#### Masses For The Week

#### Monday - April 9 **NO 6:30 MASS**

9:00 Lucretia (Grace) Alloggio

#### **Tuesday - April 10**

6:30 Mary Godek

9:00 Annie Dooley

#### Wednesday - April 11

6:30 Barbara Hoolahan, Living

#### 9:00 Mary & Peter McMahon

#### Thursday - April 12

Joseph Hoolahan 6:30

Joseph Pellicano 9:00

#### Friday - April 13

John Foley 6:30

9:00 Dec'd Mbrs of Dorothy & Vincent Mignone Fam.

#### Saturday - April 14

6:30 Alexander (Sandy) Sinclair

9:00 Robert & Dorothy Bassemir

#### Sunday - April 15

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 William Nolan

10:00 Rae Buto

Anna Marshall 11:30

Joseph Strama, Anniversary & Charlie Alleva 1:00

John & Angeline Serventi 5:30

### Readings For The Week

Acts 2:14, 22-33: Matthew 28:8-15 Mon.

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 Tues. Wed. Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 Acts 3:11-26: Luke 24:35-48 Thurs. Fri. Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Sun. Acts 4:32-35 The community of believers shared "one heart and mind." No one claimed ownership over anything, everything was held in common, nobody went needy among them, and all "bore" witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

1 John 5:1-6 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God. "The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth."

John 20:19-31 Jesus appeared to the disciples and said, "Peace be with you" and breathed the Holy Spirit on them. Thomas doubted and then believed saying, "My Lord and my God."



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## Divine Mercy Novena

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

## Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

### Last Week March 31/April 1 Collection

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00 Amount Received: \$23,924.92

Thank you for your generosity & support!

#### **Reflection & Living Stewardship**



Stewardship Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we

share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose lives reflect the joy of Christ's Resurrection!

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 and grant them peace in their hearts during this Eastertide!

## Charismatic Prayer Group THE GIFT OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

What if you gave someone a special gift and years later you found it still unopened in a closet or worse, it was thrown out! How does God feel when we don't use or throw away the gift of His Son? Let God know you are grateful. Let Jesus know He didn't suffer and die for nothing. You are reading this for a reason. What does God want you to do?

Our next meeting is Monday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Call 516-993-9672 for answers to any questions or for prayer intentions. ALL ARE WELCOME!

## St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Apr 2 # 96	Dolores Hanly	\$25.00
Apr 3 #431	Frank & Grace Fidnarick	\$25.00
Apr 4 #125	Dorothy Mancini	\$25.00
Apr 4 #595	Gertrud Louwers	\$25.00
Apr 5 #503	Christian & Suzanne Schuh	\$50.00

#### John Neumann Relics to Come to St. Martin of Tours on the weekend of April 14-15, 2012

This year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of St. John Neumann and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. Throughout this jubilee year, we have been celebrating this graced time with preaching about the Saint and the opportunity to be blessed by his relics. We members of the Redemptorists, in particular those of us from the Baltimore Province as are the Redemptorists who serve you here at St. Martin's, take great pride in this saint since he was one of the founding members of our Province in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He was the first man to be professed in the United States as a Redemptorist. He was also the first American male citizen (he was a naturalized citizen) to become a saint. He did great work for immigrants, for the promotion of Catholic schools, and in developing devotion to the Eucharist. He was a humble ordinary man who did great things for God and his church. We will have special preaching at the weekend masses on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us and tell your friends. The following is a brief biography.

#### Saint John Neumann - Feast Day January 5

This American saint was born in Prachatitz, Bohemia (Czech Republic) in 1811. He was taken the same day to the parish church, baptized and named for one of the patron saints of his homeland, John Nepomucene. He was a small and quiet boy with four sisters and a brother. His father Philip, a native of Bavaria, owned a small stocking mill and was a minor village official. His mother Agnes was a Czech, a devout woman who attended Mass daily.

John spent two years at the diocesan seminary in Budweis, then transferred to that of the archdiocese at the University of Prague, where he completed his studies in 1835. His academic record was excellent, and he had an exceptional skill in mastering languages. In addition to his native German and Bohemian, he knew Italian, Spanish, Greek and Latin. In Prague, he undertook to learn English and French as well. In later life, he taught himself Gaelic in order to minister to Irish immigrants.

He was looking forward to being ordained in 1835 when the bishop decided there would be no more ordinations. It is difficult to imagine now, but Bohemia was overstocked with priests. John wrote to bishops all over Europe but the story was the same everywhere - no one wanted any more priests. John was sure he was called to be a priest but all the doors to follow that vocation seemed to close in his face.

John didn't give up. He was inspired by the missionary writings of Bishop Frederic Baraga in America, and because he had learned English by working in a factory with English-speaking workers, he wrote to the bishops in America. Finally, the bishop in New York agreed to ordain him. In order to follow God's call to the priesthood, John would have to leave his home forever and travel across the ocean to a new and rugged land.

In New York, John was one of 36 priests for 200,000 Catholics. John's parish in western New York stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania. His church had no steeple or floor but that did not matter because John spent most of his time traveling from village to village, climbing mountains to visit the sick, staying in garrets and taverns to teach, and celebrating the Mass at kitchen tables.

Because of the work and the isolation of his parish, John longed for community and so joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. In January, 1842, he took the vows to enter the order in Baltimore, Maryland, and became the first Redemptorist in the New World. After six years of difficult but fruitful work with the order, he was appointed the order's provincial superior in the United States. Neumann was naturalized as a citizen of the U.S. in Baltimore on February 10, 1848. John was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. Bishop John Neumann chose the motto of "Passion of Christ strengthen me" in his Coat of Arms. As bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. A founder of Catholic education in this country, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from two to 100, and the number of parochial school students in his diocese grew from 500 to 9,000. He also introduced the School Sisters of Notre Dame to the New World to assist in religious instruction and staffing the orphanage. John wrote many Catholic newspaper and magazine articles. He also published two catechisms and a Bible history in German. He also introduced many teaching orders to the United States.

In October 1854, Bishop Neumann traveled to Europe to be present in Rome for the promulgation by Pope Pius IX of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Afterwards, he made the only return visit of his lifetime to his homeland. John never lost his love and concern for the people. On one visit to a rural parish, the parish priest picked him up in a manure wagon. Seated on a plank stretched over the wagon's contents, John joked, "Have you ever seen such an entourage for a bishop!"

In 1860, John Nepomucene Neumann died due to a stroke at the age of 48 while walking down a street in Philadelphia. He was canonized by Pope Paul VI on June 19, 1977, and became the first American bishop to be so honored. His feast day is celebrated on January 5th.

## Wedding Banns

2nd Mark Bononi & Lauryn Tiedemann
1st Harrison Berkowitz & Stephanie Marsillo
1st Michael Bulkey & Laura Sullivan



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

During the month of March, 744 people were helped in the Food Pantry thanks to your generosity! This week the pantry is low on tuna fish, canned chicken, chili, beef stew, canned peas, green beans, cream corn, canned fruits, hearty soups, chicken varieties, coffee, sugar, bar soaps, diapers sizes 5 & 6, salt, Stove Top Stuffing, juices (bottles & individual boxes) and tissues. As always, we are very grateful for your generous support and we wish you & your loved ones a very Blessed Easter!

#### **Food Pantry:**

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

## **RECTORY HOURS**

**Easter Sunday: CLOSED Easter Monday: CLOSED** 

Please note that there is **NO** 6:30 a.m. on Monday April 9th. However, there **is** a 9:00 a.m. mass.

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On Palm Sunday evening, Scott & Norean Mancinelli-Dane lead a team of actors from our parish who gave a beautiful performance of The Living Stations of the Cross. It was a moving combination of prayer, dialogue, music and action. For me, it made the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ come alive. It was a very prayerful and meditative experience on the death of our Redeemer. Gratitude and blessings to Scott and Norean and all who participated.

Father Pat

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

Christine Mascia, Mary Peterson 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 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 Cavailere 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, Bernard Kearney Edward Indelicato, Sr., Andrew Bartolozzi, Patricia Heitzman Fr. Tom Siconolfi, CSsR, Mom and Dad, Barbara Hunsinger Marion Astonino, Fred Tavarelli, Lucille Pancucci William John Staudt, Patricia Marcel, Bonnie Castora Jim Robertson, Frances Sutton, Janice Lipp, Joseph Pierini Robert Hennessy, John St. Angelo, Harold Hand Colin Flood, Paul Remsen, Louise Wilson, Alfred J. Murphy Kevin O'Toole, Frances Sharkey, Joni Lora Bill Pidgeon, Mary & Raymond Gimbut



Week of April 8 - 14 2012 Altar Bread L Wine In Loving Memory of Keith, Sean L Dennis Meehan

#### Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Laura Paider Yochmann

Katherine Looney, Malachy Mulligan

# Easter Message from the Pastor

#### He is a Good Man

I love American history, in particular the period of the American Civil War. I think many experts would agree that Abraham Lincoln was our greatest president. He faced overwhelming challenges when eleven states seceded from the Union. He raised an army that for almost three years lost every battle. Many of the people in North wanted to end the war and let the South go its own way. During his time in office he lost his eleven year old son Willie. His wife Mary never really recovered from this death. Lincoln himself seemed to struggle with significant depression. In reading his biographies, it is clear he powerfully felt the death of every soldier in the war. In spite of many of his aides' counseling otherwise, he chose to free the slaves in his *Emancipation Proclamation*. His writings reflect a depth of spirituality, rich common sense, and great homespun humor. Lincoln was a great man.

Mahatma Gandhi was another great man. Using the principles of civil resistance by non-violence, he took on the most powerful force in the world, the British Empire and led the religiously divided people of India to independence. He was a man of peace and sought brotherhood among all religions, and like Lincoln, he died a martyr's death. He was a great man.

Another figure who is a national hero of Indian culture and a deeply beloved person of the modern age is Mother Theresa of Calcutta. She lived her message: to see Christ in every one, in particularly the poor. But hers was a not a message of words. She picked up the dying of Calcutta with her own hands, bathed their wounds, and gently prepared them for entrance into eternal life. In recent writings from her journal, it was discovered that Mother Theresa had great personal struggles with faith and darkness, but she continued to live the message of Christ even when he seemed silent. She was a great woman

The fourth person I mention is Dorothy Day. Dorothy Day was a radical of the early twentieth century who was seemingly attracted to Marxism Communism. Early in her life she had an abortion and later a child out of wedlock. Eventually, she discovered Christ and the Gospels. She became one of the most compelling figures of the twentieth century, who devoted herself, like Mother Theresa, to the poor in a very hands-on way. To-day, the Catholic Worker movement continues all over the world in her tradition of loving concern for all.

Four great people. I am sure you would have your own list of personal heroes. There are so many great saints of our Church and our modern age. We might think of people like John Paul II, Pope John XXIII, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente, Vince Lombardi, Dwight Eisenhower, and Clara Barton. Certainly, I am sure you know people, as I do, who we consider great people, perhaps our parents, a sibling, a co-worker.

So what do we say about Jesus Christ? Was he a great man? There are some in our world, both in the past and present, who deny that Christ ever existed. They would say the Gospels are made up stories. I find this argument very weak. Christ is mentioned in historical documents of his time. Logically, it is impossible for me, and most fair minded people, to believe that Christianity, a religion that has sustained itself and grown over twenty centuries could be based on false stories. Equally convincing to me is how to explain the actions of the first apostles and disciples. These were men who ran away at the first sight of the Romans when they came to arrest Christ. How do we explain the fact that these frightened men would be willing to die the most cruelest of deaths as martyrs in the months and years to come? They *must have* met and encountered the living Christ and banked their very lives on this reality.

There are others who do accept that Jesus Christ lived and that he was a very good man. They like to read his words. They feel his message is a very good one. He is worth listening to like a wise person. He could be compared to Plato, Socrates, Confucius, Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, and others people of wisdom.

If Christ is simply a great man who lived 2,000 years ago, had a powerful message about God and how we are to treat one another, who told marvelous parables, maybe even did a few miracles, and suffered a horrible death, then I would tell you to stop bothering to come to Church, receiving Holy Communion, and the other sacraments, and seeking to try to live your moral life based on his teachings.

The great Saint Paul, who saw the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus, under the power of the Holy Spirit, says it so much better than I can in the fifteenth chapter of his *First Letter to the Corinthians*: Listen:

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are, of <u>all</u> people, most to be pitied.

If Christ has not been raised from the dead, all is futile, our faith is in vain, and we are a people to be most pitied. This day - Easter - is at the *core* of our life and belief. This is the day that we truly recognize that Jesus Christ is *not* just another great figure of history that is written about. This is the day we see that God the Father raised up his son Jesus from the tomb through the power of the Holy Spirit. The man brutally beaten and battered on the way to Calvary, the man nailed to a cross, the man who died and was buried in a tomb, is *fully* human and *fully* divine. *This is the essence of the Christian faith*. We follow not a good man but a *God-man*. Jesus *is* the Son of God. To believe and act on that is to be a Christian. This belief is most profoundly manifested on Easter as we see that death could not contain the Son of God, who fully human could die, but now rises with the promise that all who believe and follow him will also rise to eternal life.

We live an age where words are cheap. We hear and read millions of words on television, the radio, the internet, our text messages, and our conversations. We know people say things all the time that they do not mean, nor will they live up to their words. Their words are empty since they will not lead to action. Promises and commitments are easily broken. Listen to the words you and I say every Sunday during the Creed at the Mass:

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

These are bold and shocking words. People have *died* in belief of these words, gone to the farthest ends of the earth to proclaim these words, built magnificent cathedrals that reach to the sky, fed the poor and work to end poverty, and had the courage to rise up and face life after the death of their loved one. The word "*consubstantial*" is certainly a two-dollar word. It is a word trying to explain the unexplainable mystery that Jesus is one with the Father and still is the person of Christ. These creedal words profess we believe that Jesus is fully human and divine.

Even at the moment of the resurrection, the officials of the time were trying to come up with explanations to deny the resurrection: the body was stolen by the apostles after the Roman guards fell asleep. Some moderns even have more bizarre theories that Jesus did not die on the cross but was still alive when taken down. They know the power of the resurrection and they must try to deny it or else they *must* believe in this man whom they have killed and denied.

Again, listen to St. Paul in I Corinthians: For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

And now 2,000 years later, we gather to hear the message that has been boldly proclaimed and witnessed to and will *continue* to be celebrated until the end of time. He is Raised! Alleluia! We meet him today in his Church, in the Most Holy Eucharist, in the Bible, and in the powerful convictions of our hearts. He *is* the Son of God. *He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia and Alleluia!* 

Happy Easter to you and your families!
Father Patrick Woods, CSSR
woodscssr@aol.com

It is with the greatest of joy that The Redemptorist Community

The Deacons & their Families, the Entire Staff

and All Church Ministries, wish the Parishioners of St. Martin of Tours

and all Visitors to our parish a Most Blessed Easter as we celebrate together

The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad!



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The Saint Martin of Tours Music Ministry would like to wish all our parishioners a Very Blessed and Happy Easter.

You are a wonderful, faithful community and your support of our choirs and musicians is greatly appreciated.

May the Lord always keep an Easter Song of His Love in your hearts!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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."

OF COMMUNION TRAINING

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, here are the dates and times at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

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

"B" Session -Wednesday, May 9 from 7:30 to 10 PM A Note from Father Kevin MacDonald CSSR

I don't know if I adequately expressed my gratitude to our Redemptorist Community and the St. Martin of Tours Parish for the <u>outstanding</u> week of mission.

Please accept my deepest appreciation to our confreres and to the parishioners for their outstanding generosity. Please be assured that the money collected will go a very long way in helping the people of the Caribbean.

Father Kevin, CSSR

## A Lenten Project Well Done

Thank you to the Young at Heart members who stayed after their meeting and made 36



rosary beads. They will be donated to the Pastoral Care of the Sick Ministry to be distributed at St. Joseph's Hospital and the homebound.

Thanks must also go to Howard Cragg for supplying the beads and giving instructions for making them. With Howard's help, we did something positive for Lent!



A Very Happy and Blessed Easter to all our parishioners especially to those who attend our 5:30 Life Teen Mass so faithfully every week and so generously support our Youth Ministry. May God grant you his special graces during this Easter time. He is Risen! Alleluia!

<u>Life Teen</u>: Our next Life Night is April 15 from 7-8:30 which follows the 5:30 Mass.

<u>Edge</u>: Our next meeting is on April 27. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome!

<u>Parent Life</u>: 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: <u>www.SMTLifeTeen.com</u> for photos and more information! To contact Erin, you can e-mail EKHoran@yahoo.com.

#### 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!

LIFE TEEN'S EASTER SUNDAY MASS IS AT 1:00 P.M. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US! THERE IS NO 5:30 P.M. ON EASTER SUNDAY.

## **EUCHARISTIC 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.

## **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Any baptized adult who has received Eucharist can attend a four-session Confirmation class which will begin on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call Deacon Jim Biggin at the Religious Education office at 822-9768 or home at 796-5520. Confirmation for adults will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 27th at the 11:30 Mass.

DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND SINGLE CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

NASSAU COUNTY CHAPTER NUMBER ONE PO BOX 2031

NEW MEMBER ORIENTAION NON DENOMINATION-ALL ARE WELCOME TUESDAY, APRIL 24 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

## **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 <a href="http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com">http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com</a>.

#### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

## A Glorious Easter Sunday

O Jesus, who by reason of your burning love for us willed to be crucified and to shed your most precious blood for the redemption and salvation of our souls, look down upon us here gathered together in remembrance of your most sorrowful passion and death.



Fully trusting in your mercy, cleanse us from sin by your grace, sanctify our toil, give us our daily bread, sweeten our sufferings, bless our families, and to the nations so sorely afflicted, grant your peace, which is the only source of true peace, so that by obeying your commandants we may come at last to the glory of heaven.

The Respect Life Committee would like to wish our priests, clergy and the family of St. Martin's a Glorious and Happy Easter Sunday.

## FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Mirando (C)830-5077 or Jerry Mirando (C)830-5085

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.

#### **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.

## 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.

## **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 of 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.

You can call the rectory at 931-0818 and leave your name and phone number.



Today, Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012 St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage has launched a redesigned website.

Go to www.smtbethpage.org for the latest information about our active parish.

We would like to thank White's Funeral Home for donating the magnets with our web address which is available in the Church on Easter Sunday while supplies last.