

Masses For The Week**Monday - September 17**

6:30 Jo Neville
9:00 George Spencer

Tuesday - September 18

6:30 Gertrude Felora
9:00 Kathleen Pigott

Wednesday - September 19

6:30 James Kenton
9:00 Charles A. Harvey, Jr.

Thursday - September 20

6:30 Agnes Shimchak
9:00 Catherine Solimine

Friday - September 21

6:30 Madeline Miccio
9:00 Patty Kershmer Gross

Saturday - September 22

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Connie & Anna Doolan
7:00 Peter Quinn

Sunday - September 23

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Rose Balducci
10:00 Anthony Guglielmo
11:30 Frances M. Diaz, 1st Anniversary
1:00 George Spindler
5:30 Yetta Rubman

Readings For The Week

Mon. 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10
Tues. 1 Corinth. 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17
Wed. 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35
Thurs. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50
Fri. Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
Sat. 1 Corinthians 15:35-37; Luke 8:4-15
Sun. Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 *The wicked plotted to condemn the just one to death saying, "Let us condemn him to a shameful death."*

James 3:16-4:3 *Wars and conflicts arise because of envy; "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."*

Mark 9:30-37 *Jesus said, "The Son of Man is to be handed over...If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the...servant of all."*

***Divine Mercy Novena***

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week September 8/9 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$18,075.55

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who put their faith into action by using their gifts freely in support of our parish ministries and community activities.

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**

Remember the commercial, "There's always room for Jello®? For us, there's always room for Jesus! No matter how hectic or stressful our days are, we find the time for prayer and praise. In fact, these are the days we need it the most. So if your days are overwhelming, come and enjoy the peace at our meetings. The only thing overwhelming here is God's love! Our next meeting is **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th at 7:30PM in the Church**. If you don't need one, maybe you know someone who does. It all starts with the first step. Call 516-993-9672 for more info or prayer requests!

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Sept. 10	#305	Ted Rose	\$25.00
Sept. 11	#341	Elaine Toomey	\$25.00
Sept. 12	# 19	Joe & Mary Colavolpe	\$25.00
Sept. 13	#651	Marianne Foubert	\$25.00
Sept. 14	#362	Mary Noonan	\$50.00

Wedding Banns

3rd Dominic Valente & Taylor Rut
 2nd Joseph Chojnacki & Jean McCormick
 2nd Jack Tufarelli & Brianne Berner
 1st Patrick Algerio & Colleen McGrath



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

This week the pantry is in need of laundry soap, dish soap, tissues, shampoo, conditioner, tuna canned chicken, peas, creamed corn, black beans, chick peas, baked beans, rice, mayonnaise, mustard, oil, coffee, tea, cake mix, frosting, pasta sauce and canned fruit.

The reality of our economy has had a big impact on the work of our Outreach Program and it is obvious in our Food Pantry. Our shelves empty so quickly. During the month of August 2012, we helped feed 809 individuals from 110 families. This is an increase of 180 individuals since August 2011. We are so grateful for your continued support. We couldn't possibly do our work without your help.

We also want to especially thank St. Joseph Hospital for organizing a School Supply Drive to benefit our Parish Outreach clients. A truckload of supplies was delivered by hospital employees on Monday, August 29th and these donations, along with donations from parishioners, enabled our children to return to school with supplies needed for a good start. May God bless you all.

Food Pantry:

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



Week of September 16 - 22, 2012
Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Joseph Cascini

Rest in Peace

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

***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
 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*

Letter from the Pastor

Celebrating Our Sexuality

“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

When I am called upon to speak on what it means to be a sexual person, there are two Hollywood images that I like to use to help put this reality in the context of our age. The first is from the 1950's. Two shows I liked were *I Love Lucy* and *The Dick Van Dyke Show*. Both were comedies about family life and marriage. I remember that in both shows, when it showed the bedroom, the couples slept in twin beds. I think they were afraid that if they showed a queen sized bed it might be considered too provocative. I remember reading that when Lucy became pregnant (both in real life and in the show), the screenwriters did not use the word *pregnant*—it was considered a bit too much for the audience. This was certainly a time of innocence. When we consider where we are in our culture today, and with the saturation of sexual images and graphic language in the media, we might long for a return to this time. Yet, I think what was reflected in the fifties was almost a denial of human sexuality. The topic was considered not a proper topic and to be hushed up. I do not think that was neither correct nor healthy. God made us sexual beings, and all that God made is good.

The other image I use is from the classic movie, *The Graduate*, starring a young Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft. Part of the story of the movie involves the recently graduated Hoffman being seduced by an older married woman, Mrs. Robinson. When he is confronted by Mr. Robinson, the young man says with all sincerity, *“Gee, Mr. Robinson, it didn't mean anything to me; we might just as well have been shaking hands.”*

This dialogue is incredibly telling for our age. The act of sexual intimacy is a profound moment of committed love between a husband and wife. Words like hooking up, casual sex, one night stands and pornography speak to a sense of an age that has lost its bearings about a profound and sacred gift God has given us. I think neither the denial of the fifties of sexuality, nor the shallowness of today are helpful to us in coming to maturity as men and women in relationship with one another. So I thought it helpful to offer our parishioners a program on sexuality.

We are sexual beings, each of us possessing sexual desire. That 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. *Thou shalt not!* For those of us who are a bit older, I would say that many of us grew up with those words in our mind when it came to any matter that had to do with sex and sexuality. Sex was something that no polite person was supposed to talk about; it was kind of a hushed area of life. Yet, when we became teenagers, our bodies, minds and emotions went through tremendous changes. Some of them might have been explained well to us, but most likely what we learned about sex was from our friends or books that we might have peaked at with guilty feelings. As we grow older, although the passion and energy may lessen a bit, we continue to be living sexual men and women. God made us both male and female.

Now we live in a culture where sex is promoted at almost every moment on television and in the media. Sex is used to sell anything from cars to toothpaste. I have read that almost 40% of the traffic on the internet has something to do with sexuality. Our culture seems to encourage the young to be sexually involved while marriage and fidelity are considered old-fashioned. Sex and sexuality are not problems to be solved, but gifts from our God. We know that ALL that God made is good.

Yet, it is God who made us sexual beings. Our faith 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. Anthony is a dynamic speaker who I believe will hold your attention and speak to you in a most authentic way about what it means to be a Christian sexual person. I feel blessed that he will be in our parish for the following three sessions:

Sunday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for Married Couples: two presenters will speak

Sunday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for Single People (eighteen and over)

Sunday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for Teens (12-18)

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

ATTENTION:

For All Those Who Are Grieving the Loss of a Loved One



Bereavement Group will begin on **Thursday, October 25th at 7PM in the St. Alphonsus Hall (parish hall)** and will meet for eight consecutive weeks (excluding Thanksgiving Day), the last date being December 20th.

All interested, please call the rectory at 931-0818 and leave your name and phone number. Someone will call you to register for the group.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27

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



The St. Martin of Tours website needs you!

If you are an amateur or professional graphic designer, website designer, project manager, content developer, or just slightly techy and looking for a scholarship to heaven, join the SMT Web Team and help our newly designed website to be all it can be.

For more information or to volunteer, email us at smtwebsite2012@gmail.com



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

PADRE PIO HOLY HOUR

Please join us at the Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour on Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00PM in the Eucharistic Chapel. His first and second class relics will be venerated.



BAPTISMAL FONT DEDICATION

Please join us *after the 1:00 Mass* on Sunday, September 23 in the Gathering Area. The original baptismal font will be dedicated in Memory of Cornelius and Anna Doolan. Refreshments will follow in the school cafeteria. All are welcome!

For those who remember...

Anne Marie Stix, daughter of James and Catherine Collins, would like the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours to know that her father passed away on September 11, 2012. He and his wife Cathy, who predeceased him in 2003, were long time parishioners and very active in our church.

Jim was born in Brooklyn, NY lived in Bethpage, LI before moving to New Jersey in 2006 to live with his family.

May the souls of Jim and Cathy and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen!

Registration and Voting

As citizens, one of our basic civil rights and privileges is to participate in local, state and national elections. I urge all our parishioners to be active participants in the upcoming elections. Here is some information about how to register to vote.

Are all your family members registered at their current address? Are newly married names registered?

Apply for needed **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**.

Use the mail-in Voter Registration Form available at the US Post Office and LIBRARIES to register or to request Absentee Ballots.

QUESTIONS? Call the BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Nassau 516 571 2411 Suffolk 631 852 4500

IN PERSON REGISTRATION

(N.Y. Election Law Sections 5-210, 5-211, 5-212). You may register at your local board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year. However, to be eligible to vote in the November General Election, your application must be received no later than **October 12th** except if you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since **October 12th**, you may register in person at the board of elections up until **October 26th**.

You can also register to vote online at registertovote.org

VIRTUS TRAINING

Virtus training at St. Martin of Tours will be on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 7PM IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE OF THE SCHOOL.** Remember, if you wish to become a member of any ministry or volunteer your time in the parish, you **MUST** attend Virtus training.

However, you can also visit drv.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.

SMT Young Families Group Volunteers Needed



The Young Families Group will be starting up shortly and we need two volunteers to help organize and oversee the activities of the group. The group meets on **Thursday mornings from 10:00AM to 11:30AM.**

If you might be interested in this ministry and would like more information, please contact Deacon Gene at (519) 933-4690.

Women in Relationship Retreat - Saturday, September 22, 2012, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. *How can I be true to myself while fostering deep relationships with others? Why do we get stuck in relationships that are not life giving? What does 'loving too much' mean?* These questions and others will be explored through the lens of scripture and the 12-step principles. Presenter: Karen Musicaro, Donation: \$35 (Lunch included). If interested, please contact Tabor Retreat Center, Oceanside 516.536.3004 or taborretreats@juno.com.

The Little Sisters of the Poor

THIS weekend, September 15th and 16th, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be preaching at all masses. Their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, echoed these words of Our Lord as she often said, ***"Never forget that the poor are Our Lord. In caring for the poor say to yourself: This is for my Jesus—what a great grace!"***

Please be as generous as your means will allow to help them help the elderly and poor.

PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING

St. Joseph Hospital is offering FREE Prostate Cancer Screening on September 22 from 9am to 12 Noon in the Ambulatory Surgery Area.

To schedule an appointment please call 516-520-2500.

About Prostate Cancer...

- 1 in every 6 men will get prostate cancer sometime in his life. More than 240,000 cases are expected in 2012.
- Prostate cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer death in American men, behind only lung cancer.
- There are no noticeable symptoms of prostate cancer while it is still in its early stages. This is why getting tested is critical.
- The American Urological Association recommends men age 40 and older should be offered a baseline PSA test and physical exam for early detection and risk assessment of prostate cancer.

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

OCTOBER PRAYER SERVICE OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Please mark your calendars for a special prayer service to Our Lady of Fatima to counter today's secularists trends.



Let us ask God through the Prayer of the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother to bless and help our country.

Saturday, October 13, 2012

12:00 Noon

St. Martin of Tours Church

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary for Life

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. in the Church**

The Respect Life Committee and our Life Teen Ministry are joining together to sponsor an hour of prayer for the dignity of Life from conception to natural death.

We invite everyone to join us as we come together in prayer.

For more information, please contact Diana Mirando at 830-5077 or Erin Horan-Baudille at EKHoran@yahoo.com.

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.

LIFE TEEN'S KICKOFF

We will be kicking off our new year on Sunday, September 23rd and are excited about the planning to welcome back our teens and meet new members. Come and worship at the 5:30PM mass and join us at our Kick Off right after mass. All teens are welcome!

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

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 Tuesday, October 9th. THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY will be joining us as we adore, praise and worship our Holy Redeemer and petitioning Him during October—Respect Life Month. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**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>.



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!

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 (877) 796-HOPE.
Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Ser-
vices, Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-
4357.

New York Blood Center - B L O O D D R I V E

St. Martin's is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE on Thursday, September 27th from 2:30—8:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Hall (Parish Hall). To be a good donor you must:

- Bring valid photo or signature ID
- Minimum weight of 110 lbs
- Age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental consent available at www.nybloodcenter.org)
- Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months unless applied in NJ.

Time slots begin at 2:30 and every 15 minutes up to and including 8:15 p.m.

You may call the rectory at **931-0818** to leave your name, phone number and the time you would like to reserve, or you can email gennysmt@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions about your eligibility to give blood, please call 1-800-688-0900.

CATHOLICISM

"Shook me to the core..." *Mike Leonard*

*NBC "Today" Show Correspondent & Executive Producer of **CATHOLICISM**.*

"The most important media project in the history of the Catholic Church in America." *George Weigel, Biographer of Blessed John Paul II*

"Fr. Barron is one of the church's best messengers." *Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archdiocese of Chicago*

Last fall our parish had the opportunity to view these videos on Saturday mornings. There are ten videos and we watched one a week; the average video is about an hour. Those who saw them were deeply impressed since they are so well done. They are beautifully filmed and Father Barron is a great teacher. I loved them. Pope Benedict XVI had declared this the Year of Faith and viewing these videos might be a wonderful way of celebrating this. Any Catholic who wants to learn more about his or her faith would be blessed by watching them. Each one can be viewed independently.

This series can be offered to the parish again, perhaps in the evening. **I would like to see if there is interest in having this program put on again for our parish.** I am not asking you to commit to all ten, but to see if there are at least ten people who would like to view these videos. If we get ten people, (sounds like Moses bargaining with God to spare the people if he can find ten good men), we will put them on again. If not, I would be welcome to loan them to you. So, email me (woodscsr@aol.com) or call the office in you think you would like to watch CATHOLICISM sometime in the evening during the fall.

Father Pat, CSSR

Rosary for Life In the Chapel

Please join us for a Rosary for Life in the EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL every Wednesday evening at 7PM. We join together to not only lift up the lives of babies born and unborn, their mothers and fathers and all those that are experiencing a crisis pregnancy, but ALL LIFE, from conception to natural death. We pray for Rachel's Vineyard that helps all those who have suffered. Come sit with us and lift up your intentions for the sanctity of life.

OR You Can Email Your Prayer Requests

The Respect Life Ministry has set up an email address for ANY prayer requests you may have. Send your requests to: prayerssmtbethpage@gmail.com. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity. Remember, it is for anything that you would like to petition our Blessed Redeemer, whether it be finding a job, losing a loved one, help through a hard time or thanking Him for a favor received.

Help Still Wanted: Low Pay: Wonderful Retirement Plan

Some parishioners have told me that they enjoyed the "block parties" that were held in the parish parking lot on a Friday night. They were organized by Father John McKenna in the past. I wonder if a couple of people might want to take on the task of organizing one of these parties in the next month or so. , I would love to speak to you about it. Please call me or email me woodscsr@aol.com

As summer comes to a close, I wonder if anyone would consider taking on a Bible summer camp for summer of 2013. I would see as something like a week long, three hours or so a day, with Bible study, fun activities, a maybe a trip. I would love to have someone thinking and planning for this. If you might consider this, I would love to speak to you about it. We have two volunteers already but others are welcome. Please call me or email me woodscsr@aol.com

Does anybody have an ideas for Halloween, perhaps a party or some form of trick or treating for the kids or even the adults. I am open to good ideas as long as I do not have to wear a Yankee uniform. We have two volunteers but more are desired. Please consider volunteering. I would love to speak to you about it. Please call me or email me woodscsr@aol.com

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This and That: *I am happy to say that several parishioners have responded to all these donations:*

- The Teen Life Room will be named in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A picture of the Blessed Mother will be donated. Donation: \$200.00
- A bench will be placed next to our new statue of Blessed Francis Seelos. Donation: \$400.00
- Outdoor decorative fountains for the statue of Blessed Seelos and also for the statue of the Blessed Mother will be donated. Donations: \$300.00 each

As always, I appreciate the great generosity of our parishioners. - Father Pat