

Masses For The Week**Monday - March 12**

6:30 Barbara Coyer
9:00 Lena D'Amico

Tuesday - March 13

6:30 Emanuela & Sal Alfani
9:00 Maria Sirianni

Wednesday - March 14

6:30 Anne Brown
9:00 Angela & Girolamo Giannuzzi

Thursday - March 15

6:30 Margaret & Mark Ridge
9:00 James P. Dooley

Friday - March 16

6:30 Gloria E. Mangan
9:00 Catherine Gartmayer

Saturday - March 17

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Kenneth W. Meyer
7:00 Andrew McCarthy, Patrick Hopkins & Mary Colbert

Sunday - March 18

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Patricia O'Neil & Dennis Hickey
10:00 Ivy Ostermeier
11:30 Jennie & Frank Juliano
1:00 Frank Marrone
5:30 Sebastian Pusateri

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30
Tues. Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wed. Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 4:17-19
Thurs. Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Fri. Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Sat. Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
Sun. **2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23** *God's people lived in sin, mocking God's messengers and ignoring the Lord's warnings. Finally their enemies destroyed Jerusalem. They were taken captive, but God showed mercy.*

Ephesians 2:4-10 *God is rich in mercy, and out of love the Lord brought us to life in Christ when we were in sin. God saved us by grace, not by anything we have done.*

John 3:14-21 *God's Son came into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. As Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life.*

***Divine Mercy Novena***

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week March 3/4 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

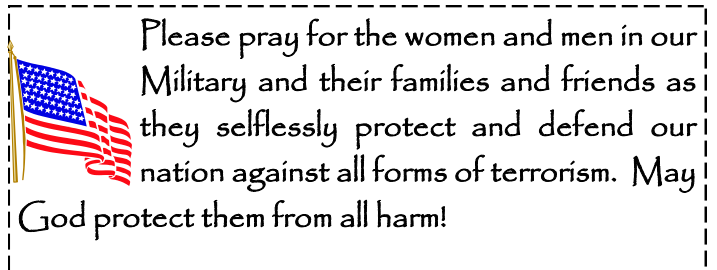
Amount Received: \$20,119.10

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

"You shall not covet" is a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this realization that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who are making a conscious effort to simplify their lives by reprioritizing and getting back to basics.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

The sun comes up every day even though sometimes we can't see it because of the clouds that cover it. It's still there - and no matter what happened the day before, it still comes up. The "Son" also is here every day even though sometimes we can't see Him. And He is still here no matter what happened the day before!



Our next meeting is Monday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy the Son shine!. Call 516-993-9672 for answers to any questions or for prayer intentions.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Mar. 5 #504	Edmund Antaki	\$25.00
Mar. 6 #520	Harold Hand	\$25.00
Mar. 7 #424	Anna O'Connor	\$25.00
Mar. 8 #524	Nancy & Charles Schimmel	\$25.00
Mar. 9 # 16	Eugene Marquardt	\$50.00

Letter from the pastor

I am delighted to inform you that our Provincial Father Kevin Moley CSSR has assigned Father Ciya Thomas CSSR to our community at St. Martin's and that he will become part of our Redemptorist community and parish pastoral team. Father Ciya arrived on Thursday, March 8th. Father is a member of the Liguori Province of the Redemptorists which is located in the Alwaye area of India. He is from the same province as Father Poly who was with us last summer and who did such fine pastoral work in our parish. When I was provincial I came to know several men from this province and found them to be outstanding priests and Redemptorists. I am very confident that Father Ciya will be a great blessing to our parish and to the Redemptorist community.

Through the years the Redemptorist leadership has considered St. Martin's to be a pastoral ministry that certainly has more than enough ministry for four Redemptorists. At times we have had three men here and at other times four, depending on the personnel available in our province. Fathers Henry, Jim and myself felt we were able to meet the pastoral need of the parish, and very grateful for the great support and ministry of so many especially Deacons Jim Biggin, Gene Capobianco and Tom Hennessy. Yet we are delighted that Father Provincial has decided to send us another man. I am sure his gifts and talents will be a blessing to our parish. A downside to all this is that we will no longer need to have Father Ed Faliskie come here regularly on weekends. I know he was very much appreciated by all who heard him celebrate mass and preach. We are most grateful for his generous assistance and hope to welcome him back from time to time.

The Redemptorist Congregation is a worldwide order with more than 5,500 men in 77 countries. In some of our units, the Congregation is receiving many vocations such as provinces in India and Africa which have many young members. At our last General Chapter, the term "solidarity" became an important reality to us Redemptorists. As we understood the term, provinces that were able, might consider sending confreres to unites that needed assistance. At the same time, provinces that had financial resources might help support those that were in economic need. The Baltimore Province which serves St. Martin's has had a long standing reputation for assisting other provinces in financial need. Although our economics have their challenges today in a very changed world economy, we still try to help support provinces in need since we so believe in the work that they are doing. So, it is hoped that the Redemptorists will offer some economic support to the wonderful work being done in Alwaye India.

I have found that most of the parishioners have been very happy with the Redemptorists in the 25 years that we have been here. I think there are advantages and disadvantages to being served by a religious community in a parish. I think the advantages are that a religious order brings a sense of community life and traditions that are part of their order. In our case, as you know we have a great love for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Alphonsus, St. Gerard and our other saints. Since we are committed to community life, we try to staff our communities with at least three or four priests. On the other hand, I know that some find it very hard when our order moves a man that they have grown close to. Since we are a missionary order, that is part of our life, and I know it is not always easy for the parishioners. Also, at times we must attend certain Redemptorist meetings which means that we may be absent from the parish for a few days. In the case of Father Ciya, I think this is certainly a plus to our religious order and yourselves since there is a shortage of priests in the United States, and yet our parish will have four. God is good.

In a couple of weeks when Father Ciya has gotten the lay of the land, I hope to have a mass of welcome for him with a reception to follow. Having arrived here not too long ago myself, I know first hand what a warm and welcoming community we are and I am sure Father Ciya will be happy in this parish community.

*In the Redeemer, Father Pat, CSSR
woodscssr@aol.com*

Children's Liturgy Planning

I am interested in meeting with anyone who might like to consider being part of a liturgy planning session for our children's 10:00 Sunday Mass liturgy. This would not involve music since we have a wonderful children's choir, but I am thinking more in lines of themes and approaches we might take toward the children at the mass. This is just an informational session, and attending this meeting is not a commitment on your part. It is a chance to see what interest and ideas may be in our community. If you are interested, please email me or call 931-0818 and give Genny your phone number.

Thank you! - Father Pat

Wedding Banns**3rd - March 11****Vincent Almeraris and Marybeth Rochford****1st—March 11****Brian Roden and Christen Balducci****Wedding Banns Only**

(Couple will be married at another church.)

3rd Christian Furey & Kerry Harrison

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

During the month of February, the pantry served 109 families, 686 people. Thank you for your generosity to those less fortunate. This week the pantry is low on diapers sizes 5 & 6, mustard, catsup, mayo, cans of mixed vegetables, peas, beans (also dry beans), chili, stews, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, coffee, cereals, laundry soap, bar soap, shampoo, chicken soup and other hearty soups. Thank you all!

Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

Dear Priests, Deacons & Parishioners of St. Martin of Tours

We would like to thank you for all your support and prayers for Baby Eve Cagna. Eve and her brother, Christian were born one minute apart at 1:41 and 1:42 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28th. Unfortunately for us, the Lord called Eve home at 2:43 p.m. on Wednesday, February 29th. We ask you all to continue to pray for her parents, Chris and Nicole, and her brother Christian. Thank you again for all your prayers. - **Joseph and Marie Cagna**

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

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 NY 11714**

Please call the rectory at 931-0818 if you or a loved one are able to be taken off the sick list.

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 Spinoso
 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
 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 Cavalliere
 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, Fred Tavarelli Patricia Heitzman
 Lucille Pancucci, Tim Donolli, Mary LaFauci
 William John Staudt, Patricia Marcel
 Jim Robertson, Frances Sutton, Janice Lipp
 Robert Hennessy, John St. Angelo, Joseph Pierini
 Harold Hand, Colin Flood, Paul Remsen, Louise Wilson
 Kevin O’Toole, Frances Sharkey, Joni Lora, Frank Livoti

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”
Margaret R. Salvato, Anna Marie DeNunzio

St. Martin of Tours Baptism Program



Our baptism program was revised 9 years ago, and has evolved with changes to better accommodate our parishioners. Baptisms are scheduled for Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. The process begins when parents contact Deacon Gene Capobianco at (516) 933-4690. At that time, he schedules the family for Gathering, Baptism and Reflection dates. The following is a description of the program, detailing each step:

The Home Visit: The first step in our process is a visit to the home of the family whose baby is to be baptized. The program volunteers, called Companions, make this visit to greet the family and welcome them. The Companions fill out the required paperwork for church records and pray with the family.

The Gathering: The Gathering is once a month for those babies being baptized the following month. It is a prayer service with scripture reading, a review of the baptism process and a DVD called "Your Baby's Baptism." The Gathering takes place on a Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Baptism: The third part of the program occurs on a Sunday afternoon usually on the first or third Sunday (except when there is a holiday) at 3:00 p.m. where the sacrament of Baptism takes place.

The Reflection: The Reflection is scheduled every two months at the 1:00 p.m. mass and is for all of the babies that were baptized in the previous two months. There is also a special blessing for the mother and father. At the conclusion of the mass, the families are invited to the Parish Hall for a reception and an evaluation of their experience with the whole process. Baptism certificates are distributed at the end of the Reflection.

COMPANIONS

At the heart of this very rewarding ministry are the volunteers called *Companions*. They are the people who reach out to families with newborn babies and are representatives of the Parish of St. Martin of Tours. Since our parish has many young families with young children, we need more Companions to reach out to them. If you think you may be interested in this ministry, please call Deacon Gene Capobianco at (516) 933-4690.

2012 St. Bernard's Parish Lenten Mission
MISSION: POSSIBLE - Share God's Love!
 Our very own dynamic duo, Fathers Pat Woods and John McGowan will be at St. Bernard's Church, 3100 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown for a Lenten Mission.

Mission preaching at all Masses March 10-11

MISSION: POSSIBLE evenings March 11-15
7:30 PM including
Reconciliation Service & Eucharist

Mission teaching after
the 8:00 a.m. Mass from March 12-15

Mission Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION WEEKEND OF MARCH 17/18

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world.

From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from the collection make a real difference in lives across the globe. Next week, please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection as much as your means will allow. Thank you!

TAKE ACTION AGAINST THREATS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

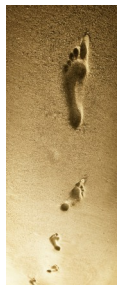
Learn more and send messages to Congress by going to www.usccb.org/conscience.

If you do not have Internet access, you can call the US Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be connected to your congressional representative's office.

Source: Long Island Catholic

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come and journey with the St. Martin of Tours Players as they present the *Living Stations of the Cross* on Palm Sunday, **April 1st at 7:30 PM** in the Church.



Beginning with hymns that reflect the Passion of Christ, the narrations will bring you back to the time of Jesus' trial, Passion and Death. It is an excellent way to begin Holy Week.

Long Island Harmonizers - 2012 Show

The LI Harmonizers Chorus is having their 62nd Annual Show, *A Musical Time Machine*, on Saturday evening April 14th and Sunday afternoon April 15th. The show will be at Carle Place High School. All tickets at the door are \$15 with advance purchases at \$12 for seniors and students. For additional information or to purchase tickets, go to www.longislandharmonizers.com or call (516) 208-3483.

The Alleluia and the Lenten Seasons

In the language of worship, there are words and phrases that are not translated, words that seem to need no translation. *Amen* is such a word, a Hebrew word that indicates assent, "*so be it.*" and the word by which a congregation expresses its participation in a prayer said by the officiate. *Kyrie eleison*, Greek for "*Lord, have mercy,*" is a phrase that continued in use long after Latin became the official language of liturgy of the West. *Alleluia* is a word that is heard throughout the Christian world, whether the language of the local liturgy is Latin or Greek, Slavonic or Armenian, French or English. It is a word that has occasionally been translated but, more often than not, has been left un-translated. It is the Greek and Latin form of the Hebrew word *Hallelujah*, a word which means "*praise the Lord.*" In the West, alleluia came to have a particular association with the celebration of the most important feast of the Church year, Easter, and this led to some unique, beautiful and interesting customs.

The association of alleluia with Easter led to the custom of intentionally omitting it from the liturgy during the season of Lent, a kind of verbal fast which has the effect, not of depressing the mood of the liturgy, but of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns. Indeed, when the alleluia does return, it is with an incredible flourish.

Before the proclamation of the Gospel at the Great Vigil of Easter, alleluia is sung to an exceptionally elaborate tone. It is a moment of unrestrained fervor as a singer intones the elaborate alleluia, and the congregation sings it back. The cantor raises the pitch and sings the alleluia a second time, and again the congregation echoes it back. Once more, the cantor raises the pitch, and the congregation responds. And then the good news is proclaimed that Christ is risen from the dead. The dramatic effect of the return of the alleluia is heightened considerably by the fact that no alleluias have been heard since Lent began.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS WEBSITE

"A Work In Progress"

We have such an active parish - we need a website to match! Many of you have asked for an updated website with parish news, events and more, and this is now in the works. We have assembled an SMT Website Team, who is working with the staff and key volunteers to put together the new site to keep you better informed.

Give us your suggestions! We want your input as well. To provide suggestions, email the team at smtwebsite2012@gmail.com.

For news and announcements regarding the launch of the new website, text smtwebsite2012 to the number 90210, or watch for more information coming soon!!!

Online Lenten Retreat with the Redemptorists

What're you doing for Lent? Not sure yet? Why not join the Redemptorists for an online retreat at our website:

Redemptorists.net. Fr. James McDonald will offer us a weekly written reflection on the theme, **"Embraced by Lent."** Check back every Wednesday to read a new meditation. (Use the translation button on the site to read them in Spanish.)

Also we have four people - Redemptorists and lay people - who'll share their Lenten resolutions with us on video which began on Ash Wednesday. You can catch up with them again later to hear about their journeys.

Please join Father John Connor, CSSR



Healing Mass

**Monday, March 12, 2012
Recitation of the Rosary
at 7:00 p.m.**

Mass begins at 7:30 p.m.

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, CSSR 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 or 1-800-225-7662.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Tuesday, APRIL 3, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

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.

St. Anthony's High School Honor Roll Second Quarter

Congratulations to the following students from our parish:

**Liam Furboter, Salvatore Giuliano
Ryan Hansen, Jake Kurz, Eric Macaluso
Serena Pergola and Kaitlin Skrypek**



Many thanks to thank Charles Hydo and Martin Meany for organizing a successful evening of the showing of **The Princess Bride** to the children of the parish. The kids enjoyed the movie almost as much as the hot dogs and popcorn. I managed to get a hot dog but the movie was way over my head. Also, thanks to Ed Indelicato for his help during this terrific evening.

Father Pat

Lenten Series on Catholicism**SATURDAYS OF LENT****March 17, March 24, April 1****YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND****ANY ONE OR ALL SESSIONS!****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.**

Weekly Stations of the Cross**DURING LENT****Friday evenings in Church at 7:30 p.m.****March 16, March 23 & March 30**

The Lenten Banners that hang in front of the Church were donated by the nieces of Mr. James Moran in memory of his dear wife Marie T. Moran. May God rest her soul in eternal peace.

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If there is a time when you wish to remember someone in your family with a memorial, I would be happy to speak to you about it. There are many possibilities, both small and great, that we could use to enhance the life of our parish community and it is a beautiful way to hold your beloved in prayerful memory. - **Father Pat**

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**DMV Approved-Insurance/Point Reduction**

Driver Education Consultants is offering a 6-hour Class 1 defensive driving course on **Saturday, April 21 in the Parish Hall from 8:30 - 3:00.**

The cost is \$45.00 with a minimum enrollment of 15 people and maximum is 40. The 6-hour classroom course is presented by the National Safety Council-certified instructor who with the help of modern, multimedia techniques, offers you a new approach to learning accident prevention skills. You'll receive a course guide to use in class and to keep for future reference.

OCTOBER BABY

OCTOBER BABY is a movie about an abortion survivor. It follows a young girl's journey to finding her past, to healing and forgiveness, and it gives us a glimpse into her future. The movie makes it clear that abortion *does* indeed affect everyone. **It will touch your heart and remind you that all life is beautiful. OCTOBER BABY will be in local theaters on March 23rd.** Ten percent of profits of the movie go to *Every Life is Beautiful Fund* which helps women facing crisis pregnancies, life-affirming adoption agencies and those caring for orphans. Visit octoberbabymovie.net for more information as well as everylifeisbeautiful.com. - **March Life News**

VIRTUS TRAINING

For those who need to attend Virtus training St. Martin's is having one on Wednesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. You can register online at drvc.org or call the rectory at 931-0818 if that is not possible.

Operation Hearts and Home

(www.operationheartsandhome.org) is a licensed 5013-c charity on Long Island that seeks to improve the lives of orphans worldwide through medical, educational and direct humanitarian aid. Please consider donating your old laptops, iPads, graphing calculators, cell phones, cameras, etc. Three recycled laptops can pay for one year of an older orphan to attend a vocational school in their country. Donate to change a life. We will arrange a pickup or send prepaid postage. Please call (631) 659-3468 or email at opheartsandhome@gmail.com



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 16th. 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. Contact Erin for the next meeting date or for more information.

Please visit our website: www.SMTLifeTeen.com for photos and more information! To contact Erin, you can e-mail EKHoran@yahoo.com.

PROM DRESS DRIVE

Life Teen is teaming up with a local Long Island charity to collect prom dresses that are no more than 5 years old and in good, clean condition. You can drop off your gown at the parish hall on Saturday, March 24th from 1:00 - 4:00.

LIFE TEEN'S AUCTION

Our auction date is Friday, April 13th in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. We are collecting any new and unused items for auction that can be dropped off at the rectory. Please be sure to mark it "*for the Life Teen Auction.*" Thank you!

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 Adoration service is Tuesday, March 13th. Everyone is welcome to join us in adoring, praising and loving Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

As we gaze upon the Holy Shroud
 Jesus' eyes we cannot see.
 Death has closed them for a little while
 One day, two or three.
 His mouth once soft and gentle
 Speaking words Oh, so sublime
 Is tightly closed and silent now
 but only for a time.
 His head and brow so manly
 The thorns have cruelly torn!
 His Holy Face once perfect,
 Now swollen, scarred and worn.
 Oh, Jesus, we're all guilty for
 The torments you have known.
 How can we show our sorrow
 For the sins that are our own?
 We can only hope for mercy
 For our lowly, sinful race.
 That when our lives are over,
 We can see you...face to Face. Amen.

By Helen Kurlowicz
 Holy Face Devotion

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>.

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**ASSISTED SUICIDE: DEATH BY CHOICE?****U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Assisted suicide means deliberately and intentionally providing an individual with the means to commit suicide. It means that doctors would provide lethal overdoses of drugs to patients so they can end their lives. Across the country assisted suicide is being promoted at a "choice" that should be available only for adults, only in "hard cases," and only under supposedly careful guidelines. This promotion, however, is just the first step of a strategy developed by assisted suicide advocates to achieve their goal of death on demand. Assisted suicide often receives little attention and many people who deeply respect human life are unaware of the threat of assisted suicide. Assisted Suicide as Cost Containment: Concerns about health care for the elderly are currently reaching a boiling point. If assisted suicide is added to the cauldron, the final result can be doubly lethal. This is only some of the information that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has covered on this important topic. For more information on this pamphlet call (202) 541-3054 or www.usccb.org/profile.

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*

**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.

**The Diocese of Rockville Centre
Golden Wedding Liturgy
Honoring Couples Married 50 Years or More**



This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, April 22nd at St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville and Sunday, May 20th at Maria Regina in Seaford. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 p.m. Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 5th for the April liturgy and by May 3rd for the May liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions you may call (516) 678-5800 extension 207.

**St. William the Abbot
Spring Craft Fair**

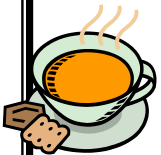
**March 31st from 10 - 4 p.m.
Msg. Thomas G. Leavey Auditorium
St. William the Abbot School
2001 Jackson Avenue, Seaford NY**

(2 blocks east of the Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway; 1 block south of Sunrise Highway)

Easter plants, religious articles, raffle baskets, Grand 50/50, baked goods, hot and cold foods, pictures with the Easter Bunny.

ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

**Wednesday, March 14th
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
in the School Cafeteria**



It's not too late to bring your own delicious soup. Please call Pat Ricci at 516-796-1320 or Ronnie Ciarnello at 516-433-9092 so they know that you will be contributing.

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

See you at the 2012 Annual Soup Supper!

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PUBLICITY NEWSLETTER
CHAIRPERSON RICK WILSON

NEW MEMBER ORIENTAION

NON DENOMINATION-ALL ARE WELCOME

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 AT 8PM

THE MEETING IS HELD AT ST. FRANCES DE
CHANTAL SCHOOL
1309 WANTAGH AVENUE, WANTAGH

PLEASE BRING PROOF OF
SINGLE STATUS TO JOIN.

REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED
AFTER THE MEETING.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CALL CAROL AT 516-794-4933
BEFORE 9PM OR MIKE AT 516-799-6541

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!