

Masses For The Week**Monday - August 27**

6:30

9:00 Dina & Carlo Datuma

Tuesday - August 28

6:30

9:00 Margaret Jean Owen

Wednesday - August 29

6:30

9:00 William Cole

Thursday - August 30

6:30

9:00 Frank M. Astralla

Friday - August 31

6:30 Patricia Donovan

9:00 Dennis Hickey

Saturday - September 19:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**

5:00 Richard Furey

7:00 Thomas Salsberg

Sunday - September 2

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Michael G. Pigott

10:00 Angelina & Thomas Cilmi

11:30 Tristan Turnier-Baez

1:00 Jerry Hansen

5:30 Shirley Peterson

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matt 23:13-22

Tues. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matt 23:23-26

Wed. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Mark 6:17-29

Thurs. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

Fri. 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

Sat. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

Sun. *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 Moses urged the Israelites to be faithful to the commands of the Lord. They were not to change them in any way but to follow them wisely.*

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 *In order for God's word to take root, believers must do more than merely listen to it. They must act upon it.*

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 *Jesus said that nothing coming from outside can make a person impure. Rather, it is the evil coming from within that constitutes impurity.*



Saint Maria
Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week August 18/19 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$15,294.82

Assumption: \$ 4,600.00

Total: \$19,894.82

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek to choose God and service to our neighbor over every other responsibility, want or ambition as an act of good stewardship.



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**LIGHT**

It is essential for life. There's the light at the end of the tunnel, the ray of hope, the person who lights up a room. No wonder we call Jesus **THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!** He is essential for life.

Our next meeting is Monday, August 27th 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. 20 #391	Michael & Diane Flood	\$25.00
Aug. 21 #535	Gerald C. Brace	\$25.00
Aug. 22 #234	M/M Edward Pecinka	\$25.00
Aug. 23 #410	James & Diana Hughes	\$25.00
Aug. 24 # 88	Marie D'Elia	\$50.00

Wedding Banns

3rd Joseph Puma & 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: rice, chili, beef stew, catsup, mayonnaise, oil, peanut butter & jams or jellies, cake mix and icing, cereals, pasta & pasta sauce, pancake mix & syrup, vegetables (no green beans needed), hearty soups, sugar, diapers (sizes 4 & 6), baby wipes, laundry soap, bar soap, shampoo & conditioner.

We are also running a drive for school supplies. We could use pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, index cards, black & white notebooks, and plastic folders for loose leaf. Thank you again for your tremendous generosity to those less fortunate.

Please Note: Due to limited space, we do not have room to accept clothing and toys. Please place those items in the St. Vincent de Paul Drop Boxes at 249 Broadway. *Thank you!*

Food Pantry:

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



*Week of Aug 26 - Sept 1, 2012
Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Mary & Frederick Lueck*

Rest in Peace

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

*Vincent Rosenberger, Kevin J. Feeney
John Yaniro, Charlotte Smolinski
Catherine Keating, Gloria J. Bertsch
Gerald J. Canfield*

*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 Cavaliere, 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, Christopher Whirl*

Notes from the Father Pat

Our parish picnic was a nice event. I do believe the early morning rain did put on a damper on some parishioners since there was a time when it looked like the day would be a complete wash-out. But the sun broke out in the late morning and it turned out to be a beautiful day. For me, and I think other attendees would say the same, the Mass was the highlight of the day. It was great to be outside in the cathedral of nature that God has created, to praise God with hymns, and to share the Body and Blood of Christ after an afternoon of sharing picnic food. I did manage to win the overall gymnastic gold medal and was awarded a 10.0 on my back flip (although it did take five people to lift me up afterwards!). The badminton match between Fathers Poly and Ciya was a tense battle that went down to the final volley.

I want to thank all the members of the Pastoral Council for the work on planning the parish picnic. In particular, I want to thank Gerri Fiore who made the arrangements for the park and provided wonderful sausages and spare ribs. Martin Meaney kept the children busy with various games, Charlie Hydo provided the sound system, and Debbie Robinson donated prizes for the kids. I think it was a good moment of community for the parish and I hope we can continue to have such events through the year. It is my hope that any parishioner who has ideas about social events that might bring people together would bring them to me. Although the Pastoral Council was happy to lead this day, I think it important that we get many people involved in our different events.

Father Poly Antony will be leaving us to return to India this coming week on Thursday, August 30th. I would like to have a farewell gathering for him after the 9:00 Mass on Wednesday, August 29th in the parish hall. We are most grateful for his being with us during this summer. He is a dedicated priest and his presence made it easier for the rest of to take our summer vacations. He will return to his regular ministry of training students who are preparing to become Redemptorist priests. They are blessed with a wonderful role model in Father Poly.

DISCERNING THE FUTURE

A year ago, I promised to prepare a report on the parish with the goal of stating where we are and where we are heading. You will soon receive a copy of this report at the Masses on the weekend of September 1st and 2nd. It will also be available on the internet as of September 1st. This report was created from listening to the staff, Pastoral Council, Financial Council, the various ministries of the parish and parish survey that was completed at the Masses on the weekend of February 17th and 18th. The report, *Discerning the Future* is completed and I would like to allow you the opportunity to discuss it with me. I will offer three different times for a my presentation on this report and your insights. ***They will be offered in the Parish Hall on the following dates and times: Thursday, September 6 at 9:45am; Thursday, September 6 at 7:30pm; Thursday, September 13 at 7:30pm.*** In offering the talk three different times, I hope it will allow you the opportunity to attend this presentation and offer your ideas for our parish.

Father Pat CSSR

CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR WEBSITE?

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.smtbethpage.org if you are interested in joining or would like more information. Thank you!

Celebrating our Sexuality

This program will be lead by Mr. Anthony Gentile who is a dynamic speaker and who will hold your attention, speaking to you in a most authentic way about what it means to be a Christian sexual person. He will be in our parish for the following three ***evening sessions***:

Sun., Sept. 16th at 7:00 in the Parish Hall—Married Couples
 Sun., Sept. 23 at 7:00 in the Parish Hall-18 & over Singles
 Sun., Sept. 30 at 7:00 in the Parish Hall for Teens 12-18

PARISH BUSINESS

I am happy to inform the parish that we have sold the old convent. It was a cash offer and we have placed the money in the bank. We sold it to Mr. Robert Ray for \$300,000. After paying the various fees and the real estate agents, we were left with \$280,500. Mr. Ray and his construction firm is well-known to many parishioners since he is a long-time resident of Bethpage. I believe he may use the property for his offices.



It took several years to sell the property for a variety of reasons. As you all know, the last few years have seen a significant economic downturn. Additionally, selling parish property is not easy. The Diocese of Rockville Centre wisely places a serious process that ensures a pastor is well-advised. Ultimately, it is the bishop who has the final say on whether to move forward with a sale or not. Since the Catholic Church is a non-profit institute, we must also get the approval of the State Court since the government supervises non-profits (and tax-exempt groups) for their own protection. After quite a long and arduous process, all these requirements were met.

I am grateful for the work that Father John Tizio CSSR, our former pastor did, in moving this project forward. Also Father Henry Sattler CSSR has been very helpful in assisting me in this matter. I cannot say enough about the work done by the Parish Financial Council, John McCarthy (chair), John Lynam, (trustee), John Joyce (trustee), Anthony Citrolo, Frank Mekalainas, Barbara Amoroso, James Letourneau, CPA, Robert Wendelken, Ed Schmidt and Carol Buffa, Esq. They were most helpful in sharing their time and talents with the parish. In particular, I must single out Anthony Citrolo who did yeoman work in bringing this sale to completion. Our parish is blessed by these parishioners who take so seriously the financial care of our parish. For now, we will try to get some interest on it (which as you know is not too easy). I want to donate some of the proceeds to charitable endeavors as a reminder of the gospel-call to share our blessings with the poor. Also I would like to consider one or two small projects that I believe most parishioners would welcome. However, it is my hope that we bank most of the funds as we plan for the serious buildings needs that lie before us.

We need to repave the parking lot. We have serious concerns about the bricks on some sections of the walls on the school, the roof of the school itself, and there is the hope of someday converting the auditorium to a gym. These are projects that will cost close to a million and a half dollars. The pastoral council and financial committee have recommended that we seriously consider a capital campaign in the near future.

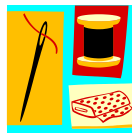
God is good. Even in spite of our challenging economic times, the parishioners are generous. In September, I will give a financial report to the parish. If you have any questions or concerns, you are most welcome to speak to me. — Father Pat, CSSR

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY "WELCOME BACK"

Our GENERAL MEETING will be TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH at 7:30PM followed by our WELCOME BACK GIFT SWAP. To participate, please bring a "new" wrapped gift worth \$10. Any woman wishing to see what we are all about are most welcome to come and join in the festivities. If you would like to become a member, please speak to Louise Smith at 735-1375 or Janet Dion at 433-9340. Refreshments will be served.

Molloy College's Continuing Education Program is offering a Catholic High School Entrance Exam prep course for eighth graders planning to attend any of the ten Catholic high schools on Long Island. Students will review the math, reading, writing, vocabulary and grammar skills that will be tested on the exam, and will learn test-taking strategies to help them work faster and more confidently to maximize their scores. **Classes begin on September 15 at the Rockville Centre Campus and September 16 at the Suffolk Center in East Farmingdale** and will be completed in time for the October 27 exam.

Contact Molloy's Continuing Education office at 516-678-5000 ext. 6206 or register online: www.molloy.edu.ce/chsee



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Share your sewing talents to help make baptismal bibs. Please call Roberta Grieco at 516 937-1741 or Mary Colavolpe Corrected # 516 495-4408.

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!

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

Travel with St. Joseph's College faculty member, Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ to Machu Picchu and The Land of the Inca, January 8-16, 2013. For a detailed brochure call or email Sister at (631) 654-0199 or growland@sjcnj.edu

SCHEDULING FOR LABOR DAY

Please note that there is NO 6:30a.m. Mass on Labor Day, September 3rd. The Rectory Office will be closed on that day and will open on Tuesday, September 4th at 9a.m.

St. Monica - A Persistent Mother: Patron of Those Praying for their Children and Grandchildren to return to the Catholic faith.

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371 one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact, she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead, he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan. In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her (see quote below). Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste. She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter, 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death. *From the website: AmericanCatholic.org*

Father Pat will give a presentation in the Parish Hall in honor of St. Monica entitled: My Kids Don't Go to Church and It Drives Me Crazy! This talk will be given twice on Monday, August 27th. Once at 9:45 a.m. and then at 7:30 p.m. in the evening. All are welcome!

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

St. Martin of Tours Society of St. Vincent de Paul and our Parish Outreach work hand-in-hand to help needy families in our community. Families who come to the Food Pantry often have outstanding bills and other pressing financial needs. These families are referred to the Society who will then assign two Vincentians to make a home visit to discuss the family's needs and to determine where the Society may be able to help.

All requests for financial assistance are brought back to the conference. The Vincentians determine how much money is available for distribution and then which families needs are the most critical. Checks are made out to landlords, LIPA, the telephone/cable company, drug store to pay the overdue bills approved for payment. Often the Society will make a partial payment and work out a payment schedule for the remaining amount.

The Society carries out the Gospel message to care for those in need because of the generous support we receive from the people of St. Martin of Tours. Thank you and God bless you!

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

RCIA PROGRAM

Are you in need of Sacraments or perhaps thinking about becoming Catholic? The RCIA Program begins in September with its journey. The first part is a period of inquiry. If you are considering conversion or thinking about full communion, please consider joining us during this period. Call the rectory at 931-0818 and leave a message for Fr. Henry or call Ann Hughes at 433-6972. We look forward to hearing from you.

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:

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Tom Imbornoni 465-1219
mcimbo@verizon.net

Our parish is making a donation of \$150 to this golf tournament and the Redemptorist community is matching that donation with \$150. One of our parishioners, Tom Imbornoni, is one of the leaders of this group. He recently lost his wife Mary-Gwen to cancer. She was a wonderful member of our parish. Tom is the father of four children who are still young. We make this donation in memory of his dear wife and to honor his great work.

Father Pat

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 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.

LIFE TEEN AND EDGE

Check out our parish website for a calendar of events www.smtbethpage.org

For more information about any of our programs, please contact Erin at EKHoran@yahoo.com

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School OPEN HOUSE October 21, 2012 CORRECTED TIME 10:30AM 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.

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.



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 in the Youth Center (room 107 of the school) for our Life Nights. Each week we gather to grow in faith and friendship with Christ & each other. All are welcome!



The Edge program is for all middle school aged student (6th-8th grade). Edge meets every other Thursday evening from 7-8:30pm. This program is a wonderful way for young adolescents to grow in their faith as well as build lasting friendships.



Parent Life is designed to give parents an opportunity to support their parish ministry programs while strengthening their own relationship with Christ and His Church. Parent Life meets once a month on Sundays following the 5:30pm Mass in the school building.

All parents and adults are welcome!

The Last "Just Saying..." by G.M.

I hope you enjoyed reading this column during the summer months. Here's one more story. Hope you enjoy!

"SEE ME!!"

I was a high school freshman trying to cope with a new school, new friends, and especially new teachers. My English teacher was Mr. Nevins - a tall, imposing man who never, *ever* cracked a smile. A week into the new school year he gave the class a composition assignment, and was very adamant about margins, punctuation and spelling. I wasn't worried as I always liked writing in elementary school. I would measure two fingers from the left edge of my paper, place a dot with my pencil - one at the top and one at the bottom of the page - and carefully draw a straight line for my margin. I had some good ideas on the theme and thought, "*this is a piece of cake!*" The next day I was ready to hand in my paper but before I did, Judy, the girl sitting in front of me, suggested that we read each other's work. I agreed, and as I was reading her composition, I couldn't help noticing that she was shaking - trying to suppress her laughter! I couldn't understand why my paper was so funny until she whispered to me, "*You dope! The theme, My Pet Peeve, is NOT about your dog, but about something that irritates you!!!*" I could feel the blood rush from my face down to my feet, and wanted to just *die!!* Just then Mr. Nevins asked us to pass our papers forward to the first person in our row for collection. For the rest of the period, I couldn't concentrate, thinking how incredibly stupid I was!

For two weeks, my stomach would do flips whenever he would open his briefcase, thinking that this was the day he would hand our papers back to us. Then the dreaded day finally came. "*People, people, people! You have such poor writing skills and some of you have **no idea** what you are writing about.*" I did my best to hide behind Judy. I couldn't look at his face. Finally, I got back my paper. There was a big "**SEE ME**" in red.

After class, I went up to Mr. Nevins. He looked at me and said, "*Am I to **presume** that you now know what a 'pet peeve' is?*" I looked at him and managed a weak, "*yes sir.*" He took back my paper and gave me B+. As I left the room I turned around to thank him. His back was to me, and I couldn't help notice that he was shaking!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

If you are in need of help concerning domestic violence or sexual assault, or know of someone who is suffering because of it, please refer to the Nassau Country Assistance Depts.

NASSAU COUNTY FAMILY VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

Community Resource Directory
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
N.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence Administration Offices 465-4700
24 Hours a day, 7 days a week DV and Sexual Assault Hotline 542-0404
N.C. District Attorney's Office - Crime Victim's Advocates 571-4967
New York State Spanish Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 942-5908

POLICE DEPARTMENT

(Main number) 573-7000

EMERGENCIES (911)**Family Court (to file family offence petitions)**

571-9055

1200 Old Country Road, Westbury, NY 11590

CHILD ABUSE

Child Abuse/Maltreatment Hotline (Albany) (800) 342-3720

Mandated Reporters (800) 635-1522

N.C. Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect 747-2966

ELDER ABUSE

Adult Protective Services 227-8472

N.C. Dept. of Senior Citizens (Senior HELP-LINE) 227-8900

N.Y.S. Office of the Aging Senior Citizen's HELP-LINE) (800) 342-9871

OTHER RESOURCES

Department of Social Services General Information 227-8519

Spouse Abuse Group Education (SAGE) 935-6858

N.C. Crime Victims Assistance Program (Crime Victims' Board 573-3330

N.C. Health Department (General Information) 227-9700

IN CASE OF PHYSICAL EMERGENCY, CALL 911

source: Diocese of Rockville Ctr. Pro-life Office

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.

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>.

FAITH ON TAP

Young Adult Ministry of DRVC
Wantagh Inn

3264 Railroad Avenue, Wantagh

Talk begins at 7:30 PM— doors open at 7:00
Monday, September 24, 2012

John Gonzalez is a Parish Social Ministry Developer at Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and adjunct instructor at Molloy College. John's goal is to serve the Catholic American community by promoting and advocating the social teachings of the Catholic faith through new social media communications and by promoting opportunities for being actively engaged in social ministries. In this election year, John will be speaking about an important topic: **"Who Would Jesus Vote for ... How Not To Vote for the 'Lesser Evil.'"**

For more information contact Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drvc.org

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Mirando

(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.

First Saturday Devotions

Please join us Saturday morning on September 1st at 8:30 a.m. for Saturday devotions.



Rosary of Reparation, reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life of St. Joseph's College is presenting the series *Vatican II Revisited: Perspectives from Fifty Years Later*. It will begin on **Thursday, September 20th at 7:30PM in the McGann Conference Room on the Patchogue campus.**

The first speaker of the year will be Dr. William Marrin, S.T.L., S.S.L., Ph.D. whose topic will be *Vatican II: Unfinished Pentecost*. No RSVP is required. This talk is free and open to the public.

For further information, contact Professor Paul Ginnetty at (631) 687-2681 or pginnetty@sjcnj.edu. (Next speaker in the series: Msgr. John Strykowski, Thursday Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m.)