

Masses For The Week**Monday - September 24**

6:30 Joseph Cascini
9:00 Michael & Doris Lombard

Tuesday - September 25

6:30 Margaret Pavone
9:00 Anthony Ducato

Wednesday - September 26

6:30 Joseph Hoolahan
9:00 Philip Iovino

Thursday - September 27

6:30 Walter Boshko
9:00 Frank Pepe

Friday - September 28

6:30 Kristin Green
9:00 Veronica Lawlor

Saturday - September 29

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Thomas & Florence Mullen
7:00 Margaret Harlem

Sunday - September 30

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Ann & Theodore Olive
10:00 Florence Ambrosio
11:30 Sam Carusio
1:00 Margaret Ridley
5:30 Caroline Horan

Readings For The Week

Mon. Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
Tues. Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
Wed. Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thurs. Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Fri. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
Sat. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
Sun. Numbers 11:25-29 *Moses said to Joshua, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!"*

James 5:1-6 *"Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away."*

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 *Jesus reassured the disciples, "Whoever is not against us is for us...If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off."*

***Divine Mercy Novena***

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week September 15/16 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,426.75

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Stewardship
A Way of Life

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, *"Freely will I offer sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."*

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who offer welcome and assistance to our new parishioners, whether through our Hospitality Ministry or right from the pews!

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**

Sunrises and sunsets always amaze me. Each one is so beautiful and so different - just as we are to God. I think sunrises and sunsets are glimpses into the beauty of heaven. How awesome that God gives us these works of art every day. The next time you see one, stop to appreciate the beauty and thank the Artist!

Our next meeting is **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th 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. 17 #83	Lucia Doupe	\$25.00
Sept. 18 #423	Mary Pat Goggin	\$25.00
Sept. 19 #53	John & Joan Gozaloff	\$25.00
Sept. 20 #157	Checchia Family	\$25.00
Sept. 21 #190	William & Barbara Gordon	\$250.00

Wedding Banns

3rd Joseph Chojnacki & Jean McCormick
 3rd Jack Tufarelli & Brianne Berner
 2nd Patrick Algerio & Colleen McGrath
BANNS ONLY: Marriage at another church
 1st Thomas Gucciardo & Lauren Barnes



"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.

Food Pantry:

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

HOLY HOUR

There will be a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26th. You are welcome to attend all or any part of the holy hour.

**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**

Due to space constraints, a smaller font had to be used. Please call the Rectory at 931-0818 if a name can be removed.

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 Busuttill, 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

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



Week of September 23 - 29, 2012

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
 Robert Preziosi*

Letter from the Pastor

I hope that you have had the opportunity to read *Discerning the Future: Reflections on St. Martin of Tours Parish Bethpage, New York; Our Present Realities and Future Directions*. This blue covered sixteen-page booklet was distributed at all the Masses on the weekend of September 1st and 2nd. There have been three open parish meetings about this booklet in the last three weeks. I am grateful to all who have been giving their reflections on future directions. If you have not seen this booklet, there are copies still available in the Church and I invite you to read it.

Although I wrote this report, it comes from **you** since I sought to listen carefully to what I experienced and heard over the past year. In particular, the parish survey that was taken earlier in the year had considerable impact on what was written. There is a great deal of good news in this booklet. The vast majority of parishioners are happy with the parish and describe it as a warm and welcoming community. It is clear that the parishioners of St. Martin's love their parish. There are challenges and concerns that were also raised. The people who raised these issues also care deeply about the parish and want it to be the best possible community reflecting the love of Jesus that it can be.

I think what has gotten a fair amount of attention is the financial concerns for the future. Reading that we may need almost a million and half dollars in the coming years for the necessary care of our property may have been upsetting to you, especially in the light of our national economy. I am coming to understand how many of you are on fixed incomes, or struggle to provide for your children, and pay costly taxes. However, the financial concerns are very real and will not go away. There are certain building matters that must be taken care of to ensure the good maintenance of our property. However for me, the heart of this booklet is about how can we as a parish continue to grow in love of Jesus Christ, deepen our understanding of the Word of God, and respond in love to those around us. How can we be good disciples of Jesus Christ? I am trying to follow Jesus, but I do not always do it well and I need the help of the community to strengthen me. I would suspect the same is true for you. You are good people who are seeking to love God. Still we do not go to the Lord as individuals; we need each other to be the Body of Christ here at St. Martin's.

A key word in the document is **stewardship**. God has given us all many gifts. How do I choose to respond to God as I reflect on the gifts he has given me? I hope you feel blessed in your life in spite of whatever difficulties you have had. The question then is how do I share my blessings. I think when people hear the words "stewardship" and "sharing gifts," they sense this is a subtle way of the priest asking for money. I hope that is not the case. **Stewardship has three major aspects: sharing you time, your talents, and your treasure.** Although I know we have bills to pay and projects facing us, my greatest hope is that many (if not all of you) **prayerfully consider how you might share your time and talents with the parish.** We do need your treasure (a classy word for donations), but we need your time and talent far more. Over the next year or so, I do believe the parish will be speaking about the word stewardship. This letter is a first attempt to assure you that the heart of stewardship is not money and fund raising. **The core of being a good steward of God's love is discipleship: responding to the God who loves us by how we live and act and participate in the life of our parish.** I certainly see a strong spirit of stewardship in our parish and I hope we can move to increase this virtue in all of us.

I have just returned from Chicago after attending a four day national conference on stewardship. I hope to discuss with you about this spiritual concept and how together we might deepen our understanding of this path to loving God and our neighbor.

These past weeks have been the days of political speeches by both the Democrats and the Republicans. I was ten years old when I heard the stirring words of President John Kennedy in his inaugural address: "*Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.*" We know what God has done for us. He has given us life and the promise of eternal life. To paraphrase our late president, a simple definition of stewardship might be, "*Ask not what your parish community can do for you, but what you can do for your parish community.*" God bless you all!

Celebrating our Sexuality

The second of three sessions continues. Anthony Gentile is a dynamic speaker who will hold your attention and speak to you in a most authentic way about what it means to be a Christian sexual person. We are blessed that he will be in our parish for the remaining sessions:

Sunday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for Single People (18 and over)

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

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility “Caring for those who cared for us”

Today is the special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility. It enables our senior priests who need extra care and attention to be cared for in a setting that fosters their spiritual lives, nurtures their physical well-being and guarantees that they can continue to live with dignity while accessing a wide array of social and spiritual opportunities.

Please support this extraordinary facility and the men who are living there by making a special contribution to St. Pius X Living Facility. Your donation will help ensure that we can continue this important ministry for years to come.

For more information or to donate online, go to www.drvc.org/stpiusx or call 516-379-5210 x229.

DRIVER EDUCATION CONSULTANTS

Martin Z. Hirschfield, Executive Director

St. Martin of Tours is hosting a 6-hour

Class 1 Defensive Driving course

Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 8:30AM—3:00PM in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$45 pp

REGISTRATION:

call Driver Education

(631) 360-9720

Monday-Friday 9AM to 4PM.

Minimum enrollment: 15 people;

Maximum enrollment: 40 people

St. Joseph Renewal Center, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood NY 11717

For reservations to any one of these October programs, please call (631) 273-1187 x 123

Wed. October 3 from 1:00 - 2:30PM: Will be held on the first Wednesday of the month.

“Living with Alzheimer's and Dementia” Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ, D. Min. *Free will offering*

Wed. October 3— Evening session at 7:30PM

Wed. October 17—Morning session 10:00AM

“Deepening Your Spiritual Practice Through the Use of Focusing”

Presenters: Loretta Budd, Rosemarie Caruso & Kathy Porter; Offering: \$15 per session

Wed. October 3—7:00-8:00PM: **Therapeutic/Guided Meditation**

Presenter: Irene Moore, CCH/Meditation Therapist; Offering: \$15 (\$20 individual session by appointment)

Tues. October 9—10:00-12 Noon: **Women's Spiritual Gathering**

Presenters: Tina Cafaro & Joan Vessio; Offering: \$15

Wed. October 10 - 10:00 - 12 Noon or 7:30-9:30PM: **“Meeting Jesus in the Seasons of Our Lives”**

“Autumn: To love at all is to be vulnerable.” (C.S. Lewis). Presenter: Suzanne LePre', RSM; Offering: \$15

Sat. October 13—8:00-9:00AM: **Men's Spiritual Gathering**

Presenters: Michael Dunne and participants at gathering; Offering: \$20 includes breakfast

Sun. October 21— 5:00-8:00PM: Gathering for Married Couples **“What Men Think They Know About Women”**

Presenters: Sonny & Sue Pagnotta & Marty & Martha McIndoe; Offering: \$60 per couple includes dinner

***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**

BAPTISMAL FONT DEDICATION

Please join us *after the 1:00 Mass THIS 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!

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.

**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.

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

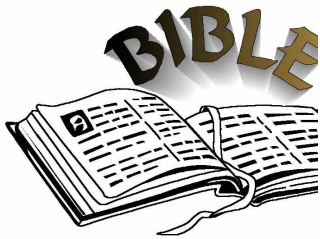
(N.Y. Election Law Sections 5-210, 5-211, 5-212). You may register at your local board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year. However, to be eligible to vote in the November General Election, your application must 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

B I B L E B A S I C S

A Four-Part Course

For Catholics Who Want to Better Understand the Word of God



Many Catholics are intimidated by the Bible. We feel that our Protestant and Jewish friends know and understand the Bible so much better than many of us. Yet every Sunday we hear three readings from the Scriptures. The Word is an essential part of liturgy, our faith and our lives. The Scriptures are one of the primary ones that we come to know the Blessed Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the path that He is calling us to follow.

The following four presentations will be offered on the Bible for all parishioners. They will be offered on **Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Hall**. The presentation and discussions will last no more than hour. There is **no charge**. You are invited to any and all presentations.

October 13th: Fundamentals of the Bible: Who wrote the Bible? What is inspiration, writing styles, translations, how the Bible is divided. **Presenter: Father Henry**

October 20th: Major Themes in the Old Testament: Creation, Exodus, Covenants, Israel, Prophets, the Messiah. **Presenter: Ann Hughes**

October 27th: The Bible in our Liturgy: The Gospels, St Paul & other writings **Presenter: Deacon Tom**

November 3rd: Praying with the Bible: God's Story; the People's Story; My Story **Presenter: Father Pat**

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

- ♦ Blessing of Our Lady of the Mountain Statue and Lectern
 - ♦ Blessing of our Gospel Lectern
 - ♦ Blessing of Personal and Family Bibles

AT ALL MASSES for WEEKEND OF 9/29 & 30

The Bible is the Word of God and it has a privileged place in both our lives and in our homes. **On the weekend of September 29th and 30th, we will have a blessing of your Bibles.** You may have an old battered family Bible or the scriptures on your cell phone or Kindle. Our parish wants to put a special focus on the Living Word of God. Just as we are fed by the Holy Eucharist we are nourished by the Sacred Scriptures. If you do not have a Bible, I invite you to consider getting one. I would recommend the New American Bible Revised Edition which is the translation we use at Mass, but whatever edition you have works fine. You can get a Bible from Amazon, on an I Pad, smart phone, or at any bookstore. Many of us have a Bible, but when did we last open and read it?

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

All scripture inspired by God is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction.

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:

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 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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

"It is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States come to realize the grave threat to the Church's public moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres." Pope Benedict XVI, 1/19/12

ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY REGISTERED? Before you know it, Election Day will be upon us. Have you decided which candidate you are going to vote for? Are you still undecided? Are you thinking of passing on this election, staying home and let the cards fall as they may? Do you think your vote will not make a difference?

Your vote is the most important right you have as a U.S. citizen. How many patriots have fought and made the extreme sacrifice for your right to vote for the candidate of your choice? Your vote can make the difference. Your candidate can make the difference!

Know who you are voting for. Check their past records; listen to their plans for the future. Speak to others; get their point of view. Debate yours! Research your senators and congressmen. Watch the debates for the Presidency of the United States. Decide for yourself if you should vote along party lines or look into a candidate from the other party's view.

THIS COULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION IN CURRENT TIMES. BE PART OF MAKING HISTORY! Most of all, if you haven't voted in years, this is the time to do it. Get Registered!

APPLY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS. GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AT THE U.S. POST OFFICE OR LIBRARY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. CALL THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. NASSAU 516 571 2411 SUFFOLK 631 852 4500. REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE AT www.registertovote.org.

STAND UP FOR YOUR VIEWS AND VOTE! HAVE A HAND IN THE FUTURE OF AMERICA! PRAY FOR THE FUTURE AND GET OUT AND VOTE! And MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA!

LIFE TEEN'S KICKOFF

We will be kicking off our new year THIS Sunday, September 23rd and are excited 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.



St. Martin's is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE
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.

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.

VENDORS WANTED
HOLIDAY CRAFT
FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, November 24, 2012

St. James Parish

80 Hicksville Road, Seaford NY 11783

Call (516) 731-3710

ADOPTION

Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers are available for adoption. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, please call Barbara Salvesen at (845) 623-5277.

Tickets are now on sale for the *Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Luncheon held on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the Milleridge Inn in Jericho from 1-4p.m.* Please join us in honoring this year's award recipients: Elizabeth Moore Erdos, Sister Eileen Schulenburg, SC, Sister Maureen Skelly, SC, and Alexa Serrano (Youth Award Recipient). Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. More info or to make reservations, contact Lauren Manning at (718) 424-1813 or email lmanning@schalifax.ca.

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

Prayer Requests can be sent to: prayerssmtbethepage@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.

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS PRO-LIFE PARISH OF THE YEAR

I am happy to announce to our parishioners that St. Martin of Tours Parish has been chosen by the Life Center of Long Island as the **Pro-Life Parish of the Year**. Usually an individual person who has done great work in the pro-life movement is chosen for this recognition. However, because of the ongoing and consistent generosity and support of our parishioners to the Life Center, our parish is the first ever to be honored in this way.

The Life Center recognizes the consistent generosity of our parishioners to the Baby Bottle Campaigns, Baby Showers and various other fundraising activities that were held by our parish for the Life Center, along with the faithful prayers voiced by our parishioners for the cause of life. I am so very proud of you for your great love and concern for those mothers, children, and unborn babies whom you have loved and protected by your support of the Life Center.

Jesus told us, *"What you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me."* Please go to our website at www.smtbethepage.org and click **Pastor's Place** found on the home page to read the *Letter of Recognition* that I have received from the Life Center. It is one that we can all take great pride in, yet it is also a call for each of us to continue to do what we can to support all life - from conception to natural death.

There will be a dinner at which our parish will receive this reward. We have already filled twenty seats but we would love to have more parishioners attend this dinner To be held at the Coral House in Baldwin. The tickets are \$125.00 each and can be purchased by calling (516)798-8746 or online at www.lifecenterli.org

I want to particularly recognize Father Henry Sattler, CSSR who has been an excellent moderator of the parish's Respect Life Ministry. I also want to commend Jerry and Diana Mirando who have been tireless in their support of the Life Center, pro-life concerns in general, and in helping keep this key issue before all of us. *I thank and offer blessings to all the members of the Respect Life Ministry. They are Jim Belmonte, Jackie Budris, Constance Cronin, Helen Kurlowicz, Kathleen Meehan, Francis Meehan, Peggy Meyer, Patricia Quinn, Sheila Regan, Maryellen Walsh, Marliese Coveney, Diane Sheehan as well as Jerry and Diana whom I mentioned above. God bless them all!*

God is good! Again I thank you, our parishioners, for your generosity to the parish, for the unborn and vulnerable through the Life Center, and to the poor and hungry who are served by our Parish Outreach Center. We are seeking to be the Body of Christ here on earth.

Father Pat, CSSR