Masses For The Week

- Monday May 21 6:30 Thomas & Florence Mullen
 - 9:00 Mothers' Day Novena
- Tuesday May 22
 - 6:30 Mary Cei
 - 9:00 Mothers' Day Novena
- Wednesday May 23
 - 6:30 Patricia Hall, Living
 - 9:00 Mothers' Day Novena

Thursday - May 24

- 6:30 Dennis Hickey
- 9:00 Patrick & Mary Foley
- Friday May 25
 - 6:30 Anna & Arthur Morrissey
 - 9:00 Ferdinand Scharen

Saturday - May 26

- 9:00 Intentions Announced at Mass
- 5:00 Charles & Angelina Maxwell
- 7:00 Mary Ellen & Patrick Naughton

Sunday - May 27

7:00 The People of the Parish

- 8:30 Joseph P. Flood & Joseph Jude Flood
- 10:00 Ellie & Peter Peyton
- 11:30 Weldon "Jim" Luttrell
- 1:00 Carmella Esposito
- 5:30 Barbara McDonough

Readings For The Week

Mon.	Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tues.	Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wed.	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thurs.	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Fri.	Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
Sat.	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
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Sun. Acts 2:1-11 On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of fiery tongues. They began to speak in different tongues "as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord.

John 20:19-23 Jesus appeared and told the disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you...Receive the Holy Spirit."



Divine Mercy Novena

Every Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift					
Last Week May 12/13 Collection					
Amount Budgeted:	\$17,500.00				
Amount Received:	\$19,217.00				
Thank you for your support & generosity!					

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Jesus is the perfect steward - watching Stewardship A Way of Life ed to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize that although each of us has our own unique gifts to share, our mission is the same to serve others and help build God's kingdom.

> 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

Keep your eyes on the prize! The distractions and temptations are all part of the devil's plan to pull you away from God. The closer you are to God, the more the devil pulls on you. It's like



God and Satan are in a tug of war and you are the flag! Don't worry, God never loses anyone who WANTS to be on His team!

Our next meeting is Monday, June 11th 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 14	#337	Robert Frandolig	\$25.00
May 15	#112	M/M Raymond Gimbut	\$25.00
May 16	#428	Catherine & James Masarik	\$25.00
May 17	# 74	M/M James Oprosko	\$25.00
May 18	#505	Joe & Lisa Calza	\$250.00

Letter from the Pastor

You are invited to wear something red to Church at the Masses on Pentecost Sunday, May 27th. Since the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles as a flame of fire, red is the liturgical color associated with the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the 50th day after Easter (if we count both Easter and Pentecost), and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost as well Acts 2. Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with diverse tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak." [Acts 2:2-4]

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would sent His Holy Spirit, and on Pentecost they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day. That is why Pentecost is often called "the birth-day of the Church." On this day with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed and the New Covenant is inaugurated.

Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit by St. Alphonsus Liguori



Holy Spirit, divine Consoler, I adore You as my true God, with God the Father and God the Son. I adore You and unite myself to the adoration You receive from the angels and saints. I give You my heart and I offer my ardent thanksgiving for all the grace which You never cease to bestow on me.

O Giver of all supernatural gifts, who filled the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with such immense favors, I beg You to visit me with Your grace and Your love and to grant me the *gift of holy fear*, so that it may act on me as a check to prevent me from falling back into my past sins, for which I beg pardon.

Grant me the *gift of piety*, so that I may serve You for the future with increased fervor, follow with more promptness Your holy inspirations, and observe your divine precepts with greater fidelity. Grant me the *gift of knowledge*, so that I may know the things of God and, enlightened by Your holy teaching, may walk, without deviation, in the path of eternal salvation.

Grant me the *gift of fortitude*, so that I may overcome courageously all the assaults of the devil, and all the dangers of this world which threaten the salvation of my soul. Grant me the *gift of counsel*, so that I may choose what is more conducive to my spiritual advancement and may discover the wiles and snares of the tempter.

Grant me the *gift of understanding*, so that I may apprehend the divine mysteries and by contemplation of heavenly things detach my thoughts and affections from the vain things of this miserable world. Grant me the *gift of wisdom*, so that I may rightly direct all my actions, referring them to God as my last end; so that, having loved Him and served Him in this life, I may have the happiness of possessing Him eternally in the next. Amen.

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

Wedding Banns **Christopher Ceglio and Lauren Lopinto** 2nd

"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, shampoo & conditioner, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, coffee, tea, sugar, cereal, oil, pasta sauce, bottled juice & juice boxes, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruit, cream soups, corn, peas, beef stew, chili, canned chicken, diapers size 6 and baby wipes. As always, thank you for your generosity!

Also: An adult learner is in need of a computer (with Windows XP or Mac 05X 5.8) in order to return to college. If you have one that you are not using and would like to donate, please call the Parish Social Ministry Office (931-7332) or drop it off at 208 Broadway on Mondays (9:30AM - 2:30PM or on Thursdays (2:00 - 7:00PM). Thank you!

Food Pantry:

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

Did you know that you can view our weekly bulletin online? Just visit our website. www.smtbethpage.org, and click on the picture of the pews. Then click on the bulletin link on the left

for links to this week's and past



COMMUNION BREAKFAST



bulletins!

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!

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, Cindv Aldrich, Fr. Dennis Billv, CSsR Brianna Cardinao, Sharon Depalo, Edith Magee Baby Mackenzie, Anna Maria Testa & Windy, Fred Nelson Jan Rhea, Marv-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 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 20 - May 26, 2012 Altar Bread &, Wine In Loving Memory of Barbara Zanchelli and Hedwig & Anthony Segretto

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." John Ehl, Margaret Lally, William Wallace Anna Susi, Alfred N. Spinosa

The Parish of St. Martin of Tours congratulates the following children who have received their First Holy Communion during the month of May. We ask that our Lord Jesus and His Blessed Mother be a great force in their lives as they continue their faith journey.

Kaitlin Ackerly Nicholas Attard Bryan Bello Emma Biesty Nicholas Brady Joseph Camelo Antonietta Caruso Matthew Christensen Michael Corbo Justin Crumb Jack D'Aponte Julia DeMicco John DiMartino **Christopher Downes** Henry Fenyo Gianna Fingerle **Billy Forster Paige Gaudio** Michael Graston Isabella Heinz Nicole Hilber Richard Hosein Megan Jenal Emma Kelly Kurt Krummenacker Aidan Lauritsen Rebecca Lohman Joseph Lucchese Joseph Lynn Alexa Marinuzzi **Gregory Meder** Brayden Mikulski Kevin Mirkov Michael Montevago Matthew Mullen Kaitlyn O'Connell James Paoli Rebecca Plantania Emma Regateiro Brianna Schmer Marco Sorisi Thomas Taaffe Alvis Vaz Olivia Wise

Bryanna Ackerman Ava Aurisano Ava Belmonte Luke Boncic Sierra Brennan **Emily Carbonaro** Isabella Caruso Charles Clementz Sarah Corbo Anthony Cucurullo James David Kaley DeMicco Giavanna Ditria Timothy Drake Anthony Fernandez Michael Fitzgerald Alexa Fylstra Maggie Giacopelli Jessica Guarasci Vincenzo Helfrich Darren Hill Sara Hughes Bernardo Jimenez Amanda Klein Steven Kurre Giuliana Lavacca Santina Lonardo Brian Lunetto Julia Maggio Antonio Mathew Michael Menz Andrew Miller Vincent Modica Angelina Morici John Najdek Shannon O'Shaughnessy Giuseppe Pasquariello Elizabeth Portelli Vincent Resta Isabella Seminario **Drew Spero** Casey Trzcinski Ella Walsh Jake Zakrzewski

Nicholas Arrabito Annie Barry Valentina Beno Ava Borgese Marissa Bulla Christopher Carrieri Hailey Casale Tara Cochrane Nicholas Costanzo Gianluca Cusumano Juliet Deltoro Giovanni DiGiorgio Joseph Domagala Jake Dzurus Ryan Fey **Alexis Flores** Isabella Fylstra Matthew Giammanco Kaitlyn Hance Joseph Hennessy **Tay Hlaing** Shannon Hughes Joshua Keating Michael Kossman Justine LaCroix William LeClair Maria Loscalzo Brian Luzzi Rebecca Maguffin Brendan McCann CJ Merritt Nicole Minelli Mackenzie Moerler Isabella Morrone Shane Nikas James Panchookian Kayla Penge **Emily Postiglione Emily Riggins** Sara Sholander Tara Sperry Alyssa Ucciferri Laci Waters **Cameron Zappolo**



Allison Bauman Matthew Berner Michael Bové Thomas Buzzeo Gabriela Carchi **Kyle Chase** Erin Rose Conway Lindsay Coyne Sabrina Cusumano Kristi Denninger Joseph DiGiovanna Julia Donnelly **Ryan Farrell** Erin Fietz Ryan Foley Luke Galgano Nicholas Grammer Lauren Hawley Katelyn Herbert Ella Hohmann Brianna Iannone Camden Kelly James Krawchuk Nicholas LaRocca Ashley Lendemann Dominic Lozito Edward Lynch Kevin Makarius Ashlynn McGrorty Domenic Miano Gianna Mirabelli **Emily Morano** Alanna Morse Ciara O'Toole Meghan Panella Alyssa Perez Ariana Qeligi Nicholas Scheiner Daniel Skupinsky Brandon Stremel Charlize Ucciferri **Caitlin Watters** Ava Zingone

WIN A GOURMET DINNER FOR <u>FOUR</u>

With Our Pastor FATHER PATRICK WOODS



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



Tickets will be on sale after all Masses \$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.)

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.

St. Martin's is happy to recognize the following students who have excelled during the Second Trimester:

<u>Kellenberg Memorial High School</u>

Trevor Ciampo Sarina DeDomenico Charity Guiquin Mark Guiquin Jenny-anne Kennedy Christopher Maguffin Vittoria Notaro Angela Rizzo Geena Sullivan Michael Sullivan

Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Mollie Carney

St. Dominic High School

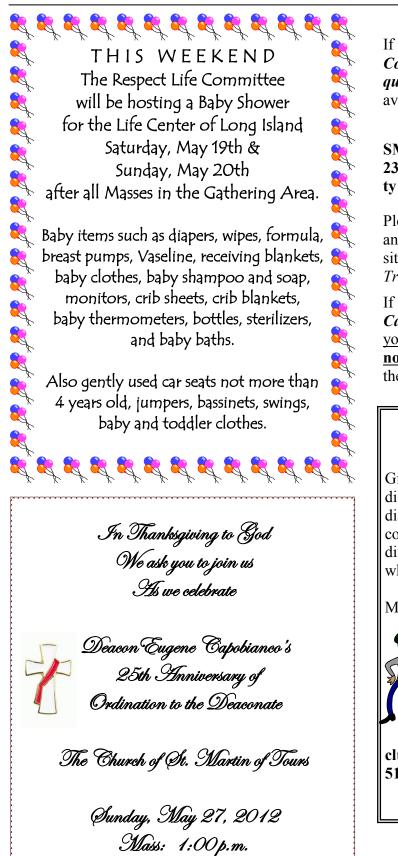
Chelsea Donohue Erich LaFalce Matthew Cafiero Christopher Gucciardo Christopher Himberger

Charminade High School

Sean P. Calabro Thomas J. Imbornoni II Joseph M. Capobianco Sean T. Luzzi Peter D. Mikulus Casey D. Widmer Patrick D. Del Re Holy Trinity High School Patrick Donovan Cory Robinson Salvatore Valentinetti



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Light refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS If you haven't already, please *fill out a Screening Consent & Disclosure Form, Volunteer Service Request Form 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 <u>drvc.org</u> 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. <u>If</u> 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.

BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

Before the names are permanently written in the new Book of the Gospels, please review below. If you find misspellings or omissions, you may contact the rectory office at 931-0818 by Monday, June 4th. In order to keep names together as requested, they will be listed as you see them below. As soon as the names are confirmed as correct, they will be written in the Book of the Gospels by a calligrapher. Many thanks and God bless you for your donations!

> Patrick Curtin The Maggi Family The Coveney Family Molly L. Ciminelli Bill & Teresa Holt John Mitchell Madeline Musco Martuge & Pandolfi Families Anne Mancusi Theresa Lazarus Mary Jane & Patrick J. Looney Helen & William Ahern Katherine G. Looney Matthew S. Gaynor Flood & Jones Families Parmenter & Sullivan Families Memory of Winifred O'Mara Memory of Malachy Mulligan Memory of the Sirianni Family Memory of the Osborne Family Belmonte & Mosono Families Capasso & Taylor Families Angela & John Calendrille Imbornoni & McLaughlin Families Frances & Albert Arrigo Ivy & Herman Ostermeier Leila & Manuel Dorego Beatrice & Robert Hermann Keith, Sean & Dennis Meehan The Segretto Family Thomas & Loretta Kennedy John & Lucy Speelman Speelman, Brady & Provost Families Klingel & Kosmas Families Anna M. Marshall McCarthy-Gould Family John & Gerry McCarthy & Family Nicholas & Joseph Sergio & Family Joseph & Lucy Laudadio Sam J. Malerba Al Kump

BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN AND ST. MARTIN PARISHIONER MOVES ON TO THE SEMI-FINALS ON MSG VARSITY'S TALENT SHOW

Bethpage High School freshman and LaSalle Regional graduate, Nick Tangorra, thanks to your votes has moved on to the Semi-Final round of MSG Varsity's Talent Show airing **Sunday**, **May 20th on iO Channel 14 at 8pm**. He's so close to clinching his spot in the finals but he needs your help! Viewers can vote for Nick immediately following the Semi-Finals episode airing Sunday May 20th. To place your vote and see Nick's performances, head over to www.msgvarsitytalentshow.com

Feel free to check out Nick on https:// www.facebook.com/NickTangorra and follow him on twitter @Nicktangorra and while you're there check out his new single "Dance With Me" streaming live under the Bandpage Tab on Nick's Facebook page.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER!

Please support the "One Run - One Cure" team on Sunday May 27th. This Relay for Life team will be selling homemade jewelry before and after the 8:30, 10 and 11:30 masses. They have raised funds at St. Martin's for the past two years. All proceeds will go to Relay For Life on their June 2nd event at Bethpage High School. Supporting them is a positive way to unite the community of Bethpage and to give back to those who have dealt with cancer.

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 <u>http://</u>thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.



<u>Life Teen</u>: There will be a Life Night on May 20th after the 5:30 Mass. All High School aged teens are welcome.

<u>Edge</u>: Our next meeting is on June 15th. 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: <u>www.smtbethpage.com</u> for photos and more information! To contact Erin, you can e-mail EKHoran@yahoo.com.

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. <u>Our next Adoration service is Tuesday,</u> <u>June 12th</u>. Everyone is welcome to join us in

adoring, praising and loving our Lord in the sed Sacrament

Blessed Sacrament.

Special Event in Youth Ministry

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!

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 7PM. **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.

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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 NUMBER OF ABORTIONS ON LONG ISLAND INCREASING

The Long Island Catholic reports in its May 8th issue that the number of abortions on Long Island is increasing even though statewide, they have decreased. Allison O'Brien, director of the diocesan Respect Life Office, reviewing the statistics stated, "We're going in the wrong direction." Those statistics show that in 2010 there were 7,393 abortions in Nassau and Suffolk Counties combined, compared with 7,279 in 2009. 2010 statistics are the most recent ones available.

According to New York State Department of Vital Statistics, abortions held steady in Nassau: 3,404 in 2009; 3,401 in 2010 while increasing in Suffolk: 3,875 in 2009; 3,992 in 2010.

Lorraine Gariboldi, director of the Life Center of Long Island said the increase is an indication of the need for ABSTINENCE BASED EDUCATION, rather than "comprehensive sex education," which presents sex outside of marriage as an option. "We are reaching a lot of young women with "LONG IS-LAND TEEN FREEDOM," a program that emphasizes responsibility and abstinence." "When government funding of the program ended, they had to cut back the number of schools they went to. "The diocese is involved in a variety of preventive efforts, including education to PREVENT PREGNANCY, offering alternatives and care and support," stated O'Brien, "There is also help for women who do have abortions."

PROJECT RACHEL: The number to reach for a Project Rachel counselor is 1-888-456-HOPE

O'Brien states: The increase in abortions induced by such drugs as Mifepristone, commonly known as "RU486," and Misoprostol, which are given at an abortion facility. "Some women are taking a pill as less invasive then surgical abortion, making abortion more accessible, but there are also side effects, and a greater risk of complications." "These drugs were responsible for 23 % of all abortions in Suffolk in 2010," said O'Brien, who is a medical nurse. Such abortions have increased by 27% in Suffolk and 97% in Nassau from 2009 to 2010.

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. Travel arrangements are personal responsibilities. <u>First come, first served!</u> So please email me at woodscssr@aol.com or contact the parish office.

One of the things I love most about our parish is that we have a sense of feeling very much at home in the church. We should, since the parish church belongs to all the parishioners. Yet for the sake of good order, I would ask the following norms be observed:

- Please do not move anything in the church that has been placed there such as plants, statues, or materials on the bulletin board.
- Please do not add statutes or other devotional materials in the church. Flowers or prayer petitions placed in the shrine area as a sign of devotion is fine.
- Please do not add or replace any materials on the bulletin board without the permission of the pastor.
- Please do not water the plants since we have people assigned to do this.

I welcome any suggestions you have about anything you wish placed in the church or on the bulletin boards and will consider them carefully with you. I am very happy to discuss these things with you or any ideas you have about church decorum.

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 State Park. Planning

is in its early stage but more details will follow.

Eventually, we will be seeking volunteers, and also volunteers who wish to dunk Father Ciya in a dunking machine. *Ssssh Don't tell him!*

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.
- The Closing Mass for Pre Cana couples is on Sunday, May 20th at the 11:30AM. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding day and their future lives together in Christ.
- VENUE CORRECTION: Monday, May 21st at both 9:45AM & 7:30PM, Fr. Pat will be giving a presentation on the Holy Spirit in the <u>School</u> <u>Cafeteria</u>. 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.
- 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 at the 11:30AM Mass celebrates the sacrament of Confirmation for those adults completing their initiation in the Faith. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Pentecost 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.