

Masses For The Week

Monday - October 1

6:30 George & Dorothy Riggins
9:00 The Elliot Family

Tuesday - October 2

6:30 The Cunningham & Elliot Families
9:00 Anthony Devlin

Wednesday - October 3

6:30 Deceased Members of the Parsnick Family
9:00 John Barbieri

Thursday - October 4

6:30 Dorothy Vitti
9:00 Linda Rudisill

Friday - October 5

6:30 Florence Leach
9:00 Joseph Hoolahan

Saturday - October 6

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Gerald E. Meehan
7:00 Julia & Fred Zoitke

Sunday - October 7

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Frank Burfeind
10:00 Elizabeth Moran
11:30 Angela Morales
1:00 Edward & Rose Higgins
5:30 Giuseppe Ruta & Enzo D'Onofrio

Readings For The Week

Mon. Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
Tues. Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Matt 18:1-5, 10
Wed. Job 9:1-12, 4-16; Luke 9:57-62
Thurs. Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12
Fri. Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16
Sat. Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
Sun. *Genesis 2:18-24 "A man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh."*

Hebrews 2:9-11 "He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin."

Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 "So they are no longer one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."



Divine Mercy Novena

***Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.
in the Eucharistic Chapel
ALL ARE WELCOME!***

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Last Week September 22/23 Collection

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$15,537.31

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who support our parish Food Pantry and programs like Catholic Charities' Nutrition Outreach Education Project (NOEP).

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

"Are we there yet?" - the question no parent wants to hear. But on most every road trip, someone asks it at least once. Do you wonder if you're ***"there yet?"*** on your own road trip? or how far away from being ***"there"*** you are?

Our next meeting is **MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st 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. 24	#249	M/M Ernest Berlucci	\$25.00
Sept. 25	#488	Concetta Montepaone	\$25.00
Sept. 26	#332	George & Zofia Wroniecki	\$25.00
Sept. 27	#627	Suzanne & Steve DiVito	\$25.00
Sept. 28	#504	Edmund Antaki	\$50.00

Letter from the Pastor

There is a story in Kathleen Norris' book Amazing Grace entitled *Arlo's Bible* that I have always liked. The narrator tells the story that her Uncle Arlo gave her and husband a beautiful Bible when they were married. Every time they met Arlo, he would ask them how they liked the Bible. They'd tell him how beautiful it was and how much they appreciated it. After a number of times of being asked how they liked it, they wondered why the uncle kept asking about it. They certainly sent him a nice note of appreciation. Why did he keep asking about that Bible? Finally, the couple decided to look at the Bible which they had stored away in a remote place in their home. When they opened it, they noticed there was money in the Bible. It turned out that Arlo had put a twenty dollar bill at the beginning of each book of the Bible. There was more than fourteen hundred dollars in that Bible. Arlo knew the couple would never find it if he did not mention the Bible so often.

I wonder if we are a bit like Arlo's niece and her husband. I would bet that you would find at least one Bible in your home. However, I would also wonder when the last time that Bible was opened and read. I think we Catholics are a bit intimidated by the Scriptures. We might envy our Protestant friends who can quote chapter and verse. Some would say that Catholics focus so much on the Holy Eucharist (and we should) that we might not pay much attention to the Scriptures.

Yet the Bible is a central place of revelation to Catholics. It is how we come to know the story of God's interaction with humanity. The Gospels and New Testament tell us the defining story of our faith in Jesus Christ. We read the Word of God at every Mass. It is essential to the celebration of the Mass. It is the Word of God. We stand out of respect for the Gospels. We place the Bible on a very special and defined place, the pulpit, in our Church. Although we may not riot if a Bible is burned or misused, we still hold the Word of God in the highest esteem. We would not know Jesus and the truths of our faith without the Holy Bible.

Our liturgy committee is seeking to place a special focus on the Word of God in our beautiful Church. Through the dedicated work and talents of George Hoban and his partner Bob Albertson, they have prepared two beautiful stands for the Word of God. The first will be placed in the area of our Church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. On the stand is St. Alphonsus Liguori's favorite statue of Our Lady of the Mountain. It is a statue that is rarely seen. The original is in the Redemptorist chapel in the little Italian village of Scala on the Amalfi coast. The statue shows Mary holding Jesus - the Word made flesh in one arm, and a Bible - the living Word of God - in the other. It is a statue that invites us to reflect on the Word of God. This statue was made in memory of a dear friend of mine, Father Paquale Tremonte CSSR, who died several years ago. It was donated by his family and placed at our retreat house in Esopus, New York. When the retreat house closed, I asked for the statue which was given to us by our Provincial. I believe that placing the Bible on this stand near the Blessed Sacrament is a powerful reminder of the presence of God in both the Eucharist and his Word. I invite you to pick up this Bible and read it at your leisure. It is the parish Bible.

The second stand will be placed in front of the pulpit. This lovely stand was also made by the St. Joseph Carpenter Shop run by George Hoban and Bob Albertson. On this stand we will place the Book of the Gospels after it has been read on Sunday and throughout the week. All seventy-three books in the Bible are sacred and inspired. However, the four Gospels are the most sacred of all the books since they speak most directly the words of Jesus to us. Many of you donated this new Book of the Gospels with the names of your loved ones inscribed in it.

I thank the parish liturgy committee for their work and have the deepest gratitude for all the time and talent that George and Bob gave us. May the Son of Joseph the Carpenter bless them and their families. Catholic liturgy is about prayer and worship; at the same time, it instructs us. It is my hope that these two places in St. Martin's Church where special focus is given to the Word of God will deepen our love for the revealed Word of God. You may even find twenty dollars in there...Father Pat

Wedding Banns

3rd Patrick Algerio & Colleen McGrath
 2nd Vito D'Orazio & Angela Portigiano
 2nd John Meyer & Stephanie Sepe
 1st Gianpaolo Marino & Suzan Ruzgar
 1st James Kiesling & Gayle Freeman

BANNS ONLY: Marriage at another church

2nd 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, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, tuna, canned chicken, peas, creamed corn, peanut butter & jelly, sugar, chili, beef stew, hearty soups, cookies, black beans, chick peas, baked beans, , mayonnaise, mustard, oil, coffee, tea, cake mix, frosting, canned fruit diapers sizes 3, 5 & 6, and wipes.

Food Pantry:

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual St. Francis of Assisi blessing of the animals will take place on **Sunday, October 7 at 2:15** outside the church gathering area. Bring your dog or cat for a blessing, but please bring only fish that can swim. Stuffed animals are also welcome. We will even bless donkeys and elephants since this is an election year!

**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 at 12:00 Noon
St. Martin of Tours Church**

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning with the November 3/4 bulletin, we will be updating the list of the sick on a monthly basis. To keep a name on for the following month, please call the rectory at 931-0818. Otherwise, the name will be removed at the end of the month. The list below, as it stands, will remain for the entire month of October. The only permanent names will be that of the Redemptorists. Many thanks for your co-operation, and God bless us all.

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 Calendrilla, 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, 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, Donna Harvey, Christopher P. Walsh
 William Granville Joseph Simon, Mary Kennedy, Walter Looney Katie Fields
 Christopher Whirl, Barbara Casey, Vincent & Fran Valenti, Mia Perciballi

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

The 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.



*Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
John 14:27*



*Week of Sept 30 - October 6, 2012
 Altar Bread & Wine
 In Loving Memory of
 Elizabeth Lilewandowski*

Celebrating our Sexuality

The last of three sessions. 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 session:

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

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**

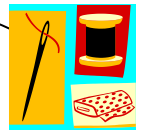
SMT Young Families Group Volunteers Needed



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.

SEWING ...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
516 495-4408**

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

INVESTITURE FOR NEW MEMBERS

October 2, 2012

7:30 PM

Saint Alphonsus Hall

**Rosary and CMRC Prayers
followed by a brief business meeting**

**A talk on the Holy Face of Jesus
presented by Helen Kurlowicz**

All are welcome!

Refreshments will be served.

**If you would like to be invested, please
call Louise Smith at 735-1375**

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.

Email Your Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests can be sent to: pray-erssmtbethpage@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.

Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour

Please join us on Monday, October 1st at 1:00 p.m. in the Church for the Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour in reparation for the blasphemy and the wounds to His Holy Face. Relics of Saint Thérèse will be venerated.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



Come to First Friday Devotions on October 5th at 7:00 P.M. in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

These devotions will be prayed on October 6th at 8:30 a.m. consisting of Rosary of Reparation, reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome!

Crossroads Retreat

Friday, October 19th, 7:30 pm
Saturday, October 20th, 7:30pm

Do you find yourself at a crossroads in your life? Perhaps you have recently retired or have decisions to make about relationships, health issues or work. If your life is taking a new direction, please consider joining us for this retreat.

Take time to prayerfully explore how your attitudes, emotions and expectations may influence where you are and where you are going.

Location: (just 10 minutes from the boardwalk in Long Beach). For further details, please call 516.536.3004 or visit www.taborretreatcenter.org and click on "Retreats".

NEWS FROM RCIA...A GUIDED PATH TO FAITH

Are you or someone you know in need of full communion with the Church? Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic but need to know more? Have you wondered about Catholicism and what it means? Have you been baptized and are interested in receiving the other Sacraments? Do you have questions?



The RCIA process is not a classroom/homework/test type path to full communion with the Church. It is a weekly sharing beginning the Inquiry. This year we will begin with an introductory meeting for anyone interested. Learn about the program and its commitment and then decide if this answers your needs. Our **Introduction to RCIA is planned for Friday, October 19, 2012 at 7:30 at 208 Broadway. (Parish Outreach Building: Use the rear entrance in the small parking lot.) Please tear off the bottom and return to the rectory.** You can also call Father Henry Sattler at (516) 931-0818 x214 or Ann Hughes at (516) 433-6972. We welcome you in advance!

I AM INTERESTED IN RCIA.

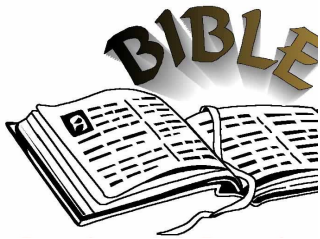
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B I B L E B A S I C S

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 this WEEKEND 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.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

A **FETAL DISPLAY** along with information on **ALL STAGES OF LIFE** will be available in the gathering area on the weekend of **OCTOBER 6th AND 7th AFTER ALL MASSES.**

Our Respect Life Committee will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to stop by and pick up any of the brochures we have available.

**The Long Island Coalition for Life
Presents the Fifteenth Annual
Stand Up for Life
Sunday, October 7, 2012
2:00—3:30 p.m.
Rain or shine**

Along Route 110 and Route 25, Huntington
SUFL, East—LIE Exit 70S, Manorville

**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

**St. Martin of Tours - Chosen Parish of the Year
By the Life Center of Long Island**

Our Respect Life Committee would like to proudly announce that the Life Center of Long Island has chosen St. Martin's as Parish of the Year. We are the first ever to receive this honor. The following is the dedication that Anthony Gentile, representative of the Life Center, sent to Fathers Pat, Henry, Jim and Ciya and Deacons Jim, Gene and Tom, our Respect Life Committee and especially to all of you!

"The Life Center of Long Island is eager to announce that, in recognition of the dedication and charity that has long been the defining attributes of the pro-life community within the parish community of St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage, we have chosen that same parish to be the honoree at the Life Center Banquet on October 18, 2012. The Respect Life Committee of St. Martin of Tours has inspired the parish to donate well over \$50,000 to the Life Center through Baby Bottle Campaigns, Baby Showers and various other fundraising activities just in the past four years alone. Under the leadership of their courageous and charitable pastors, this parish truly exemplifies Christian stewardship and pro-life values. We at the Life Center and indeed, all the lives we have been privileged to save owe a particular debt of gratitude to the selfless love of the parishioners and staff of St. Martin of Tours. The Life Center's annual Banquet is October 18, 2012 at the Coral House in Baldwin.

<http://www.lifecenterli.org>"

On a personal note, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your constant dedication to the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. You are truly a light on the path of every woman who needs help during a crisis pregnancy.

Thank you and God bless you!

*Diana Mirando
Life Center Volunteer*

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!

EDGE CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

We will be **kicking off** our middle school program on **Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.**

All students from grades six through eight are invited to come. What a great way to grow in faith and build new and lasting friendships!

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. Check out our parish website for a calendar of events at www.smtbethepage.org or contact Erin at EKHoran@yahoo.com.



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 Miranda

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

ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS,
RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT
(631) 243-2373. Baby Safe Haven, Safe
Babies, Safe Place at 1(877) 796-HOPE.
Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Ser-
vices, Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-
4357.

Two Redemptorists to be ordained deacons

In the month of October, the Redemptorists will celebrate the ordination to the diaconate of two of our students. Both anticipate ordination to the priesthood in 2013. For more information and pictures from the ordinations, visit redemptorists.net.

Alistair Elias, C.Ss.R., 32, will be ordained a deacon on October 5 in Boston, MA. Originally from the Caribbean nation of Grenada, Alistair is completing his theology studies at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. Alistair had never considered a vocation until a friend invited him to meet a visiting Redemptorist. He said the Congregation's mission to work with the poor and most abandoned captured his imagination.



Elton Letang, C.Ss.R., 37, who professed his final vows as a Redemptorist this August, will be ordained to the diaconate on October 24 in Trinidad in the West Indies. A native of the Commonwealth of Dominica, Elton has begun his pastoral assignment at the Redemptorists' St. Teresa's Parish in Barataria, Trinidad. He grew up in a Redemptorist parish, but again it took the words of friends and mentors to push him to consider a vocation. He was drawn to the variety of ministries of the Redemptorists, and encourages those considering a vocation to listen to the truthful voice within.



Please pray for Alistair and Elton, and for the other 24 men in formation with the Redemptorists in the U.S. Join us in praying that more young men will join the Redemptorists in proclaiming the Good News of God's plentiful redemption to the world.

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

VIRTUS

The next Virtus training will be on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the faculty lounge in the school building.

Virtus training is a MUST for anyone who would like to volunteer your time in the parish.

You can register by visiting drvc.org and click on Virtus on the homepage to register or come by St. Martin's rectory office and ask for registration forms prior to the training date.

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.

Help Protect Religious Liberty

Dear Friend,

The Diocese of Rockville Centre joins with Long Island Citizens for Religious Liberty, a non-partisan group of concerned citizens dedicated to the protection and promotion of the First Amendment right to the free exercise of religious belief, to work against the federal government's rule, issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, requiring religious organizations to buy, or subsidize, products and services that violate their religious beliefs and moral consciences ("the HHS mandate.")

We are asking citizens across Long Island to petition our representatives in Congress to vote to rescind the HHS mandate and to repeal the provision of the law that allows the federal bureaucracy to issue future mandates of this kind. We seek only to protect the ability of religious persons and organizations to live out their faith according to their own sincerely held beliefs, free from government interference and coercion. We hope that all Long Islanders who cherish the natural and constitutional right of religious freedom will work to secure this most ancient pillar of American civic life.

Add your voice today by clicking (on our website, www.drvc.org) to send a message to your representatives in Washington, DC. The HHS mandate's callous disregard for the bedrock religious liberties sacred to all Americans cannot be permitted to stand.

Thank you for your help in this critical battle.

Most Reverend William F. Murphy, Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre
Robert C. Minion, Long Island Citizens for Religious Liberty



THIS AND THAT

The parish garden committee is responsible for the watering of the plants and flowers in the church. I would ask that no one else water our plants (especially the artificial ones). I appreciate your deep sense of ecology, but let's leave it to the garden committee.

I want to thank George Hoban and Bob Albertson for the excellent work that was done on the holy water font in the gathering space of the Church. I am also grateful to the friends of Connie & Anna Doolan who donated the money to assist in this project. The holy water font is a very sacred part of the parish history. May God bless all our parishioners who were baptized in that font. Every time we bless ourselves, we are recalling our own baptisms in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I had several people call me and ask when I spoke about some possibilities for memorial donations. I thank you all for your generous spirit.

We have placed two chairs in the prayer area before the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This was requested by some parishioners since they would like to sit there and pray with the icon, with the Holy Family and with St. Martin of Tours. We will try this on an experimental basis.

Father Pat

I am very proud of the great role that our parish plays in the right to life issues and concerns. As you read recently, we have been recognized as pro-life parish of the year by the Life Center of Long Island. It is a great tribute to our parishioners.

From my experience as a missionary and retreat director in the past, I do know that there are people, in particular women, who are suffering greatly because they had an abortion at some time in their lives. It may have been years ago or it may have been recently. Sometimes these people believe themselves to be outside the mercy of God, and that is not true. God is a God of mercy and compassion. He has the greatest love and welcome for sinners.

What I have found is that even if a person believes that God forgives them, they find it almost impossible to forgive themselves. I am certain that God wants you to know his mercy and healing. The Catholic Church recognizes that women as well as those who support them in this decision, are also victims. So the Church offers special programs for healing and assistance for those who carry the burden of having had an abortion at some time in their lives.

If you know someone, or if it is you yourself, carry this burden, please feel free to come and speak to me about this issue.

My door is always open.
Father Pat

Catholic Charities Senior Center of Massapequa

Volunteers Needed: Catholic Charities' Senior Center in Massapequa is seeking volunteers to assist our senior participants in socialization activities, games, kitchen assistance and other general areas of this center. We are open Monday—Friday and volunteers can help during 10 AM—3 PM. If you are a people-person and enjoy the company of senior citizens, please think about joining our volunteer program. Contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator at (516) 733-7044 for further information.

Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated!

VENDORS WANTED HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, November 24, 2012
St. James Parish
80 Hicksville Road, Seaford NY 11783
Call (516) 731-3710

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.

Our Heavenly Intercessors

This coming week presents us with three beloved saints and the very popular guardian angels. How blessed we are to have such friends in high places who love us, provide inspiration for us, and intercede for us with our Lord.

October 1st: Saint Therese of Lisieux



"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul." These are the words of Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. In French-speaking areas, she is known as Thérèse of Lisieux. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world.

Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the young age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24. She saw in quiet suffering redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent "to save souls and pray for priests." And shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth." On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church.

October 2nd: Guardian Angels

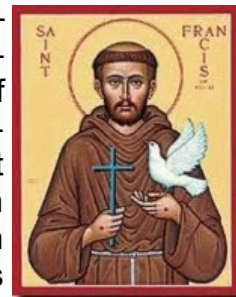


The term "guardian angel" is not found anywhere in the Bible, but the popular belief for Catholics and many other people of faith is that each person has a guardian angel to lead, guard, and guide. Generally, Catholics believe that guardian angels are given at conception. Because the Bible gives so few details, some Catholic theologians believe that, instead of God assigning one angel to a person for life, God assigns different angels to a person at different times. There may even be times when a person has more than one angel.

During their lives childhood, Catholics are encouraged to recognize the unseen presence of angels in their lives. A common prayer recited by Catholic children is, "*Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*" In some parochial schools, children save a place on their chairs for their angels.

October 4th: Saint Francis of Assisi:

Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a sense of self-importance. Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father (who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor) so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.



His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity. During the last years of his relatively short life (he died at 44), he was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. On his deathbed, he said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "*Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death.*" He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior to have his clothes removed when the last hour came and for permission to expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.

October 5th: Saint Maria Faustina

St. Maria Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy (celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter), the divine mercy chaplet and the divine mercy prayer recited each day by many people at 3 p.m. Born in what is now west-central Poland (part of Germany before World War I), Helena was the third of 10 children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses. In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, she also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors.



Saint Maria
Faustina

At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "*I do not want to punish aching mankind,*" he once told St. Maria Faustina, "*but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart*" (*Diary* 1588). The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death (Gospel of John 19:34).

"My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God" (*Diary* 1107). Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993 and canonized her seven years later.



The Golden Harvest Festival & Raffle

Raffle limited to only five hundred tickets at \$100 each
...fifty cash prizes for excellent odds of one in ten!

WHEN: Drawing will be held at a Festival Party
Saturday evening in the School Cafeteria at 8PM on November 17th.

\$100 per chance - go it alone or share a ticket with others!

LIST OF PRIZES

First Prize	\$5,000
2 Prizes	\$2,000
3 Prizes	\$ 500
4 Prizes	\$ 200
20 Prizes	\$ 150
20 Prizes	\$ 125



50 Prizes!...only 500 tickets!...and a Party, too!

**TICKETS WILL BE GOING ON SALE
BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 13th & 14th
IN THE GATHERING AREA**

**BEFORE *and* AFTER ALL MASSES
(including the 5:30PM on Sunday)**

**AS WELL AS IN THE RECTORY OFFICE
DURING THE WEEK!**

