

Masses For The Week**Monday - October 8**6:30 **NO 6:30 MASS**

9:00 Joseph Serventi

Tuesday - October 9

6:30 Silvio & Catherine Sita

9:00 Mary & Edward O'Grady

Wednesday - October 10

6:30 Pat Gore

9:00 Filomena & Stephen DeCario

Thursday - October 11

6:30 Eleanor Tarr

9:00 Sam R. Merin

Friday - October 12

6:30 Teresa DiNocenzo

9:00 Francesca & Ralph DiMaggio

Saturday - October 139:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**

5:00 Bernard, Helen & Marie Lavin

7:00 Michael Caprio

Sunday - October 14

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Helen & Henry Ruff

10:00 Thomas Cilmi & Frances Valenti, Anniversary

11:30 Emiliano L. DeGuzman

1:00 Alfred & Doris Urbanski

5:30 Mary Faderl

Readings For The Week

Mon. Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37

Tues. Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42

Wed. Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4

Thurs. Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13

Fri. Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26

Sat. Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28

Sun. *Wisdom 7:7-11 "I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her...and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her."**Hebrews 4:12-13 The word of God is "sharper than any two-edged sword," discerning "reflections and thoughts of the heart."**Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 Jesus told a young man, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and...follow me."****Divine Mercy Novena******Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.
in the Eucharistic Chapel******ALL ARE WELCOME!******Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift*****Last Week September 29/30 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$17,280.60

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

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life.

The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with thanksgiving and joy. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who celebrate and enjoy the gift of family through service to our Family Life Ministries.



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**DIRECTIONS**

How good are you at following them? Directions are just a series of steps we must follow to achieve a goal - whether it's a recipe, putting a bicycle together or getting from point A to point B. If you leave a step out or go out of order, you won't be successful. God's book of directions - the Bible - can be followed however you want! How typical of God to make it easy for us!

Our next meeting is MONDAY, OCTOBER 15th at 7:30PM in the Church. Call (516) 993-9672 for more info or prayer requests!**St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

Oct. 1 # 94	Rosemary Gross	\$25.00
Oct. 2 #586	JoAnn & Denis Klein	\$25.00
Oct. 3 # 17	Marianne Papayannokos	\$25.00
Oct. 4 #523	M/M Steven Pirone	\$25.00
Oct. 5 # 91	M/M Andrew Macchio	\$50.00

Letter from the Pastor

I remember reading once that people were sending Bill Parcells, the great football coach, rosaries to help the New York Jets get to the Super Bowl. Someone asked Parcells if the rosaries *worked*. He replied, "*They do if you have good players.*" The term *a Hail Mary Pass* comes from Roger Stauback, a devout Catholic. At the end of game, he threw a desperation pass into the end zone. One of his teammates caught it and the Dallas Cowboys won the game. When the reporters asked him about the play, Roger said, "*I call it a Hail Mary Pass. I throw it and say the Hail Mary.*"

Many people have a favorite rosary story. Mine goes something like this: I was serving as a chaplain in a large city hospital many years ago. I was there about a month and I tried to visit the Catholic patients on a daily basis. There was one woman who liked to talk to me about God and her Catholic faith and I enjoyed visiting with her. On the last day I was to be at the hospital, I told her that I was going back to my regular ministry as a teacher. She asked me to go and get her a rosary and bring it back to her. Quite honestly, I felt a bit annoyed. I had been visiting her for a month and now she wanted something else that would put me off of my regular schedule. So after supper, I went back to the hospital with a rosary that I had picked up in the rectory. She said to me, "*Do you know why I asked you to get me a rosary?*" I told her I didn't. She said, "*Every time I say this rosary, I will pray for you.*" I was humbled and embarrassed by my earlier thoughts.



Almost every wake you go for a Catholic, they have a rosary in their hands as they repose in the coffin. The beads are intertwined between the hands of the deceased. I wonder if Al Capone was buried with a rosary, or if Frank Sinatra had the beads in his hands after his death. I suppose an even better question is how many times did Al or Frank say the rosary when they were alive? I do remember reading on that sad June evening in 1968, when Senator Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated, that one of the busboys at the hotel, Juan Ramero, placed a rosary in his hands.

I have noticed that athletes and rock stars, many of whom are not Catholic, like to wear a rosary as a kind of jewelry around their necks. I often have seen pictures of soldiers going into battle wearing rosaries around their necks. Some people like to have a small rosary hanging from their car mirror. The rosary is not a good luck charm or a rabbit's foot, but if it reminds you of God and the Blessed Mother, then I am okay with those who wear it around their necks or place it on their cars.

One of the most pivotal naval battles ever fought, the Battle of LaPanto, was a great battle between the Turkish Empire and a coalition of Catholic ships from Europe. Against all odds, the Catholics defeated the Ottoman Empire and preserved Christian Europe from being taken over. Because the odds seemed so hopeless, the Holy Father at the time had all of Europe praying the Rosary. The battle was won on October 7th which led to that day being named the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary.

I grew up, as I am sure many of you did, praying the rosary at the request of the Blessed Mother at Fatima for the conversion of Russia. I never thought that I would live to see the Berlin Wall torn down and communism be overthrown in Russia. The Blessed Mother wore a rosary at Lourdes when she appeared to St. Bernadette.

The rosary is both a simple yet profound prayer. Many religions have some sort of beads or stones to bring them comfort. The word "rosary" itself means a garden of roses. The words of the rosary, *the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be*, are the most basic of all prayers. Yet the rosary is not just a prayer of words said internally or out loud. The gift of the rosary is the meditation that we are called to do on the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. They are the traditional Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. Each mystery invites the person praying to enter into the eternal truths of God. Recently Blessed John Paul II, when he was Pope, added the Luminous Mysteries which have a particular focus on Jesus.

A reverent rosary can be said in about ten to fifteen minutes. It can be a time to slow down from a hectic life and ponder the wonders of God. The chant, the prayers are background music of praise and we mediate upon the Lord. If you can say a rosary, say a decade sometime during the day. It is a beautiful prayer and a great way to enter into the wonder of God. May our Lord and His Blessed Mother bless you during this month of the Holy Rosary.

Next weekend, October 13th and 14th, we will say one decade of the rosary fifteen minutes before each of our Masses.

Father Pat, CSSR

Wedding Banns

3rd Vito D'Orazio & Angela Portigiano
 3rd John Meyer & Stephanie Sepe
 2nd Gianpaolo Marino & Suzan Ruzgar
 2nd James Kiesling & Gayle Freeman
 1st Edward Norton & Sara Cullen
 1st Mario Quimbay & Dawn Michaelson

BANNS ONLY: Marriage at another church

3rd Thomas Gucciardo & Lauren Barnes



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

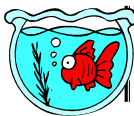
This week the pantry is in need of laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, tuna, canned chicken, peas, creamed corn, peanut butter & jelly, sugar, chili, beef stew, hearty soups, cookies, black beans, chick peas, baked beans, , mayonnaise, mustard, oil, coffee, tea, cake mix, frosting, 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

CHANGE OF LOCATION**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

The annual St. Francis of Assisi blessing of the animals will take place **on Sunday, October 7 at 2:15 BY THE STATUE OF BLESSED SEELOS.** Please park either in the parking lot behind the school (by the playground) or in the municipal parking lot. 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!

**Rest in Peace**

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

Frances P. DiTusa, Ida Gianni

Antoinette Howe, Katherine Jean Esposito

Elvira Egan

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. Many thanks for your cooperation, 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 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, 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
 Fran Pignataro

**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 October 7 - 13, 2012

Altar Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

John Barbieri

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, October 8th in observance of Columbus Day. There is no 6:30 a.m. mass on that day.

Notes from the Music Ministry

Calling all singers...adults, teens and children...The St. Martin's Music Ministry need you! St. Martin's Parish is planning some wonderful events/liturgies for 2012-2013 which will include the participation of the Music Ministry. Advent and Christmas plans are already in place so don't miss out on being a part of this exciting and faith-building experience. All groups are starting to rehearse, so join now!

*"If Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?"*

...Music Ministry Side Note

The 5:30 Life Teen Mass is in need of proficient musicians (instruments needed at this time are guitar, drums and flute). Anyone willing to volunteer their time, there is one practice and one mass weekly.

Call Elena Scollo, Music Director for more information or if you have any questions at (516) 713-8854.

MILITARY BRIDGE

The Ladies Auxiliary of Columbus Lodge Order Sons of Italy is sponsoring Military Bridge on Thursday, November 15th. Doors open at 6:30PM, tickets are \$10. The Lodge is located at 2143 Boundary Avenue, Farmingdale, at the rear entrance of the Stuart Thomas Manor catering Hall. Snacks, soda, coffee, tea and dessert will be served. Many table prizes and raffles are available as well as a Chinese Auction.

For tickets, call Mary Ann at 293-7048 or Ann at 938-7323.

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.

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: 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.

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**

Life Teen will be holding a *Stock Sale Fundraiser Saturday, October 20th at the 5 & 7 p.m. Masses and at all Sunday Masses on October 21st.* A youth ministry representative will be speaking at all Masses to promote this fundraiser. *The cost per share is \$10.* In June of 2013, we will be planning a Stockholders Appreciation Dinner. All stockholders welcome!

So please support this worthwhile investment in our youth!



**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.

**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.

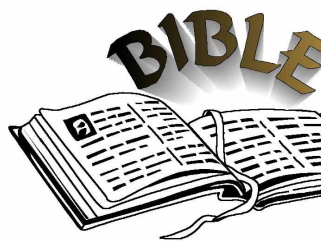
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Phone _____

BIBLE BASICS

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**

THIS AND THAT

- I will be giving a mission with Father John McGowan in St. Gregory's Parish in a little town named North East, which is about 15 miles from Erie. The mission will be from October 6th to October 12th. This is the town where I was first stationed many years ago. Please keep the mission in your prayers.
- A great word of thanks to parishioner, Tom Osborne, who worked on the pews and sought to remove gum from there.
- At the Masses this weekend, the ushers will be distributing a booklet that tells the story of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos CSSR and how the statue came to be with us. This is the statue that is near St. Alphonsus Hall. I blessed the statue this past October 5th since it was the feast day of Blessed Francis.
- Lastly, you have been reading in the bulletin that October is designated as Respect Life Month. I am encouraging everyone to come to the Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary for Life hosted by our Life Teen Ministry and the Respect Life Ministry. The date is Tuesday, October 9th, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Father Pat, CSSR

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
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

DID YOU KNOW...that there are educated, well-trained staff and volunteers committed to helping anyone facing a troubled pregnancy?

If you are pregnant and worried that delivering a baby is more than you can handle right now, or know anyone who feels that way about their pregnancy, the answer is right here!

THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

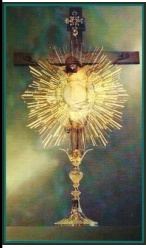
Here are some of the many services offered....

- Free Pregnancy Tests
- Free sonograms by a licensed physician
- Emergency Shelter
- Crisis intervention counseling
- Counseling and alternatives to abortion
- **Baby needs:** carriages, bassinets, formula, diapers, clothing - updated every four months as baby grows!
- Assistance applying for Medicaid programs for pre-natal care, delivery, and mother and baby care after delivery for up to one year.
- Help arranging housing and financial assistance as needed
- Assistance with Employment and Education opportunities
- Post-abortion counseling in alliance with RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRY
- Information on Free STD testing.

The Life Center also sponsors L.I. Teen Freedom, an organization dedicated to teaching young adults the value and beauty of sexual abstinence until celebrated in the proper context of marriage.

ALL SERVICES ARE OFFERED
IN ENGLISH & SPANISH
LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND
AAA PREGNANCY OPTIONS
35 WILLOW STREET
MASSAPEQUA, NY 11758 (516) 798-9100
VISIT OUR WEBSITE lifecenterli.org
FOR LOCATIONS IN DEER PARK
AND HEMPSTEAD

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

THIS 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!

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 drv.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.

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 Services,
Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-4357.



St. Gerard Majella was born in Muro Lucano, Italy, on April 6, 1726, into a family of humble circumstances. From his parents Gerard learned the love of prayer and sacrifice. When his father died Gerard, being the only son, had to provide for his family by working as a tailor. At the age of 14 he sought to enter the Capuchin friary but was rejected because of his poor health. After a short time as the domestic servant of the bishop of Lacedonia, he returned to tailoring but earned a minimal income.

In April 1749 after attending a Redemptorist mission in Muro, Gerard succeeded in getting himself accepted by the congregation. Following a trial period and a year of novitiate in the house at Deliceto, he professed religious vows on July 16, 1752. Gerard was noted for his observance of the Redemptorist rule, and collecting money for the material needs of the community. His presence to people who were weighed down by poverty and illiteracy was a sign of hope to them. Gerard had great empathy and testified to trust in the love and the compassion of God.

During his five years as a lay brother in the congregation, Gerard was remarkable for his apostolic zeal, patience in sickness, love for the poor, deep humility in the face of false accusation, heroic obedience, spirit of penance and constancy in prayer. He wrote numerous letters of spiritual direction. The Lord favored him with many spiritual gifts, including prophecy, the reading of people's hearts, and the gift of miracles. He died at Materdomini on October 16, 1755. Gerard was beatified by Leo XII on January 29, 1893, and canonized by St. Pius X on December 11, 1904. **He is invoked as patron of mothers, especially in time of pregnancy. Couples hoping to conceive a child also seek St. Gerard's intercession. On the weekend of October 13 & 14, there will be a blessing with relic of St. Gerard for all women who are pregnant and married couples seeking to become pregnant.**

Hello St. Martin of Tours,

Thank you so much for adopting us to be a part of the Life Teen, Parent Life and Edge Movements at your church. We are so excited to journey with you throughout this year. As Life Teen missionaries we have the opportunity to serve teens all over the country and the world. This year *Annie from Washington State* is serving in Houston, Texas. She does mission work at inner city parishes by starting Life Teen programs, helps disciple seniors in high school, and so much more. *Lizzie from Houston, Texas* is serving in Tiger, Georgia at *Covecrest* as the female coordinator of formation. This means that she is basically in charge of the females who are going through missionary formation, lives in the house with the girls as kind of a house mom, and helps to guide them through this life changing year. *I, Kaitlin from Atlanta, Georgia*, am the Short Term Missions Coordinator for Life Teen Missions. I am helping to prepare everything state-side for our new mission base in Haiti and also striving to raise awareness about full time and summer missionary opportunities. I also live at *Covecrest* in Tiger, Georgia. We have each served with Life Teen for at least two years as full time missionaries and for several summers as well. Lizzie and I had the opportunity to serve at Life Teen's New England camp and met some of you from St. Martin of Tours. We are looking forward to getting to know you guys, pray with you, inspire you, and you of course to inspire us as well. **We are missionaries with the movement of Life Teen because we each so strongly believe that the teens of our Catholic Church are such a powerful means to set parishes, families, communities, etc. on fire for Christ!** Teens have such an effect on all of their surroundings, and we want to help that effect to be positive by sharing Christ with every teen we encounter. The three of us have all had the chance to meet Erin at various events, and we are pumped to get to help and support her while she leads the youth of St. Martin of Tours closer to Christ! **Let us know how we can be praying for you!** aasmussen@lifeteen.com; lizzie.gormley@gmail.com; kbyrne115@gmail.com

Be His,

Your Life Teen Missionaries
Annie, Lizzie, and Kaitlin





USCCB Nationwide Bulletin Insert

September-October 2012

PRAYER AND ACTION ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR FIRST FREEDOM FIRST

When Pope Benedict visited the United States in 2008, he asked the U.S. bishops a question: **“Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs?”**

The Holy Father then answered his own question: **“... Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel.”**

Although the full impact of the Holy Father’s words might not have been understood then, they have since proven prophetic. The Pope was challenging Catholics in the United States to resist the growing pressure to confine religious beliefs to houses of worship and to prevent the Church and individual believers from living out their faith in their day-to-day work and care for others.

The U.S. bishops have since raised numerous concerns over the increasing threats to religious freedom, especially the now-finalized rule of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which would force virtually all private health plans nationwide to provide coverage of sterilization and contraception—including abortifacient drugs.

While there is an exemption for certain “religious employers,” it only covers employers that serve people of their own faith. **Jesus and his apostles would not qualify. Mother Teresa would not qualify.** As the bishops noted in their statement, *United for Religious Freedom*, this is an extremely narrow and unprecedented federal definition of religion, resulting in coercion to act against our teachings and the violation of civil rights.

Federal law has long been generous in protecting the rights of individuals and institutions to not to act against their religious beliefs or moral convictions. Is that now changing? **Are we entering a time when the federal government may now force the Church—consisting of its faithful and all but a few of its institutions—to act against Church teachings?**

While we seek remedies from the White House, Congress, and the courts, the U.S. bishops have called upon the Catholic faithful, and all people of faith, throughout our country to join in prayer and penance for our political leaders, and for the complete protection of our first freedom—religious liberty. Prayer is the ultimate source of our strength—for without God, we can do nothing; but with God, all things are possible.

What can you do to help protect religious freedom?

- To get breaking news and opportunities for action, text the word **“Freedom”** to 377377 on your cell phone.
- To learn more about our first freedom, and to send your message to Congress urging them to stand up for conscience rights in health care, go to www.usccb.org/conscience.
- To join in the **Rosary Novena for Life and Liberty, October 14-22**, or to sponsor a Marian Pilgrimage or other prayer efforts for religious freedom and conscience rights, go to www.usccb.org/freedom.

CHANGE OF VENUE **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**

**208 Broadway
2nd floor conference room
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**

From the Office of Deacons Diocese of Rockville Centre

A VOCATION AS A DEACON

A Morning of Discernment
will be conducted at the
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
Huntington, New York

**Saturday, October 20th
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

For men and their spouses

**Who believe God might be calling
them to the diaconate.**

**For more information or to sign up
please contact**

**Office of Deacon Formation
631-424-8360 or
deacons@drvc.org**

Baptism Companions

St. Martin of Tours Baptism Program is in need! Volunteers called "*Companions*" are at the heart of this program. They are the people who reach out to these families with the newborn babies. They guide and journey with them through the Gathering, Baptism, and Reflection. They are the representatives of the entire parish to these families. This is a very rewarding ministry.

Our parish has many young families with young children and in order to reach out to these families, we need more Companions.

If you think that you may be interested in this ministry, please call Deacon Gene Capobianco at 516-933-4690.



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

**The Life Center of LI will be returning for
the 6th year to St. Martin's for their annual
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
on the weekend of October 13 and 14.**

**Baby bottles will be available at all exits of
the church. Your kindness and generosity
has brought about the honor of St. Martin's
being chosen Parish of the Year by the Life
Center. (see letter on page 14.)**

**God bless you and thank you - each and
every one!**

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.

Happy Halloween



Before you put away your Superman or Lady Gaga costume for another year, come to a night of fun for all, children and adults alike. Since Halloween will have passed, we can buy pumpkins and leftover candy quite cheaply!! What a great time for a party!

**Friday, November 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Parish School Cafeteria**

- Fabulous Hot Dogs prepared by a Professional Chef who studied in France!
- Prizes for the Best Costumes (anyone dressing as the pastor or a Yankee player will not be admitted!)
- The March of the Pumpkins:
Prizes for the Best Decorated Pumpkin so bring your pumpkin
- Karaoke
- Games for children
- Magic by Father Ciya
- Games for adults

**Bring your own snacks. Soft Drinks will be supplied.
Bring some Desserts: Food Tasting Contest by the Priests**

**Most Amazing of All: NO CHARGE!!!
All Are Welcome**



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To Father Patrick Woods C.S.S.R and the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Bethpage,

*F*or the first time in the history of our annual fundraiser banquet, we have chosen to honor a parish community for their dedication to the Gospel of Life and their generosity in supporting the Life Center of Long Island.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Life center of Long Island and in recognition of the dedication and charity that has long been the defining attributes of the pro-life community within your parish, we are eager to announce that the Parish Community of St. Martin of Tours has been chosen to be the honoree at the Life Center Banquet on October 18, 2012!

The Respect Life Committee in your parish 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 your leadership (and the leadership of your cherished predecessors), 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.

Congratulations and May the Lord continue to bless you with faith, hope and love.

For All God's Children,

Lorraine Gariboldi
Executive Director
Life Center of Long Island



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!**

