

***Masses For The Week*****Monday - September 3 (LABOR DAY)**6:30 **NO 6:30 MASS**

9:00 Eleanor Tarr

**Tuesday - September 4**

6:30 Gerard Trotter

9:00 Rose Provenzano

**Wednesday - September 5**6:30 Deceased Members of the  
Rasmussen & Schweiger Families

9:00 Leonard Parine

**Thursday - September 6**

6:30 Barbara Cleaveland Carl

9:00 John Lettis

**Friday - September 7**

6:30 Richard Reilly

9:00 Mario Amato, Anniversary

**Saturday - September 8**9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**

5:00 Casey &amp; Preziosi Families

7:00 Sean Meehan

**Sunday - September 9**

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 William Eichenlaub

10:00 Barbara &amp; James Moran

11:30 Deceased Members of the  
Miele & Serpaio Families

1:00 Ronnie Dix

5:30 Daniel O'Callaghan

***Readings For The Week***

Mon. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30

Tues. 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37

Wed. 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44

Thurs. 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11

Fri. 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39

Sat. Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Sun. Isaiah 35:4-7a *God comes to save us.  
The ears of those who are deaf will be opened, and  
the tongue of those who are mute will sing.**James 2:1-5 Treat everyone as equal be-  
fore the Lord, rich and poor alike. Did not God  
choose the poor to inherit the kingdom?**Matthew 4:23 A deaf man with a speech  
impediment was brought to Jesus who healed him.  
Jesus ordered the crowds to tell no one, but they  
went about proclaiming the Lord's wonders.*

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 25/26 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$15,537.59

***Thank you for your support & generosity!*****Reflection & Living Stewardship**

“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate.

Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who demonstrate by their generosity that they understand God is the Source of all they are and have.



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**

Do you need repair? Seeing the old convent being renovated made me think of how much we are like that old house. We all need repairs of one kind or another, but if we are just fixing up the outside without repairing the inside, it won't be much of an improvement! Need help? Come and tell us what you need. What have you got to lose! Our next meeting is **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH at 7:30PM in the Church.** Call 516-993-9672 for more info or prayer requests!

**St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

Aug. 27 #27	Marian Astorino	\$25.00
Aug. 28 #297	Gerri Nugent	\$25.00
Aug. 29 #392	Joseph Giugliano	\$25.00
Aug. 30 #637	Cheryl & John Sullivan	\$25.00
Aug. 31 #390	Philip A. Ciminelli	\$50.00

**BONUS DRAWINGS: LAST WEEK OF AUGUST  
CONGRATULATIONS! OUR WINNERS ARE:**

#639	Gina Hignell	\$1,000
#371	Barbara Hoolahan	\$1,000
# 84	Kathleen O'Brien-Joyce	\$500

**Wedding Banns**

1st Dominic Valente &amp; Taylor Rut



*"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 HAVE AN OVER-ABUNDANCE OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES DUE TO YOUR TREMENDOUS GENEROSITY, THEREFORE, THE NEED HAS BEEN FULFILLED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!***

**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 September 2 - 8, 2012  
Altar Bread & Wine  
In Loving Memory of  
John J. Cominsky*

***Rest in Peace***

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

*Beverly Agiesta, Dorothy Vitti  
Jessie Marciano*

***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, Joseph Simon  
Gerry McCarthy, Mary Kennedy, Walter Looney  
Katie Fields, Christopher Whirl, Barbara Casey  
Vincent & Fran Valenti, Lucille Kruish*

## *Letter from the Pastor*

*"It's a working man I am, and I've been down under ground  
And I swear to God if I ever see the sun  
Or for any length of time, I can hold it in my mind  
I never again will go down under ground."*

Rita MacNeil (Part Of The Mystery, Lupins Records, 1981; Volume I - Songs From The Collection, Lupins Records / Virgin Music Canada, 1994; Full Circle, EMI Music Canada, 1998; A Night At The Orpheum, EMI Music Canada, 1999; Mining The Soul, LuRock Entertainment Inc, 2000; Mining The Soul with The Men Of The Deep, 2001)

These are the verses of an Irish ballad I like entitled, "It's a Working Man I Am." When I hear that song, I think of my father, Paddy Woods. He was a working man - fifty years as a laborer at the Grand Central Railroad. Off he went to work at 6:30 a.m. on the BMT subway to Manhattan, and back again at 6:00 p.m., a bit dusty, tired, and looking forward to his supper. It's a working man I am. He also worked for years on Friday and Saturday nights, shaping up for a shift at the New York Times as paper handler. And there were even times, he took a third job as a window dresser at Altman's Department Store. Having left Ireland where work was scarce and having tasted the depths of the Great Depression, he took work when it could be found, and never complained, since you never knew where your next job might be. It's a working man I am. When Tom Brokaw, the news correspondent, talks about that generation, he calls them "The Greatest Generation." I agree. Dad's work was his way of loving his wife and his three children. It provided us with a home and the educational opportunities we sought in life.

This last week we marked the death of Neil Armstrong who was the first man to walk on the moon. Always a humble man, he described himself as a nerdy engineer doing his job. I recall the almost national celebration we had for Cal Ripkin because he got up everyday and played baseball for 2,632 straight baseball games. None of us can forget the brave firefighters, police officers and rescue workers who went up the stairs of the burning Twin Towers when everyone else was coming down. It is a working man I am.

We live in a time when there are many people who are unemployed and underemployed. How frightening and painful that reality is for them. If I asked you why you worked, you may well look at me in a strange way and think, "only a priest could ask such a silly question." You would probably tell me you work so you can eat, and have a home, and raise your family. Those are great reasons, but underneath them, I would suspect you work because you love the people with whom you share life - your spouse, your children, your family. Many workers have a picture of their loved ones on their desk, in their locker, on the helmet. They do this to remind them of why they work.

If you are really blessed, you may love your job. It may be a work that is satisfying and fulfilling to you. It may be making our society and world a better place. I can say that about my work, although it has its moments.... Yet there are people who have work that may seem to be sheer drudgery and monotonous or back-breaking. Yet their work, if done for their family and love of God, is sacred and holy. Some have the great role of raising their children and caring for their home or apartment. There are men and women with the graced task of caring for a spouse, parent, or loved one who is infirm. This is not an easy role, but one that is so very special. Work is part of life. To a Catholic, we can think of our work, whatever it is, if done out of love of God and others, as a special vocation. At 6:30 a.m. Mass, some of the folks there are retired, but there are others going off to work. They choose to consecrate their day with the Mass.

There is the great tradition of the morning offering. As you begin your day (perhaps you may need a cup of coffee first) you can make such a prayer. This is a way of dedicating our whole day to God. So as the summer ends and as we celebrate Labor Day, may God bless you in the work of your life.

### **MORNING OFFERING**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favors, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of those most in need of your grace. Amen.

*Father Pat, CSSR, woodscssr@aol.com  
www.smtbethpage.org*

## I Love Sex

This message has been approved by the Lord God

*"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule...So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, 'be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.' The man and his wife were both naked and not ashamed.'" Book of Genesis*

We live in an age where sex and sexuality is one of our most discussed topics. Sex is used to sell cars and toothpaste, pornography has taken over the internet, and our culture seems to encourage the young to be sexually involved; marriage and fidelity are considered old-fashioned. We are sexual beings, each of us possessing sexual desire. This is the way God made us. Our sexuality is a precious gift from our Creator. Very often, when our Church talks about sexual matters, it is to say what must be avoided and what is sinful. Honestly, many feel our faith has little to say about human sexuality.

Yet, it is God who made us sexual beings. It is our faith that proclaims that married sexual love is a sacrament, a most holy moment, where God is so very present. Honestly, many of us, single, married, celibate, young or old, struggle with what it means to be a sexual person in the modern age. I invite you to attend this program our parish is conducting:

### 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*:

**Sunday, September 16 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall - Married Couples**

**Sunday, September 23 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall - 18 & over Singles**

**Sunday, September 30 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall for Teens 12-18**

*Let him kiss me with kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine. Song of Songs*

### STAND UP FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM & STOP THE HHS MANDATE!

**Event: Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally**

**When: Saturday, September 8th at 1:00 - 4PM**

**Where: Corner of Old Country Road & Clinton Avenue, Garden City**

**Contact: Grace Colucci, gccolucci@aol.com**

**Go to our website at [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org) to Pastor's Place link for more info.**

### 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**

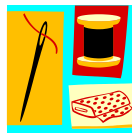
**Talk begins at 7:30 PM— doors open at 7:00**

**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](mailto:msheridan@drvc.org)

**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](http://www.molloy.edu.ce/chsee)



## 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  
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

## COMING SOON! NAME CHANGE!

In honor of St. Alphonsus Liguori, the Redemptorists saints and those who have gone before us, we will have a dedication very soon. On that day the parish hall will be known at St. Alphonsus Hall. More info to follow!

## 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.



# 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 can receive a copy of this report at the Masses this weekend. It will also be available on the internet as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. 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*



Our Lady of Mercy Church will host  
**American Girl Fashion Show®**  
 October 19-21, 2012  
 For ticket information please visit  
[www.americangirlfashionshows.com](http://www.americangirlfashionshows.com)

# 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.

# Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ



Seventeen parishioners from St. Martin of Tours joined more than 60 other people from various Redemptorist parishes and ministries for the weekend of retreat on August 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. God gave us beautiful weather, warm waters, good food, and spiritual nourishment for the weekend, and I believe all came home refreshed both spiritually and physically. I was so proud to have so many parishioners attend this annual retreat that I have been part of for almost fifteen years.

I must say a highlight was the backflip that Harry Smith did into the pool, and he was given a perfect score of 10.0 by the judges. I thank Barbara Amoroso for all her work in arranging the trip; she did a great job! I am also very grateful to Father Poly Antony who drove to Long Branch and back twice. God bless him and I thank you for your prayers for our retreat. We certainly prayed for you. Usually the retreat is the weekend before Labor Day so keep the date open for 2013. All are welcome. - Father Pat, CSSR

### 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:

Phil Lembo 931-3509  
toothdoc15@aol.com

Ernie Fikar 681-8204  
efikar@aol.com

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](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.

**LIFE TEEN AND EDGE**

Check out our parish website for a calendar of events [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org). For more information about any of our programs, please contact Erin at [EKHoran@yahoo.com](mailto:EKHoran@yahoo.com)

**St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School  
OPEN HOUSE  
October 21, 2012  
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](http://www.sjbdhs.org).

**Blessed John Paul II's words on the value of work:** On the 90th anniversary of Rerum Novarum, Pope John Paul II wrote his social encyclical Laborem exercens (On Human Labor, 1981). His focus was on homo faber, on man the worker. He considers work to be so important he calls it the "key to the social question." A man/woman is created to be, in the visible universe, an image and likeness of God himself (Gen. 1:26). He is placed in it in order to subdue the earth (Gen 1:29). From the beginning therefore he is called to work. Work means "any activity by man/woman, whether manual or intellectual, whatever its nature or circumstances; it means any human activity that can and must be recognized as work, in the midst of all the many activities of which man is capable." "Work is one of the characteristics that distinguishes man/woman from the rest of the animal kingdom. Only man/woman is capable or work, and only man/woman occupies his existence on earth by work."

Work is part of our spirituality. Through our work, we are to come closer to God, the Creator and Redeemer. Through the toil of work, we participate in God's salvific plan for man and the world. We share in the work of our redemption. Through our work we deepen our friendship with Christ by accepting, through faith, a living participation in His threefold mission as priest, prophet and king.



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 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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. The next service is September 11th. Please join us as we adore, praise and worship our Holy Redeemer.



**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.

***First Friday Devotions***

*Please join us on September 7th at 7:00p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel.*

*This holy devotion is in reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

**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.**

Please visit our website at [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org). Click on *Pastor's Place* found on the upper right of the homepage. Once there, you will find a link to Father Pat's "*Saint of the Day*" featuring *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Martin's is hosting a **BLOOD DRIVE on Thursday, September 27th from 2:30—8:30 PM in the Parish Hall**

More information to come in future bulletins or check out our web by clicking on "News and Events" on the homepage.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE  
A BEAUTIFUL LIFE****Diana Mirando, Life Center volunteer**

I have been a volunteer at the Life Center of LI for over 11 years. In all that time, I have seen incredible people doing incredible things. But never have I seen a more dedicated person give "all of himself" to help others along the way. The man I speak of was Jack Eschmann.

He was a pilot in WWII, a N.C.P.D. helicopter operator and during that time, he joined Operation Rescue after the legalization of abortion by Roe v Wade in 1973. He had 8 children, one mentally challenged. He lived in a little house in Bellmore. That little house was open to nuns from the Dominican Republic where he would travel at his own expense to help build schools, churches and homes. Visiting priests, immigrants that were too poor to have a place to stay, were welcome at Jack and Winnie's. He and his wife would sleep in the basement leaving the upstairs for everyone else.

He opened Anthony House for recovering alcoholics, another for prisoners released from jail to help them find a job. He and a few others opened up the first Life Center in Deer Park for women that were experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Jack couldn't drive down any given street without stopping for someone homeless, confused or needing help.

He worked with St. Vincent de Paul, marched in Washington, prayed in front of abortion clinics. He moved refrigerators, washing machines, ovens, tables and chairs in a van to the poorest neighborhoods. He handed out turkeys to the poor on Thanksgiving, counseled homeless and frightened people.

Louise Smith told of a time when Jack approached our Christian Mothers when he was opening Anthony House. He was in need of sheets, pillow cases, towels, blankets. He said some woman donated yarn and asked if the Christian Mothers could turn it into blankets, little jackets with hats and booties for the Life Center. Our Christian Mothers helped him right along the way.

*Please see next week's column for more on this incredible human being - Mr. Jack Eschmann.*

## THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION

Weekend of September 8/9

The Catholic University of America located in Washington DC is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country including our diocese. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Thank you!

### Part time Maintenance Helper for St. Ignatius of Loyola, Hicksville

**Summary of Position:** part time 17 to 25 hours per week. Maintenance Helper is responsible to the Pastor and the Facilities Manager of the Parish.

**Duties:** Assist in the upkeep of the parish facility. Individual must be able to work under the supervision of a manager and follow parish procedures. Ensure the upkeep and maintenance of all areas of the facility to include minor maintenance tasks on equipment and mechanical systems such as lubrication, cleaning, filter changes, etc. Cleaning duties include mopping and vacuuming floors, cleaning bathrooms, washing windows, snow shoveling and trash removal. Effectively completes all tasks as assigned by the supervising manager who is kept updated of any defects, damages, or malfunctions of any kind. Ability to effectively manage time, meet deadlines, and coordinate work functions with other workers.

**Requirements:** Knowledge of stripping and waxing floors, experience with industrial strength cleaning chemicals, ability to lift 50 pounds, plumbing and electrical skills a plus.

**Mail, fax or email resume to:**

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### A Labor Day Prayer

God of the rough-worn hands, as we honor workers this day, let us not forget those whose work is not always honored:

- Those homemakers who watch over children and homes but are not recognized as workers because they are not paid
- Those who are forced out of jobs by corporate changes
- Those forced into early retirement
- Those who are denied employment because of their age
- Those who live far from home struggling to save a bit of money to sent to their loved ones
- Those who must work illegally in order to survive
- Those who lose jobs because employers use undocumented labor.

Christ of the aching back, you worked the rough wood, you walked the long and dusty roads, you know the bitter thirst of the poor. Let our thirst become a passion for justice. Help us to work toward transformation of economic policies that allow only a few nations to hoard the world's wealth, policies that pay women as only half a person or less, policies that do not recognize the worth of labor exactly without pay.

Spirit of creative power, move among us this day. Heal the wounds we carry because of jobs we hate but must do, jobs we want but cannot have. Heal all those who labor to survive. Renew in us our sense of vocation. Help us discern your Presence in even the lowliest tasks we face. Amen.

*(Chalice Worship, Colbert Cartwright & O.I. Harrison, eds. Chalice Press, 1997, p. 176)*

## OPEN HOUSE

### Holy Trinity Diocesan High School

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