Masses For The Week Monday - July 9 6:30 Joan Osterndorf 9:00 Thomas P. LaFalce, Sr. Tuesday - July 10 6:30 Antonia & Alfred DeBono Deceased Members of the Croan Family 9:00 Wednesday - July 11 Blanche & Emil Zalzal 6:30 9.00James D. Maddalena Thursday - July 12 6:30 Victor Zino 9:00 Kenneth W. Meyer Friday - July 13 Vita Avignone 6:30 9:00 Living Family of Dorothy & Vincent Mignone Saturday - July 14 Intentions Announced at Mass 9:00 5:00 Frances Dee 7:00 William Nolan Sunday - July 15 The People of the Parish 7:00 8:30 Michael & Frances Mondiello 10:00 Arcangela Tursi, Anniversary 11:30 Frances & Angelo Amico 1:00 Carmela Raia 5:30 Jeannette Schaaf **Readings For The Week** Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22, Matt 9:18-26 Mon.

- Tues. Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38 Wed. Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7
- Thurs. Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15
- Fri. Hosea 14:2-10: Matthew 10:16-23
- Sat. Isaiah 6:1-8: Matthew 10:24-33

Sun. Amos 7:12-15 Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores when the Lord took him from following the flock and said to him, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 God chose us in Christ to be blameless and full of love. In him we were chosen to "exist for the praise of his glory."

Mark 6:7-13 Jesus sent out his disciples two by two to preach the good news. They took nothing with them. In Christ's power they expelled demons and healed the sick.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift Last Week June 30/July 1 Collection

Amount Budgeted:\$17,500.00Amount Received:\$16,753.77Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Stewardship AWW allier This week, as we celebrated the In-

 $\frac{A Way of Life}{A Way of Life}$ dependence of our country, may we always recognize and use wisely the

gifts of freedom and abundance God has showered upon us.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who embrace the call of good citizenship by sharing their gifts at home, at work, at school, at our parish, in our community and in the world!



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!

<u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u>

If the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, then why are so many people running around in circles? We'd all like to be on a straight road to God, but most of us are on a zigzag road. That's okay as long as it's moving forward most of the time! Come and find out how to keep yourself on the right road.

Our next meeting is Monday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend and share the journey. Call 516-993-9672 for answers to any questions or for prayer intentions.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

July 2	#264	Carmela & Michael Mondiello	\$25.00
July 3	#345	Richard & Evelyn Velting	\$25.00
July 4	#631	Ken Makarius, Jr.	\$25.00
July 5	#57	M/M Frank Napolitano	\$25.00
July 6	#935	Eileen Filice	\$50.00

Letter from the Pastor

"What time does the movie start?" That is not an easy question to answer since the newspaper tells us that the movie will start at 7:30 p.m. But then there are often a series of messages telling us to turn off our cell phones and to stop texting. Then there are commercials about the super sized Coke and popcorn we might purchase in the lobby (unless Mayor Bloomberg owns the theatre!). Then there's the coming attractions for a number of new films. I usually like the coming attractions, until they go on for about a half hour or so and then I begin to wonder if the movie I came to see will ever be shown!

Coming Attractions. I recently met with the parish staff, Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Liturgy Committee to do some long-range planning for our parish. This meeting was based on the surveys that you submitted at the masses on February 17 and 18, as well as the meetings I held with various members in ministry, the staff, the priests and deacons and my own reflection on the parish. I will be presenting this information to you both in writing and at a meeting to hear what your own thoughts and ideas are on the initial report that I have prepared. This will be done in September. I do not think the report will hold any major surprises for us, and all in all, the parishioners seem to be quite happy to be members of St. Martin's Parish.

Some of the key topics of discussion were:

- how to seek out younger members of the parish
- the desire to involve more people in ministry and other activities
- to fund the repairs for our buildings and property
- other ideas that came from you from the survey

In the fall we are planning a program on the topic of living our sexuality in a very secularized society. Also we are considering ways to connect the Sunday readings from the scriptures to our day-to-day lives. We might consider giving willing parishioners the opportunity to gather together and discuss the meaning of the scriptures in their own lives.

We continue to seek ways to involve the children and parents of our Religious Education Program to deepen their connection with the parish. St. Martin's is terrific, but there is concern as to how involved will the *next generation* of our Catholic community be in the life of the parish.

Things slow down in the summer and we have less committee meetings as everyone takes a vacation. However, it is also a good time for planning and of reflection. If you have any ideas about ministries and programs that you might want to create, join or have the parish consider, I am most happy to meet with you and speak to you about them.

The Holy Spirit is moving in all of us. Enough "coming attractions!" I need some popcorn!

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

Wedding Banns

2nd Ryan Vinberg & Katelyn Ludewig
2nd Patrick Bickard & Kristen O'Neill
2nd Matthew Pragel & Heather Paolini



"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 toothpaste & toothbrushes, bar soap, dish soap, diapers size 6, baby wipes, jams or jellies, canned beans (no string beans), tuna, chili, beef stew, pasta sauce, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, coffee, soups, creamed corn, juice bottles & juice boxes. Thank you!

Food Pantry: 208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM Thursday: 2:00PM - 7:00PM

Week of July 8 - July 14, 2012



Altar Bread & Wine In Loving Memory of John Lynch

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

Catherine Ann Wagner Mary-Gwen Imbornoni, Felix (Phil) Alfano, Barbara Musso, Jacqueline Westcott Barbara S. Manz Please call the rectory at 931-0818 if you know anyone who can be taken off the sick list. Thank you!

<u>Please pray for the sick of our parish:</u>

Christine Mascia, Mary Peterson, Maria Cipriano Henry Niemczyk, Robert Loughran, Jim Duggan Patricia Morrone, Flora Spinosa, Barbara Scully 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, Patrick Murphy, Bill Kelly, Harold Hand

Fr. Brendan Greany, C.Ss.R., Nicholas Guarino Bud Pehrsson, Joanne Flores, Alfred Urbanski Baby Madeline Smith, Patricia Heitzman, Patricia Hall Edward Indelicato, Sr., Fr. Tom Siconolfi, CSsR, Mom and Dad, Barbara Hunsinger, Fr. James Small, CSsR 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, Colin Flood Paul Remsen, Louise Wilson, Kevin O'Toole, Joni Lora Frances Sharkey, Bill Pidgeon, Raymond Gimbut Frank LoPinto, Joseph Zitelli, Corey Voboril, Donna Harvey Christopher P. Walsh, William Granville, John Cannetti

There is a story I heard about a convent that was having all sorts of trouble. The nuns were fighting and arguing with one another and the entire community was in disarray. An expert in communications came to the convent and met with each of the Sisters. At the end of the meetings, she gathered all the Sisters together and told them that they were wonderful women but that

each needed to take a vacation for a few weeks. Once they did that, they would come back refreshed and eager to work with one another. A few months later, she came back to visit the community. Everyone was getting along beautifully. So, the expert called the Sisters together and complemented them on listening to her advice by each one going on vacation. One of the Sisters spoke up: *"We did not have the money to send all the Sisters on vacation, so we just sent the superior."* I like that story.

So, I am giving you all a vacation from me as I take a couple of weeks vacation in July. I also hope that you have the opportunity to have time this summer for some rest and relaxation. We often laugh in my family as we recall the words of my father when the 4th of July would come. He would say, *the summer is over!* We would laugh and tell him it was just beginning, but I must say, as I get older, I do find the summer days pass very quickly and we are soon back in the rush of school, work and the activities of the fall.

I love the word recreation. It comes from *re* and *create*: to be *re-created*. God created the world and each one of us, but we all are in continual need and desire of re-creation. Every one of us

has different ways to rest and have fun. For some, it is to travel to new places. Others love the beach, be with family, go camping, watch a ballgame, read a novel, or just sit on the porch and sip a cold drink. I do find that some people do try to jam so much into their holidays that they often end up exhausted. They may wind up saying, "I need a vacation *after* a vacation." A vacation is a wonderful time to be with family and

friends, but we all have moments when we just need ten or fifteen minutes of solitude and quiet.

I invite you, if you have leisure time this summer, to consider a kind of spiritual vacation. I often visit friends at the Jersey Shore during the summer and I am happily surprised how many people make daily mass a part of their summer rest. Many of us like to read. You might consider reading a spiritual book this summer, or even just sit with the upcoming Sunday readings and slowly read them. You might consider saying the rosary as you sip a cold lemonade. The words of our Lord Jesus, "*Come to me all you who labor and are weary and I will give you comfort and rest*," are beautiful words to think about as we take a summer vacation.

May the summer of 2012 be a safe and blessed one where you truly experience the re-creating Spirit of God.

Father Pat, CSSR

COOP Test Preparation Course Our Lady of Mercy Academy 815 Convent Road Syosset NY 11791

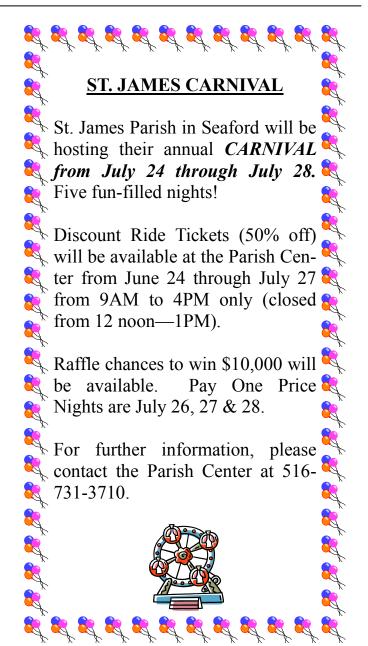
Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset is offering a Fall COOP test preparation course for all 8th grade students who wish to attend Catholic High School.

The course provides excellent instruction in the academic skills required to test well, while familiarizing the student with format and timing, thus building the selfconfidence so necessary to success.

This fall course will be held on the following Saturdays from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at a cost of \$300.00:

> September 8 September 15 September 22 September 29 October 13 October 20

For further information, or to register your child, please contact June Kennedy at (516) 921-1047, ext. 12.



Music Ministry's Invitation

If you are thinking of joining any one of our choirs, please feel free to contact us. There is a group for children as well as adults. You can sit by one of our groups at either the 8:30 a.m.,



10:00 a.m. (Children's Choir), 11:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. (Youth) masses and "just sing!" But take your time and if you feel by September that singing is something you would like to do, speak with our Choir Directors and you can become an "official" member!

Contact Elena Scollo, Music Director at (516) 931-4573 or check our website at www.smtbethpage.org and click on the picture of the piano on the homepage for more information.

Just saying...

COMMON SENSE

What we believe to be Common Sense is neither common nor sensical. It is a compendium of our life's experiences. When next you are faced with someone who has 'no common sense' seize the opportunity to share your wisdom and experience and to absorb theirs as well. Such is the attitude from which Mutual Respect is born.

Franciscan Spirit Tours

Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, Father Anthony Baetzold, CFR, and Capuchin Franciscan Friars Father Michael Marigliano, OFM Cap. and Father Michael Sevigny OFM Cap. will lead several upcoming fall, winter and spring pilgrimages to holy sites around the world:

"Footsteps of John Paul II—Poland/Prague"

"Franciscan Italy"

"Great Women of Faith" - Paris/Lourdes/Lisieux

"Holy Land-The Living Rosary"

Medugorje-Journey to Peace"

"Fatima"

"Catholic Ireland"

"The Church of Sts. John & Paul"-Greece & Turkey "Guadalupe/Mexico, Our Lady in the New World" "The Camino/Santiago de Compostelo" "World Youth Day"-Rio de Janeiro 2013

Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, or to arrange a private, custom pilgrimage, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours toll free at 800-631-1128, 646-736-7964 (in New York City), or info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com or on the web at www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com. Mention you were referred by the bulletin and the parish will receive a contribution.



Skylar Nicholson, a long time student in the Religious Education program at Saint Martin of Tours, has achieved the status of State Finalist in the National American Miss New York beauty pageant, preteen category ages 10-12. Finals in the pageant will take place at the beautiful Brooklyn Marriot August 18th. Your support and prayers would be greatly appreciated.



<u>Divine Mercy Novena</u>

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

Saint Maria Faustina

ALL ARE WELCOME!

When Traveling This Summer: Please call 1(410)676-6000 for Mass times in the U.S.

Out of Respect for Our Lord

We ask men and women, boys and girls to appear in Church modestly and respectfully dressed. Your cooperation is evidence of your love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and His Holy Mother.



PLEASE SEE THE RECTORY'S SUMMER HOURS ON PAGE 11.

An Invitation to SMT Parishioners

SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS AT THE SEASHORE.



And Jesus began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered with him many people, so that he entered into a boat, and sat in the sea; and the whole crowd was by the sea on the land. And he taught them many things by parables, and said to them in his doctrine. Mark 4:1-2

Fathers John McGowan CSSR and Patrick Woods CSSR will be leading their annual end of summer retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House at Long Branch, New Jersey for Redemptorist Associates, family, friends, co-workers and those who seek to deepen their understanding of Redemptorist spirituality.

<u>Beginning on Friday, August 24th at 8PM</u> <u>Concluding with lunch at 12 Noon on Sunday, August 26th</u>

Supper is <u>not</u> served on Friday but you are welcome to arrive and settle as early as 4p.m.

This retreat is a very refreshing time of prayer and relaxation. We invite you to bring your Bible and your bathing suit. Enjoy times of prayer in our chapel, and recreation in the cooling waters of the pool, or just sit by the ocean and reflect on the wonders of God.

<u>The cost is \$150.00 per person for the retreat and \$35.00 per person for the bus.</u> We hope to get 35 people for the bus which would leave Bethpage on Friday afternoon at 2:30. Please call the parish office at 931-0818 to make a reservation for the retreat and/or to reserve a seat on the bus. We must confirm a number for both the bus and the retreat house by Friday, August 10th. Please call or email Father Pat at woodscssr@aol.com at your earliest convenience.



Life Teen: St. Martin's Life Teen program is for all High School aged teens (9th-12th grade). Life Teen gathers every Sunday for the 5:30pm Youth Mass and every Sunday night from 7-8:30pm during the school year in the school for our Life Nights. Occasionally during the summer, Erin will make announcements inviting the teens to enjoy a BBQ after the 5:30pm Mass.

Edge: Edge meetings will pick up again in the fall. If there are any 6th, 7th and 8th graders who want to find out more about our middle school program, please contact Erin.

<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 email 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.

Correction!

Our next Adoration service is Tuesday, July 10th. Everyone is welcome to join us in adoring, praising and loving our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Mission Appeal

The weekend of July 28-29, 2012, Reverend Francis Obu-Mends, C.S.Sp., will visit our parish to speak at the Masses about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Fathers of the Holy Spirit ("the Spiritans"), earlier known as the Holy Ghost Fathers.

This visit is part of a national program whereby annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese to enlist support for the mission work of the Church.

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit is an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in many areas of the world. Father Obu-Mends himself is from Ghana and was ordained in 1992. He has pastoral and seminary formation experience and is now completing graduate studies in New York. Afterwards, he will return to teaching at the Spiritan University College Seminary in Ejisu, Ashanti Region, Ghana.

When Jesus said, "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth," He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life.

We urge you to respond generously to Father Obu-Mends' appeal.



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

GOD BLESS AMERICA

The Respect Life Committee would like to wish each and every one of you a safe, joyous 4th of July weekend filled with peace and relaxation. May you also take a moment to bring to mind what this holiday is all about, and give thanks for the freedoms you enjoy and the sacrifices made for you to enjoy them!



Independence Day, better known in modern times as the 4th of July, is a grand and great holiday in the United States of America and is often a favorite of young people who especially enjoy the exciting, colorful and noisy traditional fireworks. The fireworks, however, are but a symbol of the meaning behind the 4th of July celebration of independence.

We, as recipients and inheritors of our forefathers magnificent efforts, must hold our heads up high as we express our thanks and celebrate the 4th of July Independence Day holiday. We must remember to be proud that we live in such a great country, and we should be encouraged to work together, hand in hand, to resolve our problems and differences in order to maintain the integrity and values that the great and famous document, **THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE** was founded upon.

May we never take for granted that these freedoms can be taken away from us. Freedom is not free, for we must continue to work hard to keep our liberty and our freedom of faith... and so we pray.

Dear Lord, there is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom; with favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen.

prayer by M. Fairchild

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.

TO CURRENT EIGHTH GRADERS:

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course offered at Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville. Five 2 1/2 hour Saturday morning sessions each including review in English and Math as well as practice tests.

Course begins September 15. The \$250 fee covers instruction and materials. For additional information, visit <u>holytrinityhs.echalk.com</u> or call (516) 433-2900.

Message from the Charismatic Prayer Group

OPEN INVITATION TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED HEALING MASSES AT ST. MARTIN'S

Since St. Martin's is no longer having healing masses, we would be happy to have you come to our prayer group meetings. You can get an extra dose of healing, and we can benefit from your strong faith, devotion, and healing stories.

Maybe someone needs to hear how you've been healed. Maybe you're not healed yet, but would like some encouragement and support.

It's all available at 7:30 p.m. most Mondays in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is on Monday, July 9th. Again, all are welcome!

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.

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, July 24th 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 9PM Mike 516-799-6541 RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Please note that the office hours during the summer from Monday, July 2 to Friday, September 7 are as follows:

DAYTIME HOURS Monday - Friday: 9:00 am — 3:00 pm

> EVENING HOURS Monday, Wednesday & Friday 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

> > Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

<u>SATURDAY:</u> 9:00 am – 7:00 pm CLOSED ON SUNDAY

Message from Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Massapequa Park Senior Center, 379 Linden Street welcome seniors sixty (60) years of age or over. We serve hot meals daily and provide transportation to Plainview, Bethpage, Farmingdale, Massapequa and Massapequa Park. Our center has an art class, sculpture class, exercise and Zumba classes. We also have bingo twice a week, speakers, parties, and day trips. We provide shopping several times a week.

We are open Monday - Friday all year round. You are welcome to stop by to observe our many activities.—Barbara Klich, Program Manager, phone 516 -797-5357.

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.