

Masses For The Week**Monday - October 22**

6:30 Anthony Post
9:00 Cuda & Preziosi Families

Tuesday - October 23

6:30 Lucy Speelman
9:00 Robert Kulhke

Wednesday - October 24

6:30 Dorothy Vitti
9:00 Mary & William Dorsch

Thursday - October 25

6:30 Rose A. Joseph
9:00 Schminke Family

Friday - October 26

6:30 Maureen Flynn
9:00 Frank Kelly & Patricia Walsh

Saturday - October 27

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Alexander (Sandy) Sinclair
7:00 Elizabeth Kruckel

Sunday - October 28

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Lucila Peliera
10:00 Frances & Anthony Valenti
11:30 Alfred Urbanski, Living
1:00 Rose Provenzano
5:30 Mary O'Neil

Readings For The Week

Mon. Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
Tues. Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38
Wed. Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48
Thurs. Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
Fri. Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
Sat. Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
Sun. *Jeremiah 31:7-9 The Lord said, "I will bring back the blind and the lame; I will lead them to brooks of water."*

Hebrews 5:1-6 The one who said to Christ, "You are my son: this day I have begotten you" also said, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Mark 10:46-52 Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

***Divine Mercy Novena***

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week October 13/14 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,788.88

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

All discipleship involves mission. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who evangelize and bring Christ to the world by the example of their lives.



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**JUDGE NOT**


Let God do the judging - it's not your job anyway. And wouldn't life be easier without worrying about what others are doing or not doing according to your rule book!? Put that time and energy into improving yourself. Need help?

Our next meeting is MONDAY, OCTOBER 22nd at 7:30PM in the Church. Call (516) 993-9672 for more info or prayer requests!

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Oct. 15	#502	Ines P. Vitale	\$25.00
Oct. 16	#476	Bernard Kelly	\$25.00
Oct. 17	#342	Jim & Pat Belmonte	\$25.00
Oct. 18	#212	James B. O'Grady	\$25.00
Oct. 19	#110	Barbara Anderson	\$250.00

Letter from the Pastor



Autumn is a lovely season in the Eastern United States. I was just up in Western Pennsylvania giving a parish mission and the various colors and shades of the trees were magnificent which led easily to meditating on the wonder of God. The other day I turned off my air conditioner until late May or perhaps early June. I like the rhythm and feeling of the Fall. The football season is almost a quarter over and we are still wondering if Tim Tebow can save the Jets. The Mets are on the golf course and the Yankees are in the playoffs. Pumpkins and fall decorations color the houses in the neighborhood. Children talk excitedly about their Halloween costumes, and families are beginning to make Thanksgiving plans. The stores are working hard to get us to think about Christmas and how we can spend money in their particular place of business. Many of us are eagerly awaiting the upcoming national elections. It is Autumn on Long Island.

Another perennial of this season is our parish **Golden Harvest Raffle**. Led by John McCarthy and his dedicated team of volunteers, chances for this November 17 parish event are being sold after all Masses and in the rectory during the week. **There are five hundred tickets for sale at \$100.00 per chance.** Buying a ticket enables you to attend the food and ticket drawing that are held on that evening. I very much enjoyed last year's celebration.

This is an important fund-raiser for our parish and we count on it in planning our parish budget. Our parishioners continue to be so very generous and supportive of the weekly collections, the food pantry, the baby bottle campaign, the Hop Club and other such programs. It is my feeling that we do not badger you about money and that is appreciated by you in your generous responses. I fully realize \$100.00 for those on fixed incomes or those raising a family is not always readily available. Perhaps, a bunch of friends could go in a ticket. Some of us play the lottery and buy scratch offs. You might ask those from others parishes and groups that are always asking you to buy their chances to buy one from you. Would you forgo that for a month and consider supporting the Golden Harvest? I assure you the money raised in the Golden Harvest is for the direct use of our parish and its many works.

I want to thank in particular John McCarthy who leads the Golden Harvest campaign. It is never easy to ask people for money and it takes him and his team a considerable amount of their time. We are blessed by such parishioners. So, enjoy the colors of Autumn, root for the Jets and I will even say a prayer for the Yankees if it helps the Golden Harvest, search for stuffing recipes, carve a pumpkin and buy a Golden Harvest ticket. Good Luck and God bless you always.



Father Pat, CSSR
woodscssr@aol.com
Website: www.smtbethpage.org

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.

Wedding Banns

3rd Edward Norton & Sara Cullen
 3rd Mario Quimbay & Dawn Michaelson
 2nd Matthew Marone & Erin Lounsbury
 1st Nicholas Thulke & Kristen Schreiner



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

This week, the Pantry is low on: cereals, jams/jellies, peanut butter, oil, mayonnaise, black beans, chick peas, cannellini beans, chili, beef stew, spaghetti, rice, gravy, canned fruit, cookies, sugar, salt, toothpaste, diapers (sizes 4,5 & 6), baby wipes, conditioner, bath soap. As always, thank you for your tremendous generosity.

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. **NEXT 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.

ST. MARTIN'S HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour on Tuesday, October 23rd, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Church. You are welcome to attend any or all of this holy hour. It is a wonderful way to spend some prayerful time with your Lord Jesus.

Rest in Peace

*Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
 Joan P. Murray, Martha Coccio
 Patricia Hirschy, Catherine Monette
 Carmine A. Marra*

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, Leigh Murphy, Helena Mulligan
 John Tortorice

St. Joseph's College

**Pilgrimage to Turkey - Footsteps of St. Paul
 May 22 - June 2, 2013**

Travel with St. Joseph's College faculty members:
 Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ
 Father Francis Pizzarelli, SMM

For a detailed brochure call Sister Grace at
 (631) 654-0199 or email
 growland@sjcny.edu



*Week of October 21 - 27, 2012
 Altar Bread & Wine
 In Loving Memory of
 Mary Ellen Gimbut*

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

Since there is a wedding on Saturday, October 27th at 2:15, confessions will be heard in the Rectory from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Year of Faith

LIGHT the FIRE of FAITH

Adult Faith Formation & Evangelization Forum

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012

9:30 a.m. Registration 10:00 Opening Mass

New York Catholic Center

Cathedral High School

350 East 56th Street

Between 1st and 2nd Avenue

Register online: www.nyfaithformation.org

Check the website for workshops that will help answer our call to be Open and Apostolic, eager to server our parishes, building up the Body of Christ.

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**

THIS WEEKEND

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!



St. Agnes Medal Recipient Marliese Coveney

On Sunday, October 14th, Marliese Coveney received the St. Agnes Diocesan Medal from Bishop William Murphy at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. Marliese received this recognition for her (and her late husband Bob's) deep commitment to the Parish of St. Martin of Tours. There is hardly a ministry in the parish that has not been touched and graced by her life. She has a most generous spirit and does all that she does for the love of Christ and with a great sense of humor. Our parish is blessed by Marliese and we thank her. Her only fault is that she is a Yankee fan!

Although I was happy to nominate Marliese for this honor, I find it very difficult to single out one parishioner since there are so many of you like Marliese who give so generously of your time and talent to our parish. There was so many other people that could have also received such recognition. Unfortunately, the Diocese allows us to name only one person a year. - Father Pat

The American Legion Women's Auxiliary will be selling poppies after the 10:00 and 11:30 masses on Sunday, November 11th. They are grateful for your support.



This and That

I want to thank you for your prayers while I was away giving a mission in Western Pennsylvania. The town of North East, Pennsylvania was where I began my life as a Redemptorist so it was good to see many old friends. We had a very good response from the people and I think the Holy Spirit was very present during the week. I am grateful as always for your prayerful support.

Many people spoke highly of the talks on God and Human Sexuality that were given by Anthony Gentile and some asked if he could come back since they were unable to attend the sessions due to other commitments. **Anthony will do a presentation on Sunday, November 18th after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in St. Alphonsus Hall.** The title of the talk will be: **"In His Image: Called to Love."** This talk will be for anyone eighteen and over. Please mark it on your calendar.

I was very happy with the response we had to our program for Bible Basics that is being held on Saturday mornings in St. Alphonsus Hall. Many parishioners attended and it speaks to the hunger that our parishioners have for the Word of God. You are welcome to attend any of the sessions even if you have not attended the previous ones.

Our parish Bible is presently installed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. I have some notes with it that might help you read the Word of God. I would like anyone who prayerfully reads this Bible in the chapel to sign their initials anywhere they wish in the Bible. This way it will really become a Bible of our parish. Father Pat

St. Joseph's College Presents

"Vatican II: Is It Finished?"

The Rev. John Strykowski, Ph.D.

Rector, Cathedral Basilica of St. James

Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

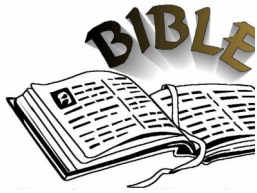
McGann Conference Center

155 West Roe Boulevard, Patchogue NY 11772

Also on Monday, November 12, 2012

Tuohy Hall Auditorium at 7PM

232 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11203



BIBLE BASICS

For Catholics Who Want to Better Understand the Word of God

The following 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 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**



According to a decree . . . made public October 5, 2012, and signed by Cardinal Manuel Monteiro de Castro and Bishop Krzysztof Nykiel, respectively penitentiary major and regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary, Benedict XVI will grant faithful Plenary Indulgence for the occasion of the Year of Faith. The indulgence will be valid from the opening of the Year on 11 October 2012 until its end on 24 November 2013. "The day of the fiftieth anniversary of the solemn opening of Vatican Council II", the text reads, "the Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI has decreed the beginning of a Year especially dedicated to the profession of the true faith and its correct interpretation, through the reading of - or better still the pious meditation upon - the Acts of the Council and the articles of the Catechism of the Catholic Church."

"Since the primary objective is to develop sanctity of life to the highest degree possible on this earth, and thus to attain the most sublime level of pureness of soul, immense benefit may be derived from the great gift of Indulgences which, by virtue of the power conferred upon her by Christ, the Church offers to everyone who, following the due norms, undertakes the special prescripts to obtain them."

"During the Year of Faith, which will last from 11 October 2012 to 24 November 2013, Plenary Indulgence for the temporal punishment of sins, imparted by the mercy of God and applicable also to the souls of deceased faithful, may be obtained by all faithful who, truly penitent, take Sacramental Confession and the Eucharist and pray in accordance with the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. ...Plenary Indulgence for the temporal punishment of sins, imparted by the mercy of God and applicable also to the souls of deceased faithful, may be obtained by all faithful who, truly penitent, take Sacramental Confession and the Eucharist and pray in accordance with the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff."

(A) Each time they attend at least three sermons during the Holy Missions, or at least three lessons on the Acts of the Council or the articles of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, in church or any other suitable location.

(B) Each time they visit, in the course of a pilgrimage, a papal basilica, a Christian catacomb, a cathedral church or a holy site designated by the local ordinary for the Year of Faith (for example, minor basilicas and shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles or patron saints), and there participate in a sacred celebration, or at least remain for a congruous period of time in prayer and pious meditation, concluding with the recitation of the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary and, depending on the circumstances, to the Holy Apostles and patron saints.

(C) Each time that, on the days designated by the local ordinary for the Year of Faith, ... in any sacred place, they participate in a solemn celebration of the Eucharist or the Liturgy of the Hours, adding thereto the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form.

(D) On any day they chose, during the Year of Faith, if they make a pious visit to the baptistery, or other place in which they received the Sacrament of Baptism, and there renew their baptismal promises in any legitimate form." ---from Vatican

**October 22 – Faith on Tap
The Wantagh Inn in Wantagh**

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

**“Showing Love and Responsibility
by following the Church’s**

Teaching on Natural Family Planning”

Dr. Jennifer DeMarco, a Board Certified Physician in Family Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulation will be the guest speaker. She has been in private practice since 2001, *with offices in Amityville and Rockville Centre*. She has been assisting in Marriage Prep and giving presentations on *Sexuality and Natural Family Planning for the Diocese of Rockville Centre Pre-Cana* and for Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lindenhurst, as well as a speaker for Mother and Daughter Teas on God’s Gift of Fertility and Sexuality. Dr. DeMarco has had several TV appearances on TeleCare (Diocese of RVC), and Net-NewYork (Brooklyn Diocese). She is featured in “Plan Your Family Naturally,” an introduction to Natural Family Planning DVD with her husband Matthew covering the modern scientific methods of NFP. Dr. DeMarco is a wife and a mother of four beautiful children all successfully using NFP.

Parish Book Club

Books clubs are very popular today, and there is interest in starting one here at our parish. Participants would read a book every month or six weeks. The books would be secular novels, non-fiction and an occasional religious one. If we choose good books, they will touch our hearts and souls, and it is also fun. We also hope to have an occasional movie (shown here in the parish) for discussion. The members of the club will decide how often they want to meet, the best time and what books or movies to read and see. We have some volunteer discussion leaders, but what is most important is that you read the book, enjoy it, and share your thoughts on it. There is no cost other than getting the book from the library or buying one if you choose. If you are interested, email me woodscssr@aol.com or call the rectory and leave you name and number by November 5th. I hope we might have one book read before Christmas.

Father Pat



**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

**PRAYER AND RESPONSIBILITY:
ELECTIONS 2012**

Bishop Murphy wrote in the Long Island Catholic on Sept. 12, 2012 about the importance of casting our votes. Here are a few highlights:

“We Catholics must be aware that what we say and what we do has consequences for us in this life and in the next. If we want a virtuous society, we must be virtuous ourselves and promote virtue and truth as the basis of a good society.

Our capacity to do this, to propose a vision but not to impose it, rests on the defense and protection of our religious freedom as well as the freedom of religion of any and every sincere believer and any and every sincere faith.

Blessed John Paul underscored this in 1985 when he visited the United States in Baltimore as he offered this reflection.”

THE CHALLENGE FACING YOU, DEAR FRIENDS, IS TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE FOR SOCIETY OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, TO DEFEND THAT FREEDOM AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD TAKE RELIGION OUT OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND ESTABLISH SECULARISM AS AMERICA'S OFFICIAL FAITH.

AND IT IS VITALLY NECESSARY FOR THE VERY SURVIVAL OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE TO TRANSMIT TO THE NEXT GENERATION THE PRECIOUS LEGACY OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THE CONVICTIONS THAT SUSTAIN IT.”

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



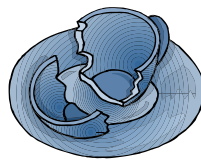
Donate your old car, help the needy and receive a tax deduction of \$500+. It's fast, it's easy, and it requires only one phone call or web-site visit. **Cars for Help**, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, is using old vehicle donations to support Christian charitable organizations in an effort to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

The feast of our parish patron, St. Martin of Tours is November 11th. As you know, St. Martin was a soldier who cut his coat in half to clothe a poor man who was cold. Last year in imitation of the saint we had a coat drive that provided clothes for many people in need. This year we can honor our saint by offering to help his fellow soldiers. I invite you, if you can, to support this campaign that will provide new sheets for our veterans in their need. They certainly deserve our gratitude for what they have done for us. - Father Pat

PARISHIONER, ROSALIE (RO) MALERBA IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

VETERANS DAY IS COMING

PLEASE HELP ME TO HELP OUR VETERANS

When I think of what our Veterans sacrificed for us, and how so many of them are now homeless, it saddens me. According to a 2010 report, Tom Ronayne, Suffolk County's director of veterans services, said an estimated 3,500 of Long Island veterans are homeless. They did what they felt to be their duty. I hope that this will touch your heart strings and somehow make you think it our duty to help them now.



United Veterans Beacon House Inc. manage and support 24 housing locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. They house and support 193 persons on any given day. When I asked what is the one thing they appreciate receiving, I was told **new twin size bedding**, an item that is, in the words of management "very, very, very difficult to get ahead of." Imagine, after sleeping in cars and outdoor places on cardboard or the like, they come to Beacon House, get cleaned up and once fed, are handed brand new sheets that no one else has used, that **you** provided. Can you help do that for them?

A bible scripture from Deuteronomy 15:10 says, *"You shall give generously to (your poor brother) and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and undertakings."* Well, that is a promise from God, and it sounds pretty good to me.

Each year the Little Sisters of the Poor come to our parish and they are always well received because of their dedicated service to the elderly. The Sisters asked us to consider putting this material in our bulletin. Although I am reluctant to appear to be using our bulletin for political purposes, I did feel that this information put flesh and bones on a debate that is being held at the present time in our nation. We can see how the Health and Human Service mandate would affect one ministry who is known to us as a parish. At the same time, I respect that complexity of voting in elections and the freedom of conscience that all have in this matter. - Father Pat

‘If God Fills the House, He Will Not Abandon It’

Little Sisters of the Poor Offers Insight on HHS Mandate and Its Consequences

Interviewed by Mary Frances Boyle, National Catholic Register Correspondent

For more information, go to <http://www.ncregister.com/site/article/if God fills the house>

"As more lawsuits over the Department of Health and Human Services' contraception mandate are filed, many religious groups still remain temporarily exempt from the rule as they wait for answers. Sister Constance Veit directs the publications office for the Little Sisters of the Poor, one of these groups waiting and hoping for relief from the HHS mandate. Between their 30 homes in the United States, the Little Sisters serve 2,500 elderly residents — enough to keep more than 300 sisters joyfully busy. The order is putting much effort into opposing this federal rule, and Sister Constance explains why.

How will the Little Sisters of the Poor be affected by the HHS mandate?

For the time being, we are not directly affected by the mandate. We have until the end of this year to provide certification that we meet the criteria for the one-year exemption currently in place. So, most likely, if nothing changes in the law, we will have to face this concretely Jan. 1, 2014. Cardinal [Timothy] Dolan blogged about the HHS mandate and its impact on Catholic organizations and services. He is very clear about the costs of the mandate."

“For example, if we were to stop offering health insurance rather than comply with the mandate, we would have to pay a \$2,000 penalty per employee. This penalty aside, it just does not seem right to us to stop providing health insurance to our employees. If we chose to offer insurance without the objectionable services, we would honor our consciences, but we’d have to pay \$100 per day per employee. As the cardinal figures it, for an organization with 50 employees, that would mean almost \$2 million per year. So if the mandate is still standing in 2014, all of our U.S. homes will be facing serious financial difficulties. To put this in perspective, we already have to make up at least half of our operating expenses through donations, because Medicaid reimbursements cover only about half of what it costs to care for the elderly in the way they deserve. So the potential fines or penalties we’re looking at just make it that much harder.

How will the burdens imposed by the HHS mandate affect your mission to serve the elderly?

As Little Sisters of the Poor, we do one thing — we offer the elderly poor a home where they are welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity and compassion until God calls them to himself. In all of the financial decisions we have to make, we try very hard to never negatively impact the care and services we provide, hoping the residents will not be directly affected in any way. But it will be difficult to go on with this extra financial burden. At the same time, we believe that if we are faithful to our mission of caring for God’s poor, he will not let us down. Our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, used to say, ***“If God is with us, it will be accomplished. ... If God fills the house, he will not abandon it.”*** She had tremendous trust in Providence to provide for our needs. So, today, we are putting the confidence she taught us into practice and hoping and praying for a resolution to this issue.

What do you think should be done about the mandate? Obviously, we stand with the U.S. bishops and so many others in advocating that the mandate be struck down, or that, in the very least, there be a viable exemption for freedom of conscience.

What actions have the Little Sisters of the Poor taken in order to combat the mandate?

At this point, we have not joined in any lawsuits. Our efforts have centered on praying and educating ourselves about the issue. We issued our own statement back in March — which is highly unusual for us — because we felt that we wanted to support the bishops as much as possible. As women religious who are grateful to be daughters of the Church, that is very important to us. That’s why we issued a public statement and, later on, why we signed on to a joint letter sponsored by the bishops and the Lutheran Church.

During the Fortnight for Freedom, we had a lot of prayer initiatives in our homes, like daily Holy Hours with the elderly and speakers. And I was asked to speak about our mission and the need for religious liberty at a congressional reception sponsored by the bishops’ conference during the fortnight. I have been a Little Sister for 25 years, and I have never seen our congregation so active on a public issue. So that is an indication of its importance. The only other time I have seen a response like this from our congregation was in the early 1990s, when euthanasia and assisted suicide were being debated in the European Parliament, and our superior general at that time took a public stand. Normally, our lives are very hidden.

Do you think this violation of religious liberty will lead to others, particularly in end-of-life care?

This is our real concern. People have asked us what contraception has to do with us, since we care for the elderly. But, for us, we are concerned about what could happen later — about the precedent for government intruding further into the health-care arena in ways that could be life-threatening to our residents. Institutional long-term care is already the most regulated segment of health care. What we fear is that, if the federal government succeeds in this case, there are other areas where they could exert pressure or enact measures that could endanger our apostolate — particularly in end-of-life care and in the possible rationing of care to the elderly as a cost-saving measure.”

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

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.

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**

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.



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.**

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On Monday October 15, we had the first of three retreats with our confirmation children. Our parish should be proud not only of their behavior but of their respectfulness in Church as they went through the day.

We are looking forward this week to the remaining two retreats and ask everyone to keep all these children in your prayers as they continue their journey in preparation for Confirmation Day in November.

May the Holy Spirit come upon each and every one of them as they continue to grow and mature in the Faith.



Each year **Molloy College** hosts a **FALL OPEN HOUSE** for prospective students and their guests. As partners in faith, and since many of our current and prospective students are members of St. Martin of Tours, they are providing the following information:

**FALL OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2012
1:00 PM
MOLLOY COLLEGE
1000 HEMPSTEAD AVENUE
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**Office of Admissions
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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 ARE ON SALE NOW
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!**

