

Masses For The Week

Monday - July 30

6:30 Louis Wilkens
9:00 Margaret Harlem

Tuesday - July 31

6:30 Engnazio & Grazia Leto
9:00 Frances & Henry Mauren

Wednesday - August 1

6:30 Maria & Anthony Lofrumento
9:00 Mary & Thomas LaGanga

Thursday - August 2

6:30 Leonora Trupiano
9:00 Mary & Frank Cagna

Friday - August 3

6:30 Charlotte Eannel
9:00 James W. Comerford, Anniversary

Saturday - August 4

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Sarah Darcy
7:00 Dennis F. Meehan

Sunday - August 5

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Marcello & Natalie Zadia
10:00 Colleen McNamara
11:30 Frank D. Barone
1:00 Frank Pfeffer
5:30 Shirley & Harold Peterson

Readings For The Week

Mon. Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35
Tues. Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43
Wed. Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matt 13:44-46
Thurs. Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53
Fri. Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58
Sat. Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12
Sun. Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 *In the desert the Israelites grumbled against Moses because they were hungry. The Lord sent down quail and bread for them to eat. By this, Israel came to know the Lord.*

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 *Paul told the Ephesians they could not continue to live as pagans did. As followers of Christ they were to lay aside their old selves and "put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."*

John 6:24-35 *The crowd followed Jesus to Capernaum because he had given them bread to eat. Jesus told them instead to seek the food of eternal life. He said that he is "the bread of life."*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Last Week July 21/July 22 Collection

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,070.06

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Stewardship
A Way of Life

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the Psalmist, "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who feed the hungry through such efforts as St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Long Island Cares, Harry Chapin Food Bank and our own Parish Outreach pantry!

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!



Charismatic Prayer Group

Summer is more than half over! Vacations, trips, visiting friends and relatives and hot, lazy days all add up to lots of empty seats at mass! We have to make time for God. Besides, summer is perfect for Son-worshipping!!

Our next meeting is Monday, July 30th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come be a Son-worshipper! No Son screen needed! Call 516-993-9672 for answers to any questions or for prayer intentions.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

July 23	#394	Marliese Coveney	\$25.00
July 24	#273	M/M Robert Preziosi	\$25.00
July 25	#349	Camille Miceli-Noren	\$25.00
July 26	#409	Jane Wojcik	\$25.00
July 27	#623	Rose Palatucci	\$50.00



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.

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.

Parent Life: All parents of middle and high school youth are invited to join. Contact Erin for more information.

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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. However there is NO Adoration service during the month of August.

The next service will be announced in future bulletins.

THANK YOU ALL!

I want to thank the parishioners and staff of St. Martin's for their kind prayers, masses, cards and words of consolation that were expressed to my sister, my family and me on the death of my brother-in-law, John. It is a great blessing to be part of such a loving and supportive parish family.

- Father Pat

For many years, I gave retreats to engaged couples in a program called **Engaged Encounter**. I believe I did about seventy of these retreats and I think it is one of the finest programs the Catholic Church has to prepare couples for marriage. This program was developed by the Marriage Encounter Program which was also a program that I had experience with through the years. Marriage Encounters are weekend retreats for happily married couples. The couple on a marriage encounter weekend has time to just be with one another. Almost every couple I know who has made a Marriage Encounter has valued it very much and found it deepened their love.

I would highly recommend that parents who have children getting married, as well as the young people themselves, consider making an Engaged Encounter. This is a great and lasting gift you can give that will surely benefit the couple as they prepare to take their vows. The parish will give a \$50.00 donation to any couple who makes Engaged Encounter to help pay for the cost of the weekend. Here is some contact information:

Lenny & Pat Walker: 631-563-1032 or
www.drvc-faith.org/marriagePrep.html

I would also highly recommend that married couples in our parish consider making a **Marriage Encounter**. I can promise you this weekend will help you deepen your love for your spouse and for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Again, I offer a \$50.00 donation from the parish to help pay the cost of the weekend. Here is some contact information:

1-877-NYS-WWME (1-877-697-9963) or www.WWMEI.org

Finally, I recommend another program entitled **Retrouvaille** which has also been developed under the leadership of Marriage Encounter. The focus of this program is to help married couples whose marriages are having very difficult times, in crisis, or contemplating divorce or separation. Again, I believe so much in these programs that our parish will offer a \$100.00 donation to any couple to help defray the cost of the program.

Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, Sept. 7th at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Father Pat Woods, CSSR

Wedding Banns

3rd Daniel Sullivan & Kristen Romano
 2nd Philip Sanfilippo & Lauren Bookman
 2nd Jack Bucaria & Loredana Mannino



*"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, diapers sizes 4 & 6, baby wipes, oil, tuna, peas, chick peas, kidney beans, black beans, chili, beef stew, hearty soups, jams & jellies, coffee, tea, cookies, pancake mix and syrup, juice and juice boxes, pasta and pasta sauce. ***If anyone has a garden*** with more vegetables than can be used, please remember the Pantry. As always, ***thank you*** for your tremendous generosity to those in need!

Food Pantry:

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

**First Friday Devotions:**

August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

First Saturday Devotions: August 4th at 8:30 a.m. consisting of Rosary of Reparation, reading about Fatima, and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Week of July 29 - August 4, 2012

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
 Monica Rose Noel Lobasso*

Rest in Peace

*Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
 Angelina Sciuto, Rocco Tota, Joan T. Carlino
 Alfred S. Urbanski*

***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
 Richard Messina, 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, 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 Cavallere, Cindy Aldrich, Fr. Dennis Billy, CSsR
 Brianna Cardinao, Sharon Depalo, 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, 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, Raymond Gimbut, Frank LoPinto
 Joseph Zitelli, Corey Voboril, Donna Harvey
 Christopher P. Walsh, William Granville, John Cannetti
 Gerry McCarthy, Mary Kennedy*

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, August 18th
For the Parish Picnic**



**At Cantiague State Park
West John Street, Hicksville, NY**

**9:00 am to Sunset
Breakfast will be served for early arrivals!**

Outdoor Mass at 4:00 pm

**Games for children of all ages!
Bring your favorite BBQ/Picnic Food
Grills are available
Bring Charcoal & Chairs**

Jesus told the people to sit down on the ground: He took the seven loaves, gave thanks, broke, gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people.

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.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...you can find the St. Martin of Tours weekly bulletin on our web site? Just go to www.smtbethpage.org. Click the picture of the church pews and you will find it there.

Also posted are bulletin issues going back to January 2012. So check out our web site for the bulletin and other info.

THE HELP OUR PARISH CLUB

In the coming weeks, we will be mailing your H.O.P. Club Renewal forms for the 2012-2013 year. This fundraiser benefits our parish by helping with the operating costs of St. Martin's. If you are not a member, you can certainly become one by filling out the form below. The cost of membership is \$60.00 for one year per person, beginning September 1st and ending August 31st. A number is assigned to each member which entitles them participation in weekly drawings. Winners receive a check in the mail as well as a notice in the bulletin.

Prizes are:

Monday - Thursday: \$25

Friday: \$50

3rd Friday of the month: \$250

Feast of St. Martin, Nov 11th: two \$500 prizes

One week before Christmas: one \$500 prize

Last week of August: two \$1,000 & one \$500 prize

Here's the form for NEW MEMBERS. You can drop it off or mail to the rectory office.

NAME: _____

ADDR: _____

PHONE: _____

Check or cash enclosed: _____



TIME IS RUNNING OUT SUMMER RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

Even if you plan to travel by car, please call the rectory office at 931-0818 with the number of people attending so that we may give the retreat house the total number of guests from St. Martin's.

The Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House at Long Branch, NJ. with Father John McGowan, CSSR and Father Pat Woods, CSSR, begins on Friday, August 24th at 8PM and concludes with lunch at 12 Noon on Sunday, August 26th at a cost of \$150.00 per person.

We have reserved a bus, however, there is still a significant number of seats available. Cost for the bus is \$35.00.

PLEASE NOTE:

This is the **LAST BULLETIN NOTICE** for bus reservations since we must confirm our commitment this week.



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

MINISTRY TRAINING

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session "A" is required of all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are **also required** to attend Session "B".

To register for EM training, the pastor of the parish must send a letter to Bishop Murphy **at least 10 days in advance** requesting the training for each person attending. This letter must mention the date and place of training the person will attend. If you are interested, please write a letter to Father Pat expressing your desire to become an EM and if you will be serving in Church at Mass or as part of the Pastoral Care of the Sick Ministry.

Times and places for training:

EM "A" Session

September 22, 2012; 9 AM to 1 PM
 Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

EM "B" Session

October 6, 2012; 9 AM to 1 PM
 Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

Evening Sessions

St. Elizabeth, Melville
 Session "A" - Wednesday, Oct 3, 7:30 to 10 PM
 Session "B" - Wednesday, Oct 17, 7:30 to 10 PM

VIRTUS TRAINING

Virtus training at St. Martin of Tours to be announced. Remember, if you wish to become a member of any ministry or volunteer your time in the parish, you **MUST** attend Virtus training. You can also visit drvc.org and click on Virtus on the homepage to register at another parish. However, please be sure to check if registration is open to anyone or just to those within their parish.

Just saying...

by G.M.

MA, STOP NAGGING ME!

Some moms are that way. They can't help it. "Don't come in the house with those muddy boots!" "Clean the sink after you brush your teeth!" And my all time favorite, "Shut that door! Do we live in a barn?!" I think back to my mother constantly telling us that we **all** live here, and we are **all** responsible to keep the house clean. She'd say, "Look, kids, the title 'mother' is **not** synonymous with 'sole housekeeper!'" I kept thinking, "if she tells me that one more time...!" Of course, I would **never** reveal my secret threats, 'cause I was too young to die...I was only 12! But looking back, I remember how proud I was of our home when people would come over and make comments like, "wow, what a lovely home you all live in!" Even though I resisted, I knew my mother was right. We **all** lived there, and we were **all** responsible to keep our house clean and healthy.

So what's the point of this story, you say? Well, coming to church is like living at home. It's where we worship our Lord, where we receive our sacraments, where we meet and greet each other - where we feel at home. Putting our feet up on the hymnal racks, leaving garbage on the floor, or worse still, putting gum under the pews...well, I can just imagine the Blessed Mother raising her eyes to Heaven saying, "Father, your children must think we live in a barn!"

Of course that's not true, but nevertheless, how disappointing it must be when such disrespect is shown not only to our Lord, but to the people he entrusts to clean this holy place. St. Martin of Tours is so beautiful. We should be proud to have anyone come in, look around and say, "wow, what a lovely Home you all worship in!"

...just saying



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

Aurora massacre leaves us once again searching for elusive answers

Having just completed a two week vacation, I had originally prepared a sermon on vacations. I thought that the idea fit perfectly with Jesus' words to the apostles "*to come apart and rest awhile.*" The apostles had just completed their first missionary preaching assignment, and there were constant crowds surrounding our Lord, so he suggest they take a boat to the other side of the lake and rest a bit. The gospel says that the apostles were so busy they could not even eat. I have been busy in my life, but I have never been *that* busy, thank God!

At times we all need to rest and get away from our day-to-day lives. I love watching sports on television. It is a form of escape from the worries and problems of life. Whether the *Mets* win or lose another game (and it is more likely that they will lose) it is not a matter of life and death, although there are times when I treat it that way. Even our newspapers give us the cartoons to help us get away from the daily litany of unemployment, war, crime, and political fighting. I remember inviting a friend to a rather serious movie about the Holocaust. He wouldn't go with me because he said life was tough enough already without seeing pain in the movies. He told me that when he goes to the movies, he wants a comedy to lift him up from the world around him. Certainly, much of what is on television, we call escapism. Most shows do not tax our intellects very much, nor should they. We would not confuse *Snooki* with Shakespeare. We watch television to relax. This summer you may find a novel to read that we might call "beach reading." You will read it, enjoy it, and immediately forget it. It was what we called "escape reading."

The trouble is that we can never escape tragic news. It comes into our lives when we least expect it. Today we cannot help but think about Aurora, Colorado, and innocent people who went to a *Batman* movie on a summer night to relax, have fun, and be with family and friends. Now twelve of them are dead, and many others seriously wounded. The horror for that city, that state, and our nation is so very real. We think of the chaos they must have felt in the theater as bullets flew and blood flowed - the screams and shouts. We think of the families of the victims whose lives have been changed forever. We can never escape the dark side of life.

We move from shock: "*it can't be!*" to fear: "*could this happen to me?*" Is there any place where we are truly safe? We feel anger and may scream out for vengeance and the death penalty or torture for the murderer. And then, I must confess and say honestly, we go back to a sense of normality. We cannot hold on the deep emotions too long. And we know that other such events may well be coming in the future.

We want to blame someone - certainly, James Holmes. But we may blame *Hollywood* for its violent movies, or the easy access to guns and weapons, or we may even blame God. Why do such things happen? We cannot control the world around us and that scares us very much.

I was watching the news the other night and they brought on a psychologist and a minister in an attempt to help the viewers deal with the emotions. Grief counselors have gone to the schools and are available to others in Aurora. We know that this same area felt the terrible pain of the Columbine shooting not too many years before. How do we, as people who believe in a good and loving God, make sense out of this tragedy? Can we put this horror in any framework of meaning?

My first response would be "no." To seek some quick and easy explanation diminishes what happened. Yet to just say there is no deeper level of meaning to life - that everything is random and accidental, and that we are all just a combination of molecules and DNA that occasionally crash into one another, is even less satisfying. If there is no meaning to life, then we are hopeless and empty. I do not think I could survive reading the papers or watching the news if this were true.

Here are a few thoughts that do not give comfort or explanation but give instead some Christian perspective from our faith concerning this horrible event:

Evil and sin have a long history in humanity. There is evil in the world and we can choose to do terrible wrongs to one another. God has given us a free will. We choose his path and grace or reject him and go to the darkness. I cannot judge James Holmes. Society can punish him, but someday he will stand before God and be judged. Evil is real but so is love. There is a story about three of the victims being shielded from the bullets by their boyfriends. As much as we are shocked by evil, are we not amazed by the goodness of people? What led these men to lay down their lives for others? We can only say that God is the sources of such love.

Within a minute of the shooting, there were police and rescue workers at the movie theatre. There were men and women who drove ambulances, carried victims, comforted families, and nursed and doctored the wounded. An entire nation paused and stopped and prayed. I would believe that the impulse to do good, to act in love, to care about one's fellow human being, comes from the grace of God. We can choose to do good and act in love. So many have and continue in the face of this terrible event.

I will take it step further. As a Christian, I believe God was very present in the movie theatre as Holmes committed murders. Not a God who swoops down from heaven to prevent humans from acting as they choose, but a God who is always with us, especially at the most difficult moments of life. I say that because we find God on a cross, nailed and cursed, dying an agonizing death. If he is there, he is in a movie theatre in Colorado at a horribly dark time. The hope of eternal life is real. I believe the victims are alive before God, but that does not alleviate the sorrow. However, it does give a touch of hope to weeping and sorrowing families. God bless our country and God give the grace to follow his path of righteousness. May we follow the light of Jesus!

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

OFFICE OF WORSHIP Golden Wedding Liturgy

This fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, September 23 at the Church of Saint Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, October 21 at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms are available at the Rectory office and must be received by the Office of Worship by September 6th for the September 23rd liturgy, and by October 4th for the October 21st liturgy.

There will be additional celebrations in the spring of 2013 for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions, you may call (516) 678-5800 ext. 207.



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Managed by two local Long Island residents, John McDonough and Doug Milstein, the newly established International Learning Center (ILC) provides opportunities for international students to experience American education and culture. We are currently looking to house students starting their studies in September 2012 and beyond. Join countless American families and invite a high school student from Europe, Asia, or South America (16 countries in total) into your home for an academic year.

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For more information:

www.universitytrackpreparation.com/host

Phone: 631 871 4554

Email: international@stanthonys.org

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Call Diana Mirando

(C)830-5077 or (H) 605-1979

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Babies, Safe Place at 1(877) 796-HOPE.
Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Ser-
vices, Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-
4357.

ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE

Wednesday, August 22 at 7:00 PM MASS
 at Maria Regina Church, 3945 Jerusalem Ave., Sea-
 ford (Jerusalem Ave. & Hicksville Road)

Followed by Rosary Walk (approx. 1 1/2 miles)

Rain or Shine. Car Caravan in case of rain.

Benediction at St. William the Abbot Church
 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seafood

For more info: Joan Finn 799-0190 or
Irene Cassillo 541-8056

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**WHEN LIFE BEGINS: A MATTER OF BELIEF OR A MATTER OF FACT?**

Everybody has a right to his or her own **opinion** but everybody does not have a right to his or her own **facts**. One's own personal beliefs do not change reality. I may sincerely believe, for example, that I can walk through a wall without harm. But if I try, I will not end up on the other side of the wall. Instead I will end up with a headache.

There is a particular application here to the problem of abortion. Some people say that they do not believe that what is in the womb of a pregnant woman is a human being. They say that in their opinion it is something else. But if two people stand in front of a pregnant woman, and one says she is carrying a human baby and the other says it is not a human baby, they can't both be right at the same time! What they may differ about is the *value of the life within the womb*. But the question of whether it is a human, *is not a matter of belief, but a matter of fact*.

HERE ARE THE EXPERTS: *To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place, a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion. It is plain experimental evidence.* (Dr. Jerome Lejeune, "FATHER OF MODERN GENETICS" and discoverer of the cause of DOWN'S SYNDROME). *"By all the criteria of modern molecular biology, life is present from the moment of conception."* (Dr. Hy-mie Gordon, Chairman, department of genetics at the Mayo Clinic).

Even the "pro choice" feminist author Naomi Wolf has criticized the efforts of abortion-supporters to obscure the humanity of the unborn child. She asks, *"so, what will it be: wanted fetuses are charming, complex REM-dreaming little beings whose profile on the sonogram looks just like daddy, but unwanted ones are mere uterine material?"* (Our Bodies, Our Souls, The New Republic, Oct. 15, 1995.)

These people are not speaking about the Bible or some religious belief. They are speaking from the basis of scientific proof. *Every medical text in the world, in fact, will confirm that a unique human life begins at fertilization. If science did not know that, how could it have produced test-tube babies?*

We have entered the 21st century. This is the age of fetology (the study of the pre-born child) and fetal surgery (operations on the pre-born child). The medical textbook, The Unborn Patient begins by noting that modern science sees that *"the fetus is a patient and individual."* (p.3)

In a pluralistic society, a world of many beliefs, the laws should protect human life based on the objective and scientific fact that the life in question is human, not based on someone's belief that it is human. Otherwise, if we can kill the unborn simply because some do not believe they are human, what will keep us from killing the newborn—or anyone else - because some do not believe they are human?

Father Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life. Email mail@priestsforlife.org and web site www.priestsforlife.org.

Rosary for Life

Please come join us each Wednesday evening at 7PM as we pray the Rosary for Life. On lovely nights we can meet in the Garden for the Unborn and pray as the stars come out overhead. The Garden is lighted and so inviting for us to come together to find peace in prayer. On rainy evenings we meet in the back sacristy. Come lift up your intentions and gather with us!

A Note from Father Pat

I was recently giving a talk on anxiety and worry and I decided to look up the *Serenity Prayer* on the Internet. I was surprised to find that it is a longer prayer than I knew. I thought it was only the first four lines. It is a beautiful faith-filled prayer that is a marvelous invitation to all of us. It's author, Reinhold Niebuhr, was a famous Protestant theologian of the mid-twentieth century.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen!

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.

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

SATURDAY: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
CLOSED ON SUNDAY

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE weekend is August 17-19 at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore. The program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning and move into the future with renewed hope. Turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.

For information and reservations, call:

John (516) 822-0635

Jim (718) 474-3779

Karen (201) 736-8200

You can also email at
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The Catholic Counseling Center

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