Masses For The Week

Monday - May 14

Tony Hernandez 6:30

Mothers' Day Novena 9:00

Tuesday - May 15

6:30 Pat Boylan

9:00 Mothers' Day Novena

Wednesday - May 16—Vigil Mass at 7PM

Freida Hall 6:30

9:00 Mothers' Day Novena

Calogero, Francesca & Piero Mannino 7PM

Thursday - May 17—Ascension of the Lord

6:30 John Laraia

9:00 Mothers' Day Novena

12 Noon Francesco DeLorenzo

7PM Rosemary Ogno & Rose Belcastro

Friday - May 18

William & Margaret McCabe 6:30

Mothers' Day Novena 9:00

Saturday - May 19

9:00 Mothers' Day Novena

5:00 Thomas P. LaFalce, Sr.

7:00 Steven Pirone

Sunday - May 20

The People of the Parish 7:00

8:30 Marguerite Cola

10:00 Angelina Cilmi

11:30 Mary O'Neil, Anniversary

1:00 Rocco Vivolo

5:30 Dot Piccolo

Readings For The Week

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 Mon. Tues. Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15 Wed.

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Thurs.

Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13;

Mark 16:15-20

Acts 18:9-18: John 16:20-23 Fri.

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 Sat.

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Peter called Sun. the people together to choose a replacement for Judas Iscariot. Two men were nominated. After prayer, lots were drawn and the choice fell to Matthias.

1 John 4:11-16 John wrote, "If we love one another, God remains in us." For God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God. and God abides in them.

John 17:11b-19 Jesus prayed to the Father to guard and protect the believers from the evil one: "I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."



Divine Mercy Novena

Every Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Last Week May 5/6 Collection

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00 Amount Received: \$17,077.00

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary.

What gifts of myself - my skills and talents, my time and resources - will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek out new opportunities to share their gifts to serve others through parish ministries such as Pre-Cana and Baptismal Preparation.

> 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 **FORGIVE**

Sometimes it's so hard to do. Some people hold grudges for years, often forgetting what the cause was! Jesus told us that we must forgive one another if we want God to forgive us. Remember, Jesus died so that we COULD be forgiven. If Jesus is in your heart, then forgiveness is there too.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 14th 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

May 7 #442	B. & K. McCormick	\$25.00
May 8 # 22	Ann Bernstein	\$25.00
May 9 #149	Pat & Dot Gore	\$25.00
May 10 #441	George & Eleanor Hoban	\$25.00
May 11 #269	Dorothy A. Forker	\$50.00

Letter from the Pastor

I do not have many memories of my First Communion day. The faintest memory is that of a blue suit with a white-ribbon arm band and a prayer book. I am not so sure if I remember that or think I remember it from seeing photos of it. One of my favorite memories of First Communion day is when I came to my niece Christine's First Communion. The pastor of the parish, a friend of mine, invited me to give the homily. Chrissy read one of the prayers of the faithful, and afterwards said, "Wasn't it nice that Uncle Pat and I both



had speaking parts?" Years later, I had the honor of giving her son, my godson Brendan, his First Holy Communion. Chrissy was all grown up and now in charge of the second grade communion class where she was a teacher. I remember the day my nephew Robert made his First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn. After the beautiful ceremony, he quickly changed into his little league uniform. On that day, he got his first hit ever - a triple! Naturally, I teased him and asked him what was more special, receiving Holy Communion or hitting a triple? I believe he took some form of the fifth amendment to my question!

When I was in the seminary, I was once the chaplain of a Catholic grade school. This meant that I was a participant in the parish's First Communion celebration. The nun in charge of the program was not overly enamored of the pastor, and told me that he had given the same homily for the last fifteen years in which he quoted Napoleon as saying that the his First Communion day was the happiest of his life. I decided to fact-check the pastor on the internet. This is what I found: Towards the end of his life Napoleon was asked which had been the happiest day of his life. The questioner expected him to recollect one of his great military triumphs or his coronation as Emperor but Napoleon replied, *The happiest day of my life was my First Holy Communion day.*"

St. Bernadette, the young girl who had visions of the Blessed Mother at Lourdes, wrote the following: "There are secrets of one's soul which for ever should be shrouded by a veil of reticence. My First Holy Communion is such. Mademoiselle Estrade asked, 'What made you happier Bernadette, First Holy Communion or the Apparitions?' "I could but answer, 'The two go together. They cannot be compared. I only know I was very happy on both occasions.'"

During this month of May, St. Martin's will have five celebrations of our parish children receiving First Holy Communion. Our parish celebrates this moment in a beautiful way. The musicians and religious education coordinators and teachers create a most festive and spiritual experience for the children and their families. How blessed we are by the dedicated work of Mrs. Pat Ryan and Mrs. LauraLeigh Agnese and all the teachers of the program. To see the children is to see the face of innocense. One cannot help but think of the words of our Lord Jesus: "And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

As I gave the children their First Holy Communion, I was not only praying for each of them, but also for myself that I might be able to receive Holy Communion with the same joy and trust as these beautiful children. There is a tradition that sometimes the neighbors will go to the church to watch the bride as she enters the church on her wedding day. They want to see her and her gown. In the same way, if you want to give yourself a great spiritual treat (and if you can find a parking spot!!), your heart would be touched and your soul moved to watch the children come into procession from the school to the Church. May God bless them on this happy day and may they always love Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

Father Pat CSSR woodscssr@aol.com Website: www.smtbethpage.org

COMMUNION BREAKFAST



There will be a Mass and Communion Breakfast on Sunday, June 17th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This event is being sponsored by both the Knights and the Parish. All are welcome! Since it is Fathers' Day, why not treat Dad and the family to breakfast. Further information will be forthcoming!

Wedding Banns

1st Christopher Ceglio and Lauren Lopinto



"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 toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap, diapers size 5, baby wipes, pancake mix and syrup, sugar, salt, coffee, hearty soups, cream soups, mustard, catsup, mayonnaise, peas, creamed corn, pasta sauce, shampoo and conditioner.

We are always so grateful for the tremendous generosity of our parishioners. In April we were able to assist 671 people. God bless you!

Food Pantry:

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

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASSES

Wednesday Vigil, May 16 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 17 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.



Please note that the Rectory office will be *closed* on Thursday, May 17th in observance of the Ascension of the Lord. It will open on Friday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m. Thank you!

Please call the rectory at 931-0818 if you know anyone who can be taken off the sick list. Thank you!

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 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, Patricia Heitzman Edward Indelicato, Sr., Marion Astonino, Bill Wallace Fr. Tom Siconolfi, CSsR, Mom and Dad, Barbara Hunsinger Fred Tavarelli, Lucille Pancucci, William John Staudt Patricia Marcel, Bonnie Castora, Jim Robertson Frances Sutton, Janice Lipp, Joseph Pierini, Pat Pedone Robert Hennessy, John St. Angelo, Harold Hand Colin Flood, Paul Remsen, Louise Wilson, Kevin O'Toole Frances Sharkey, Joni Lora, Bill Pidgeon, Raymond Gimbut Patricia Hall, Frank LoPinto, Joseph Zitelli, Corey Voboril



Week of May 13 - May 19, 2012
Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Malachy Mulligan

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Marion V. Brusca, Lucy A. Speelman Gaspare Samartano

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

understanding the basics • defending a right

Threatened: America's Unique Model (2 of 7)

Writing recently in America magazine, Harvard Law Professor Mary Ann Glendon noted that in the United Sates, "Citizens of all faiths have long taken for granted the unique model of religious freedom that has enabled the nation's diverse religions to flourish and to coexist in relative harmony." How true. Certainly on Long Island, where believers from every tradition live side-by-side, we can quickly overlook the gift of religious freedom that is ours. We can take for granted its splendor and forget the impact it has in shaping our nation and community.

Undoubtedly, America's greatness is built upon hard work and daring. But there is more to the country than sweat and courage. Its greatness stems from the fact that people are free to

be themselves, free to live life according to the dictates of their conscience. America's proud heritage of religious freedom, though not always appreciated, has given the country a firm foundation. It has enabled people to be themselves and contribute that greatest gift—their total self, faith included—to the life of the nation.

Presently, however, Professor Glendon sees this vital freedom, so crucial to American life, as endangered. She warns, "Recent legal and political developments... suggest that the first freedom in our First Amendment may be en route to becoming a lesser right—one that can be easily overridden by other rights, claims and interests." Our first freedom is being reduced from the fullness it had in the eyes of our founders to freedom of worship.

Freedom of conscience is being left behind. Two examples of this pattern stand out. They directly impact the charitable work of the Church: In recent years, Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the state of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the work of providing adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit or same-sex couples.

Notwithstanding years of excellent performance by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require the Church to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching. In both circumstances, by curtailing the robustness of our religious liberty and impinging on our freedom of conscience, America's heritage of religious freedom is threatened.

"As a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail and religious liberty be restored."

BISHOP WILLIAM MURPHY

PRAYER

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal. 5:1).

We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties. By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

YOU CAN WIN A GOURMET DINNER FOR FOUR

With Our Pastor
FATHER PATRICK WOODS



Prepared by the world renowned CHEF (Fr.) HENRY SATTLER



Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekends of May 19-20 and May 26-27

\$5.00 per ticket or 3 for \$10.00

(Tickets can also be purchased at the rectory during the week.)

Drawing will be held after the 5 P.M. Mass on Saturday, June 2nd.

(Winner need not be present.)

The Catholic Counseling Center

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored.

Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503 or go to their website at http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.

St. Martin of Tours Knights of Columbus 5033 Catholic War Veterans 1938

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, May 21, 2012 2:30—8:30 PM

517 Central Avenue, Bethpage Knights of Columbus Hall

Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Bring ID with signature or photo
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Anyone ages 76 and over need a doctor's note.)
- Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility, please call 800-688-0900. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Jack Batt at (516) 868-8192.

There will be sign-up sheets available on Sunday, May 20th after all masses.

RESULTS OF THE ZORN'S POULTRY FARMS FUND RAISER



Remember back in January, February and March when Zorn's was donating 10% of the purchase price to St. Martin of Tours whenever any of its customers mentioned our parish? Well, last week we received a check

for \$250.00 due to this fundraiser.

Thanks to everyone who participated and thanks to Zorn's for their generosity!

The Respect Life Committee will be hosting a Baby Shower for the Life Center of Long Island Saturday, May 19th & Sunday, May 20th after all Masses in the Gathering Area.

Baby items such as diapers, wipes, formula, breast pumps, Vaseline, receiving blankets, baby clothes, baby shampoo and soap, monitors, crib sheets, crib blankets, baby thermometers, bottles, sterilizers, and baby baths.

Also gently used car seats not more than 4 years old, jumpers, bassinets, swings, baby and toddler clothes.

> In Thanksgiving to God We ask you to join us Hs we celebrate



Deacon Eugene Capobianco's 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Deaconate

The Church of St. Martin of Tours

Sunday, May 27, 2012 Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Light refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

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

Virtus Training is a MUST

SMT's Virtus Workshop is on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room in the school.

Please register online at VIRTUSONLINE.ORG and click on Registration or go to the drvc.org website then to Protecting Children and click on Virtus Training Calendar.

If this is not a convenient time, please check *The LI Catholic* or the Diocesan website at drvc.org. If you have already attended Virtus training, you do not have to repeat it. Any questions, please call Father Jim McCabe at 516-931-0818 ext. 220.

LUKE'S YOUNG ARTIST ACADEMY

Give students grades 1 to 11 the opportunity to discover their talents through different levels of media (pottery, hand building, drawing, painting, water color, acrylic, scratch board and print making.) Individual attention can be given to those students who have specific artistic interests.

Morning classes are taught by the very talented George Lucas, a graduate with honors from Hofstra University and runs from June 26 to July 16 at St. Martin's. Fee is \$225 for eight

one and one half hour sessions.

All materials and instruction included. For further info/registration, please call 516-448-4059. Lukesartacademy@aol.com

Please note: There will be a baptism during the 5:30 p.m. Mass on May 20th.

A Terrific Story

I asked Jim & Kathy Devine to write about a recent weekend retreat that they were part of. I find their description of the encounter with the Lord in our brothers and sisters a very moving story of grace. - Father Pat

"What the HEC are we doing here?

What the HEC? It was not what we thought either. HEC means "Handicapped Encounter Christ." Kathy and I saw it in our SMT bulletin some weeks ago. HEC facilitators were asking for volunteers to help out on their 28th HEC Retreat that was held at Camp Alvernia in Centerport on the last weekend in April. When we read that it was based upon the Catholic Cursillo—which we made in 1975—we registered! We arrived on April 26th full of misgivings about signing up for this retreat. We had no clue as to how we could be of help to the 60 or so physically and/or mentally challenged candidates who had signed up for this long weekend. We were both stressed out from two weeks of compulsively busy schedules, and it seemed Satan was whispering to us that we were making a big mistake. We were snapping at one another as we arrived at the camp with bedrolls and baggage in hand (N.B. more of the latter than we thought!) We were secretly hoping we'd get kitchen duty or in my case, a janitorial chore. Next thing we knew we were introduced to two significantly challenged candidates whom we were to companion for the entire weekend. I had Levester, a 42 year old man who suffered from traumatic brain injury (TBI) after being mugged with a lead pipe. And Kathy was to befriend a beautiful, shy little sweetheart by the name of Melissa who struggled with a profound learning disorder all her 32 years.

That Thursday night we both muddled through our own inexperience and felt inadequacies as we watched the veteran "team" members love and attend to some profoundly challenged candidates. Some had advanced MS/CP or MD. Others had TBIs like Levester. Some were para- or quadriplegic from accidents while others where sight-impaired with Autism. Wheelchairs and crutches were all over the place. Often that night we laid in our bunks amidst the snoring and noises of our candidates and pondered, "What the HEC are we doing here?" But by breakfast on Friday morning, the love and laughter, patience, kindness and song-filled prayer before and after meals transformed that question into a feeling of grateful privilege. We were among the beloved of Jesus as He demonstrated His presence in our service to His wounded lambs on HEC #28. It didn't take long to see how Kathy and I were being healed of our own handicaps and blindness as we shared, loved and broke bread at the Eucharistic celebrations with the candidates. Our companions not only taught us the ropes—for many were vets of past HEC retreats—they also taught us how to rock n' roll at the Saturday night "Hoot" as HEC calls it. The closing Mass and ceremony on Sunday afternoon was a taste of Heaven. And now we know for sure what the HEC we were doing there! Maybe you will join us on Team for HEC #29!

- Kathy & Jim Devine, SMT Parishioners, email sodevine69@optonline.net.



The Catholic practice of assigning a special devotion to each month goes back to the early \$\frac{*}{2}\$ 16th century. Since the best known of those devotions is probably the dedication of May as \$\frac{*}{2}\$ the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it might come as a surprise that it wasn't until the late \$\frac{*}{2}\$ 18th century that this devotion arose among Jesuits in Rome. In the early years of the 19th \$\frac{*}{2}\$ century, it quickly spread throughout the Western Church and by the time of Pope Pius IX's \$\frac{*}{2}\$ declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, it had become universal. \$\frac{*}{2}\$

May crownings and other special May events in honor of Mary such as public recitation of **
the rosary, stem from this time. Therefore, during May and in her honor, we have the statue of the Blessed Mother visible in the sanctuary.

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COME AND JOIN US! ROSARY FOR LIFE

Each Wednesday at 7PM the Rosary for Life is recited. We meet in the "Garden for the Unborn" behind the school when the weather is favorable. Please bring a chair and enjoy the lovely garden with its beautiful lights come twilight. During cold and rainy evenings, we meet in the back sacristy at





<u>Life Teen</u>: There will NOT be a Life Night on May 13th since it is Mothers Day.

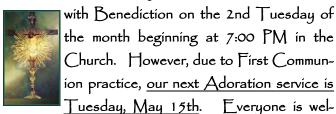
<u>Edge</u>: Our next meeting is on May 18th. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome!

<u>Parent Life</u>: All parents of middle and high school youth are invited to attend the next Parent Life meeting on Sunday, May 20th after the 5:30 mass. Contact Erin for more information.

Please visit us on the parish website: www.smtbethpage.com for photos and more information! To contact Erin, you can e-mail EKHoran@yahoo.com.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Life Teen Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration



come to join us in adoring, praising and loving our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Special Events in Youth Ministry

Life Teen will be selling carnations after ALL Masses THIS weekend! One for \$2.00 & three for \$5.00 Remember Mom on her day!

Support a Soldier Rosary Campaign Life Teen is sponsoring a US Army Unit by making and sending rosaries to them in Afghanistan.

Please join us on Saturday May 26th in the Parish Hall any time between 1:00 and 4:00PM to learn how to make a rosary or to make a financial donation to sponsor this campaign.

May God bless all our troops!

GLUTEN, PEANUT & DAIRY FREE HOSTS

St. Martin's always has a supply of hosts available for anyone who is allergy-sensitive to these types of foods. 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.

CROSSROADS RETREAT WEEKEND FOR 14-18 YEAR OLD HIGH SCHOOL MEN

You are invited to attend a *Crossroads* retreat weekend that will have a profound impact on your life and the way in which you make mature decisions. This weekend is just for you and will help you choose a direction or path for your future.

Consider the options you can choose not to attend and struggle with many unanswered questions, or you can decide to take advantage of this dynamic opportunity and sign up for a program that not only enhances one's faith, but builds on characteristics that are uniquely Catholic.

WHEN: June 22-24, 2012

WHERE: St. Alphonsus Villa, New Smyrna Beach, Florida (Redemptorist retreat house)

COST: \$75.00 Registration fee DEADLINE TO RESPOND: June 11, 2012

CALL OR EMAIL FATHER RICHARD BENNETT, CSSR 617-817-9425 Richard859@aol.com

When you call or email to make a reservation, we will send you a packet with a registration form and permission release form.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY Call Diana Mirando (C)830-5077 or (H) 605-1979

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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The Respect Life Committee would like to wish everyone a most joyful and glorious Mothers' Day. And as we celebrate, may we think of our Mother Mary.

MARY DID YOU KNOW?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? This child that you delivered will soon deliver you. Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand? Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod? When you kiss your little baby... you've kissed the Face of God! The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again. The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb. Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb? This sleeping Child your holding is the *Great I AM*. Mary, did you know? Copyright 2006 Mark Lowry



Celebrate the Close of the Neumann Year

The Redemptorists invite everyone to join us on Saturday, June 23, 2012 in Philadelphia to celebrate the close of the Neumann Year. Mass will be held at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput is scheduled to



be the main celebrant, and Redemptorist Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin will be the homilist. A ticketed reception will immediately follow at the Sheraton across the street. Tickets are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance. For more information call 1-877-876-7662 or visit redemptorists.net/neumann.

The Redemptorists of the St. Martin's Community are happy to sponsor eight people to this dinner. (Two people are being sponsored so far.) Travel arrangements are personal responsibilities. First come, first served! So please email me at woodscssr@aol.com or contact the parish office.



Several people mentioned the desire to have a Parish Picnic this summer. The Parish Council is presently planning on it! The date we have set is Saturday, August 18th at Cantiague

Planning is in its early stage but State Park. more details will follow.

Eventually, we will be seeking volunteers, and also volunteers who wish to dunk Father Ciya in a dunking machine.

Sssh! Don't tell him!

St. Martin of Tours welcomes the following children who were baptized into the Faith on May 6, 2012. God bless them and their loving families!

> Anthony Christopher Botta Nicholas Iames Brisette Alexandra Grace Krawchuck Grayson Luke Marino Connor Liam McIntyre Dylan Gerard Peters Ella Frankie Procida Ashlynn Marie Smith



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 EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF MAY

 On Sunday, May 20th at the 10AM Mass, we will have the annual May crowning of the Blessed Mother during Mass. We ask all children who have received the First Holy Communion during the month of May to come to this Mass dressed in their Communion clothes.

 Monday, May 21st at both 9:45AM & 7:30PM, Fr. Pat will be giving a presentation on the Holy Spirit in the Parish Hall. Snackers (as well as slackers) are welcome!

 Wednesday, May 23rd there will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour from 3:00 4:00 in the Church.

 We also remind you of the evening Holy Hour hosted by the Life Teen Youth Ministry on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00PM in the Church. Come and spend some very special time with the Lord.

 The Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will be held at 9:00AM on Saturday, May 26th. All who are in need of serious physical, emotional, or spiritual healing as well as those carrying the burden of the years are welcome to participate in this sacrament.

 On Saturday, May 26th at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall one of our parishioners, Mr. Sajid Christopher will give a talk on the Catholics in Pakistan who are suffering persecution for their faith. Mr. Christopher is presently working to create peace among the religions of the world.

 Pentecost Sunday, May 27th, in honor of the Holy Spirit, you are encouraged to wear something red.

 Sunday, May 27th at the 1:00 p.m. Mass the Celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Deacon Gene Capobianco. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall.