

Masses For The Week

Monday - December 17

6:30 Silvio & Catherine Sita
9:00 Anthony Miccio

Tuesday - December 18

6:30 Billy J. Holt
9:00 Daniel & Teresa Flynn & Terri Minett

Wednesday - December 19

6:30 Millie Iorio
9:00 Caterina Lepore

Thursday - December 20

6:30 Sonia & Wallace Kankas
9:00 Stanley W. Lewandowski

Friday - December 21

6:30 Thomas & Florence Mullen
9:00 Gerald E. Meehan

Saturday - December 22

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced**
5:00 Robert Shackleton
7:00 William J. Csajko

Sunday - December 23

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Margaret & Bartholomew McSweeney
10:00 Michael (Mickey) Catapano
11:30 John Kirk
1:00 Cornelius Lewis
5:30 George & Doris Held

Readings For The Week

Mon. Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Tues. Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25
Wed. Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Thurs. Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
Fri. Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45
Sat. 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
Sun. Micah 5:1-4a *Out of tiny Bethlehem will come one who is to be ruler over all Israel. "He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock...he shall be peace."*

Hebrews 10:5-10 God took no delight in holocausts and sin offerings, even those that fulfilled the law. Rather, God desired Christ. By death, Jesus took away the first covenant to set up the second.

Luke 1:39-45 When Mary visited Zechariah's house, Elizabeth greeted her: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting "the infant leaped in her womb."



Divine Mercy Novena

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Last Week December 8/9 Collection

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: \$18,120.58
Immaculate Conception: \$5,057.00

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Today's gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who care for the needs of others through participation in our parish social ministries, coat drive and giving tree.

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

What if we were to put on a Christmas play; would anyone want to be the Innkeeper? I don't think so! But don't we behave the same way when we refuse to let Jesus into our hearts and our daily lives?

Be a Shepherd, an Angel or a Wise Man, but don't be the Innkeeper!

Our next meeting is Monday, December 17th in St. Alphonsus Hall. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Dec. 10 #142	John & Gerry McCarthy	\$25.00
Dec. 11 #402	M/M George J. Matulewich	\$25.00
Dec. 12 #69	Barbara Rusch	\$25.00
Dec. 13 #160	William Zappolo	\$25.00
Dec. 14 #422	Mrs. Eugene Zeterberg	\$50.00



Letter from the Pastor

Third Sunday of Advent



When a team wins a big game, the coach or the best player on team will almost always say that it is a real team effort that brought about this victory. They want to make sure that people realize no one person made the victory occur and that the entire team should be credited for the success of the team.



Maybe I am too much of a sports nut, but I was thinking in terms of our recent celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for 208 children of the parish. On the most obvious level, it was God, through the working of His Holy Spirit who graced the young men and women who were confirmed on December 7th in two different ceremonies. Without Bishop Nelson Perez, who was recently made an auxiliary Bishop of the diocese, we would not have had the ceremony. I think all who attended the ceremonies were touched by his reverence, his humor, his humanity, his respect for the young people, and his very fine preaching. Our parish was blessed by his presence.

Special praise to the parents of those confirmed. You made the commitment to have your son or daughter confirmed in the Catholic Church, as you did many years ago when you brought the child as a baby to be baptized under the fine leadership provided in our baptismal program by Deacon Gene Capobianco. You have been faithful in meeting the great commitment to provide that which is most important for your son or daughter: to be taught about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. I say congratulations to all the parents and the sponsors who were carefully chosen by the young people being confirmed as good Catholic role models.

I give a special thanks to Deacon Jim Biggin who is the moderator of our religious education program; having had seven of his own children, he is a wise and gentle guide. I thank Pat Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese who are our religious education coordinators. I am amazed at how smoothly and well organized are the children for the ceremony. It is no easy task to get this many people prepared for such a ceremony. Certainly, through the years, they have provided an excellent structure for the young to learn their faith. How blessed we are by our religious education teachers. These are men and woman, who week in and week out, teach our children. They are the key evangelists of our parish. The lessons they teach will impact their students all their lives. Some of the confirmed have joined the Edge Program and been graced under the guidance of Erin Horan-Baudille, our youth leader.

Our parish priests, Fathers Henry, Jim and Ciya celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our students on their confirmation retreats. They also were happy to visit classes and give further instruction to the students.

I love the steady presence of Sue Mafrici, our sacristan. She prepares our church so well for its liturgical celebrations. What I admire most about her is her faith; even though she is in church all the time, she never lessens her respect for the sacred work she has. Ann Hughes always makes sure the church is tastefully decorated. Deacon Tom Hennessy carefully prepares and guides our liturgical celebrations so there is sense of deep reverence in how we pray. Visitors who come to our liturgies often speak about how beautiful the music is. Our choirs and musicians under the direction of Elena Scollo, provide wonderful music to help us celebrate well.

TJ Hance and Pete Morici, our maintenance team, do a great deal of back up work setting up the extra chairs for the confirmation ceremony, as well as making sure the Church is clean and spotless. Genny and Barbara, our office staff, prepared the programs, and coordinated and organized the dinner for the Bishop. I know that Rosemary Scarangella, our parish outreach coordinator, has had the young people do their community service in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. At the ceremonies, I saw parishioners acting as servers and ushers. It seemed that everyone pitched in.

We can only have such a program because of your faith in making St. Martin's a vibrant faith community. Your support helped make this day possible for our young. Even if you did not know one child being confirmed, you were part of the ceremony by your generous support to the parish or your talents and contributions. We are blessed by wise men and women on our pastoral, financial, liturgical, and spiritual committee to guide us so we can have such spiritual moments in our parish. My heart is grateful for all our parishioners and I felt it so strongly on confirmation day.

Although most of the teams I root for bring me little happiness, God has been so good to me to have me be part of the team of St. Martin of Tours in Bethpage.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR
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Wedding Banns

No wedding announcements



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

This week the Food Pantry is in need of Spam, boxed or bagged milk, canned chicken, coffee, oil, pasta sauce, rice, conditioner, dish soap and laundry soap.

The Pantry can always use warm hats, scarves, and gloves for children and adults. 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

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.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Mirando

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

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

Please pray for the sick of our parish:*Fr. Brendan Greany C.Ss.R.**Fr. Tom Siconolfi CSsR, Fr. James Small CSsR**Helena Carroll, Pat Pedone, Vincent Valenti**Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa, Walter Looney**Fran Pignataro, Skylar Vega, Catherine Dalessio**Leigh Murphy, Helena Mulligan Richard Piernini,**John Tortorice, Donna Melkum, Joseph Simon**Douglas Torres, Patricia Hall**James Robertson, Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad, Gina Cava**Helena Mulligan, Bill Kelly, Salvatore Milo, Jr.**Matthew Messina, Anne Cramer, William John Staudt**Jimmy Stiffa, Christopher Gratton, Sharon Shiepk***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.**

*Week of Dec. 16 - Dec. 22, 2012**Altar Bread & Wine**In Loving Memory of**James O'Neill***Rest in Peace*****Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."****Eleanor M. Nadler, Caroline D. Caifa**Ann Santoro*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Look for these upcoming events in our bulletin

- Young Adult Club: December 16
- Meditation by Mr. Prisco Panza: December 19
- Holy Hour: December 19
- Blood Drive: December 19
- Advent Lessons & Carols: December 19
- Children's Pageant Practice: December 20
- Sacrament of the Sick: December 22
- Showing of "It's a Wonderful Life": Dec. 22
- A Visit With Santa: December 23
- Youth Ministry's Adoration Service: January 8
- Life Line Screening: January 11
- Defensive Driving Course: January 26

FOR THE PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Please note that while school is in session, the Religious Education Department will lock both gates leading to the school parking lot on the following days and times:

Monday and Tuesday
3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Please park outside the gates during these days and times.

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>.

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**MARY, DID YOU KNOW?**

"And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem....to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child." Joseph sought lodging in the homes of Bethlehem, because there was no room for them in the inn." But he sought in vain.

Luke 2:1-7.

As we ready ourselves for the coming of our Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, let us reflect upon his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, in this beautiful song written especially for her.

Mary, did you know, that your baby boy will one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know, that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new...

That the child that you delivered, will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?

And when you kissed your little baby....you kissed the Face of God?

Oh, the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.

Oh, the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.

Oh, Mary did you know?

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Young Adult Club

The introductory meeting that was scheduled for the Young Adult Club was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. The meeting to measure interest would be this Sunday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

Some of the ideas that might be discussed as possibilities are:

- Faith on Tap: 25 to 40 year old Catholic singles and divorced.
- go to a bar/restaurant and get to know one another.
- explain what the group is about
- difficulty of meeting new friends in a nice environment
- day group trips
- nights out once or twice a month (if it's a good crowd possibly more)
- once a month prayer group (Fr. Pat or Fr. Henry)
- speakers on life and religion for our age group

Please contact Danielle at danic627@yahoo.com if you are interested in such a group.

This and That

- On Wednesday Morning, December 19th, there will be an opportunity for those who wish to experience meditation under the guidance of Mr. Prisco Panza after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Prisco led a meditation on Jesus a few weeks ago and it was very appreciated by those who attended.
- On December 19th, there will be a holy hour from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You are most welcome to come and spend some or all of the hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
- On Saturday, December 22nd, during the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick. All those who have a serious illness, a significant chronic disease, or have a serious need for emotional or spiritual healing, or are suffering from the burdens of aging, are welcome to receive this beautiful sacrament.

**The Bethpage Saint Patrick's Parade Committee
is proud to announce that**

The Grand Marshal of the 2013 Parade will be

**THOMAS HENNESSY
(Deacon Tom)**

**The Parade will step off after the 1:00 p.m. Mass on
Sunday, March 3, 2013**

**A reception will be held at Saint Martin's after the Parade.
All are invited!**

Looking for Some Christmas Spirit?

There will be a showing of



"It's a Wonderful Life"

starring Jimmy Stewart & Donna Reed

St. Alphonsus Hall

Saturday, December 22 at 12:30 p.m.

**Bring a cushion or a pillow or your own chair
Snacks are Welcome**



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!**

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, January 8th.
Everyone is welcome to come and adore our Lord and Redeemer.

ATTENTION CUB SCOUTS



Attend the CUB SCOUT FUN AND FAITH DAY on Saturday, January 17, 2013 at Saint Ignatius Loyola Gymnasium in Hicksville. A special day of prayer, song, games and a craft are planned. Cubs, Dens, Packs are welcome.

For further information contact the Catholic Scouting Office: (516) 678-5800 ext. 245 or scouting@drvc.org.

This is the homily I gave on the feast of the Immaculate Conception in preparation for the blessing of our new St. Bernadette statue which was donated by the Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity. The water fountain was donated by the family of the late Walter Elbers. I also thank our maintenance man, T.J. Hance and the Garden Committee of the parish for the work they did in preparing the site. I am confident that St. Bernadette will bring many blessings to our parish. I love her. Fr. Pat

“On this the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother, I am thinking of Abraham Lincoln, Lawrence DiPrimo, and Bernadette Soubirous, and of course, the Blessed Mother of Jesus.

It is good to first address the feast itself. Many of us Catholics would say that the Immaculate Conception is the feast of the virgin birth of Jesus. If you are ever playing a game of Catholic trivia, that is not the correct answer. This day is a feast that marks the reality that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was freed from the power of original sin at her conception in the womb of her mother St. Anne. When the Archangel Gabriel came to announce that Mary was called to be the mother of God, he said, *Hail Mary, Full of Grace. Full of Grace.* We often think of grace in the imagery of a jar of liquid since I believe that is my first memory of grace that I drew from *The Baltimore Catechism* as it explained the topic of God’s grace. Grace, in Catholic theology is the presence of God in our lives. It is the life of God within us. It is the ongoing relationship we share with the Almighty. So, when we say that Mary is full of grace, as we do in *The Hail Mary*, we are stating our belief that it was the plan of God that, unlike every other human being who has ever lived, Mary would not be tainted by original sin. God filled her heart and soul from the moment she was conceived. Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is the patroness of the United States. If you have been to Washington, DC, you may have visited the magnificent shrine dedicated to the Immaculate Conception on the campus of Catholic University.

Now where do Lincoln, St. Bernadette and Lawrence DiPrimo fit into this homily about the Immaculate Conception? I speak of them because all three bring to my mind stories of God’s grace acting in human beings.

I have always been a fan of Abraham Lincoln and have read several biographies about him. I recently saw the movie *Lincoln*, starring Daniel Day Lewis and loved it. I find Lincoln to be a deeply spiritual man; he was not a regular churchgoer, but he loved *The Bible* and spoke often of God in his personal life, and in his writings and speeches. I believe God touched his life with grace in a special way as he led our nation through its terrible Civil War. We were a nation that once allowed slavery. It has been said that allowing slavery was the original sin of our nation. This man, at a tremendous cost to himself and others, led us out of this evil once and for all. As we think about our own nation on its patronal feast day, let us take comfort that, many years of allowing this horror to go on, finally abolished it. I believe that the grace of God, in his own time and through the working of good people, will eventually end the evil of abortion in our nation. We are a people who believe in grace, the love of God.

You may or may not recognize the name of Lawrence DiPrimo. He is the police officer that won national acclaim by buying shoes and socks for a shoeless homeless man named Jeffrey Hillman. It is a story of grace, God’s love. The police officer notices the man who is barefoot on a cold night and is determined to do something about it. He goes to a store and when the person waiting on him realizes what he is doing, a discount is given for the shoes and socks. Larry puts the shoes and socks on the man. A person photographs this moment and makes sure that police headquarters learns about it. The media gets hold of the story and it touches many hearts and leads others to do good deeds. It is a story of grace, of God acting, not only in the life of Lawrence DiPrimo, but all those others who made this story known and who were touched by this act of compassion.”

“My third person is St. Bernadette Soubirous. After this Mass today, we will bless a statue of her that the Christian Mothers have donated to the parish. We will also bless the fountain donated in memory of Walter G. Elbers, husband, father and grandfather. Bernadette was a young uneducated, frail girl of a little village named Lourdes, whose family was very poor. For a time, the family lived in the broken down town jail. When the young girl, who not yet made her first communion because she could not learn her catechism, saw the Lady in the grotto, no one believed her. She suffered great ridicule and abuse. The political leaders wanted to send her to a mental institution and the local clergy found her to be a problem. Yet, the Lady kept appearing to her, and her young heart burned with love for her. Nothing could stop her from going to the grotto. The grotto where Bernadette saw the Blessed Mother was the town dump. This should not surprise us since Our Lord Jesus Christ was born in a stable.

The Blessed Mother asked Bernadette to have the pastor of the parish build a church on the site of the grotto where people would come in pilgrimage and to touch and wash in the spring of water which Mary revealed to the young girl. Believing that she was lying, the pastor refused her angrily and demanded the Lady tell Bernadette her name. So the next time Bernadette went to the grotto, she asked the Lady to tell her name. Mary smiled and said in *Patios*, the local dialect, “***I am the Immaculate Conception.***” The little girl kept saying the strange words to herself over and over again. “*I am the Immaculate Conception, I am the Immaculate Conception.*” She was afraid that she would forget them. She ran to the rectory and asked to see Father Peyramale. She told him that the Lady told her she was the Immaculate Conception. This was 1858 and the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception had only been declared a dogma of the Church in 1854. The pastor knew that an uneducated girl such as Bernadette would never have heard the term in her entire life. Only an educated person might know this new term. Immediately, Father Peyamele went from a man who did not believe Bernadette to being her greatest defender. When the town leaders came to him with the idea of arresting her, he told them it would be over his dead body. No harm would come to this child. The entire story of Lourdes and St. Bernadette is a remarkable story of grace where Mary reveals herself to this innocent girl as the Immaculate Conception. It is a amazing story of grace.

So on this the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate the grace of God, his love for each one of us, that he comes into each of our lives when we least expect it and helps us overcome sin. God’s love is far more powerful than the darkness of sin. This is the feast of God’s amazing grace. We pray to Our Blessed Mother to see that grace, that love of God, which surrounds us and is present to us.” **12/8/12**

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN’S PAGEANT

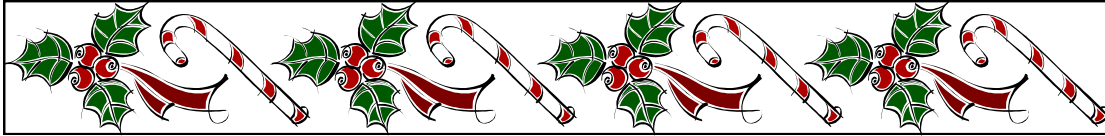
ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, KINGS

It is not too late to sign up for the Christmas Eve Children’s Pageant celebrated at the 6:00 PM Mass. Please fill out and return this form 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) & Age(s) _____

Phone No.: _____



*A Visit with Santa
And His Friends St. Nicholas
St. Anne, the Grandmother of Jesus*

*Sunday, December 23rd
after the 10:00 a.m. Children's Mass
St. Alphonsus Hall*

Bring Some Christmas Cookies (Santa is a big eater)

Bring your camera

Children of All Ages are Welcome

Santa is promising new players for the Mets!



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**

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screen is partnering with St. Martin of Tours in an effort to help save lives on **January 11, 2013 in St. Alphonsus Hall**. It is our mission to help bring awareness to vascular disease by offering to host a preventative stroke/vascular screening event. We are pleased to offer St. Martin's a \$10 donation for every member of the parish that signs up and attends this event.

Please sign up by calling the special Helping Hands registration number (1-800 324-9458). The first appointment is 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

There will be **NO** Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour on December 18th.

The next Holy Hour will be on Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

All of us wish you and your loved ones a holy and blessed Christmas.

Saint Padre Pio, pray for us!

Notes from the Music Ministry

Please join the Saint Martin of Tours Musicians and Choir for a Pre-Midnight Mass Concert on Christmas Eve at 11:00 p.m. in the Church.



We will be performing songs - old and new - that we are sure you will enjoy *including "O Holy Night," "The Christmas Canon" and "Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle,"* the Italian Christmas song written by the founder of the Redemptorists, St. Alphonsus Liguori.

This will be followed by the beautiful Mass at Midnight for the Nativity of the Lord. Don't miss this wonderful celebration of the Birth of Our Savior.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and Health and Happiness in the New Year!

From All of Us in the Saint Martin of Tours Music Ministry

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.

St. Martin of Tours Blood Drive



**Wednesday, December 19, 2012
2:30pm - 8:30pm
St. Alphonsus Hall
38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage**

Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! Thank you for caring!

Eligibility Criteria:

Bring ID with signature or photo.

Minimum weight 110 lbs.

Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)

Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids

No tattoos for past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

 **New York** *Blood Center*



Adult Choirs Rehearsal Schedule

Monday December 17th

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

Wednesday December 19th

7:30 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

Monday, 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 - Christmas Pageant Practice at 4:00 PM for anyone who is participating followed by Choir Practice at 5:00 PM.

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)



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2012

CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, December 18
2:00 - 3:00 P.M. & 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, December 19
2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, December 22
2:00 - 3:00 P.M. & 8:00 - 9:00 P.M.



PLEASE NOTE: There was a misprint in the Christmas Schedule you received with your envelopes. All Advent Services will begin at 7:30 P.M.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS: Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 P.M.

	CHRISTMAS EVE, Monday, December 24
4:00 P.M.	Church & Auditorium
4:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus, Fr. Hartigan Council Hall - Central Ave.
6:00 P.M.	Children's Mass in Church
9:00 P.M.	Life Teen Mass in Church
11:00 P.M.	Pre-Midnight Mass Concert in Church
12:00 A.M.	Midnight Mass in Church



CHRISTMAS DAY, Tuesday, December 25
7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

NEW YEAR MASSES
Mary, The Holy Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation

NEW YEAR'S EVE, Monday, December 31
9:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, Tuesday, January 1, 2013
9:00 A.M., 12:00 NOON & 7:00 P.M.

