

Masses For The Week

Monday - August 6

6:30 Madeline T. Stein
9:00 George & Dorothy Riggins

Tuesday - August 7

6:30 Theresa Romano
9:00 Teresa Flynn, Anniversary

Wednesday - August 8

6:30 Margaret Sudhoff
9:00 Memory of Flood & Jones Families

Thursday - August 9

6:30 Edward Rasmussen
9:00 Raymond Axmacher

Friday - August 10

6:30 Cathy Wagner
9:00 Maria Puppo

Saturday - August 11

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 John & Delia Connaughton
7:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo

Sunday - August 12

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Fr. Michael Kenan Ryan, 1st Anniversary
10:00 Margaret Moran
11:30 Dominick Tursi, Anniversary
1:00 Lucinda Castellanos
5:30 Terry Torgerson

Readings For The Week

Mon. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19;
Mark 9:2-10
Tues. Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed. Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28
Thurs. Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23
Fri. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26
Sat. Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20
Sun. 1 Kings 19:4-8 *Elijah grew tired as he walked in the desert. An angel appeared to him and gave him food and drink. After that Elijah walked forty more days to the mountain of the Lord.*

Ephesians 4:30-5:2 *Paul encouraged the Ephesians to replace harsh words with kindness for each other. He wrote, "Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us."*

John 6:41-51 *Jesus claimed to be the bread from heaven. No one can go to the Father except through the Son. Anyone who believes and eats Jesus' bread will have everlasting life.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Last Week July 28/July 29 Collection

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$15,217.34

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Stewardship
A Way of Life

The crowd in today's gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who stand ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

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

Answers

Everyone wants them. *"What's our purpose?" "Is this all there is?" "Why is there suffering?"* There are no easy answers but the way to find them is both simple and complicated. It's all on the cross. I've given you the first clue. Come to our meetings for the rest.

Our next meeting is Monday, August 6th 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

July 30	#597	Herbert Smith	\$25.00
July 31	#150	Mildred Kestler	\$25.00
Aug. 1	#551	Joyce Panciroli	\$25.00
Aug. 2	#632	Elaine & Jim Ryan	\$25.00
Aug. 3	# 62	M/M Vincent Murphy	\$50.00

Letter from the Pastor

I arrived here at St. Martin's on July 28, 2011. I drove from New Jersey with a car packed with Met memorabilia (which may soon be offered in a fire sale!), many unread (and they continue to be) books, clothes of various sizes, depending on the number of chocolate donuts eaten, and things that are probably still in my car. Previously, Vinnie Romano had driven a truckload of my other things. It was a hot day and I remember walking in the kitchen and being greeted by a kiss from Linda our cook, and warm welcome from Fathers Henry, Jim and Poly. What touched me the most that day was that the air conditioning had been put on in my room since the confreres wanted my room nice and cool when I arrived. Also T.J. Hance had painted the rooms and installed a lovely Celtic border around my office. It was a great first day.

Since then, I have been very blessed and happy to be here at St. Martin's as your pastor. From my first days here, I have experienced a wonderful sense of community and support from my confreres, the staff, and various committees and the parishioners. I love saying the daily Masses and seeing familiar faces at 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The weekend masses are a delight as I start to recognize more and more of you. Although I am so far from knowing all your names, your faces are becoming increasingly familiar to me, as are your joys and sorrows.

Many events have occurred during the last year. We had a hurricane and a lightening storm that hit the Church. I continue to have my heart broken by the Mets and Jets. I had the joy of baptizing your children, giving them First Holy Communion, watching them being confirmed and celebrating the ten o'clock Mass with them. I have tasted all sorts of great snacks with the Young at Heart and the Christian Mothers. I have been able to stand with you as you mourned your beloved deceased at the funerals, and absolved you from your sins in confession, celebrated marriages and wedding anniversaries, and anointed the sick. God is good and I am happy to be a Redemptorist priest here in Bethpage.

We have challenges ahead of us: we need to continue to see how we can connect the young to our parish. We must continue to invite more people to serve in ministry, and we have financial challenges before us as certain areas of our property need serious care. I am confident we will continue to face those needs.

I remember an Irish priest telling me that he knew a priest who put his light on early in the morning and made sure smoke was coming from chimney. The people or the parish were so impressed that Father was up so early and working, even though he had gone back to bed. Most often, when people call or speak to me, they say, "Father I know you are busy, and I hate to bother you..." I am not sure if I am like the Irish priest. I suppose I am busy at times, but I am here for you, especially if you need to talk about a problem, to pray, to have a sick family member visited, or you just want to stop by and say hello. Thank you for a great first year!

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

MISSION APPEAL THANK YOU

The Fathers of the Holy Spirit (the Spiritans) send their thanks for the encouraging response on the part of the Parish of St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage, to their appeal the weekend of July 28-29, 2012 and the kind reception given to Rev. Francis Obu-Mends, C.S.Sp., who was here on their behalf. Be assured of the prayers of the Spiritans worldwide for you and for your intentions and of their need for your continued prayers for them and for their ministries to God's lowly and needy ones everywhere. Do please continue to keep the missions of the Church in your hearts, the work of the Holy Spirit Fathers in mind, and the never-ending need to proclaim and witness to the Gospel in your own lives.

One Heart, One Spirit - Mission Procurator of The Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Wedding Banns

3rd Philip Sanfilippo & Lauren Bookman
 3rd 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

**The Feast of the Assumption of
 Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.
 The Masses are:**



**Tuesday, August 14th—Vigil
 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 15th
 6:30 a.m.
 9:00 a.m.
 12:00 Noon
 7:00 p.m.**



Week of August 5 - 11, 2012

*Altar Bread & Wine
 In Loving Memory of
 Edward Rasmussen*

Rest in Peace

***Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
 Edward Indelicato, Sr.***

***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, Michael Lavin
 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*

*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, Fr. Tom Siconolfi, CSsR
 Mom and Dad, Barbara Hunsinger, Fr. James Small, CSsR
 Fred Tavarrelli, 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, Joseph Simon*

BENEDICTINE OBLATE RETREAT

The Benedictine Oblates of the Farmingdale area extend an invitation to all to join us in our annual retreat at the quiet and peaceful Mariandale Retreat Center in Ossining NY. The beautiful setting is high above the Hudson River with a spectacular view of the surrounding area. It is an easy and scenic drive from here. The title of the retreat is **"GRACE ON FIRE: HOW TO UNDERSTAND READINGS AND THE WORD OF GOD."**

RETREAT DIRECTOR:

FR. GUERRIC DEBONS, OSB
of Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana

WHEN: Labor Day Weekend, Friday, August 31 beginning with dinner and Mass through Monday, September 3 ending with Mass and lunch.

WE WELCOME YOU! For more information, please call Irene and Paul Muhs at 516-249-6567.

Employment Opportunity

R.N. needed for staff development position
Part time 2 days a week with flexibility
Small long term care facility in Queens, NY
Experience needed.
Must have knowledge of
Federal and NYS LYC regulations
Fax resume 718-464-4308

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BETHPAGE CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



4th and 5th grade boys and girls interested in playing CYO basketball. Please email your request to smt.cyo.bball@gmail.com with any questions you might have. Coaches and volunteers needed for all teams. An online registration form will be emailed to you upon request.

APPALACHIA TORNADO VICTIMS

If you would like to donate to a worthy cause, the tornado victims in Appalachia are still recovering and some people are displaced. If anyone can help with a small or large donation, it will be a blessing. In the lower left side of your check write: **FOR OUTREACH** and send donations to:

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
Attn: Fr. Paul Prabell
P.O. Box 393
West Liberty, KY 41472

THANK YOU!!

DRIVER EDUCATION CONSULTANTS

Martin Z. Hirschfield, Executive Director



St. Martin of Tours is hosting a 6-hour Class 1 Defensive Driving course on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 8:30AM—3:00PM in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$45 per person.

REGISTRATION:
call Driver Education
(631) 360-9720 Monday-Friday 9AM to 4PM.
Minimum enrollment: 15 people;
Maximum enrollment: 40 people

Thomas Hartman Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Inc.

2012 Legacy Gala Fundraiser to name a research center to end Parkinson's Disease at Stony Brook University to be held on October 16th at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY.

For additional information about the Gala or to make a donation, please contact Kathy Scarpinella, President of The Thomas Hartman Foundation for Parkinson's Research at aa@hartmanfoundation.org or 631-277-9655. Please visit their website at <http://www.hartmanfoundation.org/>

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.



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: _____

BOOKED

SUMMER RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

LONG BRANCH, NJ

AUGUST 24 - 26, 2012

PLEASE NOTE: *if you plan to travel by car, you must 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.*

HOLY FACE OF JESUS HOLY HOUR

Please join us for the Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour on ***Monday, August 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the church*** in reparation for blasphemy and the wounds to His Holy Face.

All will be blessed with St. Anne's Oil (7/26) and the relic of St. Helen (8/18).

The St. Martin's Website Team is looking for adult volunteers who can devote a few hours a week to posting weekly or monthly news, schedules, and bulletins, creating new banner images, and/or assisting other ministries with content.

Additionally, we need team members who can spearhead new projects to help us keep the website current, interesting and fun.

Email us at smtwebsite2012@gmail.com or click the feedback link on the website home page www.smtbethepage.org if you are interested in joining or would like more information. Thank you!



Saint Maria
Faustina

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.

COMPLAINING ABOUT COMPLAINING
"Instead of complaining that the rose bush is full of thorns, be happy the thorn bush has roses."



We all complain. Even if you say you're the happiest person in the world, you still complain sometimes. We gripe about our health, the family, our co-workers or the disappearing waiter. Some complaints are valid and should be voiced. However, the trick here is to realize that complaining is a passive activity. Change that complaint into action to solve the problem or else simply accept it and give your mind something else to focus on.

If you're the one with the negative attitude, then how can you work toward ditching negative thoughts into focusing on finding solutions? Well, maybe you need to change the way you think. Our brains tend to gravitate toward the negative.

Much like the quote above, we are bothered first by the thorns in the rose bush instead of being marveled by the sight of the beautiful roses. This requires a new practice of being mindful. Enlisting the help of a cheerful friend is a good way. He or she could stop you when you complain and help you to see the positive in the situation.

But do allow yourself to vent once in a while. Constantly ignoring your negative thoughts could add up. If you are really going through a rough time, don't be afraid to share your feelings with a close friend or family member or perhaps see a therapist.

Be the change you wish to see in the world. Depending on who you're with and what the situation is, either speak up to stop the complaining and change the subject to something sunnier, or simply be quiet and don't complain yourself.

Would you rather complain or be happy? Choose happiness, focusing on the positive, and be kind always! It's your choice and no one else's.



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

Last Wednesday, August 1st, was the feast day of St. Alphonsus Liguori, a Doctor of the Church and the founder of the Redemptorist Order, the community which Fathers Henry, Ciya, Jim, and I belong. We are naturally very proud of our founder, who is one of the great saints of the Catholic Church. Here is a short biography of him and a prayer for those suffering from arthritis as did St. Alphonsus. - Father Pat



St. Alphonsus was born of noble parents, near Naples, in 1696. His spiritual training was entrusted to the Fathers of the Oratory in that city, and from his boyhood Alphonsus was known as a most devout Brother of the Little Oratory. At the early age of sixteen he was made doctor in law, and he threw himself into this career with ardor and success. A mistake, by which he lost an important cause, showed him the vanity of human fame, and determined him to labor only for the glory of God. He entered the priesthood, devoting himself to the most neglected souls; and to carry on this work he founded later the missionary Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer.

At the age of sixty-six he became Bishop of St. Agatha, and undertook the reform of his diocese with the zeal of a Saint. He made a vow never to lose time, and, through his number of books, filled with such science, unction, and wisdom that he has been declared one of the Doctors of the Church. St. Alphonsus wrote his first book at the age of forty-nine, and in his eighty-third year had published about sixty volumes, when his director forbade him to write more. Very many of these books were written in the half-hours snatched from his labors as missionary, religious superior, and Bishop, or in the midst of continual bodily and mental sufferings. With his left hand he would hold a piece of marble against his aching head while his right hand wrote. Yet he counted no time wasted which was spent in charity. He did not refuse to hold a long correspondence with a simple soldier who asked his advice, or to play the harpsichord while he taught his novices to sing spiritual canticles.

He lived in evil times, and met with many persecutions and disappointments. For his last seven years he was prevented by constant sickness from offering the Adorable Sacrifice; but he received Holy Communion daily, and his love for Jesus Christ and his trust in Mary's prayers sustained him to the end. He died in 1787, in his ninety-first year.

PRAYER TO SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI FOR ARTHRITIS

St. Alphonsus, preacher, confessor, founder, bishop, doctor of prayer and friend of the poor, you are also the special patron of all who suffer from arthritis and the pains of many years. When our fingers twist with pain, keep us focused on the hands of Christ pierced with ugly nails. When our knees knob with endless aches, allow us to see the knees of Jesus smashing to the street under the heavy cross.

When our backs stiffen with soreness, let us remember the back of Christ thrown across the cold, rough wood of the cross. When our joints, hips, arms, legs and knuckles hurt so much that tears well up in our eyes, help us to recall the tears, the sweat and the blood that flowed from our crucified Jesus Who suffered so much more for each of us.

St. Alphonsus, afflicted with curvature of the spine and nailed to a wheelchair cross in your final years, teach us to unite all our pains with the dreadful sufferings of Jesus on the cross.

We ask you to ease our pains but more so to enable us to be one with Jesus in his great act of dying and rising. Amen.



TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO DONATE

ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

10:30am-4:30pm

Basement Staff Room

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact
Peter Ciacchiaro @ (516) 520-2226

OR

BETHPAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A PAIR OF METS TICKETS PER DONOR

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

2:00pm-8:00pm

47 Powell Avenue

Meeting Room

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact
Karen Gruskin at (516) 931-3907.

Your donation will help to save up to **THREE** lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! Thank you for caring!

Eligibility Criteria:

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

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

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.



Experience the World, While Sharing Your Home. Host an International High School Student.

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.

Hosting Benefits: Hosting a student is a wonderful experience that will give your family a global perspective and countless memories that will remain long after the student has returned home. Host families also receive a generous stipend (\$750 per month) to cover costs.

For more information:

www.universitytrackpreparation.com/host

Phone: 631 871 4554

Email: international@stanthonys.org

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.

ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE

Wednesday, August 22 at 7:00 PM MASS
 at Maria Regina Church, 3945 Jerusalem Ave.
 Seaford (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, Seaford

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

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.

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of St. Paul the
 Apostle Parish, St. Paul's Centerstage Theatre is
 proudly presenting "*Children of Eden.*" This pro-
 duction is dedicated to the memory of Fr. Arthur
 Anderson. **Performances will be at the St. Ed-
 ward the Confessor Parish Hall, 205 Jackson Av-
 enue, Syosset. Dates and times:**

Thursday, August 9 at 8:00pm

Friday, August 10 at 8:00pm

Saturday, August 11 at 8:00pm

Sunday, August 12 at 2:00pm

Tickets: \$15 adults; \$12 for 60+
 children 12 & under

Call 931-3260 for tickets.

Any questions, call Jim Black 384-9706 or
 jmbiiesq@aol.com

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

**IN THE FACE OF EVIL AND TRAGEDY,
 LET US PRAY** (source: *LI Catholic*, July 25th editorial)

Sometimes all we can do is pray. Often particularly at times of great crisis or tragedy, we feel an urgency to do more, to make our prayers a catalyst for action - to right a terrible wrong, to give comfort and healing to victims, to fix the circumstances that have allowed it to happen. Such is the case with the horrific mass shooting at a Colorado movie theater.

Some will focus on the punishment due the perpetrator, and whatever compassion true Christians feel for this troubled man, he obviously must be confined for the protection of society. Death penalty enthusiasts are no doubt gratified that Colorado still employs capital punishment. Others looking to put a stop to these recurrent mass shootings, will call for more stringent gun control laws. Within the Second Amendment there is room for restrictions against the individual stockpiling of weapons on such a massive scale. But that will not change the underlying mental or emotional afflictions of a potentially violent individual, but can help limit the carnage. Others will point to the glorification of violence in our culture in movies that perhaps can be the inspiration for such a senseless attack. Such judgments can be highly subjective, with many finding positive messages of good versus evil in movies like the *Batman* series. We ought not resort to censoring speech, be it entertainment, political or religious. Clearly, we all need to be vigilant in monitoring WHAT OUR CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED TO, in movies, TV, video games, and online communications. Some will question the effectiveness and accountability of our mental health treatment programs. These issues related to acts of violence will be discussed and debated and some or all acted on in an effort to prevent such senseless violence. As Catholic citizens we should be involved in these deliberations, reaching our own conclusions - informed by Catholic moral and social teachings and MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE. Sometimes the most important and effective thing we can do is PRAY for the souls of those who were killed, for the recovery of those wounded, for healing and comfort for the families and friends of all the victims. And for God's mercy and healing for the deeply disturbed young man who did this, and for his stricken family.

**LET US PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN OUR WORLD
 WHO ARE LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, ESPE-
 CIALY THOSE PRONE TO VIOLENCE, THAT GOD
 MAY ALLEVIATE THEIR OWN SUFFERING AND
 THEREBY PROTECT THEM FROM POTENTIALLY
 INFLICTING TERRIBLE SUFFERING ON OTHERS.**

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!



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.

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
beginningexperienceLI@hotmail.com

The Catholic Counseling Center

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

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