Masses For The Week Monday - June 11 6:30 Dooley Family 9:00 Louis Mosca **Tuesday - June 12** Murizio Frakaloss 6:30 9:00 May Schramm & Mae Breslin Wednesday - June 13 John & Elizabeth Bernhard 6.309:00 Ines & Louis Serventi Thursday - June 14 Catherine & Silvio Sita 6:30 9:00 Leonard & Gertrude Parine Friday - June 15 6:30 Mary Waechtler Fanny Ventura 9:00 Saturday - June 16 **Intentions Announced at Mass** 9:00 5:00 **Dailey Family** 7:00 William J. Csajko Sunday - June 17 The People of the Parish 7:00 8:30 Frank & Mary Cagna William & Maureen Scharen, 10:00 40th Wedding Anniversary John Kirk 11:30 Gerald R. Saloy 1:00 Sr. Mary Patrick McCarthy, GNSH 5:30 **Readings For The Week** Acts 11:21b-26: 13:1-3: Matthew 5:1-12 Mon. Tues. 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19 Wed. 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26 Thurs. Fri. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus-Solemnity Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37 Sat. 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 2:41-51 Sun. Ezekiel 17:22-24 "The Lord will raise Israel like a tree on a high mountain. It shall put forth branches, bear fruit and become a majestic cedar." **2 Corinthians 5:6-10** Even though we are in the flesh, our intent is to please the Lord. For when our earthly walk of faith is done, everything shall be revealed before Christ.

Mark 4:26-34 The reign of God is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds, yet it grows into the biggest shrub of all. By means of parables Jesus taught the people.



<u>Divine Mercy Novena</u>

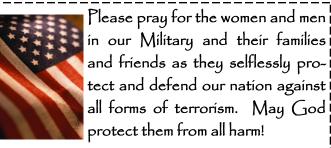
Every Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift Last Week June 2/3 Collection			
Amount Received:	\$19,210.05		
Thank you for your support & generosity!			

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Stewardship A Way of LifeThe Bishops' Stewardship Pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them..."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek to use their gift of time wisely by taking-a-step, reprioritizing and planning for a little more time in those areas which they consider important such as weekly Eucharist.



<u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u> GOT GOD?

Of course you do! You come to mass, say the prayers, sing the songs and receive communion. BUT if you only think about God while you're in church, then you don't "got ENOUGH God!" Bring Him into your every day life; He bring you into His!

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.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

June 4	#163	M/M Richard Baker	\$25.00
June 5	#515	Kathleen McCormick	\$25.00
June 6	#399	Dorothy Pfeifer	\$25.00
June 7	#291	Ed & Sara Indelicato	\$25.00
June 8	#656	John & Anne Staudt	\$50.00

Letter from the Pastor

I have the experience, as I am sure you have, of being with someone, perhaps a good friend or your spouse, while they speak to you of something that was important to them. You nodded and appeared to be listening, but it was clear that your mind was a thousand miles away. Soon you got an elbow to the ribs saying, "*Are you listening? Have you heard one word that I said?*" In Scott Peck's classic best seller, *The Road Less Traveled*, he makes a strong point that the experience of someone being *truly* present to another person is rather rare. Very often when we are listening to someone, our minds are already formulating our responses. It is very hard to just be *present* to another person.

This weekend is the Celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for the Body of Christ). The Church invites us to reflect on the great gift that God has given us in the Eucharist. Some of us grew up with frequent benedictions and forty hour devotions to the Blessed Sacrament. There was a great emphasis on the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. In most churches, the tabernacle was the main focus of the church. We looked for the burning candle in the red sanctuary lamp to show that Christ was present in the Eucharist.

Over the last several decades, there has been a shift in our liturgical approach to a greater focusing on the celebration of the Mass. The altar is emphasized as the place of sacrifice and as the table where we are fed with the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Certainly, this makes sense since the Mass is the celebration of the dying and rising of our Lord. When we celebrate Mass as parish community, we are following the words of Jesus at the last supper: *Do this in memory of me*. The celebration of the Mass is the central act of worship and prayer of our Catholic faith.

Nonetheless, our Catholic faith also calls us to be attentive to the ongoing Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. We say that God is everywhere and he is. He is in nature, in our hearts, in heaven, wherever there is love and kindness, and also with those suffering. Yet, there is a very special and divine presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that is reserved in the tabernacle. We can pray anywhere and focus on God. Still, prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is considered especially privileged.

We live in a world of noise and distraction. I must confess that I almost always have music on in my office or when I am driving. When I go for a walk, I take my radio. I have an iPod. I put on the television even when I am not watching it. Although we may say that I just want some peace and quiet, I wonder if we really *do* desire solitude.

I am always touched when I come into our church and see a parishioner or two sitting quietly in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. I say to myself I should do more of that, but I often let the rush of life takes over and miss the opportunity to have some quiet time with God. As we celebrate this feast of Corpus Christi, I invite you to consider making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and spending some moments in front of the Lord. You can pray the rosary, read the scripture, talk to Him in your own words, or just be there. It is a wonderful gift to sit with the Lord.

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

Just a note: On Saturday, June 2, I had the honor of baptizing my great-niece, Mairead Lily. I was so excited by the no hitter pitched by Johan Santana on June 1st that I accidently baptized her with the name Joanna Santana!! My nephew did not mind since I taught him to be a Met fan, but his wife was a bit upset since she is a Yankee fan.

Wedding Banns

2nd Anthony Pena & Danielle Baglivo1st Brian Rissmiller & Alexandra Pazmino

1st Jason Burns & Jennifer Maguire

Banns Only (marriage at another church)1stMichael Ciano & Kimberly Hochbrueckner



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

This week, the Pantry is in need of pasta sauce, vegetables (no string beans), hearty soups, chili, beef stew, canned & bagged beans, mayonnaise, oil, coffee, tea, sugar, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruit, laundry detergent, dish detergent, shampoo & conditioner, diapers (sizes 4,5 & 6) and baby wipes. We are so grateful for the generosity of the parishioners. 810 people were served during the month of May.

STILL A NEED: An adult learner is in need of a **laptop** 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We congratulate the following men from the Hartigan Council who recently received their third degree membership as Knights of Columbus:

Father Patrick Woods, Richard Robinson, David Serana, Dean Katsoros, Nicky Mafrici, Joseph Vissichelli, Michael Daly, Joseph Interrante, Anthony Marmorale, Kenneth Kelly and Brian Russo. 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., 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 Fr. James Small, CSsR, Christopher P. Walsh



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Walk with Jesus



Eucharistic Parish Procession Sunday, June 10th at 6:30 P.M.

Come and Publically Witness to your Love of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament

In honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Jesus) there will be a procession around the block of our Church with the Blessed Sacrament after the 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Sunday Mass on June 10th. Even if you have attended another Mass earlier in the day, you are still most welcome to join the procession that will begin around 6:30 p.m. The procession will start on Central Avenue, to Broadway, to Seaman Avenue and back into the Church. We will end the procession with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. If the weather is poor, we will have the procession inside the Church. This is a wonderful way to witness to your love of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

God bless you, Father Pat



Memorial Mass Msgr. Edmond J. Trench Monday, June 18, 2012 7:00p.m. Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church 201 N. Central Avenue Valley Stream NY 11580

May 28, 1930 March 17, 2012 Msgr. Edmund J. Trench was educated at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington and ordained

on June 1, 1957 at St. James Pro-Cathedral, Brooklyn. His first assignment as a young parish priest was at our own parish of St. Martin of Tours from June 29, 1957 to June 18, 1960 when he was appointed Moderator of the Eastern Nassau Chapter Diocesan Council of Nurses.

Parishioners of SMT are cordially invited to attend Msgr. Trench's Memorial Mass on June 18th.

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

The following children have been baptized into the Faith on June 3, 2012. May God bless them and their families as they begin their life journey.

> Emma Rose Alviti Aviana Marie Elardo Joanna Elizabeth Guinan Jake Thomas Hacker Danaka Margaret Hickey Robert Wesley Murphy Jason Ralph Sessa, Jr. Serafina Hope Sessa Antoinette Belle Valente Jack Patrick Ward

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

All parishioners are invited to attend a Communion Breakfast especially FATHERS, SONS & DAUGHTERS AND MOMS, TOO! Sponsored by the Hartigan Council Knights of Columbus. *Father's Day, June 17th, Mass at 9 a.m. at the Hartigan Council followed by breakfast.* Cost is \$7.00 for anyone over 4 years of age.

Reservations can be arranged by calling the Rectory at 931-0818 or through the Knights: Jim Miller: 799-9231 Peter Volberg, Jr.: 293-4225 Joe Brooks: 822-5680

Deceased Knights will be remembered at the Mass. Some of the proceeds will go to the Parish Outreach.

"They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread."

Divorced, Separated and Single Catholics of LI Widows and Widowers

Nassau County Chapter Number One PO Box 2031 Publicity Newsletter Chairperson Rick Wilson

New Member Orientation Non-Denomination-All Welcome

Tuesday, June 26th at 8:00PM St. Frances de Chantal School 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh Please bring proof of single status For info: Carol 516-794-4933 before 9AM Mike 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 <u>http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.</u>

June 10, 2012

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

understanding the basics • defending a right

Speaking for the Church: Our Shepherds (6 of 7)

Our Catholic faith is clear: Christ is present in his Church. What seems to many a mere institution is in fact a holy people. It is a mystical body that has Christ as its head. It is a pilgrim people that journeys to the Father. By baptism, it is us. And by Christ's design, it is hierarchically ordered. This order, like any good order, ensures unity, vitality, and growth. Out of love, the Lord Jesus gave us, his body, overseers to teach, govern, and sanctify. Striving to be faithful imitators of Christ the Good Shepherd, those overseers, the bishops, lay down their lives in service so that God's people may be built up and Christ proclaimed.

This basic teaching of our faith is important to remember amid the current conversation surrounding the HHS mandate. After all, there are many voices in the debate, even in the Catholic fold, and the tendency today is to treat the voice of the bishops as one among many. To do so though is to forget their Christ-given place among us. Bishop Murphy reminds us that the bishops speak for the Church. "There are many opinions among Catholics," he says, "but if you want to know what the Church teaches and what her faith demands, ask the bishops who, alone as the successors of the apostles in union with the pope, are the ones who can be trusted to offer, not an opinion, but the authentic teaching of the Catholic Church."

To assist them in their role as shepherds of the flock, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops formed an Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty in September 2011. The committee was charged with identifying threats made towards religious freedom and addressing the profound impact those threats would have on the faithful.

Archbishop-designate William Lori of Baltimore was named as chair. Under his leadership, its members have worked closely with national organizations, charities, ecumenical and interreligious partners, and scholars to form a united and forceful front in defense of religious freedom for every American. Since January 2012 the committee has clearly articulated the specific ways in which the HHS mandate poses serious threats to America's heritage of religious freedom and has shown how the mandate's regulations impact Catholic institutions.

Recognizing the importance of educating the faithful in this matter, the committee has provided on its website various resources and legislative updates to help Catholics around the country stay informed. Most recently, the committee has issued a guiding document entitled Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty. In that statement, the overall sentiment is made clear in the opening lines: "We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both...To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other." "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.

Sixth in a series of seven bulletin inserts. For further information visit www.usccb.org and www.drvc.org St. Thomas Aquinas is often considered the greatest theologian the Catholic Church has ever produced. He was a Thirteenth Century Dominican. He wrote a beautiful Eucharistic Hymn that we continue to sing to this day. In Latin, it is called the *Pange Lingua* which means *Sing My Tongue*. We sing it on Holy Thursday when we reverence the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass. The last two verses make up the hymn the *Tantum Ergo* that we sing at Benediction. In English, we sing it as the hymn *Down in Adoration Falling*. I invite you to pray it on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Pange Lingua

Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory, of His flesh the mystery sing; of the Blood, all price exceeding, shed by our immortal King. Destined, for the world's redemption, from a noble womb to spring. Of a pure and spotless Virgin born for us on earth below. He, as Man, with man conversing, stayed, the seeds of truth to sow; then He closed in solemn order wondrously His life of woe. On the night of that Last Supper, seated with His chosen band. He the Pascal victim eating, first fulfills the Law's command; then as Food to His Apostles gives Himself with His own hand. Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature by His word to Flesh He turns; wine into His Blood He changes; what though sense no change discerns? Only be the heart in earnest, faith her lesson quickly learns. Down in adoration falling, This great Sacrament we hail, Over ancient forms of worship Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith will tell us Christ is present, When our human senses fail. To the everlasting Father, And the Son who made us free And the Spirit, God proceeding From them Each eternally, Be salvation, honor, blessing, Might and endless majesty. Amen. Alleluia.

Since there were a number of changes phoned in, we are publishing the names for <u>the last time</u> for correction purposes only. After June 11th the calligrapher will begin writing the names in the BOOK OF THE GOSPELS.

Patrick Curtin The Maggi Family The Coveney Family Molly L. Ciminelli Bill & Teresa Holt In Memory of John Mitchell In Memory of Madeline Musco Martuge & Pandolfi Families Anne Mancusi Theresa Lazarus In Memory of Mary Jane & Patrick J. Looney In Memory of Helen & William Ahern In Memory of Katherine G. Looney Matthew S. Gaynor Flood & Jones Families (Brian) Sullivan & Parmenter Families In Memory of Winifred O'Mara In Memory of Malachy Mulligan In Memory of the Sirianni Family In 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, Klingel & Kosmas Families Anna M. Marshall McCarthy-Gould Families John & Gerry McCarthy & Family Nicholas & Joseph Sergio & Family Joseph & Lucy Laudadio Sam J. Malerba Al Kump Michael J. & Lucretia (Grace) Alloggio John J. Wolfe In Memory of Kenneth W. Meyer Maria Osicki Anne & John Staudt In Memory of Willy Krupitsch In Memory of Patricia Peters Lazzati & Tesoriero Families In Memory of John & Gertrude O'Rourke In Memory of Louis Ruggiero Pierina Balzarini Emilio & Mary Balzarini In Memory of Michael Smith In Memory of Louis & Helen Gaccione E. H. Derr Family



<u>Life Teen</u>: There is NO Life Night on June 10th. Please pray for Father Henry, Father Ciya, John from our band, Erin & Trish as they attend Life Teen's National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. May they have a faith filled experience and a safe journey!

<u>Edge</u>: Our last Edge meeting until the fall 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 join. 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</u>



service is Tuesday, June 12th. Everyone is welcome to join us in adoring, praising and loving our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Life Center of LI would like to thank the Parish of St. Martin's as well as Fathers Pat, Henry, Jim and Ciya and the Respect Life Committee for their incredible generosity yet again to our expectant mothers and their babies. Donated items are a true gift. Strollers, car seats, diapers, breast pumps, wipes, hand crocheted and knitted items, clothing, blankets...the list goes on! A band of volunteers from our Respect Life Committee filled a pick-up truck, van and 4 cars of the items you gave. They formed a "caravan" and took it all out to the Life Center in Deer Park where baby items are stored. \$537.00 was donated and delivered to our Life Center in Massapequa. Still, baby items are being donated, and another carful of them will be making the trip once more! Thank You, and God Bless You, each and every one! A formal "Thank You" is posted in the Gathering Place, showing pictures of your incredible kindness!

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.

New York Catholic Bible Summit 2012

Saturday, June 16, 2012 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

New York Catholic Center 350 East 56th Street, New York City

For more information and registration, please check out the <u>New York Catholic Bible Summit</u> <u>2012</u> webpage.

You will be able to attend two workshops in addition to a keynote in Spanish or English. You will be asked for your top three workshop choices on the registration form. Workshops fill on a first come first served basis.

The fee is \$40.00 for this one day program. If any parishioner wishes to attend, please email me and the parish might be able to give you a scholarship for this program.

Father Pat

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

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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. RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

ASSISTED SUICIDE: DEATH BY "CHOICE"? Across the country assisted suicide is being promoted as a "CHOICE" that should be available - only for adults, only in "hard cases," and only under supposedly careful guidelines. This promotion, however, is just <u>the first step</u> of a strategy developed by assisted -suicide advocates to achieve their goal of DEATH ON DEMAND. Unfortunately, assisted suicide often receives very little attention, and many people who deeply respect human life are unaware of the threat of assisted suicide.

WHAT IS ASSISTED SUICIDE? Assisted suicide means deliberately and intentionally providing an individual with the means to commit suicide. It means that doctors would provide lethal overdoses of drugs to patients so they can end their lives.

<u>Note:</u> Today a pharmacist in Oregon or Washington can dispense a lethal prescription, accompanied by instructions to take it with a light snack and alcohol to cause death. And health insurance can pay for that prescription.

Concerns about health care costs and general financial uncertainty, along with serious discussions about limiting health care for the elderly, are currently reaching a boiling point. If assisted suicide is added to the cauldron, the final result can be doubly lethal. Making assisted suicide a medical treatment gives it the status of only one among many options for the treatment of certain conditions. In cost-effectiveness assisted suicide differs in a major way from other treatments. It is extremely affordable and can always be covered by health insurance. The force of economic gravity can lead to increased pressure on patients to request and doctors to prescribe, assisted suicide.

Do we want to go from a situation where people are horrified by assisted suicide, but then tolerate it and, finally accept it? Do we want to see a time, the not too distant future, when people feel guilty for NOT choosing assisted suicide?

THAT IS WHAT WE'RE LEAVING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION IF WE DON'T PRE-VENT THE SPREAD OF ASSISTED SUI-CIDE....NOW!

source: USCCB website: www.usccb.org/profile

KEEP THE DATE OPEN PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, August 18th at **Cantiague State Park** More info to come in future bulletins!



THANK YOU from Deacon Grene

| would like to thank everyone for the beautiful mass and celebration of the 25th anniversary of my ordination. It was such a memorable day for me and my family. A special thanks to everyone for their well wishes and gifts!

Deacon Gene

FÉLICITATIONS!

Les gagnants heureux de la loterie 'Diner avec le Pére Patrick Woods' sont Thomasina Michalik et Joe Heyenoord!! Ils vont se réunir bientôt avec les Péres Patrick et Henri pour décider d úne date et choisir le menu de leur soirée gastronomique!

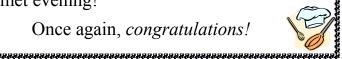
Encore une fois, *felicitations!*

Yes, sometimes the bulletin writer can be annoying, so here's the above announcement in English:

CONGRATULATIONS!

The lucky winners of the 'Dinner with Father Patrick Woods' are Thomasina Michalik and Joe Heyenoord!! They will meet with Father Pat and Father Henry soon to pick the date and the menu for their gourmet evening!

Once again, *congratulations!*



"To Magnify the Lord: Three Days of Prayer in Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help"

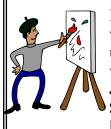
Join the Redemptorists June 25-27 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City for three special days of prayer and reflection to celebrate the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 P.M. each day, with an additional Mass at noon on June 27.

Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, including individual blessings with the icon, will be held in the Lady Chapel immediately following each Mass.

> For more information, visit Redemptorists.net or call toll-free 1-877-876-7662.

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