

Masses For The Week**Monday - October 15**

6:30 Madeline T. Stein
9:00 Ina & Lance Lomot

Tuesday - October 16

6:30 Dorothy Vitti
9:00 John Lettis

Wednesday - October 17

6:30 Herman Ostermeier
9:00 Barry Family, LIVING

Thursday - October 18

6:30 Laurette Butler
9:00 Deceased Members of the Nugent Family

Friday - October 19

6:30 Bill Long
9:00 John J. Dooley, Sr.

Saturday - October 20

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Martin Santulli
7:00 Nora McCabe

Sunday - October 21

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Peter & Michael Moschera
10:00 Laura & Ralph Funicelli
11:30 John & Isabel Carlo
1:00 Lucinda Castellanos
5:30 Dec'd Mbrs of Horan & Baudille Families

Readings For The Week

Mon. Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1;
Luke 11:29-32
Tues. Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
Wed. Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
Thurs. 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
Fri. Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7
Sat. Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-1
Sun. *Isaiah 53:10-11: If the servant of the Lord "gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life."*

Hebrews 4:14-16: Brothers and sisters: "Let us confidently approach the throne of grace."

Mark 10:35-45: Jesus replied to James and John, "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

***Divine Mercy Novena***

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week October 6/7 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$18,070.00

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

In today's gospel Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who keep attachments, of any sort, from distracting them from their spiritual work.



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

A while back Tina Turner sang a song, ****"What's Love Got To Do With It."*** She said, ****"love's a second-hand emotion."*** **So not true!** Love's got everything to do with it! And love is the first and most important emotion. It's because of love that we even exist! God loves us enough to give us what we need but not always what we ask for.

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

*©1984, Album: *Private Dancer; What's Love Got To Do With It* written by Lyle Bennett.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Oct. 8	#257 Roni Menrath	\$25.00
Oct. 9	#151 Elizabeth Maggi	\$25.00
Oct. 10	#622 Mike & Marge Siegler	\$25.00
Oct. 11	#411 M/M Michael Damato	\$25.00
Oct. 12	#219 Jean & Joseph Chojnacki	\$50.00

Letter from the Pastor

In a recent interview, Bruce Springsteen some of the religious imagery in his latest album, *Wrecking Ball*, to his Catholicism. "It's like Al Pacino said in *The Godfather* - 'I try to get out, but they pull you back in!' *"Once a Catholic, always a Catholic,"* he told the London Telegraph.

There are Catholics that we like to brag about such as Mother Teresa, John Paul II, Dorothy Day, Dolores Hart and Katherine Drexel. We are not sure if we would boast about Lady Gaga or Madonna. The word *catholic* is derived from a Greek word, *Katholikos*, originally meaning universal. In the early days of the Church, many Roman citizens referred to this new upstart religion that followed the "Ways" of Jesus Christ as being catholic – it was universal throughout the empire - meaning that members of this new religion could be found almost anywhere.

Six members of the United States Supreme Court are Catholic. Vice President Joseph Biden and Republican candidate for Vice President, Paul Ryan are both Catholics. I have always liked the great Irish writer, James Joyce's definition of Catholicism: *"Here comes everybody."* Catholics are of every nationality, age, and economic level. Both the very poor and the wealthy approach the altar. We have room for saints and sinners. We sing and pray in every language. Although we have defined doctrines and liturgy, it is fair to say that not all who consider themselves good Catholics accept all the teachings of the Pope and Bishops.

A recent survey about what Catholics believe reports the following:

- Between 70 and 85 per cent of Catholics still say they can't imagine being anything but Catholic, that it is important that children in their families grow up Catholic, and that being Catholic is an important part of who they are.
- The vast majority of Catholics still say that belief in the Trinity, Incarnation, Resurrection, the Real Presence, Mary as the Mother of God, and concern for the poor are the core elements of the faith. Catholics also accept these core doctrines.
- About three-quarters of Catholics believe in the importance of the sacraments and say that they are essential to their relationship with God.

I found this study very interesting and uplifting. Most Catholics love being Catholic. Most Catholics have absorbed the essential truths of our faith. There are other studies that would suggest what Catholics most disagree on is the practice of their faith. Although the teachings of the Church are clear on abortion, marriage, attendance at mass, and sexual intercourse outside of marriage, there are many who do not accept these teachings or struggle to live them.

What does it mean for you to be a Catholic? Sometimes I give myself a little test at the end of the day. I will ask myself these questions: The fact that I believe in Jesus Christ and a Catholic, what difference did that make in my life today? What decisions and actions did I choose and make based on my beliefs and values? Sad to say, there are days when I struggle to come up with one or two decisions. It seems that it is easy to fall into patterns of thinking and acting that allow me to move through the day without serious reflection. It is good that our liturgy begins with calling us to reflect on how we are living our lives. It is good that we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation that calls us to examine our lives.

It is easy to say I am Catholic, but what does it mean for me to live my Catholic faith in a real and practical way?

Father Pat, CSSR
woodscsr@aol.com
Www.smtbethepage.org

Wedding Banns

3rd Gianpaolo Marino & Suzan Ruzgar
 3rd James Kiesling & Gayle Freeman
 2nd Edward Norton & Sara Cullen
 2nd Mario Quimbay & Dawn Michaelson
 1st Matt Marrone & Erin Lounsbury



"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

The Knights of Columbus will be having a fundraising drive before and after all masses on Sunday, October 28th along with a promotion inviting new members to join the K of C. They will be set up in the gathering area of the church where you can ask questions or get more information.

Rest in Peace

*Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
 Dorothy Gore, Teresa M. Mauro
 Francois X. Moullin, James Crichton
 Sophie Faga*

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
 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, Christopher P. Walsh
 William Granville Joseph Simon, Mary Kennedy, Walter Looney Katie Fields
 Christopher Whirl, Barbara Casey, Vincent & Fran Valenti, Mia Perciballi
 Fran Pignataro, Skylar Vega, Catherine Dalessio

**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 14 - 20, 2012
 Altar Bread & Wine
 In Loving Memory of
 Alfred Kump*

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.

St. Anthony's High School Honor Roll
Congratulations to the following students
from our parish:

Liam Furboter
 Serena Pergola
 Kaitlin Skrypek

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.

Girl Scout 100th Birthday Mass
Sunday, October 21, 2012
2:00 PM

St. Martin of Tours Church
37 UNION AVENUE
AMITYVILLE



For information, please call (516) 678-5800 x245
 or scouting@drvc.org

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.

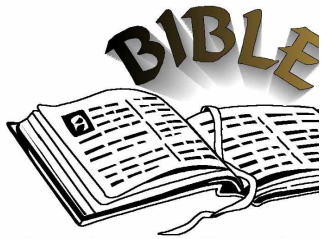
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B I B L E B A S I C S

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 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*

ALL ADULTS: SIGN UP FOR FREE FLU SHOTS

If you haven't had your flu shot yet, Father Pat and the Young at Heart Group invite you, in conjunction with Massapequa's Waldbaum's Pharmacy, to visit **St. Alphonsus Hall on Wednesday, October 24th between the hours of 12 Noon and 2:00 p.m. to SIGN UP and fill out forms. Then return on Friday, October 26th between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to get your flu shot.** A light lunch will be available at no charge.



Medicare covers the cost of flu shots for seniors and private insurance covers most others.

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

Tuesday Oct. 16th is the feast of St. Gerard Majella, and we will be celebrating as a group at the 9 a.m. Mass. Many graces and indulgences bestowed for attending. Special reserved seating will be had in front of the pulpit. Hope to see you all there.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

By Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

The following article is taken from the Long Island Catholic, October 3, 2012. Msgr. Daniel Hamilton is pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Lindenhurst and a former editor of the Long Island Catholic. Here are some of the highlights of his column.

"Before you vote in November, please consider this: two radically different choices face voters in the 2012 national elections.

FIRST CHOICE: endorses a "right" to the killing of innocent pre-born human beings - Abortion. And down the line, this "right" will likely be extended to the killing of persons, usually of advanced age or incurably ill, judged useless or a burden, financial or otherwise, to society and therefore who should be eased out -Euthanasia - and to the assisted killing of adult persons who because of their incurable illness or serious disability want to die and want a physician to help them die - Assisted Suicide. This choice also embraces the already approved medical destruction of human embryos, the manufacture of human beings, the forced provision of insurance for contraception, sterilization procedures and potentially abortifacient drugs - the HHS mandate affecting most religious health higher educational and social units. The latter calls upon us to Renounce Our Religious Liberty.

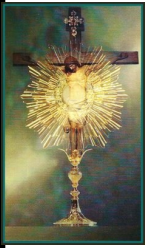
SECOND CHOICE: is to vote for candidates who, in the main, firmly uphold the inviolability and dignity of innocent human life, human dignity in all its stages, from fertilization to natural death, the givenness of marriage and family life in the natural order and the precious gift of religious liberty and respect of conscience.

Issues, like foreign affairs, our involvement with foreign wars and conflicts, nuclear armaments; aid to developing nations, the creation of jobs, affordable housing, health services, educational facilities, immigration reducing the national debt on all these issues well intentioned and informed citizens can differ as to the best solutions and policies to follow.

These decisions may have to be altered as circumstances change. Natural moral law respects these diverse judgments of citizens and government officials on the issues just mentioned and does not seek to identify one solution as the only one. He states, It is up to government officials and citizens to identify concrete solutions to such problems.

CONCLUSION: "Please reflect on this radical difference between the choices in this coming election; and on the basic moral issues, vote for those candidates whose platform and record are in accord with the natural moral law. Other issues, which also have important moral dimensions, but are more affected by changing data and by personal judgment on a variety of factors, cannot take priority over basic issues of the natural moral law." (go to www.licatholic.org to read Msgr. Hamilton's complete column.)

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.

Next service is Tuesday, November 13th.

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.

Donate Your Old Car



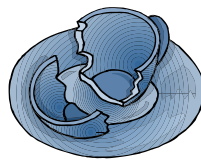
Donate your old car, help the needy and receive a tax deduction of \$500+. It's fast, it's easy, and it requires only one phone call or web-site visit. **Cars for Help**, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, is using old vehicle donations to support Christian charitable organizations in an effort to help people who do not have access to basic needs (food, water, basic health and infant care, amongst more).

If you would like to donate any vehicle of your in any condition, even severely broken or crashed, please visit www.carsforhelp.com. You can also call directly at (630) 595-9272.

With mention of this bulletin 25% of your vehicle donation proceeds will go directly to St. Martin of Tours Church.

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.



This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing **ALL TYPES** of marital difficulties. ***For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, November 30th at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore, please call 1(800) 470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.***

Young Adults Club ...in Formation *Faith on Tap—Ages 25 to 40*

There will be a meeting to discuss forming a Young Adult Club in the parish for singles and divorced. Those who decide to join will shape it. It is hoped that it will be a group that has fun, meets in a positive atmosphere, and shares some common values.



This first gathering is a meet and greet to see if there is an interest. Come and give it a try and see what happens!

The first meeting will be after the 7:00 p.m. Mass, Saturday, November 10th at 208 Broadway (corner of Central & Broadway next to the school).

Falling Upward Retreat Friday, November 9th, 7:30 pm Saturday, November 10th, 7:30pm

Using Richard Rohr's insights from his book, we will explore how *falling down* can, in fact, be moving upward. This retreat encourages us to see ourselves in the second half of life in a different, more life-giving way. Perhaps *we grow spiritually more by doing it wrong than by doing it right!*

Presenter: Sr. Anne Rodgers, OP
Location: Tabor Retreat Center, Oceanside
For further details, please call 516.536.3004
or click "Retreats" at www.taborretreatcenter.org

St. Teresa of Avila

Most Catholics, when they hear about St. Teresa think of St. Therese of Lisieux whose feast is October 1st. She is often referred to as ***The Little Flower***. On October 15th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila. She is sometimes called ***Big Teresa***, mainly because of the great role she played in the Church. St. Teresa of Avila was a favorite of St. Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists, and like Therese of Lisieux, she is a Doctor of the Church.

From AmericanCatholic.org



Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent. The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer. As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer - a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical and graceful - woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In herself, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the ***Way of Perfection*** and ***The Interior Castle***, have helped generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.

Quote:

Teresa knew well the continued presence and value of suffering (physical illness, opposition to reform, difficulties in prayer), but she grew to be able to embrace suffering, even desire it: ***"Lord, either to suffer or to die!"*** Toward the end of her life she exclaimed, ***"Oh, my Lord! How true it is that whoever works for you is paid in troubles! And what a precious price to those who love you if we understand its value!"***

Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.

Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.

Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing; God never changes.

Patience obtains all things. He who possesses God lacks nothing: God alone suffices.

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
THIS WEEKEND 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.**

**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.

Sign Up for the Parish Halloween 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
NO CHARGE!!!**

Number of people planning to attend. _____

Please give this to an Usher or drop it off at the Rectory.

The Little Red Wagon



This Little Red Wagon is parked in the St. Martin of Tours gathering area of the church. Every day and especially on the weekends, generous parishioners leave packages of food there for the Parish Outreach Pantry.

The Little Red Wagon serves as one way for parish members to follow the Gospel challenge to care “*for these the least of my brethren*” by helping to feed the less fortunate in our community. We are truly blessed at St. Martin’s. Rosemary Scarangella, our Parish Outreach coordinator, is also a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. She organizes the pantry volunteers and makes sure there is an adequate supply of food and paper products. Rosemary is very well informed about the Social Service network and programs to help people in need, regardless of religion, race, nationality or ethnic background. As we say, it is **need**, not creed that makes people eligible for the food.

On Monday and Thursday mornings, volunteers bring food from the Little Red Wagon over to the pantry to be sorted and stocked on the pantry shelves. Other volunteers pick up overstocks of bread from Starbucks and a local bakery plus food from ***Long Island Cares***. Most of the volunteers are parishioners or members of the St. Martin of Tour’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Gift cards are available for special needs, while Metro cards and gas cards are available for emergencies.

People come to the pantry for many reasons. The most obvious, of course, is that they do not make enough money to support their families. Money saved by going to the food pantry can be put toward a household expense such as LIPA or for fuel.

The pantry is a lively, caring place. The volunteers get to know the clients because so many of them come back week after week which is perfectly fine. For families whose problems cannot be resolved with a bag of groceries, the services offered are expanded through the St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Groceries help but some people may need – or ask for - financial assistance.

In cases where a family is in a crisis, Rosemary or a Vincentian volunteer will refer the family to St. Martin’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference. In keeping with the Society’s tradition, two Vincentians will make a home visit to discuss the family’s most pressing problems. Some financial relief or other assistance will be offered after the Society members determine what is necessary and available whether it be transportation, housing assistance, medical care, medicine or settling an overdue utility bill all of which is discussed in the privacy and comfort of one’s home. Relief is offered without red tape or the need to pay back what is given.

During the month of September, food donations from SMT parishioners helped to feed 809 individuals. So you see, the importance of that Little Red Wagon is in helping people as they struggle with a host of problems that can often be resolved with a helping hand – from the pantry or through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Parish Outreach Hours of Service

Monday: 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Thursday: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Telephone: (516) 931-7332



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 THIS WEEKEND - 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!**

