

***Masses For The Week*****Monday - August 20**

6:30 Gerri & Marty Laraia  
52nd wedding anniversary  
9:00 Ida Mary Cadigan

**Tuesday - August 21**

6:30 Emilio & Michele Fornino  
9:00 Mario Amato & Carmella Guzzi

**Wednesday - August 22**

6:30 Pamela Karpiak  
9:00 Florence Hurban

**Thursday - August 23**

6:30 Elizabeth Upton  
9:00 Terri Marie Minett, Anniversary

**Friday - August 24**

6:30 Kristin Green  
9:00 Bill Long

**Saturday - August 25**

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**  
5:00 Joe Vassalo  
7:00 Robert Reddington

**Sunday - August 26**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Yolanda Lange  
10:00 Philip, Bridget & Eamon Fitzgerald  
11:30 Joann Incorvaia  
1:00 James & Mary Boglioli  
5:30 Yetta Rubman

***Readings For The Week***

Mon. Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22  
Tues. Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30  
Wed. Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16  
Thurs. Ezekiel 36:23-38; Matthew 22:1-14  
Fri. Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51  
Sat. Ezekiel 43:1-7b; Matthew 23:1-12  
Sun. Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b *Joshua told the Israelites they were to decide whom they would serve: the Amorite gods or the Lord who brought them out of Egypt. They agreed to "serve the Lord, for he is our God."*

Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 *Paul likened the love of a husband and wife to the love Christ has for the church. As Christ loves the church, so should husbands and wives love each other.*

John 6:60-69 *Jesus' disciples were puzzled by his words. Jesus reminded them, "It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail." Simon Peter responded, "You have the words of everlasting life."*

***Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift*****Last Week August 11/12 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00  
Amount Received: \$16,411.94

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

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

**Stewardship**  
*A Way of Life*

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that, blessed by the Lord, the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek to thank God by sharing the Good News through sacramental preparation ministries such as Pre-Cana, Baptismal Preparation, First Penance, Confirmation Catechesis and R.C.I.A.

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**

If Jesus had a mission statement maybe it would be: *"To teach everyone to love and glorify God because He loved you first. To show by example how to treat and love one another. To forgive because they have been forgiven."* What is your mission statement?

***Our next meeting is Monday, August 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the CHURCH! Plenty of room to bring friends! Call 516-993-9672 for answers to any questions or for prayer intentions.***

**St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

Aug. 13 #443	Ann Pooler	\$25.00
Aug. 14 #546	Angelena Caccavale	\$25.00
Aug. 15 #104	Lisa & Ray Haller	\$25.00
Aug. 16 #525	Joan Ferraro	\$25.00
Aug. 17 #241	Frances Stuhlmuller	\$250.00

**Wedding Banns**

2nd Joseph Puma &amp; Nina Rinaldi



*"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 diapers, sizes 4 & 5, bath and laundry soap, dish soap, tissues, cake mix and icing, oil, sugar, peanut butter, jams and jellies, hearty soups, canned vegetables (no string beans, please) chili, beef stew, black beans, chick peas, kidney beans, rice, coffee, tea, cereals and school supplies. *As always, thank you for your generosity!*

**Food Pantry:**

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

There will be a **Holy Hour** before the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from the 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** You are most welcome to attend all or any part of the Holy Hour.

— **Father Pat**

*Week of August 19 - 25, 2012  
Altar Bread & Wine  
In Loving Memory of  
Bill Long*

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

***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 Cavailere, 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*

## *Letter from the Pastor*

*“Elijah went a day's journey into the desert,  
until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it.  
He prayed for death saying:  
'This is enough, O LORD!'"*

On my summer vacation to Quebec City, I saw an ad in a brochure for whitewater rafting. I had often seen pictures of people rafting; they were always smiling and having the most wonderful time. The ad said that this program was for people of all ages; the only qualification was that you had to weigh at least 90 pounds. I thought that I could meet that requirement. I called the office and asked some questions. Was it safe? Did you need to be experienced? I was assured that it was a wonderful adventure and that often classes of grade school children made the trip down the Jacque Cartier River. So, I convinced a friend to go with me and off we went.

When we arrived, and paid for our trip, we were given an extensive medical questionnaire to fill out. It was more detailed than the forms I had received before surgery. I felt a flutter in my heart. Then, we had to sign all sorts of waivers saying that if we had an accident, the company was not liable. I started to feel a bit more anxious with each waiver I signed. Next, one of the guides interviewed me about my swimming skills. I explained I wasn't Michael Phelps, but I thought I could paddle around a bit. I was told then that I would wear a white helmet since I was not a strong swimmer. I started to glance at my car to consider a getaway. Finally, we were told to put on our wetsuits, lifejackets, and helmets. I won't try to describe either how I got into the wetsuit or what I looked like wearing it, but you might think again of *The Michelin Man*.

We took a bus down to the river, but before we boarded our raft, we were given a half hour talk on what to do if we fell out of the boat or if it overturned in the rapids. We were told this is a serious sport, and on top of it all, most of the instructions were given in French, with a quick English translation. I wondered why they said this sport was for anyone. Was it too late to escape?



Into the water the ten of us went with our boat. There were two instructors with us, one in the boat and other riding nearby in a kayak. They told us how to paddle and so forth, and to follow the commands which were shouted in French. Next, they ordered us to jump in the river to get acclimated to the water. I jumped out of the boat, thinking the river was only three feet deep or so. To my great surprise, I was over my head and could not touch the bottom. Completely forgetting that I was wearing a life jacket, I began to panic and feel that I might drown. I was terrified. The instructors were great and told me to calm down. Finally I did and I was able to get back into the raft with a great push from one of them. They consulted for a time and wondered if I was up for the trip. I was hoping they would paddle to shore and drop me off. My friend felt the same way as did I.

But the two guides and the other eight people on the boat, who were strangers, insisted that we stay. They promised we would be safe and that they would watch out for us. We were told not to worry about paddling, but just to sit in the middle of the boat and hold on to the rope when we came to the rapids. I thought I could manage that. We stayed and it turned out to be a fabulous and fun experience of nature that I will never forget. The guides and the others on trip could not have been kinder to us. It was like having ten guardian angels.

I thought of this trip when I read last week's first reading. The prophet Elijah, who lived about nine hundred years before Christ, has hit a low point in his life. He is so depressed that he sits under a tree in the desert and begs God to let him die. He does not even want to eat any food. He cries to God, *I have had enough!* Elijah had earlier challenged Ahab, the King of Israel about stealing from the poor. Ahab hears the prophet and tries to do what God wants him to do. But Jezebel, the wife of the King, is not happy about some prophet interfering in her lifestyle and she orders Elijah hunted down by the army to kill him. We see a broken, weary Elijah at the end of his rope calling for death. I might compare his moment to mine in the river fearing that I was drowning!

I think we all have these *Elijah moments* in our lives. Some may be in the distant past, thank God, but it is good to recall them. Others might be going through them right now. Perhaps it was a time of worry about your children, problems in your marriage, an illness, or a period of unemployment. I would bet almost everyone of us here in Church today can recall moments when we cried out, *I will never get through this! I am without hope. All is lost. Where is God?* We were overwhelmed, afraid, and desperate.

But we survived. How do I know that? Well you are here. You did go on; you did get through it. I would also say that if you reflected on these times, you would see that there was a person or two, maybe several, perhaps close friends or family, a doctor or nurse, or even a stranger whose name you do not know, who was an angel to you - a person who threw you a lifeline and pulled you into the boat. Also if you look back on that time, that *Elijah -in-the-desert-moment*, I hope you see that you surprised yourself. You found strength, a power, a grace that you did not think you had. You had something inside of you that you did not even know. To me, that gift you discovered was the power of God in you. It was the Holy Spirit of God. We draw strength in the worst of times from others, and from inside of ourselves. We do go on when we think we cannot.

In this reading an angel appears to Elijah and tells him to eat and not give up. At first Elijah ignores the angel. But God, who has sent the angel, is persistent and finally Elijah, the one who wanted to give up and die, walks forty days and nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. For me, on that day in the river, the angels were the two guides who watched over me when I was afraid. They were the strangers in the boat who promised to care for me and the friend with whom I still share that memory. In our lives, we are sometimes Elijah the one ready to give up; at other times we are called to be the angels who seek to help another. Our beautiful church is shaped like a boat. We are going to God together. We pray together. We listen to the Word of God together. We sing and celebrate as community of Elijahs and Angels. We come here to be lifted up and we leave here ready to lift up others. That is what it means to part of the Body of Christ.

Perhaps you may feel like Elijah, that you are at the end of the rope. We have all been there. Don't be afraid to cry out for an angel. They are all around in many shapes and sizes, most of them without wings. Others of us are to become angels. If you see a brother or sister, sitting like Elijah, without hope and calling out in pain, it is the voice of God. We are called to help them up and start again on the journey. At this Mass and every Mass, we receive food for the journey, the body and blood of Christ. God is with us in our *elijahing and in our angeling moments*. We are the Body of Christ.

**Father Pat, CSSR**  
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**[www.smtbethepage.org](http://www.smtbethepage.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**

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. Checks are payable to **St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ST. MARTIN'S MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE**

**Syosset Lanes**  
111 Eileen Way  
Syosset 11791



The **NEW WEEKLY SEASON** starts up on **Thursday, September 6th**. Please meet at 8:00 PM. Bowling begins at 8:30PM.  
**NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

Call Jim Moran at 516-981-8903  
for more information.

### **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

### **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

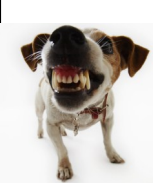
**THANK YOU!!**



*“Just saying...” by G.M.*

### ME AND THE CANINE COMMUNITY

Growing up in Brooklyn, I did not have the experience of having my own pet. The closest I had to having one were the feral cats that my great Uncle Vincenzo would feed from our 2nd floor fire escape. My mother would yell at him in Italian, *“Zio Vincenzo, non portare quelle sporche gatti nel mio appartamento pulito!”* (“Uncle Vincenzo, do not bring those dirty cats into my clean apartment!”) I must confess that I had to *Google* the Italian part as my parents did not teach my siblings and me the language. They wanted to speak freely without us understanding their adult conversation. However, we did manage to pick up a few of their phrases. It’s uncanny how we, as young children, knew the “bad” words in Italian most instinctively. We would put both hands over our mouths and try to suppress our giggling. Of course, our mother would give us *“the look”* and we ran out of the room instantaneously!



I was almost 18 when we moved from Brooklyn to Medford, LI, which I referred to as “God’s country.” My father thought it would be a good idea to finally have a pet, so he got us a dog. “Queenie” was her name - a mixture of various breeds which I couldn’t really decipher since I was not proficient in doggie heritage. She loved my parents and my siblings, but she and I really weren’t on speaking terms. I think she might have come from Italian stock because she understood *“the look”* I gave her and she snarled right back at me!

Then at the age of 22 I married and moved to Levittown. The house belonged to my widowed father-in-law and his dog, Augie. I say that because this unkempt, rowdy animal seemed to have free reign throughout the house and the neighborhood! He was part beagle and part something else with a black coat, white markings and a bent left ear. I found out that some years before, he ran out of the house when the front door was opened to let a visitor in. Immediately, a car screeched and a beagle-like yelp emanated from his throat. Witnesses said that *“poor Augie”* tried to evade the car, but lost his footing and his left ear was run over - thus the “bent ear.” I tried using *“the look”* on him to no avail. I could have sworn he gave me an *“I-don’t-care”* shrug as he barked to be let back in the house at 2 in the morning!

Well, fast-forward to the present day. I live in Farmingdale now in a lovely apartment with my daughter’s family upstairs. They have a dog named Shannie - another mix, but the oddest mix I had ever seen. She is part yellow lab and part Corgi. Her body is long with a tail to match. Her head is too small for her body and she has the shortest legs! But she is the first in the canine community to have won my heart. She doesn’t snarl at me and I don’t give her *“the look!”*

### ST. PADRE PIO HOLY HOUR

Please join us on Tuesday, August 21st at 7:00 PM in the Eucharistic Chapel for the St. Padre Pio Holy Hour.

His first and second class relics will be venerated.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



### St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

#### OPEN HOUSE

October 21, 2012

10AM to 2PM

Enjoy a visit to learn more about St. John’s and Catholic Educational Excellence. One date only...so don’t miss this opportunity! Open to families of 7th and 8th graders and interested transfer students.

If you have any questions, please call (631) 587-8000 x 116 or check us out online at [www.sjbdhs.org](http://www.sjbdhs.org).



**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.

### **IN GRATEFUL THANKS**

The Family of Edward Indelicato, Sr. would like to express our sincere thanks to all who came to the wake, or sent a Mass card or a kind email. Your thoughts and prayers were most appreciated at this difficult time. May God bless you!

**THANK YOU,**  
 Ed and Sarah Indelicato

### **GENE TALBOT MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING AND DINNER AUCTION** Friends of Bethpage Boy Scouts Troup 604

Date: Friday, Sept 28, 2012  
 Place: Bethpage State Park Golf Course  
 Time: 10AM-Consecutive Tee Off  
 Cost: \$150 golf and dinner or \$40 dinner  
 Dinner: 5PM-9PM at H.R. Singleton's

Proceeds help purchase troop equipment and support troop activities. We also help support the Gene Talbot Scholarship Fund. Bring a foursome or we will set you up with one. Come down just for dinner and the auction. This outing has been growing every year so sign up early to reserve your spot.



#### **FOR COMPLETE INFO, CONTACT:**

Phil Lembo 931-3509  
[toothdoc15@aol.com](mailto:toothdoc15@aol.com)

Ernie Fikar 681-8204  
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Tom Imbornoni 465-1219  
[mcimbo@verizon.net](mailto:mcimbo@verizon.net)

## 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.

## SEWING

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Share your sewing talents to help make baptismal bibs. Please call Roberta Grieco at 516 937-1741 or Mary Colavolpe at 516 493-4408.



## VENDORS WANTED!

Our Lady of Mercy School will be holding their Christmas Holiday Fair and are looking for vendors. It will be held in the school auditorium, 520 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville on Monday November 19th from 1PM to 9PM. Interested vendors, please call Pamela McCaffery at 516-681-2504.

## 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.

## GARDEN PARTY

The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to our annual Garden Party. Join us for an elegant luncheon buffet including wine and a live jazz trio held on the beautiful grounds of Queen of Peace Residence, 110-30 221st Street, Queens Village NY 11429-2597.



This event is on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 2-5PM. Admission is \$60 per person. RSVP by September 1st. Dress code is business casual, jackets required.

For information, please call  
(718) 464-1800 or email  
qpdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org



**FOR HELP**  
**IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

**Call Diana Miranda**

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

**ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS, RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT (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.**

**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 on Tuesday, September 11th. Come adore and worship our Lord and Savior with us.



**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**

**PRO-LIFE MEDITATION  
ON THE MYSTERIES  
OF THE ROSARY**

**SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

**THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN**

Let us pray for mothers and fathers who are in agony because they are tempted to abort a child. May they be given the good news that there are alternatives and may they make use of the help that is available.



**THE SCOURGING**

As Christ's flesh was torn by the instruments of those who scourged Him, so the bodies of babies in the womb are torn by the instruments of the abortionists. Let us pray that abortionists may repent of these acts of child-killing.

**THE CROWNING WITH THORNS**

Jesus suffered the pain of thorns in His head, and did so silently. We pray for the mothers and fathers of aborted children. So many of them suffer deep grief and regret over a choice they can never reverse. So many suffer in silence.

**THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS**

Jesus was not condemned by the power of wicked people. He was condemned because of the SILENCE of good people. Silence always helps the oppressor, never the victim. Let us pray that we may never be silent about abortion, but rather will clearly speak up to save babies from death.

**THE CRUCIFIXION**

As we ponder the death of Christ, let us remember the many women who have died from so-called "safe, legal" abortions. May their memory save other women from making this tragic mistake.

The JOYFUL, LUMINOUS and GLORIOUS MYSTERIES will be printed in future articles. For a copy contact Diana Miranda 830-5077 or 830-5855.

***RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT—FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 631-243-2373***

*source: Priests for Life*

## *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.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.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

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES' VIP CENTER IN LYNBROOK** needs volunteers to assist in driving visually impaired people to and from this center on Thursdays. We have needs for drivers in the Bellmore, Bethpage, Cedarhurst, East Rockaway, Hempstead, Merrick, North Bellmore, Oceanside, Wantagh and Woodmere areas.

If you are interested and available in the above areas or in any other volunteer opportunities with Catholic Charities, please contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator at 516-733-7044. Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated!

## **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>.