

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - March 19**

6:30 Joseph Doherty  
9:00 Frank & Dorothy Corbet

**Tuesday - March 20**

6:30 Richard Wade  
9:00 Mary Walsh

**Wednesday - March 21**

6:30  
9:00 John W. Staudt

**Thursday - March 22**

6:30 Joseph DeAngelo  
9:00 Carmine Vanturini

**Friday - March 23**

6:30  
9:00 Mary Corrigan

**Saturday - March 24**

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**  
5:00 Delia Connaughton, Anniversary  
7:00 Teofil Szymkowski

**Sunday - March 25**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Michael Jonathan Zura, Anniversary  
10:00 Ann Pat Mulcahy  
11:30 Carmine Venturini  
1:00 Lazzati & Tesoriero Families  
5:30 Harold J. Peterson

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. **ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SOLEMNITY**  
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Tues. Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

Wed. Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Thurs. Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

Fri. Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat. Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

Sun. **Jeremiah 31:31-34** *God says, "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people...I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more."*

**Hebrews 5:7-9** *When Jesus was in the flesh, he prayed constantly to God. Through his prayer and obedience, Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.*

**John 12:20-33** *Jesus told his followers: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat...And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."*



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

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Last Week March 10/11 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00  
Amount Received: \$16,666.17


*Thank you for your generosity & support!*

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who remain steadfast to their Lenten promises through increased prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving.



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**

**FORGIVENESS COUPON**

**No Lectures! No "I told you so's!"** If you want to re-new your relationship with God or if you haven't been to confession in a long time, Lent is the perfect time to do it. We can help get you started. You won't believe how great your Easter will be. Clip this out and give it to someone who may need it! Or leave it somewhere - someone needs to find it.

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

**St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

Mar. 12 #580 Arlene Carroll	\$25.00
Mar. 13 #606 M/M Kenneth Kelly, Sr.	\$25.00
Mar. 14 #305 Estelle & Ralph Prossimo	\$25.00
Mar. 15 #602 Joann Steiger	\$25.00
Mar. 16 #513 M/M John Reilly	\$250.00

## **A letter from our newest priest – Father Ciya Thomas, C.Ss.R.**

**My Home:** I am Ciya Thomas and I come from Kerala, the southern most state in India. My father Thomas Pulluruthiyil is a planter and my mother Thresiamma is a housekeeper. My childhood time is the one I cherish most in my life. I had lots of fun in my family with my sister and brothers. We are four children in our family – one girl and three boys. I am the second one in the family. I always have an admirable relationship with my sister who is just elder to me. She is my model and I looked at her in everything. She is simply the best person full of love in my life. Now she is married and has two kids. Younger to me are two of my brothers, of which one is married. He works in Dubai as a government officer, while the other, the younger one is in Canada doing his studies in Social Work. And my father and mother at home all alone. This is all about my home.

**My Vocation to the Redemptorists:** I came across the Redemptorist Fathers and the Congregation through one of my parish priests. He spoke about the kind of mission that they are engaged in and I was attracted to it. Later on he introduced me to the Redemptorist fathers and they visited my family and invited me to join the Congregation. I joined the Congregation on June 6, 1994. I made my first Profession on the June 1, 1998 and the Perpetual Profession on May 29, 2004. I was ordained on April 26, 2006 at St. Mary's Church, Pazhayidom by His Excellency Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, C.Ss.R, the Major Arch Bishop of the Syro- Malabar Church. My first two years of formation in the Congregation were in our house at Chowara (Alwaye), Pre- Novitiate in Santhome Minor Seminary, Podimattam; Novitiate in Alphonsus Bhavan, Edoor; Philosophical studies in Carmelite College, Trivandrum; and my Theological studies were at Mt. St. Alphonsus College, in Bangalore.

**My Apostolic Work as a Redemptorist:** In the first year of my Ordination I did my one year of pastoral year. Out of which six months in a parish as an associate pastor to experience and study the administration of the parish activities, in Kerala. Remaining six months I was with our Community at Podimattam, in Kerala. From then onwards I got myself fully involved into missions, especially for the youth and children ministry. During this time I got chances to travel to different countries and places in India for conducting youth and children's programme. My past six years with children and youth enriched me a lot to commit myself more deeply in my priestly life.

**My Dreams and Hopes:** My invitation to the Baltimore Province came as per the apostolic commitments of my province. I come for this with great expectation. From this new apostolic commitment I hope to give myself in whatever way I can. My dream is to reach out to the people and be available to them in every possible way that I can. I also hope that I will have opportunities to preach the Word to the Youth and children and administer the Sacraments to them.

### **Lenten Series on Catholicism**

**SATURDAYS OF LENT - 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.**

### **Prayer to St. Joseph for the Unemployed**

O Saint Joseph, we pray to you for those who are out of work, for those who want to earn their living or support their families. You who are the patron of workers: grant that unemployment may vanish from our ranks; that all those who are ready to work may put their strength and abilities in serving their fellow men and earn a just salary. You are the patron of families: do not let those who have children to support and raise lack the necessary means. Have pity on our brothers and sisters held down in unemployment and poverty because of sickness or social disorders. Help our political leaders and captains of industry find new and just solutions. May each and every one have the joy of contributing, according to his abilities, to the common prosperity by an honorable livelihood. Grant that we may all share together in the abundant goods God has given us and that we may help those who are in great need. Amen.

**Wedding Banns****2nd — March 18****Brian Roden and Christen Balducci****Banns Only***(couple getting married at another church)***2nd — March 18****Christopher Longo and Alicia Ribando**

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

This week the pantry is low on canned vegetables especially peas, creamed corn, mixed vegetables, canned chili, beef stew, Chef Boyardi pasta varieties, canned and bagged beans, hearty soups such as chicken noodle, rice, mayonnaise, canned fruits, coffee, tea, diapers (sizes 5 & 6), shampoo and conditioner. Thank you for your generosity to those in need!

**Food Pantry:**

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

**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](http://octoberbabymovie.net) for more information

**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!

*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 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 Busuttill, 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 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, Patricia Heitzman  
Fr. Tom Siconolfi, CSsR, Mom and Dad, Barbara Hunsinger  
Marion Astonino, Fred Tavarelli, Lucille Pancucci  
Tim Donolli, William John Staudt, Patricia Marcel  
Jim Robertson, Frances Sutton, Janice Lipp, Joseph Pierini  
Robert Hennessy, John St. Angelo, Harold Hand  
Colin Flood, Paul Remsen, Louise Wilson  
Kevin O’Toole, Frances Sharkey, Joni Lora, Frank Livoti*

*Week of March 18—24, 2012**Altar Bread & Wine**In Loving Memory of Joseph Cascini***Rest in Peace****Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”****Cacilia Mazzaro**

## *Letter from the pastor*

**This is the homily I gave at the Mass that led off the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Whatever our nationality or cultural background, be it Irish, Italian, Polish, Spanish as an example, it is important to value and treasure what our parents, our grandparents, and ancestors in faith have passed on to us.**

### **Moments of Grace**

In 1977, I was a young priest in New York City. I met a good friend at the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the two of us were proud to join ranks with the men and women of the Banner County, County Clare and march up Fifth Avenue. My friend Mark brought some funny looking St. Patrick's Day Burger King hats that were colored with green and white stripes. We put them on and began to march. As we marched up Fifth Avenue, a very serious Clare man demanded that we take off the hats saying that Clare men don't wear such silly hats. I tell you that story so you know that I am a man who understands that people love to wear funny outfits and clothes on St. Patrick's Day.

On a more serious note, you are well aware that over the past fifteen years or so, the City of New York has made serious efforts to cut down on alcohol abuse by under aged drinkers as the young pour into the city, sometime carrying six-packs of beer. It is sad to see people, especially the young, use this day as an excuse to get drunk. I am not a member of the Irish Pioneer Society who took that pledge to never taste alcohol. I am a man who is happy to drink a toast or two of Jamison on St. Patrick's Day in honor of my patron saint. I know that a half and half of Guinness and Harp makes a delightful libation. Yet, it is sad to see a great day for all nationalities hurt by a misuse of spirits.

I love leprechauns, a rainbow, and pots of gold as much as the next fellow. Green beer and funny tee shirts don't offend me. Yet, it would be sad to reduce the heritage of a great nation and people to shillelaghs and green hats. We know that the Irish have played a central part in the history of the world and made great contributions to many nations, in particular the United States. We make great music, literature, poetry, theatre, medicine, political thought, and philosophy. We are known for our charity, in particular for famine relief, all over the world.

One of our greatest aspects of our people has been our deep faith in God, and in particular for us Catholics and Christians in Jesus Christ. This day, which should be celebrated with great festivity and joy, with fun, and song, and laughter, is also a day of faith, as we recall a missionary named Patrick who captured the hearts of our people as we fell in love with the Good News of Jesus Christ. It has been well said that we are a nation of scholars and saints.

In today's Gospel, the three apostles see Jesus transfigured before them. The glory of God shines through Christ whose body will soon be scarred with nails and ashes from the whips. I think we all have moments in our lives, a few of them if we are lucky, when we sense the presence of God in our midst in a very powerful way. I was thinking about some powerful moments of faith that I experienced when I was able to visit Ireland.

***On Monday, March 19th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, there will be a St. Patrick/St. Joseph's talk in the parish hall given by Father Pat.*** You are invited to bring Italian pastries, Irish soda bread and chocolate cream donuts (St. Joseph's favorite dessert!) Hot cross buns are also acceptable since they are very Lenten. Jim Belmonte will be making his special Italian cappuccinos, espressos and demitasse.

### **STATUE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER:**

The statue outside the rectory which was given to the parish years ago by a police officer who found her on the side of the road has been painted and repaired by parishioner Thomas Osborne and his family in memory of his grandmother, Carmela A. Marinuzzi who loved to pray in front of the statue. A warm thank you to Tom and his family!

In 1994 I made my first visit to Ireland. I loved how my relatives said, *Welcome home*. I was invited to mass in the Church where my mother was baptized. As I stood at the altar, I could not help but look at the old stone baptismal font where she had been baptized. From there, that font, and from her family, her parish, and her community, came her faith that she would one day pass on to me. Several years later, I was back in Ireland, and my relatives took me to the rugged west coast of County Clare to a little village called Kilbaha. We went to the village church and saw that was called the Ark of Kilbaha. It was a little wooden altar, covered with a wooden roof that had wheels on it. The story of the ark is a fascinating one of faith. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there was a landowner who would not allow Catholic Mass on his property, and so many people who worked for him on his vast estate could not go to Mass. But the people built this ark, and on Sundays, would wheel it down to the water line of the ocean because by law, no man can own the place where the water meets the land. The priest would stand in this ark, and the people on the shore where the water lapped its wave, would celebrate mass. I am so proud to say that the faith of ancestors who so love God is in my DNA.

A final third Transfiguration story: I have always admired the Irish patriots of the 1916 uprising. I had the opportunity to visit the prison cell of Joseph Mary Plunkett. Plunkett was an Irish patriot and poet who was very ill at the time of the uprising. Still, he got out of his sickbed and joined his comrades at the General Post Office. The rebellion was squashed, and the patriots put in Kilmainhan prison to await a firing squad. On the night before he died, he married Grace Gifford, the love of his life, in his prison cell. They were married by Fr. Eugene McCarthy by the light of a single candle for there was a power outage. Two prison guards were the witnesses. The chapel was lined by twenty soldiers with bayonets drawn. Joseph Mary Plunkett was shot by a firing squad the next day. I had the opportunity to visit Plunkett's cell. One of Plunkett's most beautiful poems is this one that captures the presence of Jesus in the world around us.

**I See His Blood Upon the Rose**

*I see His blood upon the rose  
And in the stars the glory of His eye.  
His body gleams amid eternal snows,  
His tears fall from the skies.*

*I see His face in every flower;  
The thunder and the singing of the birds  
Are but His voice—and carved by His power  
The rocks are His written words.*

*All pathways by His feet are worn,  
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,  
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,  
His cross is every tree.*

*I see His blood upon the rose  
And in the stars the glory of His eyes.*

May we always nourish, cherish, live, and pass on the precious gift of faith that our ancestors loved so dearly, often at a great cost. All the Saints of Heaven and our ancestors in faith protect and bless us always.

Father Patrick Woods CSSR, woodscsr@aol.com

**Prayer of St. Patrick**

Christ be with me, Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

### NEW ST. MARTIN OF TOURS WEBSITE COMING SOON

**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.

**It's not too late to give us your suggestions!** To provide suggestions, email the team at [smtwebsite2012@gmail.com](mailto:smtwebsite2012@gmail.com).

To receive text messages with news and announcements regarding the launch of the new website, text [smtwebsite2012](tel:90210) to the number 90210, or watch for more information coming soon!!!

#### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Tuesday, APRIL 3, 2012**

**Doors open at 6:30—Dinner at 7:00 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 donation is \$20 per person. A full Chinese dinner, dessert & refreshments will be served.

Upon entrance you will receive one bingo card. Additional cards are \$1.00 each. For tickets please call Janet at 433-9340.

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*March 25 is the Queenship of Mary* and falls on a Sunday. Any mass you go to remember to say the Prayer Before the Crucifix for the indulgences you will receive on that day.

I want to thank all who attended the recent parish mission conducted by Father Kevin MacDonald CSSR for their very generous mission collection of \$8,520.00. This will be a great support for his missionary work to the Caribbean islands where he preaches several missions a year.

Although collections are taken up at all these missions, they are not able to generally even pay the cost of Father's travel from one island to another. So, you have helped support the missions in a very wonderful way.—Fr. Pat

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For those who have asked for Father Kevin's address so that they can thank him for the great mission he conducted at St. Martin's, it is as follows:

**Father Kevin MacDonald CSSR  
St. Patrick's Rectory, P.O. Box 547  
Frederiksted, US Virgin Islands 00841-0547**

#### ST. PADRE PIO HOLY HOUR



Please join us on Tuesday evening, March 20th 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.

**Congratulations to Kyle Durfee, who is a senior at St. John the Baptist de La Salle Diocesan High School. He has achieved Cum Laude Honors with a 90.77 average. Many blessings in your future endeavors!**

#### 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.



### A WEEK OF GOOD NEWS!

It is said that bad news often comes in threes. I want to speak to you about four pieces of *great* news. I must say that the week of our parish mission was a week of good news. Father Kevin MacDonald preached powerfully to us with great conviction, humor and gentleness. So many parishioners remembered him from his time here as a parish priest and they welcomed him with great enthusiasm. He told me it was one of the best weeks he had as a missionary. The church was crowded with people eager to hear the Word of God. What a great grace!

In the same week, our new parish priest, Father Ciya Thomas, CSSR arrived here at St. Martin's all the way from the province of Alwaye in India. He is a delightful young man who is eager to serve in our parish. We are blessed. (see Father's bio on p. 3)

On a personal level, I received a call that my nephew Robert and his wife Nicole had their child, a lovely little baby girl named Mairead Lily. This is their third daughter so I think Robert better add another bathroom to his house and start saving for weddings. I am a great-uncle for the 8th time!

On Friday night, at the invitation of our youth minister, Erin Horan Baudille, I went to the Diocesan Holy Hour at Immaculate Conception in Huntington. This Holy Hour is put on once a month by the Diocesan Vocation Office for young people, although all are welcome. I must say that I was amazed at what I experienced. I know that we older people often speak anxiously about the young and their practice of the Catholic faith. What I witnessed that night was more than 400 young people lining up to get into a very crowded chapel to sing and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Before the service began, I was invited to hear confessions and I was so impressed with the seriousness with which the young people celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many of them were in rapt attention before Christ on the altar, and it called me to reflect on my devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. I would encourage families with teenagers to consider going to this monthly Holy Hour as a family. Afterwards there were games, and a bonfire. The teens seemed so happy to be in such a positive atmosphere.

*God is good! Let us lift our hearts in praise and wonder for all He does for us! - Father Pat*

### St. Martin of Tours CYO Basketball 2011-2012 End of Season Party Sunday, March 25, 2012 following the 1:00 p.m. Mass



Players can wear their jerseys to Mass.  
\$30.00 per immediate family  
Please make checks payable to:  
St. Martin of Tours

Give to your coach or mail to:  
Larry Reilly, 50 Crestline Av, Bethpage NY 11714

Please include the number of family members attending. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Please help if you can. Many thanks!

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TRAINING

For those interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, please write a letter to the pastor stating your desire to do so. The following are locations for mandatory ministry training. *Please state which sessions you prefer for both "A" and "B."*

E.M. "A" Session - Sat., April 14 from 9AM to 1PM  
Kellenberg High School, Uniondale

E.M. "B" Session - Sat., May 19 from 9 AM to 1PM  
Kellenberg High School, Uniondale

#### IF YOU PREFER EVENING SESSIONS:

"A" Session Wednesday, May 2 from 7:30 to 10 PM

"B" Session Wednesday, May 9 from 7:30 to 10 PM  
St. Elizabeth, Melville



**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 30th. 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](http://www.SMTLifeTeen.com) for photos and more information! To contact Erin, you can e-mail [EKHoran@yahoo.com](mailto: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, April 10th. Everyone is welcome to join us in adoring, praising and loving Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



**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*

**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***

**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  
CATHOLIC VOICE NEEDS TO BE HEARD**

Cardinal Timothy Dolan and more than 600 people gathered at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School on March 3rd where he stated, "Catholics ought to be in politics," speaking for the downtrodden and promoting the common good. Cardinal Dolan, archbishop of NY and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, said Catholic tradition calls for the Church to uphold principles of social justice for the benefit of all society. These principles, he said, are informed by faith but flow from the principles of natural law that are accessible to all through reason. Catholic participation in the U.S. reflects involvement by people of faith including the Revolutionary War, the abolitionist moment against slavery, the union movement, the civil rights movement and the peace movement. In addition, the cardinal emphasized that "we ought to bring our values and convictions to the public square," as part of the pluralistic political process. "If we don't, God knows that there are others who will, specifically secularists who would discourage people of faith from speaking out on public issues."

The convocation was held to prepare Catholics from Long Island to participate in the annual New York State Catholic Conference public policy day in Albany which was held on March 13th as well as for lobbying efforts throughout the year on issues of Catholic concern. Bishop Murphy introduced the cardinal, who he described as a longtime friend and "one of the greatest gifts that God has given to the Catholic Church in the U.S. - *LI Catholic*

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CRISIS PREGNANCY**

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**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.

**Weekly Stations of the Cross  
DURING LENT**

**Friday evenings in Church at 7:30 p.m.  
March 23 & March 30**

**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.

**DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND  
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WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS  
NASSAU COUNTY CHAPTER NUMBER ONE  
PO BOX 2031  
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**

**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](http://drvc.org). or call the rectory at 931-0818 if that is not possible.

**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.