

***Masses For The Week*****Monday - August 13**

6:30 Mary & Martin Laraia  
9:00 Claudia & Arthur Marchionini

**Tuesday - August 14**

6:30 Joseph Doherty  
9:00 Lisa Ann Santoli-Caniano  
7PM Frank Widmayer - VIGIL MASS

**Wednesday - August 15 (Assumption of Mary)**

6:30 Anibale Crespo  
9:00 Mark & Margaret Ridge  
12PM Alfonsa & Vincent Maggio  
7PM Giuseppe Notarnicola

**Thursday - August 16**

6:30 John G. DeSimone  
9:00 Francesco & Maria Angiuli

**Friday - August 17**

6:30 Gerald E. Meehan  
9:00 Pauline & Francis Walsh

**Saturday - August 18**

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**  
5:00 William Joseph & William James Ryan  
7:00 Mary Callahan, Living

**Sunday - August 19**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Allan Livingstone  
10:00 Vincent Morrone  
11:30 Cathleen Galeotafiore  
1:00 James Boglioli  
5:30 Joseph Hughes

***Readings For The Week***

Mon. Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27  
Tues. Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wed. Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56  
Thurs. Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1  
Fri. Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12  
Sat. Ezek. 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matt 19:13-15  
Sun. Proverbs 9:1-6 *Wisdom built her house  
and prepared a banquet. The invitation was sent to  
"come, eat of my food and drink." When we for-  
sake foolishness in our lives, we grow in under-  
standing.*

Ephesians 5:15-20 *Paul counseled the  
Ephesians to keep careful watch over their conduct.  
In this way they could overcome their ignorance  
and discern the will of God.*

John 6:51-58 *Jesus assured his followers  
that he is the living bread come down from heaven.  
All who partake of this banquet will be raised up on  
the last day.*

***Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift*****Last Week August 4/5 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$18,217.68

***Thank you for your support & generosity!***

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

**Stewardship**  
*A Way of Life*

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah - food, water, rest and encouragement - were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize that God has given all of us special gifts. It is important that we use them to help one another, passing on to others the many blessings that God has given us.

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**

***"Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing."*** We all know who said this and when. The words are just as relevant today as they were 2,000 years ago. Jesus still wants forgiveness for us because as smart as we **think** we are, sometimes we know **NOT** what we are doing! If you find yourself making the same mistakes over and over, come and find the better way. It will be the most important two hours of your week.

***Our next meeting is Monday, August 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the CHURCH! We now have permission to use the church, and being in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament will take us to a new level of praise and worship.***

If you miss the Healing Masses, come give us a try. You have nothing to lose and a lot to gain!

Call 516-993-9672 for answers to any questions or for prayer intentions.

**HOP WINNERS ON PAGE 5**

## *Letter from the Pastor*

God blessed me with two sisters, Maryanne and Gerry. When I was born, I was the long-awaited boy, and being the youngest, and eventually a priest, I held a very privileged position in the family. Gerry, the oldest, became a Sister of St. Joseph. Unfortunately, she died at the age of forty-five. She was a very holy and loving woman who was deeply admired by all who knew her. We still mourn her loss. My sister, Maryanne, married and had three children. Her marriage did not last much beyond the birth of her youngest child as her husband abandoned her. Her three kids, Chrissy, Claire, and Robert grew up in our family home with their Mom and their grandparents. I was somewhere between an uncle and big kid who loved to go on adventures with the kids. I often joke that of the three of us - Gerry the nun, me the priest, and my sister the divorced mother of three - she was the best and holiest of all of us. She did a marvelous job raising her three children, all educated in Catholic school from kindergarten through college at considerable cost and on a secretary's salary. All three are married with children of their own.

Determined to raise her children by herself (with the help of her own family), she did not seek another relationship but one came into her life. God always has a way of surprising us. She met John Heaney, the owner of the local newspaper store, at a divorced and separated group. At first they were friends which grew into a long-time relationship. They were "together" for thirty-years, but each had their own home. John loved to travel with her kids and participated completely in our family over the years. At first my mother was not happy with John. He was more than ten years older than Maryanne, and I suppose Mom wanted things not to change. Eventually, my mother grew to love John; and it was John, who took amazing care of my mother when her body began to break down in poor health. God is full of surprises.

Two years ago, John and Maryanne decided to get married for the most Irish of all reasons: they wanted to be buried together. So on January 1, 2011, they celebrated a great wedding at Our Lady of Perpetual Help with me as the celebrant. Two people could not have been happier. I suppose there is something to be said for thirty year courtships. Not too long after the wedding, John's health began to rapidly fail. Eventually, he became totally bedridden, and was in a palliative care program as he prepared to go home to God. This period of watching John slowly grow weaker and frailer lasted more than eight months. I thought of the words of the wedding vows "in sickness and in health," as I watched my sister care for John. She was amazing. I wrote this in my Holy Thursday sermon: *I think about my sister who has been caring for her husband who is bedridden, his mind wandering to different times and places. She loves him and he her. It is not a love of cards and flowers anymore, of trips or nice meals, of fixing the house and shopping together. Now it is a love of changing the bed several times a day, of seeking to calm nerves when you yourself are filled with anxiety, of coaxing down a bottle of "Ensure" and saying a rosary together. This love is to put on an apron, pour water into a basin and wash and dry feet. That is the love that Jesus asked us to give one another.*

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, through a variety of unplanned circumstances, I was home in Brooklyn. I was getting ready to come home to Bethpage that morning, but it was clear that John was going home to God. So Maryanne and I sat at his bedside, said Hail Marys, *pray for us now and at the hour of our death*, as she whispered I love you. I asked him how he was doing and he spoke loudly, *"I am great."* Those were his last words as two or three minutes later he gently went home to the Lord. I was standing on holy ground. God gave me a gift to be with John and my dear sister at this most sacred time. I would not call it the end of a love story, but it was another moment of a beautiful journey they two had shared for more than thirty years. God is good.

I share this with you because I know some of you struggle in your marriages and relationships, others are caretakers of their parents or spouse, some are facing serious illness and death. I share it with you because it was for me a story of God's grace.

**Father Pat CSSR**  
**woodscssr@aol.com**

**Wedding Banns**

1st Joseph Puma &amp; Nina Rinaldi



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

The month of July was a busy one. **We served 723 individuals in 263 families!** This would not have happened without your wonderful generosity and we are most grateful! **Thank you to those gardeners who shared their bounty.** Please keep it coming!

At present, the pantry is low on laundry and bar soaps, shampoo, diapers sizes 4 & 5, wipes, cake mixes, kids cereals, peanut butter and jelly, hearty soups, chicken soup, creamed corn, beets, peas, tuna, beef stew, chili, sugar, coffee and oil.

**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, and 7:00 p.m.**



*Week of August 12 - 18, 2012  
Altar Bread & Wine  
In Loving Memory of  
Thomas Giovenco*

**Rest in Peace**

*Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."  
William V. Sinacori, John Bisceglia  
Claire Spinger-LoBianco MD*

***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, 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  
Gerry McCarthy, Mary Kennedy, Joseph Simon  
Walter Looney, Katie Fields*



**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.

**St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

Aug. 6	#109	M/M Martin Laraia	\$25.00
Aug. 7	#	66 Thomas Imbornoni	\$25.00
Aug. 8	#329	Barbara Scully	\$25.00
Aug. 9	#253	Donna & Doug Aloise	\$25.00
Aug. 10	#568	M/M Richard Fiore	\$50.00

**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 St. Martin of Tours 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. Once your form has been completed, the rectory staff will mail it out to the Diocese.

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, August 18th**

**For the Parish Picnic**

**At Cantiague State Park**

**West John Street, Hicksville, NY**

**Games for children of all ages!**

**Bring your favorite BBQ/Picnic Food**

**Grills are available**

**Bring Charcoal & Chairs**

**9:00 am to Sunset**

**Breakfast will be served for early arrivals!**

**Outdoor Mass at 4:00 pm**

**Let us eat, play and pray together as a  
Parish Family!**

### **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**

H.O.P. Club Renewal forms for the 2012-2013 year have been mailed out. If you usually get a renewal every year and you did not this time, please call the rectory so that we may help you. This important 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

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDR: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***THANK YOU!***

The St Martin of Tours of Tours Conference of St Vincent de Paul extends thanks to all the donors who have provided so graciously in the Special Envelope collection July 15. The \$2,713.50 collected will assist the Conference in helping local families in situations of need.

### **TICKETS *FORE* CHARITY**

**August 21-26, 2012**

**Bethpage State Park: Black Course  
Farmingdale NY**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 899 of St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport is having a fund raiser to help with their charitable works.

**Weekly Grounds Ticket :\$150.00**

Available until August 22



75% of the net proceeds of your ticket purchase will benefit Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #899.

25% of the net proceeds will benefit The First Tee of Metropolitan New York.

To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit [www.buytfc.com](http://www.buytfc.com) and click on The Barclays. Please use the Catholic Daughters promo code STANCE (all caps).

Admission to two practice rounds, 8/21 & 8/22, and 4 competitive rounds on 8/23 to 8/26. Transferable tickets may be used by a different person each day. Up to three children, ages 18 and under admitted free with ticketed adult.

The first round of the FedExCup Playoffs, this tournament is expected to draw top players including Phil Mickelson, Rory McIlroy, Tiger Woods and Bubba Watson.





### **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 in September. 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](http://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.*

### **"WHAT'S THE MATTER - CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?"**

Oh how I would hate it when people would say that to me! Seems like some people get very uncomfortable when someone is not as talkative as they are. And understandably so. Conversation should be an exchange of thoughts and ideas between people, whether it's discussing the ball game, movies, the latest fashion or the kids in our lives. But that really wasn't me. I always found it very difficult to think of something clever to say to add to the conversation. I don't know...maybe it was because I married someone who could talk to anyone, anywhere, no matter if he knew them or not, which left me free to stand there, just smiling away!

I can remember one vacation when we took the kids to Niagara Falls. We spent a good part of the day visiting museums, gardens and of course the famous Falls themselves. After a long day, we decided to go to a family-style restaurant to relax and eat. However, when we got there we found that there were many other families that had the same idea at exactly the same time. **"Forty-five minute wait!"** we were told. We looked at each other and knew that we were too tired to try somewhere else and decided to stick it out.

The kids and I found some seats in the waiting area while my husband stood to the side. Next thing I knew, I heard his familiar laugh and was wondering what was so funny. Well, sure enough, he had struck up a conversation with perfect strangers. **"They're from North Carolina, Honey!"** he said. I remembered that he once told me he had some old buddies he knew from the Marines who came from there. But what amazed me was that the man he was talking to, was a **cousin** of someone he was stationed with in the Philippines, like a zillion years ago!! **"Oh Lord,"** I thought, **"I hope he doesn't invite them to our table...my smile is shot!"** Our dear, sweet, merciful Lord answered my little prayer and once our table was ready, they parted ways, but not before exchanging addresses and phone numbers.

The next Christmas we exchanged cards and included a picture of our family. The camera caught my husband as if he were talking, and there I was standing next to him...just smiling away!

*"By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon.*

*We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand. Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary's guidance."* - Pope Benedict XVI

**This Wednesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into Heaven. It is a holy day of obligation and you will find the mass schedules on page 2 and also on page 4 of this bulletin.**



#### **History of the Feast:**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. The Feast of the Assumption, celebrated every year on August 15, is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. It commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay--a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a holy day of obligation.

The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century in a document entitled *The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God.* The document recounts, in the words of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in "Munificentissimus Deus" that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

While the Eastern Orthodox believe in the Dormition, they object to the papal definition of the dogma, seeing it as unnecessary, since belief in Mary's bodily assumption, tradition holds, goes back to apostolic time.

Growing up, my parents always took us to the beach on the feast of the Assumption; it was thought that there was a cure in the water on that day. Here is a poem by Father John Duffy CSSR, a teacher who taught both Father Henry and myself. He is now home with God, his own mother and the Blessed Mother.

- Father Pat

**CURE IN THE WATER***Feast of the Assumption, 1924*

Apparently, this poem is about Father Duffy's own beloved mother, Bridie, and the tradition prevalent in some Catholic cultures that the waters were especially blessed on the Feast of the Assumption -- and thus many of the devout would go to various beaches and take a dip, hoping perhaps for some cure or blessing from the Mother of God.

You shamed that naked goddess of the seas,  
O Bridie, barefoot in Our Lady's tide  
The day you begged a miracle to ease  
The swollen feet that life had crucified.

Clothed to the knees in black, you stood and prayed.  
Your little son, I watched, appalled. I knew  
What you were praying for and was afraid  
Of God - and miracles - and even you.

Ah, back you came, cheated of your surprise,  
A crone bent over, cramping on shells and stones,  
Our Lady's answer grieving in your eyes  
And Golgotha still groaning in your bones.

Nothing, poor dear, poor crone ... But what you thought  
Blessed back to God what lust had cursed away,  
And with the aching in your bones you wrought  
A sacramental out of Quincy bay.

I'd carve you in great marble if I could,  
My Bridie of Our Lady of the Sea,  
To show the sorrow of it, how you stood  
Praying in vain for what was not to be.

Long dead, my dear... but when at last we meet--  
O changed forever! The Eternal's bride,  
Robed all in white down to the little feet  
Shining like His who once was crucified!

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY**

Wednesday, August 22nd is the feast of *The Queenship of Mary*. Please plan on attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

We will have reserved seats in front of the pulpit. You will receive special indulgences and blessings by attending.





**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

Call Diana Mirando

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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.

**ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE****Wednesday, August 22 at 7:00 PM MASS**

at Maria Regina Church, 3945 Jerusalem Ave., Seaford (Jerusalem Ave. &amp; 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.**SHOP FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISER****TICKET PRICE \$5.00 PER TICKET****SHOPPING DATE: SAT., AUGUST 25, 2012**

It's time for our **MACY'S SHOP FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISER. THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**, benefits from every ticket sold because we keep 100% of the ticket price. The buyer of the ticket will be eligible to win a gift card from Macy's, as well as receive a 25% discount and have the satisfaction of knowing you have helped the Life Center and all those we are trying to assist. Don't forget to enter your name at MACY's to be eligible to win a \$500.00 GIFT CARD. FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT DIANA MIRANDO....830-5077 OR 830-5855.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE****GIVING NATURE A HAND**

We go to great extremes to make our pets comfortable and safe. We remember not to take them in a car without proper ventilation. Some might even leave on a fan or air conditioner at home for the large breeds such as Huskies and German Shepherds that have difficulty in high temperatures. But animals that are not domesticated and have to make it on their own & in the harsh world of nature should be given a hand if we come across one. A plastic birdbath filled with water is a wonderful treat to birds that have been without water for days. A bird feeder filled with egg shells you might discard, scraps of bread or fruit. Birdseed is the best, but can be expensive. The birds that fill our trees and fill our backyards with song have it especially hard during the winter months when food is scarce. Don't throw away that apple core...place it in the bird feeder, or seeds from your watermelons, or melons. They'll love it!

Stray cats have an especially hard time of it. They are usually bought as a kitten. When they grow up and need more care, some may think letting it free to roam on its own will be the solution. Often the kittens are not spayed or neutered and breed bringing more cats into the neighborhood. These kittens are often killed by raccoons or possums and their parents live hard short lives. Keeping control of these animals is often up to us, especially when their population gets out of hand. There are organizations that will help with these poor animals.

Island Rescue 631-968-8700. They provide a low cost neuter and spay for feral cats and dogs. You can purchase a Have a Heart trap and bring the cat there for neutering.

Have you often driven on a highway and seen a Canada goose injured? Maybe a turtle crossing a road?

There are people that will take in injured squirrels, birds, possums, seagulls, just about all of nature's creatures.

Give them a call when you come upon an injured bird or animal. Wildlife can be dangerous, do not approach a raccoon or possum that has been injured. These animals should never be approached even if healthy. Instead call: WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS IN SUFFOLK, LI, NY. And for that pet that you can no longer keep. DON'T OPEN THE DOOR...instead MAKE A CALL and give it up for adoption. LITTLE SHELTER ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER. (No-Kill) organization. LAST HOPE ANIMAL RESCUE lasthopeanimalrescue.org. **YOUR LOCAL VET WILL GIVE YOU INFORMATION ABOUT REACHING WILDLIFE RESCUE & EITHER TAKE THE INJURED WILDLIFE FROM YOU OR GET YOU IN TOUCH WITH OTHER VETS THAT DO TAKE IN AND REHABILITATE WILDLIFE.**

## *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](http://www.smtbethepage.org) for photos and more information! To contact Erin, you can e-mail [EKHoran@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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>.