross, he prayed, ***"Father, forgive them; they know not what they do."***

Our parish mission will be from Monday, March 5th to Thursday, March 8th, beginning each night at 7:30 p.m. It will be a week of hearing the good news of Jesus Christ and his redeeming love for each one of us. I ask you to consider coming to this retreat. I also ask you to be an evangelist for this mission. Consider inviting a family member or friend to this wonderful time of faith. Even if you can bring them to one night of the program, I am sure that it would be a great blessing to them.

How blessed we are to have the Good News of Jesus Christ. Come, and I think your heart will be lifted.

In the Redeemer,  
Father Pat, CSSR  
[woodscssr@aol.com](mailto:woodscssr@aol.com)



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

We are so grateful for your generous support of our pantry. One day alone last week, fifty families came to the pantry for food! Because of ***your*** generosity, we were able to meet their needs.

This week we are low on:

Mayo, sugar, canned fruit, wipes, kids' cereal, toilet paper, icing, hearty soups, canned & dry beans, coffee, pasta (no spaghetti, please), pasta sauce, peanut butter, chili, tea, rice, oil, evaporated or powdered milk, diapers 4,5,6, and laundry soap.

Thanks so very much to all our contributors. You are always in our prayers!

### **Food Pantry:**

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

## **HEALING MASS**

The **Healing Mass** with Father John Connor, CSSR is Monday, February 20th. The rosary begins at 7:00 p.m. and Mass will start promptly at 7:30.



## **THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** **Divorces/Separated/Widowed**

Help for the heartache of divorce, separation and widowhood. A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is March 2, 3, 4, 2012 at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore. For information and reservations, call:

- John (516) 822-0635
- Jim (718) 474-3779 or
- Karen (201) 736-8200

You can also email us at  
BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com

### **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  
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., Nicholas Guarino  
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 Tavarelli  
Patricia Heitzman, Lucille Pancucci  
Mary LaFauci, William John Staudt, Patricia Marcel  
Gerard Trotter, Jim Robertson, Frances Sutton, Tim Donolli  
Robert Hennessy, John St. Angelo, Joseph Pierini  
Harold Hand, Colin Flood, Paul Remsen, Louise Wilson



*Week of February 19-February 25, 2012*  
*Altar Bread & Wine*  
*In Loving Memory of*  
*Madeline Stein*

### **Rest in Peace**

***Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”***  
***Lillian C. Burg, Marie T. Moran***  
***Christopher Profita***

Bishop William wrote in his weekly letter this week in the Long Island Catholic, the following in response to President Obama's "accommodations" concerning religious freedom and health. This is only part of the letter and the rest can be read in on the diocesan website or in the Long Island Catholic.

February 14, 2012

**FAITH AND NEW WORKS**

**STRONG RESERVATIONS AND FIRM CONVICTIONS**

**By Bishop William Murphy**

Last Friday President Obama announced that he had worked out "accommodations" to respond to the legitimate concerns about religious freedom that Catholic bishops and faithful, along with many others, have been raising to the HHS regulations that mandate coverage of artificial contraception, sterilization and abortion inducing drugs in virtually all health plans as of August 2013. Hopeful as always that truth and common sense would prevail, many of us watched his televised announcement with mounting disappointment. Putting aside some of the President's remarks that reinterpreted what he has actually said to officials of the USCCB (Catholic Bishops Conference), Mr. Obama raised more difficulties than he claimed he had resolved. While there still may be some hope that meetings with Administration officials might clarify some of the issues, the leadership of the US bishops and this Bishop remain disappointed and dissatisfied, determined to continue the effort to protect religious freedom and freedom of conscience not only for Catholics but for all Americans.

Put simply, we Bishops are more convinced than ever that we need rigorous legislative guarantees of religious freedom in the face of this Administration's continued effort to force coverage of religiously objectionable procedures as part of a universal mandate for all Americans regardless of their religious or conscience reservations. Without iron-clad guarantees that to date we have not been given, we will continue to work for the repeal of the mandate...

...The President of our Bishops Conference, Cardinal-designate Dolan, referred to this as a year to learn how to violate our consciences. That "grace period" now seems to have been changed to a year long "process" to determine what religious organizations or individuals may or may not qualify for the new "accommodation." This is a grave concern for us Bishops. It reduces a God given right, protected by the First Amendment, to a "privilege" to be negotiated with an Administration that swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States. The HHS mandate and its support by the Administration are deleterious to the life and liberty of citizens who should be able to live secure in the conviction that their right to religious freedom is not being undermined. Indeed, our right to religious freedom must be re-affirmed as soon as possible by all those in our government who have caused this grave situation to surface. The clear assertion of religious liberty is a matter of justice this Administration owes to all Americans.

**NEW MISSAL INSCRIPTIONS**

The names of the deceased who were listed in our new parish missal will be on display this weekend for a week or so in the Shrine Area of the Church (where the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is).



We are very grateful to Mr. Andrew Lomuscio who inscribed the names in the missal with his very talented gift for calligraphy. I also thank all parishioners who supported the purchase of this new missal. The parish has two missals and we will be using this one with the inscribed names, as our regular parish missal in the days to come.

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We have a beautiful statue of St. Patrick in our sacristy that is in need of some touching up with paint and perhaps of a bit of plaster. Without this repair, he will continue to look like your pastor! Both are in need of repair but I am looking for a volunteer who might want to work on repairing the statue of St. Patrick. Please call or email me at woodscsr@aol.com.

*Thank you! - Father Pat*

**HEY!!! MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS, 11 - 14  
MOVIE NIGHT  
SATURDAY, MARCH 3 at 8PM**

**"Hello! My name is Indigo Montoya. You killed my father! Prepare to ...!"** If you can finish this quote, you can see the movie for FREE! Actually, you can see the movie for free even if you can't finish the quote! It's **FREE MOVIE NIGHT** at St. Martin's Parish Hall!! Hang out. Eat. Drink. Make fun of the movie!

AND....**NO** parents allowed!!!

**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS**

If you haven't already, please *fill out an Order of Protection and a Code of Conduct Form* which are available in the rectory.

**Virtus Training a MUST**

In 2002, Bishop Murphy mandated that all volunteers in a parish *must fill out an Order of Protection and a Code of Conduct Form* which are available in the rectory. Part 3 of that mandate states that any volunteer *must attend* the VIRTUS WORKSHOP.

**SMT's Virtus Workshop is on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room in the school.**

Please register online at **VIRTUSONLINE.ORG** and click on Registration or go to the [drvc.org](http://drvc.org) website then to *Protecting Children* and click on *Virtus Training Calendar*. If this is not a convenient time, please check *The LI Catholic* or the Diocesan website at [drvc.org](http://drvc.org). If you have already attended Virtus training, you **do not** have to repeat it. Any questions, please call Father Jim McCabe at 516-931-0818 ext. 220.

**Redemptorist Pilgrimage to Italy  
October 9-18, 2012**

Join the Redemptorists on a pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of Sts. Gerard Majella and Alphonsus Liguori," October 9-18, 2012.

Our 10-day journey, led by Fr. Daniel Francis, will take us to Naples, the Amalfi towns of Sts. Gerard and Alphonsus, Montecassino, Assisi and Rome.



Package price starts at \$2,995 plus fuel and taxes; departure from Washington-Dulles. For more information contact Lorri at Passages by Peter's Way at [lorri@petersway.com](mailto:lorri@petersway.com) or 1-800-225-7662.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS  
ROSARY CONFRATERNITY**

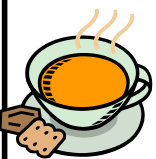
**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**APRIL 3, 2012**

Chinese Bingo and Dinner in the Parish Hall with cash prizes, raffles and 50/50! Tables of 10 or share a table.

Tickets will be on sale at \$20 per person. For more information, please contact Janet at 433-9340 or Louise at 735-1375.

**OUR ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER  
IS APPROACHING!!!**



It will be on Wednesday, March 14th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the cafeteria. We need some more of you to make your delicious soup to share with our fellow parishioners and friends. PLEASE help by volunteering. You may call Pat Ricci at 516-796-1320 or Ronnie Ciarnello at 516-433-9092.

Remember that sharing a meal warms the heart and a warm heart stirs the soul.

See you at the 2012 Annual Soup Supper!



**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CONFIRMATION  
CLASS FUNDRAISER  
Children Saving Children**

This is the St. Martin of Tours Confirmation class fundraising benefit for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital which solely runs on donations. We invite everyone to please consider donating and to ask your family & friends to donate as well.

We are hosting this event to raise money that will help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital find new treatments for childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases. **Thank you for helping us reach our goal for the children of St. Jude! God bless all the children!**

Sincerely, Lisa Scuderi, Benefit Coordinator & St. Martin of Tours Catechist

**Online Donation:** [www.stjude.org/specialevents](http://www.stjude.org/specialevents)  
Click on "Participants"; Click on "Search for your event"; Click on New York  
Name of Event: Please enter: "Children Saving Children"; Click on "Donate to event" & enter your information.

**For Mail in Donations, make a check payable to "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital."**

Mail to:

Lisa Scuderi  
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Fundraiser  
St. Martin of Tours Church  
40 Seaman Avenue  
Bethpage NY11714

**40th Year Reunion for the Class of 1972  
Coming this July 2012!**

**A day or evening to get acquainted again with some old and new friends!**

**Contact Nancy Reisert at 516 749-2745 or email [itznr@aol.com](mailto:itznr@aol.com) asap please, for information on the date, place and time.**

**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*

**CONFIRMATION  
OCTOBER 27, 2011 DVD's**

Confirmation DVD's can be picked up from the Religious Education office Monday through Thursday, 10:00 AM - 12 Noon and 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

## Lenten Series on Catholicism SATURDAYS OF LENT

February 25, March 3, March 10

March 17, March 24, April 1

9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Parish Hall

Facilitated by Father Patrick Woods CSSR

For the first time, in breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism are illustrated in a multimedia experience. Journey with Fr. Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 16 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.



From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda, from the glorious shrines of Europe to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the mysteries of CATHOLICISM are revealed. **Learn what Catholics believe and why. Discover the full meaning of the faith.**

### ST. PADRE PIO HOLY HOUR

Please join us on Tuesday evening, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel for the St. Padre Pio Holy Hour. His first and second class relics will be venerated.



### HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL - 2ND QUARTER

Patrick Donovan - 11th Grade

Salvatore Valentinetti - 11th Grade

Cory Robinson - 10th Grade

### OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY SECOND HONORS

Mollie Carney - 9th Grade

***Congratulations to each one of you  
on your achievements!***



**Ash Wednesday is February 22nd and the beginning of the Season of Lent. Here are some clarifications on fasting and abstinence.**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. The **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence in the United States.

The **Obligation of Abstinence** (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.

Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting or abstaining may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast or abstain, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

### Weekly Stations of the Cross DURING LENT

**Friday evenings in Church at 7:30 p.m.**

February 24, March 2

March 9, March 16

March 23, March 30





**Life Teen:** There is a Life Night after the 5:30 p.m. mass this Sunday. All High School aged teens are welcome!

**Edge:** Our next meeting is on March 2nd. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome!

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

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).

Our Youth Ministry would like to thank those who attended our Eucharistic Adoration for the first time on Tuesday evening, February 14th. We were so delighted that you were able to come and adore Our Lord with us. We hope you were as blessed & that you'll come again!!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Life Teen Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on the 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church. Our next Ado-

ration service is Tuesday, March 13th.

Everyone is welcome to join us in adoring, praising and loving Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Hartigan Council will be having their membership drive on March 25th. Please stop by their table to sign up or ask more about it!



**21st Annual Bethpage  
St. Patrick's Parade  
Honoring Eamon Fitzgerald  
2012 Grand Marshal**

**Sunday, March 4, 2012**

**1:00 PM Mass**

**2:00 PM Parade**

**Through downtown Bethpage  
Reception immediately following at  
St. Martin of Tours School of Religion**



**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. Martin of Tours Bereavement Group**



There will be an eight week group session beginning Thursday, March 22 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for anyone who has recently lost a loved one. Please call the rectory to register your name and phone number.

*"Come to me all who are weary and burdened  
and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28*

**GLUTEN FREE HOSTS**

St. Martin's always has a supply of hosts available for anyone who is on a gluten free diet. Please seek out the sacristan *before mass* so that the priest is prepared to include it for consecration. Please be sure to follow this procedure every time you attend mass.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

**CARING FOR MOTHERS AND BABIES FROM THE U.S. AND AROUND THE WORLD:** Good Counsel's mission to serve homeless single pregnant women and their children has continued for 26 years, reaching thousands of mothers and babies. Co-founded in 1985 by Rev. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, and Christopher Bell, Good Counsel has served more than 6,000 women and children, and nearly 900 babies have been born to our mothers. Mothers stay in the program for up to a year, in order to reap the maximum benefits of our Life Skills Program. Courses are taught in nutrition, spirituality, health and chastity, social skills and computer education. Assistance is given in parenting, job skills, career placement and personal budgeting.

Good Counsel also operates a post-abortion counseling and referral network called Lumina, to help women and men suffering from past abortions. Confidential counseling is available through Lumina's toll-free helpline, 877-586 4621. [www.postabortionhelp.org](http://www.postabortionhelp.org).

Good Counsel stays in touch with moms through their Exodus Program where currently 100 former residents receive material assistance and on-going counseling to ease the difficulties of transition to independent living. [Www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://Www.goodcounselhomes.org) or [www.facebook.com/goodcounselhomes](http://www.facebook.com/goodcounselhomes).

**FOR HELP IN A  
CRISIS PREGNANCY**

**Call Diana Mirando  
(H) 605-1979 or  
(C)830-5077**

**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.**



### ***Our Newly Baptized***

Congratulations to all the families on the baptism of their children!

**December 11, 2011**

Salvatore Francis Cataldi

**2012**

January 7

Anthony John Rapacki, Joseph Durante

**January 8**

Keira Lynette Bacon, Ashlynn Nicole Gersbeck  
Charlotte Kathryn Kelly

**January 15**

Paul Thomas Donovan, Sean Joseph Ponzini

**January 28**

Mila Brame Della Rocca

**February 5**

Shelyn Rose McElwee, Emma Kate Villani

### **Montfort Spiritual Center**

Lenten Retreat

Friday, March 23 - Sunday, March 25

Offering: \$175.00 per person

Deposit: \$25.00

***"Jesus, My Changeless Friend"***

The Cross of Jesus is God's gift and jewel. The Cross was regarded as the greatest manifestation of God's Love (Romans 5:6) and the effective instrument of the wisdom and power of God reconciling humans with God. How to carry the Cross? With humility, with submission (as did Jesus do the will of the Father), with obedience and with patience.—St. Louis de Montfort

The Retreat Center is located at 26 South Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Phone # to call is (631) 666-7500 for more information.

I am having an **Altar Servers Meeting on Friday, March 9, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Church.** Please e-mail [gennysmt@hotmail.com](mailto:gennysmt@hotmail.com) with your response so that I will know how many of you to expect. Thanks for all that you and your families do for St. Martin of Tours!

***Father Jim McCabe, CSSR***

### **DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**

St. Martin's is once again offering a defensive driving course given by Mr. Marty Hirschfield on Saturday morning, April 21 in the parish hall 8:30 - 3:00. More information to follow.

**ADOPTION:** Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers are available. Older parents and singles welcome. For more information, please call Barbara Salvesen at 1-845-623-5277.

### **Volunteers Needed for Annual HEC #28 Weekend**

**Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is in need of volunteers for its annual retreat which will be held Thursday, April 26 through Sunday, April 29, 2012 at Camp Alvernia in Centerport NY.**

HEC is a retreat weekend for persons 18 years and older with special needs. Each candidate has a team member with them throughout the weekend. It is a prayerful experience of song, talks, sharing,, Eucharist and many other joyful moments.

There are many roles to be filled. We are in need of team members, kitchen help, setting up and taking down the camp, as well as drivers for our candidates.

Our first planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7 PM at St. Francis of Assisi in Greenlawn. Two follow-up meetings are planned for Wednesday, March 7 at 7 PM and April 4 at 7 PM. We request that those interested in assisting a candidate make every effort to attend at least two of the meetings.

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