

Masses For The Week

- Monday - November 26**
6:30 The Drew Family
9:00 Mary Schmidt, Anniversary
- Tuesday - November 27**
6:30 Kathy Ann Watson
9:00 Rose Maggi
- Wednesday - November 28**
6:30 Silvio & Catherine Sita
9:00 Peter Grudzinski
- Thursday - November 29**
6:30 George Raciappi
9:00 Doris & John Maggi
- Friday - November 30**
6:30 Lucy Speelman
9:00 Kenneth W. Meyer, Anniversary
- Saturday - December 1**
9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Louis Ruggiero, John & Gertrude O'Rourke
7:00 William J. Csajko
- Sunday - December 2**
7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Rose Giannetti
10:00 Thomas P. LaFalce, Sr.
11:30 Lazzati & Tesoriero Families
1:00 Mary Boglioli
5:30 Sebastian Pusateri

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
- Tues. Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
- Wed. Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
- Thurs. Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a
Luke 21:20-28
- Fri. Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
- Sat. Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
- Sun. Jeremiah 33:14-16 *"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah."*

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 "...May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you..."

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 "Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves."

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Nov. 19	#213	Mildred Saloy	\$25.00
Nov. 20	#620	Robert Albertson	\$25.00
Nov. 21	#382	Peggy & Ray Sobier	\$25.00
Nov. 22	#63	N. Grosser	\$25.00
Nov. 23	#278	Margaret Franko	\$50.00

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Last Week November 17/18 Collection

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: \$17,944.22

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who have demonstrated active stewardship by feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger and clothing the naked.



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! May we remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Charismatic Prayer Group

LOST AND FOUND

Being lost is scary! You look for someone who can tell you where you are and how to get to where you want to be. Who knows better than God where you are and where you should be. Come, let yourself be found and bring a lost friend.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 26th at 7:30PM in the Church. Call (516) 993-9672 for more information or answers to any questions.



Divine Mercy Novena

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

Letter from the Pastor

As we approach the beginning of Advent and the great rush of Christmas, most of us have our lives back to normal after Hurricane Sandy. However, we know that there are countless people whose lives have been terribly impacted by this storm. Lives have been lost, homes destroyed, and neighborhoods gone forever. Our new Book of the Gospels that had been enthroned was water damaged by Sandy. My first reaction was to replace it and have the people's names listed in as donors transferred to the new one (hopefully with insurance money), but some parishioners have asked me to keep it as a reminder of the people who have lost so much during the Hurricane, and also as a remembrance of the loving support that so many in our parish gave to one another. I think I will have these words written in it:

On October 31, 2012, Hurricane Sandy struck the East Coast of the United States with great devastation. Many people in New Jersey, New York City, Connecticut, and on Long Island suffered greatly from this storm: lives were lost, entire neighborhoods lost, and many homes lost. We pray for those whose lives were lost and those who have lost so much. We are grateful to God that no parishioners of St. Martin lost their lives or homes. We also found great love and support in the kind deeds and loving support we received from one another. The Gospels reveal to us that God is Love, and wherever we are gathering in love and support of one another, He is present. Amen.

Many of the stories and memories that I have will stay with me. I think of parishioners telling me of neighbors extending extension cords across streets to share power with one another. Even in the midst of so much confusion, all our masses went on. On the first day of the storm, there were parishioners at the daily Mass. I recall Father Henry going to check on some or parishioners as he walked through the broken tree limbs. So many cups of coffee were drunk in St. Alphonsus Hall as parishioners came for coffee, some warmth, power to charge a cell phone, and to have a chat. For a time, it was the living room of our parish. I think of the avalanche of donations that filled the hall after the call was made to help others in need. Parishioners were willing to use what had become a most precious commodity -gas to drive these materials to St. Edward's. Homes were opened to those in need, meals shared and loving support given to one another.



We lived what we celebrated at Mass. We were the Body of Christ to one another. I am so very proud to be a parishioner of St. Martin of Tours in Bethpage!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Religious Education Staff wants to welcome all the First Graders and their families as they start on their journey through religious education. We are honored to have them in our program learning about their faith. We know that this is a commitment for the parents as well as the children since their formation of faith starts in the home.



May God Bless You!

Deacon Jim Biggin, Laura Leigh Agnese & Pat Ryan

St. Martha's Book Club

We have had a very good response to the book club. *We will have our first meeting on December 1, at 10:00 in St. Alphonsus Hall.* At this meeting, we will talk about the plan of the club, hear your desires and ideas, and choose the first book that we have in mind. We will then have our first discussion at a date we will set for January. Since we have such good interest, we might have two groups that meet at different times so you have options for your own scheduling. The goals of this club are to read books that are enjoyable and ones that have ideas worth discussing. The books may not be purely religious in nature; we will be reading novels and other suggested titles. We also hope to watch an occasional movie.



If you have not contacted me as of yet, you are still welcome to come to this meeting and join. If you cannot make this meeting, send me an email at woodscsr@aol.com or call 931-0818 x217 so we can keep you up to date on the book we are reading.

THE GIVING TREE



**Once again the Giving Tree is ready in the Gathering Area!
On the tree are Gift Card requests.**

**Please take one and return the tag and the Gift Card
And place it in the mail slot of the Rectory Office Door
No later than MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.**

**Thank you in advance for all you do.
God bless you all and have a happy, holy Christmas!**

Holy Hour

The November Holy Hour will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27th. You are welcome to spend an hour, or whatever part of an hour you wish, with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Wedding Banns

3rd Robert Nicoletti & Amy Giannotti
Michael Yavorcik & Kim McKenna



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

Thank you all for your tremendous generosity for Thanksgiving! Next week we will give details of all that your assistance was able to accomplish.

The week the Food Pantry is in need of sugar, coffee, mayonnaise, ketchup, oil, peanut butter, jelly/jam, pancake mix & syrup, canned pasta, juice bottles and juice boxes.

Once again thank you all and God bless you for your continued support.

Food Pantry:

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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Please join us on Saturday, **December 1st at 8:30 AM in the Church.** Devotions



consist of the Rosary of Reparation, a reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

*Fr. Dennis Billy CSsR, Fr. Brendan Greany C.Ss.R.
Fr. Tom Siconolfi CSsR, Fr. James Small CSsR
Helena Carroll, Pat Pedone, Vincent Valenti
Ledwin Mason, Mia Perciballi, Leevalli Annearosa
Barbara Hunsinger, Fran Pignataro, Skylar Vega
Catherine Dalessio, Leigh Murphy, Helena Mulligan
Richard Piernini, John Tortorice, Donna Melcum
Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, Patricia Hall
James Robertson, Amy Hayes, Mom and Dad
Helena Mulligan, Bill Kelly, Salvatore Milo, Jr.
Matthew Messina, Anne Cramer*

Tabor Retreat Center, Oceanside NY Contemplative/Advent Programs

Into Great Silence is a wonderful way to begin Advent. Filmed in the French Alps at the Grande Chartreuse Monastery, it follows the silent life of the Carthusian monks as they go about their daily routine. The film will be screened Sunday, December 2 at 3:00 p.m., \$10 (refreshments included).

We invite you to join Rev. Thomas More Fahey, RGS for a day of Marian reflection and prayer focused on the spiritual classic **A Woman Wrapped in Silence**. Tuesday, December 11, 9:30 am—2 pm, \$35 (lunch included).

If you would like a hands-on experience with the Japanese art of flower arranging, Dr. Anne Skamai will instruct guests who will leave with a beautiful floral arrangement. **The Way of Flowers as a Contemplative Practice**, Saturday, December 15, 9:30 am—12:30 pm, \$35 (includes all materials).

Please call (516) 536-3004 or email taborretreats@juno.com for further details.



Week of Nov. 25 - Dec. 1, 2012

*Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Rita Carroll*

Rest in Peace

*Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
Dino Comis, Elena O'Connor
Dolores Sitbon*

Notes from the Music Ministry

Calling all singers...adults, teens and children...The St. Martin's Music Ministry needs 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.

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.**

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.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Mirando
(C)830-5077 or (H) 605-1979

ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS,
RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT
(631) 243-2373.

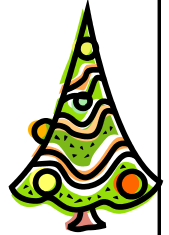
Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place
at 1(877) 796-HOPE. Adoption, Foster
Care, Maternity Services, Catholic Home
Bureau 1(800) 592-4357.

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>.

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

Our General Meeting is Tuesday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall (parish hall). Since this is our Christmas Party to celebrate the birth of Christ, please bring an ornament to decorate our tree and take home a different ornament at the end of the evening.



We are having a gift swap, so please bring a NEW \$10 wrapped gift (in only 1 package). You will receive a number when you enter and as your number is called you will pick a gift.

We are also having a cookie swap. Please bring a dozen cookies (with the recipe) which will be shared. This way everyone will have a dozen different cookies on their plate.



Dessert only will be served. Christmas carols will be sung, raffles 4/\$5.00 and 50/50 for \$1 each will be sold. A good time will be had by ALL.

All women welcome to celebrate with us. (If you haven't paid your dues (\$10), you may do so at the meeting.)

Mater Dei Music Ministry - The Music of Father Charles & Laurie Mangano

A Brother and Sister Celebrate
The 20th Anniversary of their Music Ministry
The Heart of Christmas
Benefit Christmas Show

Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury NY
Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 7pm

To Benefit A Mental Health Residential Program for Children
(Catholic Charities Teaching Family Program)

Tickets can be purchased at: The Theatre Box Office or
Curé of Ars Church on Wednesdays 10am-1pm & 5pm-7pm
Ticketmaster 1-800-745-3000 or
Call Myrtha at 631-337-1804
Website: www.frcharleslaurie.com

Rosary for Life In the Chapel

Please join us for a Rosary for Life in the EU-CHARISTIC 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.

**St. Joseph Renewal Center
1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood**

WORKSHOPS: Call for reservations at (631) 273-1187 x 123 and for more information on the following:

December 5th 1—2:30: will be held 1st Sunday of the month—Living with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Free Will Offering

December 5th 7:30 PM

December 19th 10:00 AM

“Deepening Your Spiritual Practice Through the Use of Focusing.”

Offering: \$15 per person

December 5th 7:00-8:00 PM

Therapeutic/Guided Meditation

Offering: \$15 (\$20 individual session by appointment)

December 5th 10:00—3:00 PM

Advent Day of Prayer “Are you Ready to let a TINY HAND take yours?”

Offering: \$35.00 includes lunch

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE***GIVING THANKS***

Thanksgiving has passed and we look forward to Christmas Day and the birth of Our Lord Jesus. Our children look into the sky for a faint glimpse of a sleigh and reindeer on the eve of Christmas. How beautiful!

But let us remember those who are apart this Christmas holiday. Those who are alone and suffering. Children who will not be tucked into bed by their parent or parents that will be serving in the military, keeping us safe, here at home. Those who are injured, left with broken minds and spirits; and those that will receive the news that a loved one will not be coming home for Christmas, or ever again.

Protect Those Who Serve, O Lord

All Powerful God, Watch Over All Our Dear Ones Who Serve This Day in the Military. Hold Them Safely in the Palm of Your Hand. Walk with Them in Your Strength.

Bring Comfort When They Are Troubled;
Hope When They Are Weary.
Remind Them of Our Love.
Merciful Lord, Bring a Lasting Peace
into Our Midst.

Heal Our Hearts and Help All Nations Find
Ways to Live in Harmony So That
Blood Is Shed No More.

We Ask this in the Name of Christ Jesus,
Prince of Peace.
Amen.





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!

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, KINGS

Sign up below for the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant at the 6:00 PM Mass, and return to the rectory to the attention of Genny Mitchell. Practice will be on Thursday, December 20th at 4:00 PM in the Church.



Name(s) & Ages _____

Phone No.: _____

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Life Teen Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on the 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church. The next service is Tuesday, December 11th.



BELONG MORE DEEPLY

The Diocese of Rockville Centre has invited parishes to share in a program called *Belong More Deeply*, whose purpose is to invite people to enter into a deeper relationship with the Lord through their Catholic Faith. We know many Catholics go to mass only occasionally, perhaps at Christmas and Easter. We do not judge them. Some of these good people are your children, family members and friends. Still we love our Lord Jesus and the Eucharist and wish they too were able to join in community more actively.

We have distributed cards in the pews that you can put the initials or first name of someone you would like to remember in prayer that they might belong more deeply to our faith community. You can fill them out at any time and place them in the church in the box in front of the icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help.

During Advent, our parish is preparing three one-hour evenings of prayer, reflection, and music on Wednesday, December 5, 12 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. A letter will be prepared that will be given out at the masses on the weekends of November 24/25 and December 1/2. This letter will be an invitation to join us at one of these evenings and for the Christmas events of the parish. We will give a letter to you to give to whomever you wish as part of our parish outreach. These nights will enable all of us to slow down a bit during the rush of the Christmas season, and we hope that there will be those who will come at your invitation. God bless you!

Diocesan Advent Lessons and Carols

The Diocesan Choir of Rockville Centre will present a service of **Advent Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, December 2 at 3:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre. Bishop William Murphy will preside. The 50 minute service consists of scripture readings, choral anthems, and hymns taken from the Advent season, proclaiming hope to a world waiting in darkness. The 120 members of the Diocesan Choir come from many different parishes throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Following the service, a light supper will be served in the Parish Center, to which all are invited. The Cathedral is located at 29 Quealy Place in Rockville Centre. For more information go to www.drvc.org/diochoir or contact the Diocesan Worship Office at 678-5800, ext. 504. All are welcome!

The Long Island Catholic Collection December 2, 2012)

The Long Island Catholic newspaper is becoming a monthly magazine –10 times per year. The magazine's primary focus will shift from news to inspiration and formation through individual faith stories and new columns to help Catholics of all ages live a more faith-filled life.

By contributing a minimum of \$20 to the annual *Long Island Catholic* collection on Dec. 1-2, 2012, (\$10 off the regular \$30 subscription price) you will receive 10 issues of the new diocesan magazine in the mail. Don't miss a single issue of the new *Long Island Catholic Magazine*.

For more information on the new magazine call 516-594-1000.



St. Anthony's High School Mothers' Guild Annual Craft Fair

Saturday, December 1, 2012
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
275 Wolf Hill Road
South Huntington NY 11747

**Featuring over 150 vendors with
various handcrafted items for all
your holiday shopping needs.**

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 website 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 a vehicle 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.

DRIVER EDUCATION CONSULTANTS

Martin Z. Hirschfield, Executive Director

**St. Martin of Tours is hosting a 6-hour
Class 1 Defensive Driving course**

**Saturday, January 26, 2013
from 8:30AM—3:00PM**

**St. Alphonsus Hall
38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage**

**REGISTRATION:
call Driver Education
(631) 360-9720**

**Monday-Friday 9AM to 4PM.
Minimum enrollment: 15 people
Maximum enrollment: 40 people**

VIRTUS

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

Please register by visiting drvc.org and click on Virtus on the homepage to register. Come by St. Martin's rectory office and ask for Screening Consent Forms prior to the training date.

FROM THE OFFICE OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Superstorm Sandy affected so many along the Eastern Coast. At this time especially, we remember that we are one community. Let us strive to work together as we rebuild and recover, using our time, talent and financial resources to assist our stricken neighbors and wider communities. Good stewardship requires nothing less!



New York Blood Center - B L O O D D R I V E

St. Martin's is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE on Wednesday, December 19th from 2:30—8:30 PM
St. Alphonsus Hall (Parish Hall). To be a good donor you must:

- Bring valid photo or signature ID
- Minimum weight of 110 lbs
- Age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental consent available at www.nybloodcenter.org)
- Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months unless applied in NJ.

Time slots begin at 2:30 and every 15 minutes up to and including 8:15 p.m.

You may call the rectory at 931-0818 to leave your name, phone number and the time you would like to reserve, or you can email gennysmt@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions about your eligibility to give blood, please call 1-800-688-0900.

A Christmas Homecoming

Christmas is a wonderful time to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ. Whether you are a daily Mass attendee or an occasional Mass participant, the Parish of St. Martin of Tours welcomes you and invites you to grow more deeply in the love of our God who so loves us that he came among us as a baby.



Advent Homecoming Celebration

December 5 th	7:30 p.m.	I'll Be Home For Christmas
December 12 th	7:30 p.m.	Don't Miss the Star
December 19 th	7:30 p.m.	O Come, Let Us Adore Him Songs of Christmas

These services will be about 50 minutes in length.

THE GOLDEN HARVEST



Our Golden Harvest Celebration on November 17th was a very enjoyable evening. Even if you were not a winner of any prize, it was good to be with one another in support of something that we believe in very much: The Parish of St. Martin of Tours!

The food was excellent and the jokes of the master of ceremonies lead him to believe he does not have a second career as an entertainer! I want to thank John McCarthy who puts so much time and energy into this event. He draws in his family and friends to help keep the Golden Harvest as a well organized fund raiser. I thank John and all those who assisted in putting on this lovely evening for the benefit of the parish.

We sold 428 tickets; not great, but not terrible either, considering the hurricane and the generosity of our parishioners to so many good causes.

God bless you all! Father Pat, CSSR

*Golden Harvest Festival and Raffle Winners—November 17, 2012
Prizes will be mailed to the following 50 ticket winners on December 1, 2012.
Congratulations!*

Edward & Nancy Born; R & E Velting
Maureen & John Castles; J. Kennan
Gerald & Ann Meehan; Margie Banes
Bob Horan; Mary Comerford
J & K Brolly; Theo & Mathias Why
Elizabeth Pope; Lorraine Birbach
Young at Heart Table #6; Joe & Barbara Pace
Sara & John Makarewicz; Kathy & Jim Devine
Maria Conte; J. Giugliano, Jr.
Sarah & Matt Messina; Jen & Joe Chojmacki
Pat Weissler; V. Formichelli
A. Paparriol; Joseph Marsielo
Rose Miranda; Mallary McCormick
Leslie & Ruman Alinskas; Joan & Bob Redka
M. Dezervos; Concetta Montepaone
Tom Imbornoni; Howard & Rosemary O'Keefe
Kathleen Ferello; Johnson Family
Yvonne & Danielle Iovenio; Mary Burfeind
E & R Keuling; Mildred Saloy
K. Speelman; Jeff Raman
Picinic; Rosemary Walter
R & J Giugliano; E & R Keuling
Esposito; Jim Waters
E. Maggi; Bill Zappolo
Henry & Christina Dircks; Bob Wendelken

Adult Choirs Rehearsal Schedule

Monday December 3rd

7:00 pm - Regular 8:30 and 11:30 Choir Practice

8:00 pm - Midnight Mass Christmas Rehearsal (seasonal singers please attend)

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 6TH - NO CHOIR PRACTICE
DUE TO RELIGIOUS ED EVENT**

Monday December 10th

7:00 pm - Midnight Mass Christmas Rehearsal (seasonal singers please attend)

Thursday December 13th

7:00 pm - 8:30 and 11:30 Choir Practice

Monday December 17th

7:00 pm - Lessons and Carols Rehearsal (All members of music ministry must attend)

Wednesday December 19th

7:00 pm - LESSONS & CAROLS (PLEASE BE IN THE CHURCH AT 6:30 PM)

Thursday December 20th

7:00 pm - 8:30 and 11:30 Choir Practice

8:00 pm - Midnight Mass Christmas Rehearsal (seasonal singers please attend)

Sunday December 23rd - Mass as usual

Monday December 24th - Midnight Mass Pre Concert/Midnight Mass

Concert begins at 11:00 pm (PLEASE BE IN THE CHURCH AT 10:45 PM)

Tuesday December 25th - Christmas Day...Mass as usual

**REGULAR 8:30 AND 11:30 CHOIR PRACTICES WILL RESUME
ON THURSDAY JANUARY 10TH.**

**LIFE TEEN BAND, PLEASE CHECK WITH CHRIS
FOR YOUR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE.**



Children's Music Ministry Christmas Rehearsal Schedule

Wednesday, November 28, December 5, December 12 - Regular Practice at 5:00 PM

Monday, December 10, December 17– Extra Christmas practices at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 19 - Advent Lessons and Carols at 7:00 PM (we will practice songs on Wednesdays)

Thursday, December 20 - Practice moved to Thursday at 5:00 PM followed by Christmas Pageant practice for anyone who is participating.

Monday, December 24 - Family Mass and Christmas Pageant in the Church at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 26 & January 2 - NO PRACTICES THOSE DAYS!

Sunday, December 30, January 6 - Sing at 10:00 AM Mass as usual.
(We will just sing Christmas Carols)

Some Reflections on Advent

Advent is the coming of the Savior. These four weeks preceding Christmas Day are some of the most joyful in the Christian year. In fact, the first Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year. These days leading up to Christmas Day, the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the central figure in Christianity are days of preparation and expectation.

One of the oldest Advent hymns, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," dates from early centuries and is a perennial favorite with its themes of light overcoming darkness and captives set free. These are major themes in Advent. Christians see the birth of Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, so the season is commemorated with candles and scriptures from the Old Testament messianic prophecies.

Memory Awakes Hope

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope.

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, (now Pope Benedict XVI) Seek That Which Is Above, 1986.